

Knavesmire Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 31st January 2025

Mr Cooper and Mr Gardiner's Message

Parents, Carers, Families,

It's been a strangely mixed week. A mix of weather (it feels really cold again), a mix of events going on in school, and a difficult incident in our community on the Knavesmire.

It was lovely to see some Y2s enjoying boccia yesterday at York High School, Circus Stu in school with classes this week, and nice to have the governors visiting on Monday.

I've sent an attendance letter out today, and we're hoping for a push to get us through to half-term. My biggest concern is the gaps pupils get in their learning as it's very difficult for teachers to revisit the different bits of missed learning. We're also sending out information to anyone with absence less than 90%. This is purely factual, but will indicate how many sessions are needed to get back on track.

Thank you for the community support in the context of yesterday's tragic incident. Occasionally it's more important to communicate with speed than it is to draft and word with care. I appreciate your understanding. Please be aware of the dangers of social media. We have been informed, in the context of yesterday, that there are disturbing videos on social media. For you and your children, don't open posts/videos without knowing the content. We can't 'unsee' things, so protecting ourselves by making wise choices is so important.

We hope that your weekend is a really pleasant one.

Take care,

Adam Cooper



WELCOME TO OUR NEWSLETTER

We hope that this School Newsletter format will prove helpful in better communicating information between school and home.

While ever evolving we will broadly including the following sections - please click on the links below to move directly to any section (direct links may not work on all devices):

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WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION



FREE SCHOOL MEALS AND THE KNAVESMIRE OFFER

If your family qualifies for free school meals (aside from the universal free school meals for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) you will also qualify for The Knavesmire offer. This means, in addition to free school meals, families can be provided with:



- a school jumper or a school cardigan
- a school footwear voucher
- School milk
- **one term free swimming travel costs**
- two half-terms of free extra-curricular club participation
- **free school trips**
- negotiated costs for residential visits

Please come to the school office for a form so we can order your child's jumper/cardigan, shoe voucher and milk.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS ELIGIBILITY

Free School Meals are automatically applied to all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. This entitlement can be extended to children where families are in receipt of certain benefits and earnings do not exceed a threshold. These benefits include:

Universal Credit, Income Support, Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Child Tax Credit (but not Working Tax Credit)

North Yorkshire County Council have launched an online portal for free school meal applications that will give you an instant decision on whether your application is successful:

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

*** NEW SCHOOL EMAIL ADDRESS ***

The school email has changed to admin@knavesmire.elc.org.uk
Please delete any other email addresses which you may hold for the school

OFFICE ADMIN

When communicating with the school about your child, please remember to include their full name and class.

Please note that as of September 2024 we are required to see evidence of any medical appointments. Please send any screenshots to accompany your absence email so that we can log this absence appropriately.



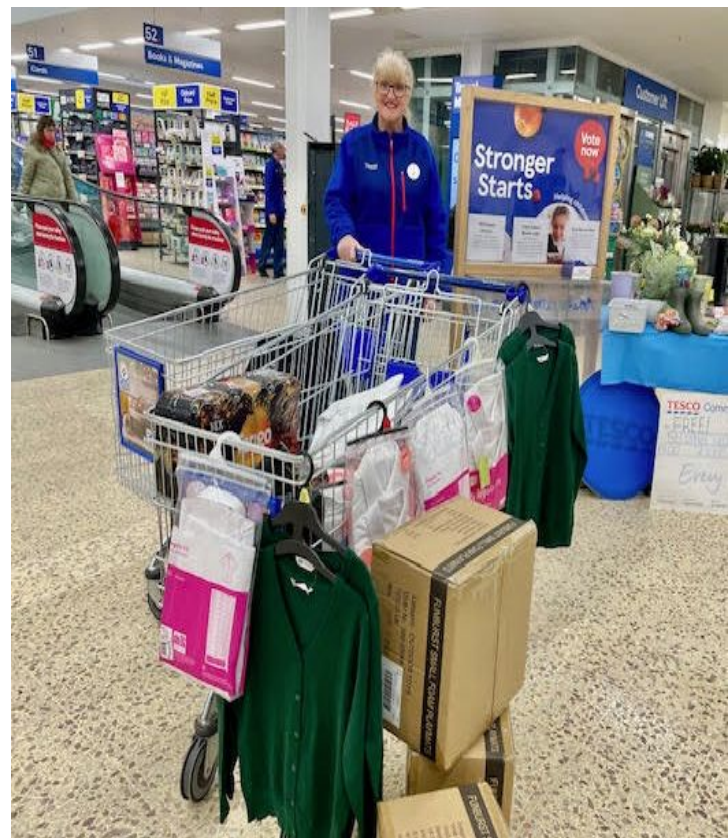
BEHAVIOUR CURRICULUM

We're really pleased to share our Behaviour Curriculum, which has been designed in partnership with local artist Ellie Lewis. This poster helps us to show our children what we are trying to achieve, how we should behave and treat each other and what we will do to get there. It isn't exhaustive and works alongside our Behaviour Policy. We wanted it to be child friendly and we have shared it with pupils across school already. It goes hand in hand with our Knavesmire Characteristics, the 50 things and our School Aims, which together complete our school's vision.

TESCO COMMUNITY CHAMPION

We'd like to offer enormous thanks to Jo Meier who is our local Tesco Community Champion, Askham Bar.

On behalf of Tesco, she has donated a huge amount of stock to the school. This has included brand new uniform items (check out the school rail for new clothes on sale!), play mats for Early Years and soft drinks which we'll sell at school discos etc to raise funds.



WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION



SCHOOL LIBRARY

Year 6 Library Assistants are now in the School Library 3.30 Mon-Thurs to help with all your borrowing needs.

The School Library is open for browsing every day from 3.15-3.30pm, and browsing, borrowing and reading from 3.30-4pm. It would be lovely to see you there!

Miss Smith



CLOTHES BANK

Our fundraising and recycling clothes bank is situated at the entrance of the car park to the rear of the school. Please click on the following link to see Mrs Wogan-Wells from Y6 explain a little more about how it all works.

<https://online.fundraiserecycleltd.co.uk/bank?bankId=KnavesmirePrimary-School>

Please use the facility to donate any unwanted clothes.

REFUGEE APPEAL

There is a pause on donation collections for the moment, but please bear this in mind for the future if you have suitable items.

SCHOOL MILK

If you want to register your child for school milk, simply visit www.coolmilk.com/register

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

NITS

Please be extra vigilant in checking your child's hair. For information on how to spot & treat, please click on the NHS website. Do note that in many instances, nits look a bit like dandruff. Whilst we cannot enforce it, we recommend long hair is tied back to help prevent further spread of headlice - thank you.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

LOST PROPERTY

YOUNG VOICES: A number of items of lost property have been found on the bus that was taken to Sheffield Arena. If anyone has lost something, please let us know so that we can try to reunite it.

The box for lost hats, gloves and scarves in the gazebo on the playground is overflowing... Please check it out for your missing items.

For valuables, please visit the Friends Of Knavesmire Facebook page and search #lostandfound <https://www.facebook.com/share/g/19oEC5BBmk/?mibextid=K35Xfp>

Named clothing, if found, will be sent to class. Unnamed clothing will be donated or recycled if an owner can't be found.

NUT & SESAME FREE SCHOOL

For the safety and health of our school we are committed to being Nut & Sesame Free



We need your help to make our school a safe place for those with food allergies.

Please do not bring any nut or sesame products into school.



Some examples of foods containing nuts or sesame - some are not as obvious as others...



WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION



THE COFFEE CART IS BACK!

I am pleased to share the news that the Coffee Cart is back in the playground in the mornings. Mr Taylor, our Pupil Mentor, will be outside Miss Hall's classroom, located near the main gates, every morning (when it's not raining!) before school starts with the Coffee Cart. Mr Taylor will be with some amazing Year 5 students who will be ready to sell some lovely cups of tea, coffee or hot chocolate, exactly what you need to start your morning.

All money raised goes back into restocking the coffee, tea and hot chocolate and any that is left over goes back to the school to help buy essential supplies. The young people who help out gain many skills and they thoroughly enjoy the challenges it brings. Miss Gilligan, our school SENCO will help out on a Friday morning and is available for a quick chat or to answer any questions you may have.

All drinks are only £2.00 and we accept cash or card. Please note that we do not serve coffee or tea to any children at school but we do allow hot chocolate as long as the drink is finished before the start of school and not taken into any classroom.

We look forward to seeing you soon.



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Our Fundraising
Number Is: 11349

TRIPS, ACTIVITIES AND PERFORMANCES

Whole School

Parents Evening, 04/03/25 and 05/03/25 - See email sent 14/01/25. Appointments can be booked on our booking system at the link below. Booking is open and will close at 11.55pm on Monday 03/03/25.

<https://parents-booking.co.uk/knavesmire>

Reception

Lotherton Hall Trip, 13/02/25 - See email sent 24/01/25. Thank you to everyone who has completed the consent on ParentPay. Those who are yet to do this, please do so ASAP as this is now overdue. If you are willing to make a financial contribution, please do so **by 28/02/25**.

Year 1

Harlow Carr Trip, 07/05/25 - See email sent today (31/01/25). Please give consent and make payment on ParentPay by 06/03/25.

Year 2

York Chocolate Story Trip 26/02/25 - See email sent today (31/01/25). **Please complete consent on ParentPay by Thursday 06/02/25**. If you are willing to make a financial contribution, please do so by 03/03/25.

Year 3

Swimming - The voluntary contribution is live on ParentPay.

Year 4

Robin Hood's Bay - Please see email sent (18/10/24). The payment item is live on ParentPay. The next payment is due by **28/02/25**.

Year 5

Dance Festival Performances, 04/03/25 and 08/03/25 (optional) - Please see update email sent 29/01/25. All places for this event have now been filled.

Carlton Lodge - Please see email sent 08/10/24. The ParentPay item is live on ParentPay. The next payment is due by **30/01/25**. There will be a parent meeting on **Monday 10/02/25 at 3.25pm** in the Year 5 Classrooms. See email sent 10/01/25.

Year 6

Barcelona 2025

Payment - The next payment is due by **30/01/25**.

Passports and GHIC Cards - Please bring in all passports and travel documents to the school office by Friday 07/02/25.

Y6 Choir Members, York Community Choir Festival at Joseph Rowntree Theatre, Sat 08/03/25 - Please see email sent 21/01/25. Y6 members of the choir have been invited to attend. **Please sign up on ParentPay by 03/02/25**.

School House

Everyman Cinema, 07/02/25 - See email sent 14/01/25. Children should come to school in their school uniform. Children should wear a coat and shoes appropriate for the weather. This trip has no impact on drop off or pick up times.

Inclusive Cycling, 24/02/25 - See email sent 14/01/25. Children should come to school in their school uniform. Children should wear trainers and bring a pack up for the trip. This trip has no impact on drop off or pick up times.

Other

KS2 Choir - See email sent 21/01/25. Choir is open to children in Years 3 to 6. If you missed the deadline to sign up, but your child is keen to attend, please email or ring the School Office and we will help where possible.

CLUBS

The following clubs and music lesson are run in school by external organisations. Please contact them directly for more information or to book a place.

Organisation	Activity	Contact details
Ignite Sports	Ignite run sports clubs after school on a Monday.	You can sign up for these sessions on Ignite's website. www.ignitesportscoaching.co.uk or email: info@ignitesportscoaching.co.uk
Dance with Miss Caroline	Miss Caroline runs drama, cheerleading and street dance clubs for all school aged children on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday lunchtime and after school on a Tuesday and Wednesday.	To sign up for these sessions please follow this link https://forms.office.com/r/fhfW6GHqax or for more info, email Miss Caroline: dancewithmisscaroline@outlook.com
Circus Skills	Circus Stu runs a circus skills club for all school aged children. This takes place on a Friday lunchtime.	To sign up please email Stu: stuart@circusskillsyorkcic.org or go to the website: www.circusskillsyorkcic.org
Rocksteady	Rocksteady are in Knavesmire on a Wednesday in school hours. Children can choose from the electric guitar, keyboard, drums or vocals.	For more information and to sign up, go to Rocksteady's website: www.rocksteadymusicschool.com
Clare's Kitchen	Clare runs sessions for all school aged children after school on a Monday. These sessions give children the opportunity to plan, prepare & cook their own nutritional meal, then dine together.	To sign up please email Clare: clare@clares-kitchen.co.uk
Chess Club	This club is run on Tuesday and Thursdays after school for years 1,2 and 3. The clubs are run by Larry, a parent volunteer.	Please see details below with sign up information.

CLUB NEWS

Knivesmire Chess Club - FREE

Knivesmire Chess Club is open to all levels and it is FREE. If you as a parent are interested and want to volunteer or learn please let me know using the form, you will need a valid DBS from the school to attend the sessions.

Tuesday sessions will be for Years 4, 5 and 6

Tuesday will run from 3:30 to 4:15 pm. Please fill in the Google form to request a place, there is a limit on the number of spaces.

<https://forms.gle/bpGkdwkVuSgcE6fD7>

Thursday sessions will be for Years 2 and 3

Thursday will run from 3:30 to 4:00 pm. Please fill in the Google form to request a place, there is a limit on the number of spaces.

<https://forms.gle/kRfsNU4RBSvELeGz7>

If you cannot make any of the sessions but want to attend another club see the links below:

<https://www.yorkchessclub.co.uk/> - Every Wednesday at Guppies (on Nunnery Lane)

York Explore library in town Sundays 2-3 pm during term time

Once you have completed the form I will email all parents more details.

If you have any questions please let me know by email to shroud.king@gmail.com or ask me in the playground. Ask around for Larry.

MUSIC IN SCHOOL



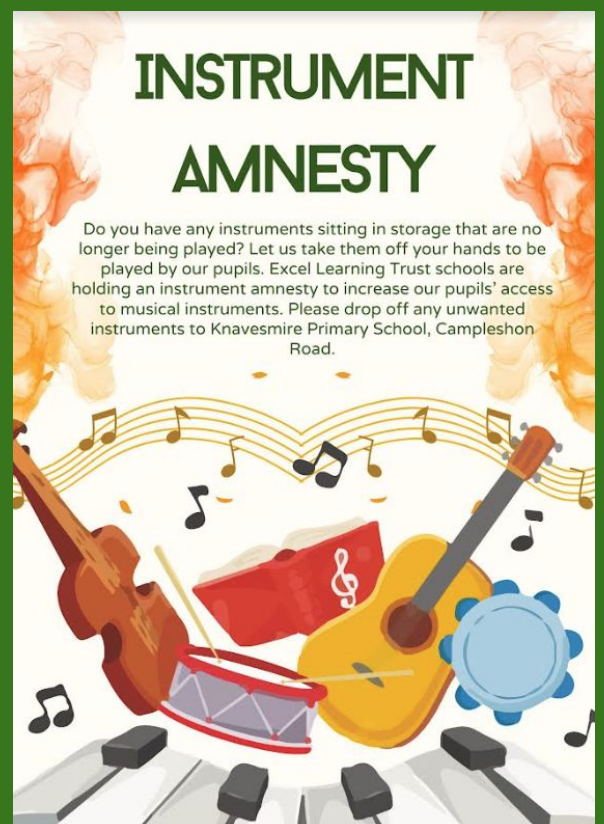
Peripatetic Music Lessons in School

The following music lessons are run in school by peripatetic teachers. Please contact them directly for more information.

Instrument	Name	Contact details
Guitar	Steve Powell	stevepowell726@gmail.com
Piano	Carolyn Amos	carolynamos@hotmail.co.uk
Drums	Alex Woolgar	alexwoolgar1@gmail.com
Singing	Alison Pawley	alisunr@yahoo.com
Violin	Marcus Bousfield	marcus.bousfield@btinternet.com
Brass	Andy Hillier	https://yorkmusiced.org.uk/index.php/what-we-do/york-music-centre/enrolment-form

MUSIC NEWS

Please check back for updates



KEY DATES



YEAR	DATE(S)	ACTIVITY
Nursery		
Reception	13/02/25	Lotherton Hall Trip
Year 1	07/05/25	Harlow Carr Trip
Year 2	26/02/25	Trip to York's Chocolate Story
Year 3	02/04/25 03/04/25 03/04/25	Play performance 5:30 - 6:30 Play performance 1:30 - 2:20 Play performance 5:30 - 6:20
Year 4	02/04/25 03/04/25 03/04/25 02/06/25 - 13/06/25 13/06/25 18/06/25 - 19/06/25 19/06/25 - 20/06/25	Play performance 5:30 - 6:30 Play performance 1:30 - 2:20 Play performance 5:30 - 6:20 Multiplication Check TT Rockstar Dress Up Day Robin Hood's Bay Residential- Class tbc Robin Hood's Bay Residential - Class tbc
Year 5	10/02/25 04/03/25 08/03/25 21/05/25 - 23/05/25	Carlton Lodge Parent Meeting, 3.25pm School Sports Partnership Dance Festival at York High School (signed up children only) Everybody Dance Festival at York Theatre Royal (signed up children only) Carlton Lodge Residential
Year 6	13/02/25 24/04/25 - 28/02/25 08/03/25 10/03/25 - 14/03/25	VE Day Celebration - Parents invited from 2.45 El Cim School visiting York Community Choir Festival (Y6 signed up choir member only) Barcelona Trip
The School House	07/02/25 24/02/25	Everyman Cinema Trip. Inclusive Cycling, Railway Institute. Trainers and pack up needed.
Other	04/03/25 05/03/25	Parents Evening, 4pm - 7.30pm. Booking opens at 10am on Tues 21/01/25. Parents Evening, 3.30pm - 5.30pm. Booking opens at 10am on Tues 21/01/25.

FRIENDS OF KNAVESMIRE UPDATE

We can't believe the first month of the new year is already gone - yet we are sure the children are yearning for half term :)

To look and plan ahead we already wanted to let you know that we'll be needing, as always, your help. As a first thing, we'd be very grateful if you can donate any unwanted costumes. On the 8 March is World Book Day, which will be a non-uniform day and on which the children are encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character. We would love to prepare a costume rack in the school foyer as we usually do. So if you have any costumes your children have outgrown or that are not wanted anymore, we'd be more than happy to take them.

And to plan even more ahead, we also wanted to share that we'll be having our annual Easter Fair on the 1st April. (Not a joke !!! ;) We're always short of volunteers and would be hence delighted if we can find - especially with this much notice - lots of them this year. We'll be needing people to prepare and set up as well as run stalls and tidy up. So please consider to offer your time and get in touch with either your Year group communicator (ie the person who is kindly pestering you with our reminders ;)) or write to knavesmirefriends@gmail.com. It would mean a lot.

Have a good weekend everyone. It's the ice trail in town we hear :) Enjoy!



Please consider a donation

The Friends of Knavesmire are always appreciating donations to support the school and therewith all the children. So if you feel you can then please use this QR code to contribute. Any amount is welcome. Thank you.



Friends of Knavesmire Primary School

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COOL KIDS CLUB UPDATE

PLEASE NOTE THAT OUR STAFF TRAINING DAYS ARE AVAILABLE TO BOOK THROUGH CHILDCARE BOOKINGS FOR SCHOOLS - THEY WILL BE FOUND UNDER 'HOLIDAY CAMP' ON YOUR BOOKING ACCOUNT

FEBRUARY HALF TERM

Bookings are now open for the February Half Term

If you would like to book spaces, please follow the instructions below.

Booking Sessions for KCKC

To start making bookings, simply:

1. Click here to access the online booking system (or visit <https://knavesmire-primary.cbfs.uk>)
2. Register your online booking account (5 mins)
3. Use the 'Bookings' dropdown menu at the top of your Dashboard to begin requesting your sessions

Queries and system support

If you have any questions, or difficulties navigating the online booking system, please contact Childcare Bookings for Schools (our partner for any administration, booking and finance aspects of our wraparound care) directly:

T: 01444 523335

E: knavesmire@childcarebookingsforschools.co.uk

Their office operates between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday, all year round (including the school holidays).

Lots more information is available on the school website www.knavesmireprimary.co.uk/kckc

CLUB INFORMATION

EMAIL ADDRESS

New Email Address - our email has changed to coolkidsclub@knavesmire.elc.org.uk

Please delete any other email addresses which you may have for KCKC.

BREAKFAST CLUB

We serve Breakfast between 7.45am and 8.30am. If you require your child/children to have breakfast, please ensure that they are at KCKC no later than 8.20am.

BIKES

Now that the evenings have drawn in, we advise Parents that bikes should be locked-up in the bike shed in the staff car park to the rear of school, so that they are easily accessible when collecting your child/children from KCKC in the evening.

OUTSTANDING INVOICES

We note that there are a large number of outstanding invoices on ParentPay from before the change over to the new booking and payment system. Please can all Parents check their ParentPay accounts and pay any outstanding balances. If you believe that you have already paid by vouchers please can you provide KCKC with all the relevant information regarding payment, including voucher type, amount paid and date of payment.



COOL KIDS CLUB UPDATE

FEBRUARY HALF TERM @ KCKC

Monday 17th to Friday 21st February 2025

Full Day – 7.45am – 6.00pm - £30.00 per child per session
Half Day – 7.45am – 1.00pm or 1.00pm – 6.00pm - £20.00 per child per session
Please do not attempt to drop your child off for an afternoon session before 1pm

We use an external provider to manage our bookings – Childcare Bookings for Schools.
Please visit <https://knavesmireprimary.co.uk/kckc/> and following the instructions for booking spaces.

Monday 17th February	Paper Plate Dinosaur	Stone Age Art
Tuesday 18th February	Greek Mythology Paper Craft	Make your own Roman Pottery
Wednesday 19th February	Anglo Saxon Brooch	Viking Longboat Paper Craft
Thursday 20th February	Medieval Castle Paper Craft	Wooden Knight and Peg Dragon
Friday 21st February	Victorian Illusion Toys	Dolly Peg Doll

HOLIDAY CLUB REMINDERS

- We ask that all children bring a named water bottle with them.
- A packed lunch and snacks are needed each day depending on sessions booked. We recommend a snack for both the morning and afternoon sessions and, lunch if attending in the morning (lunch is at 12.30pm). KCKC does not supply meals during holiday sessions. KCKC cannot heat up food. **NO NUTS OR NUT PRODUCTS.**
- Sensible shoes or trainers are to be worn. Children must have indoor shoes to change into if they wear wellies to walk to KCKC
- Scooters and bikes must be locked up outside in the bike sheds in the car park and **NOT** left in the corridor or in the cloakroom.
- Children who require inhalers must bring them each day they are in.
- We ask that children do not bring their own toys as we cannot be held responsible for any loss or damage.



YEAR GROUP MESSAGES



NURSERY MESSAGES

We have had another week filled with exciting visitors as we continue to learn about people who help us! This week we welcomed Chris, a paramedic for York Ambulance Service and Mike, a Children's Community Nurse. They both gave their time to share their jobs with us and let us explore some of the things they use day to day. This led to lots of discussion around the roles of medical professionals and the different jobs they can do.

We also learnt about the Lunar New Year and discussed ways in which this festival can be celebrated. In our creative area Mrs Thompson helped us make lanterns as we practiced our cutting skills. During carpet sessions we listened to the 'Great Race' story which led to the development of our counting and ordering skills.

Next week we will be welcoming more visitors and move our learning onto dentists and rescue teams!

RECEPTION MESSAGES

Hello Reception,

We are all getting very excited about Lotherton Hall and continuing to learn about penguins!

In phonics we've been looking at the trigraph Air, the digraph er and double letter consonants! In maths we've been looking at a composition to 5.

In PE the children have begun to learn skills required for football!

We hope you have a lovely weekend!

The Reception Team

YEAR 1 MESSAGES

This week, we have been busy designing the wheeled toys we are going to make. We have found out how axles and wheels work and will use this knowledge when we make our own toys. In English, we have focused on forming upper and lowercase letters correctly and used our beautiful handwriting to write out the poems we composed last week. In Maths, we have been using the symbols of greater than, less than and equal to when comparing quantities and numbers. Next week, we will begin making our wheeled toys and decorate them to make each one individual and unique! Many children are still finding it difficult to fit everything into their lockers. We kindly ask that children just bring their book bag, which is stored in their drawer in the classroom, or a very small rucksack which fits into the locker along with their coat and P.E. bag.

Thank you for your support and have a good weekend from the Year One team.

YEAR GROUP MESSAGES



YEAR 2 MESSAGES

This week we have been working incredibly hard! In Maths, we have started to learn about different coins, their values and how we can add them together to make different amounts. The children have loved learning about the real life application of money, so please feel free to practise with any coins at home! In English, the children gathered information about a Circus mystery and used a range of vocabulary to write a newspaper report as a class. We will be continuing to learn about features of news reports this half term. In Big Idea, we became magicians and conducted a simple science experiment using skittles and water. We even had a special circus guest talk to us and answer our questions! Next week, we would like to invite the children to perform their own unique skills in order to take part in our guiding purpose: To join a circus! A separate letter has been sent out with more information about this. Please also look out for information about our upcoming trip to York's Chocolate Story next half term.

Thank you for your continued support at home and we hope you have a lovely weekend.

The Year 2 Team

YEAR 3 MESSAGES

Year 3 have had a fabulous week! In Writing, they've finished their non-chronological reports about Killer Whales and have started their next unit on persuasive writing. In Maths, the children have continued with their unit on measurement. In PE, the children have enjoyed another of their weekly swimming lessons and a gymnastics lesson. In Big Idea, the children have learned about life cycles and created art work in response to the question 'What is Coral?'

As always, if you have any questions or queries about anything at all, please don't hesitate to contact a member of the Year 3 Team - we're always happy to help!

We hope you have a wonderful weekend!

The Year 3 Team.

YEAR 4 MESSAGES

In Year 4 this week, we have started our exciting new Big Idea, which focuses on achieving our Guiding Purpose, "To build a moving locomotive". This week, we focussed on the history of trains, looking at the first train to be invented and how trains were powered in the past. We have also used our atlas skills to locate the geographical locations of various famous train journeys and compared the geographical features and climates of these areas.

In Maths, our focus has moved onto fractions and decimals, beginning with tenths and moving on to how to add and subtract fractions.

Our current genre in English is non-chronological reports, and we have studied all sorts of information texts from the library to find out the features of a non-chronological report and applied this to our model text, "Rome".

YEAR GROUP MESSAGES



YEAR 5 MESSAGES

On the way to answer our Big Idea guiding question 'Can we make our own rainforest?' this week we have looked at life cycles of different animals who live in the rainforest and started to research how different animals have adapted in order to survive in the rainforest. In Writing, we have identified features of a non-chronological report and also created our very own animal that we have discovered in the rainforest and will be writing our non-chronological report about! In Maths, we have learned how to multiply fractions and find fractions of amount using Terry T and next week will use Terry T to find whole numbers. We have also continued hockey in PE! Our spelling focus for next week will be 5 words which do not follow a spelling rule and our times table focus is our 12 times table.

Thank you to all the children who have brought in jars to create their rainforest. Please could your child bring a jar in (named) if they have not already brought one in before Friday 7th.

Have a lovely weekend,

The Year 5 Team.

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YEAR 6 MESSAGES

This week, Year 6 have been learning more about life on the Home Front during World War II. In English, the children have been writing their own instructions linked to the Blackout, thinking carefully about clarity and detail. In Maths, they have been interpreting different types of graphs, using their skills to analyse and compare data. Meanwhile, in Big Idea, they have been working hard on their Home Front group projects, exploring how people contributed to the war effort.

A reminder that we will be holding our VE Day party on Thursday 13th February. Children are welcome to dress up in WW2-style clothing if they wish—we're looking forward to seeing their outfits! We also can't wait to show you the fantastic jive dances we've been practising.

Have a lovely weekend!

The Year 6 Team

THE SCHOOL HOUSE MESSAGES

This week, we have had a lovely week in the School House!

In Maths, we have been learning all about perimeter. In English, we have independently written our non-chronological reports which feature our favourite Disney characters.

In Big Idea, we have been sketching Toy Story characters. We looked at how to create tone, texture and how to blend colours.

We are very excited for our trip to the Everyman cinema next Friday morning! We can't wait to learn more about the history of films and cinema.

Have a lovely weekend!

School House Team.

COMMUNITY MESSAGES

Cool Milk
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SCHOOL MILK
Register your child today!
www.coolmilk.com

Is your child registered for **SCHOOL MILK?**

Child
UNDER 5

Every child under the age of five is entitled to free school milk. Simply register your child online.



Child
OVER 5

Every child over the age of five is entitled to milk at a subsidised cost of around £20 per term. Register your child and pay online.

Children in receipt of benefits-based free school meals are eligible for free school milk. Speak to the school for further information.

Free milk for under 5s is funded by the Department of Health and milk for over 5s is subsidised by DEFRA.

REGISTER YOUR CHILD TODAY

Register online
www.coolmilk.com



Need help?
Send us a message
at www.coolmilk.com/contact
or give us a call on **0800 321 3248**

COMMUNITY MESSAGES

Pharmacy+Health are offering readily available free and local healthcare for your family



Did you know that your local pharmacies provide FREE healthcare appointments for common conditions by our highly trained healthcare professionals?

Pharmacy+Health has 35 branch pharmacies across Yorkshire, including one right here in our community. The NHS Pharmacy First service, with accessible health appointments is designed so you and your family can get the treatment you need when you need it.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: Do I need to book an appointment?

A: While walk-ins may be available, Pharmacy+Health recommend booking your free consultation online to secure a time that suits you.

Q: What happens during the appointment?

A: You'll meet with a pharmacist in a private consultation room, discuss your symptoms, and receive advice or treatment tailored to your needs.

Q: Is the service free?

A: Yes! The NHS Pharmacy First service is completely free for eligible patients.

Other services provided by local pharmacies:

NHS services such as NHS Blood Pressure service, NHS Contraceptive service, NHS flu and COVID-19 jabs (seasonal) are offered.

What is the NHS Pharmacy First Service?

The NHS Pharmacy First service is a free and accessible way to address common health concerns, without the need for a GP appointment. Trained healthcare professionals can offer advice and prescription treatments (where deemed necessary) for 7 common conditions.

You can call into any local pharmacy branch or visit www.pharmacyplushealth.co.uk to book an appointment for the health service you'd like to access. Same-day appointments at a time that suits you are often available.

Pharmacy First 7 Condition Treated:

- Urinary Tract Infections (UTIs): For girls aged 16 and over.
- Impetigo: For anyone aged 1 year and older.
- Shingles: For adults aged 18 and above.
- Sore Throat: For children aged 5 and above, as well as adults.
- Earache: For children aged 1 to 17 years old.
- Infected Insect Bites: For anyone aged 1 year and older.
- Sinusitis: For anyone aged 12 years and older

Why Choose Pharmacy+Health?

- Convenient Appointments: Book online at a time that works for you.
- Local Expertise: Pharmacy First is provided by highly trained pharmacists commissioned by the NHS to serve their community.
- Fast Support: Help your busy GPs practice by using Pharmacy First for a range of common conditions and get the treatment you need when you need it.

All pharmacies, including your local Pharmacy+Health branch are here to help!

To book a quick convenient appointment at your local pharmacy simply visit pharmacyplushealth.co.uk

NHS Pharmacy First Service Book an appointment for:



Infected insect bite



Sore throat



Ear pain



Sinusitis



Shingles



UTIs



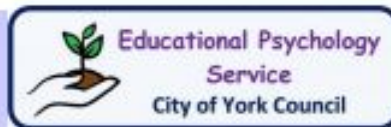
Impetigo

Your pharmacist might recommend and supply an appropriate prescription medicine, without the need to get a prescription from your GP.



Book online to be seen right away in consultation rooms
pharmacyplushealth.co.uk

COMMUNITY MESSAGES



Educational Psychology (EP) Support Line

A confidential telephone support service, staffed by Educational Psychologists, to talk through questions or concerns about children and young people's **wellbeing** or **learning**.

Open to **all** parents/carers of children with additional needs or SEND living in the City of York (who have not had recent EP involvement), and practitioners working with children who live in/attend an educational setting in York.

"It's invaluable"

"Great service. Very easy to arrange"



"I feel confident in the next steps we can take"

"I felt really listened to and supported"

Calls of up to 30 minutes are available

Monthly – the last Wednesday of each month 9.00am – 3.30 pm

Term time only (September 2024 - July 2025)

To book a slot, please e-mail: EPsupportline@york.gov.uk with your name and a contact telephone number.

Bookings will close on the Friday before each session at 5pm. We will then email you with a time slot for your consultation on the Tuesday.

This is a one-off consultation provided by City of York Educational Psychologists on a rota basis.

Please note: the helpline offers short slots to talk with a psychologist about specific concerns; unfortunately, within the time available, we cannot advise on complex situations where different agencies need to work together to support a child or young person.

September 25th 2024
October 23rd 2024
November 27th 2024
December 18th 2024
January 29th 2025
February 26th 2025
March 26th 2025
April 23rd 2025
May 21st 2025
June 25th 2025
July 16th 2025

COMMUNITY MESSAGES

Clare's Kitchen Baking Club @ Knavesmire Primary Free Taster Session For Year Groups 5 & 6

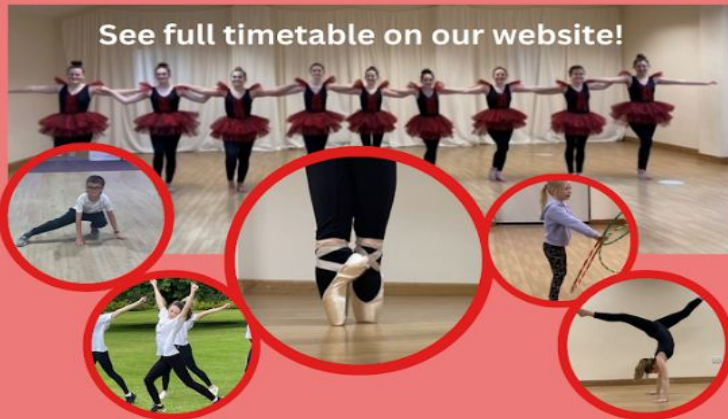


Baking Club runs on a Friday after school until 5.30pm. Our team of little chefs plan, prepare and bake their own food. We do all kinds of recipes from pizzas to gingerbread. We are offering a **Free Taster Session** this term to Year groups 5 & 6 on a first come first served basis. To redeem this invite, contact Clare at clare@clares-kitchen.co.uk or whatsapp 07813182216. You will simply need to complete a booking form! This offer is only for those pupils who have not previously attended Clare's Kitchen.

Clare's Kitchen has been delivering Cookery Clubs in schools since it was founded by Clare in 2014. See us in action on social media;

Facebook <http://facebook.com/clareskitchenyork>
Instagram @clareskitchenyork

See full timetable on our website!



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SPECIAL OFFER FOR KNAVESMIRE STUDENTS - TWO WEEKS' FREE TRIAL IN ALL LESSONS!!!

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derwentdanceworks@hotmail.com



DERWENTDANCE.CO.UK

IDTA



FEB HALF TERM MULTI-SPORT CLUB

17TH - 21ST FEBRUARY

ACOMB PRIMARY SCHOOL



25% SIBLING DISCOUNT

FROM £28 PER DAY!

CHILDCARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED!

BOOK HERE - IGNITESPORTSCOACHING.CO.UK



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**SCHOOL
TICKET OFFER**

**B. BRAUN SHEFFIELD SHARKS
v MANCHESTER BASKETBALL**

WED 12th FEB - 7:30PM
@ CANON MEDICAL ARENA

£5



SHARKS SCHOOL OFFER

Please use the link below and enter the code provided:

https://app.fanbaseclub.com/Fan/Tickets/SelectType?fixtureId=8733&mc_cid=3197377fa3&mc_eid=e5cd69baf0

Date: Wednesday, 12th February

Time: 7:30 PM

Venue: Canon Medical Arena, Sheffield

Matchup: Sheffield Sharks vs. Manchester Basketball

Special Offer:

Students and parents can grab tickets for just **£5 each!**

How to Claim:

1. Visit: [Sheffield Sharks Tickets](#)
2. Enter the promo code **12FEB** at checkout.

Hurry – Limited Tickets Available!

This offer won't last long, so secure your seats today and be part of the excitement! Bring your energy and cheer on the Sharks as they light up the court! 🏀

Got Questions?

Feel free to contact Claire Ellicott at claire.ellicott@thesheffieldsharks.com for assistance.

We look forward to welcoming you to an evening filled with action, fun, and memories to last a lifetime!

P.S. Make it a school night your students and their families will never forget—spread the word about this amazing offer!

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LIMITED TIME OFFER

PRE-SCHOOL, JUNIOR & ADULT

50% OFF JANUARY SALE

& A FREE WELCOME PACK WORTH £20

USE CODE: JAN25

SWIMMING LESSONS

YORK Swimming Academy

BACK AT THE LNER



LADIES

YORK CITY LADIES V MIDDLESBROUGH FC WOMEN
WEDNESDAY 12TH FEBRUARY
LNER COMMUNITY STADIUM, YO32 9AF
7:45PM KICK-OFF



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YorKAOS

York Kids Art Open Studios

Are you a young artist from York?

Are you primary school age?

Submit your artwork to YorKAOS

Go to our website to join the exhibition

www.yorkaos.art

We'd love to see your
painting / drawing / digital-art
photography / collage / video / sculpture



We are Ada, Henrik, Seth and Mabel
We want to show the artwork of
kids our age to the
wider York community
during February half-term 2025
at **SPARK***



Fundraising for
BBB CHILDREN IN NEED St Leonard's Hospice



MINI MOVIES

**HEY KIDS, DO YOU LOVE MOVIES?
IF SO WE WANT TO HEAR
FROM YOU!**

ITV's hit kids' show, Mini Movies, is returning for series 2 and we're looking for movie-loving kids to take part.

You could star in exciting video clips full of visual effects, pitch your own movie ideas, create amazing animations and show off your costume skills!

If you'd like to get involved, ask your parent or guardian to email...

casting@thechancercollective.com

After that you'll receive further information on how to apply. Be quick though, as spaces are filling up!

**CHECK OUT MINI MOVIES SERIES ONE ON ITVX
TO SEE WHAT KIDS GOT UP TO LAST TIME!**

[HTTPS://THPSNETBALLCLUB.CARRD.CO/](https://thpsnetballclub.carrd.co/)

SHOOTING STARS NETBALL TRAINING



Weekly inclusive indoor netball training for years 3-5 followed by years 6-8 this spring term, led by Ben Orton and Miss Richardson! Hone your skills and be match sharp!

BEGINS:	LOCATION:	TIME:
JAN 13th 2025	TERRINGTON HALL SCHOOL SPORTS HALL	Y3-5: 6.00-7.00pm Y6-8: 7.10-8.10pm



BOOK ON: <https://bit.ly/THPSNetballClubBookingForm>
OR  07538508923

Inspire Create Enrich



FREE academic masterclasses for students in years 5 & 6

Wednesday 12th February 16:15 to 18:00

Choose from:

Maths	Art
Computer Science	Philosophy
Dance	Model United Nations

Plus the option for parents to have a tour of the school and meet the Leadership Team.

For more information and to book visit bootham.am/ICEFeb25 or scan the QR code.



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Parent Carer Forum York **NEWS LETTER** Connect@pcforyk.co.uk

Coffee Mornings

Thursday 06 February 2025
10:30 - 12:30 am
New Earswick Folk Hall

Monday 24 February 2025
10.30 - 12.30 am
YHA, Clifton

Meet other parents and carers who share your lived experience. Swap tips, offload, get updates or share without judgement.

The first hot drink is on us as a thank you for allowing us to use your experience to inform our work with education, health and social care on parent carer voice.

We'll be easy to recognise with the table top sign. All are very welcome but if it's your first time and you would like to meet someone first, email Mary: connect@pcforyk.co.uk

Listening Event

York CAMHS from Orca House

Tuesday 11th February 2025
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Online

Meet CAMHS Professionals, give feedback on your experiences and share your views. Email connect@pcforyk.co.uk for the meeting link.

PARENT CARER FORUM YORK 2025 Annual Conference and AGM

Join us for a packed agenda on the themes of

Preparation for Adulthood and Access to Health Services, with updates and developments from across services in York

In the morning we will hear updates and new developments from Preparation for Adulthood Teams, CAMHS, York Carers Centre, York Hospital and therapy services.

After enjoying a complimentary buffet style lunch, attendees will have the opportunity to join discussions with Maxine Spence (Assistant Director of Education, Skills and SEND, CYC), Lynne Johns (Head of SEND, CYC) and Melodie Lightfoot (York SENDIAS).

Maxine and Lynne will be talking about the Universal Offer, SEND Hub, and support available for SEND families in York. Attendees will learn with Melodie about how best to manage meetings in school.

BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW!

Why Join Us?

- Insightful discussions
- Meet other Parent Carers
- Interactive workshops

Wed 26 February 2025
09.30am - 2.30pm
Delta Hotels, Marriott, York

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Parent Carer Forum York **NEWS LETTER** Connect@pcforyk.co.uk

Kingston University London **KUDYT** Empowering Educators. Unlocking Literacy. Transforming Lives.

Stop Dyslexic* Learners Underperforming at School

TECHNOLOGY AND STRATEGIES

- all learners that struggle with literacy

Tuesday 11 February 2025
6.00pm - 7.00pm
Online

This webinar is part of a series, designed to equip educational professionals and parents with the tools to better support dyslexic learners.

The next webinar, Technology and strategies, aims to help dyslexic* learners to overcome difficulties with writing.

Find out more and book your place here.

Magical Musicals

IMPs Holiday Club

Wednesday 19th February
1.30-3.30pm

Visit **Accessible Arts Media** for more info.

FREE SIGNPOSTING EVENT FOR SUPPORT SERVICES, LOCAL FAMILIES, PARENTS & CARERS.

4TH FEBRUARY
DROP IN FROM 2PM - 6PM

Attending services include: York Musicale, Nurseries, York Integrated Care Board, Citizens Advice, Big Parents Foundation, SOAS, York SENDIAS, The School Clinic, SPLASH, York Community Voice Partnership, Roke York J.F.G. Foundation Positive Choices Services.

BOOK NOW

AT YORK ST JOHN CREATIVE CENTRE

www.parentcarerforumyork.org

IMPs

Inclusive music activities for disabled children and young people in York - We want your thoughts!

IMPs (Inclusive Music Projects) have received funding to develop their programme, and would like parents of disabled children and young people to tell them about the sort of music activities they'd like to see happening in York. Please fill in the **consultation form** before **31st January**.

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COMMUNITY MESSAGES

Free Parenting Clinics

with
Anisa Lewis
Positive Parenting
www.anisalewis.com



February
11th @ 12.30 pm
Screens

- Does your child resist turning off the TV, tablet, or games console?
- Do you dread the meltdowns when it's time to step away from a screen?
- Are you frustrated by endless arguments over screen time limits?
- Do you feel unsure about how much screen time is too much?

If any of these sound familiar, you're not alone. Join Anisa Lewis (Parenting Coach) for her monthly Free Parenting Clinic in February. This month, we'll tackle the challenges of screens and share practical tips to create healthier habits for your family.

Details:

- On Zoom
- 30-minute session

Book your place here:

<https://anisalewis.as.me/theclinic>

or email: hello@anisalewis.com for the booking link

The clinic is recorded and the replay sent out to all who register to attend.

FREE Parenting Clinics



ANISA LEWIS
POSITIVE PARENTING COACH

www.anisalewis.com

To book visit: <https://anisalewis.as.me/theclinic>
or email: hello@anisalewis.com

January
14th, 12.30 pm
Confidence

February
11th, 12.30 pm
Screens

March
11th, 12.30 pm

Anxiety

April
29th, 12.30 pm
Friends