

Knavesmire Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 4th April 2025

Mr Cooper and Mr Gardiner's Message

Happy Friday!

What a glorious week it has been; it has felt like a lovely way to end the term, with various celebrations and successes across the school.

Year 3 and 4 blew their audience away in each of their performances of Hoodwinked. All credit to the talented children and hard-working staff who put on such a spectacular show. We laughed, clapped and smiled our way through the performances and have definitely uncovered some budding actors and singers.

In the sporting world, our Year 5/6 girls football team beat Scarcroft on Monday as they continue to develop their skills. Our girls Y6 rugby team won every game in the York Rugby Union Tag Fest yesterday and have qualified for the regional event - absolute superstars. The boys also played at the same festival in a non-competitive series of games and won nearly all of their games, showing excellent skills and athleticism throughout.

Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 5 all finished their Big Ideas this week and have created, displayed and celebrated their learning. Thank you for your support with this, especially in coming to the Year 1 party. In Nursery, our chicks have begun to hatch this week as the children learn more about Spring...very cute!

Have a wonderful Easter and we will see everyone back on Tuesday 22nd April.

Mr Gardiner



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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ENDING YOUTH HOMELESSNESS

Starting out as a night shelter, Centrepoint's work with young people has evolved beyond all recognition over the last 50 years.

In the centre of London's Soho in December 1969, the Reverend Ken Leech opened a night shelter in the basement of his church to give homeless, young people a safe place to sleep. Our services are what make Centrepoint so special, we focus on giving young people not just a bed for a night but a home where they can reclaim their future with the support of our dedicated frontline workers.

Over the years we have grown, offering services around the country and developing truly innovative approaches to help young people. We work in partnership with other charities all over the UK, we learn from each other and we join forces to call for change. We know we can't end youth homelessness alone – it will take collaboration and systemic change but we believe we can do it and are committed to ending youth homelessness.

We started with one small shelter, now we support more than 2,000 young people every day through our floating support, rough sleeping and resettlement services but with almost 136,000 young people at risk of or experiencing homelessness last year – we're needed more than ever.

ADAM'S FUNDRAISING RUN!

To help combat old age and middle-age spread, I'm doing a fundraising half-marathon at the beginning of April. It's to raise money for a charity that my mum supported and felt strongly about.

If you'd like to support (no obligation), you can scan the QR code here.

Many thanks, Adam



JustGiving Menu



Adam Cooper

Adam's run for Centrepoint

Fundraising for Centrepoint

TOGETHER WE CAN END YOUTH HOMELESSNESS

Many thanks for the
donations so far,
they are greatly
appreciated!

KNAVESMIRE'S EASTER ECO CHALLENGE

Knavesmire's Easter Eco Challenge

What does it involve?

Over the Easter break, we are encouraging children and families to take on an **eco challenge** and commit to doing something new that will help look after our planet.

To complete the challenge, set yourself **one or more pledges** to keep up over the Easter holiday.

On Tuesday 22nd April, otherwise known as Earth Day, we will return to school after the Easter break. Upon returning to school, share the pledge/s you've taken by bringing in photos or drawings of what you've been up to and explain what you've done to help look after our planet.

What happens if I complete the challenge?

If you complete the challenge, maintaining one or more pledges for the entire Easter break, you will have the chance to apply for a **Blue Peter Green badge**, which gives you free entry to 200+ attractions in the UK.

To find out how to apply, please visit:

www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/blue-peter-apply-for-a-green-badge

To earn a Green badge you must:

- Be between 5 – 15 years old.
- Apply for your Green badge online (please see link - above).
- Ask your parent or guardian for permission to apply.
- Get your parent or guardian to help you fill out your form and personal details.
- Tell Blue Peter what you do to protect the environment and why being green is important to you.
- Include a photo or video of yourself taking part in a green activity or create some artwork inspired by the environment, conservation or nature.



Pledge 1: Power

Think about the **ways you can reduce your use of oil, gas and electricity**. This reduces the amount of harmful greenhouse gases which are largely responsible for the climate crisis.

Ideas include -

- turning off lights and sockets in the house when not using them
- walking, cycling or using public transport rather than driving a car
- writing to or sending a picture to your MP about no new oil or gas and investing in renewable energy

Pledge 2: Plastic

This is about **ways of reducing your use of plastic**. This is important because plastic waste is harmful to our own health and wildlife.

Ideas include -

- litter picking
- turning something from your recycling box into something you can use or a piece of art
- using something refillable rather than a single use piece of plastic
- making a poster about recycling to display in your window

Pledge 3: Plants

We need more pollinator plants that are good for insects, and we need to **create environments where nature can thrive**.

Replacing meat with plant based foods is also really impactful as farming animals for meat accounts for 15% of harmful gases, which is more than cars, trains and airplanes combined!

Ideas include -

- building a bug hotel in your garden or outside space
- planting some insect-friendly flowers
- swapping out a 1 meal a week to be purely plant-based

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.

REPORTING ABSENCE & SICKNESS PROCEDURE

If your child is poorly, please contact the office by email or phone before the start of the school day at 8.50am: admin@knavesmire.elc.org.uk

Please note that if your child has **sickness or diarrhoea** they cannot return until 48 hours from the last episode.

For **chicken pox** - all spots must have crusted over. If in doubt, please call us for guidance!

WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION



SCHOOL LIBRARY

Thank you to everyone who has visited the Library this term - please remember to drop Library Books back to the School Office when you encounter them at home!

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.

SCHOOL MILK

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

REFUGEE COLLECTION

Refugee Action York can take donations again! They are looking for good quality washed clothes, new underwear and toiletries. Men's clothes are always in demand. Please drop off any items on the window sill in the office foyer. Thank you very much!

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

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

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

Check the Friends of Knavesmire Facebook page to view any valuable #lostandfound items.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/140233959376362/permalink/6818721288194229/>

GOVERNOR NEWSLETTER EASTER 2025

This time it's my turn, I'm Thom Jones. I have been a teacher and school head and now run an international programme every summer in Cambridge and spend the rest of the year delivering training (education and corporate) and speaking at conferences. Obviously, I was very excited to become a governor during this last year, having been so impressed by my kids (Reception and Year 4) and all the amazing staff that make KPS somewhere really special.

This last half term, Governors gathered early in the day - our first full governors meeting held during the school day (meaning we could see the school in action spending time with children and staff). We attended the school staff briefing (wishing one teacher a happy birthday at the same time!) and then Mr Gardiner took us through the new Behaviour Curriculum pathway helping us see why this is needed and how it works. You might also have seen this in the last few newsletters. We had a tour of the school, each governor taken around one on one by a pupil from Year 6. We saw the school in action and were all impressed by the calm, content atmosphere and the erudite young adults who showed off their school so proudly and with such knowledge. A full agenda was then covered in the meeting following this tour. This included an update on the School Development Plan, Barcelona trip feedback, the school's Personal Development offer and we reviewed the revised Education Visits policy.

We also looked at the outcomes of our recent governor skills audit. This is a piece of work led by our vice chair. All governors take a lead on one to more aspects of the school and this was a chance to match our skills and expertise and see where further training might be needed. We are also considering setting up deputies within these roles to further support and assist, ensuring that we always have plenty of capacity and support new governors as they join the Board.

I hope that gives you a flavour of what we have been up to.

We all wanted to pass on a huge vote of thanks to all the staff who graft, in the face of government cuts and the huge task of making a school like ours work, with incredible energy and enthusiasm. Lastly, we're sure everyone will join us in extending grateful congratulations to the Friends of KPS for their work in getting ready for Easter and the fundraising etc that has all involved.

Happy Easter/Eid/Passover or April, depending on your inclination!

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



SEN COFFEE MORNING

Miss Gilligan, our SENCO, would like to invite all parents to our SEN coffee morning. This is an informal chance to meet other members of the Knavesmire community and to find out more about what support is available for you and your family.

Our coffee morning will take place on Friday 9th May 9am-10am, in the hall. A member of staff will be waiting outside the hall doors at 9am to welcome you in.

Our coffee cart will be set up to offer a range of hot drinks and treats. We will also gladly welcome any cakes!

We have different agencies and charities joining us including Millthorpe SENCO, York Family Information Services, York Inspirational Kids, York City FC, York St Johns and our School Wellbeing Services.

Please email e.gilligan@knavesmire.elt.org.uk to confirm your attendance.



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Guests will include:

York Family information Services

A free and impartial information service for parents and carers of children and young people aged 0 to 19.

Raise York (Family Hub Network)

Designed to support parents, carers, children, young people and anyone who works with children, young people and families.

Accessible Arts & Media

Inclusive creative learning & wellbeing activities in and around York.

Jo Bryenton – Makaton Tutor

Makaton tutor in York with a daughter with Down Syndrome.

York Inspirational Kids

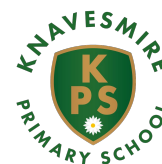
Offers support, friendship, activities, training and outings for parents, families of children with a disability and/or additional needs living in the York area.

My Sight York

A local independent charity supporting local people to live well with sight loss.

York Disability Rights Forum, Young Carers, ELT SEN Director, School Wellbeing Service, Knavesmire Pupil Mentor, Millthorpe Secondary School and more.

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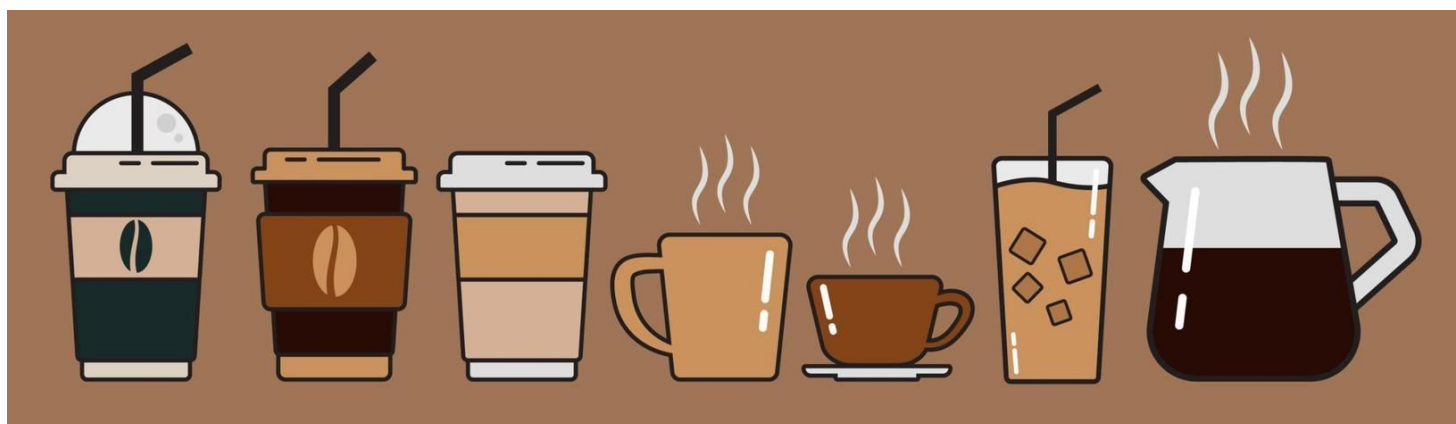
THE COFFEE CART IS BACK!

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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TRIPS, ACTIVITIES AND PERFORMANCES

Year 1

Harlow Carr Trip, 07/05/25 - See email sent 31/01/25. Children should come to school in their school uniform and bring a packed lunch. Children should wear a coat and shoes appropriate for the weather. This trip has no impact on drop off or pick up times.

Year 2

Scarborough Trip, 19/05/25 - See email sent 02/04/25. Please complete the consent and payment on ParentPay by Thursday 24/04/25. Children should come to school in their school uniform. Children should wear a coat and shoes appropriate for the weather and sun cream/sun hat if the weather is sunny. This trip has no impact on drop off or pick up times. All children need to bring a packed lunch and filled water bottle.

Year 3

Swimming - The voluntary contribution is live on ParentPay.

Eureka Trip 07/05/25 - See email sent 07/02/25. Children should arrive at school at 8.40am in their school uniform and with a packed lunch. Children should wear a coat and shoes appropriate for the weather. Pick up time is 4.15-4.30pm.

Year 4

Robin Hood's Bay - Parent meeting on Thursday 24/04/25, please see email sent today (14/03/25). The payment item is live on ParentPay. The next payment is due by **30/04/25**.

Trust Samba Band (Open to Years 4 - 6) - Please see email sent today (04/04/25). If your child wishes to sign up, please complete the google form at the link below by 9am on 24/04/25.

<https://forms.gle/hLR2UzqBhxsPMWjQ9>

Year 5

Carlton Lodge - Please see email sent today (04/04/25). Please can ALL PARENTS complete a google form at the link below for each child attending the Carlton Lodge trip **by Monday 21/04/25 (the last day of the Easter holidays)**.

The ParentPay item is live on ParentPay. The next payment is due by **30/04/25**. **We are still missing some payments that were due on 31/03/25**. If you are not up to date with the payment plan please make the payment ASAP or contact Ella Kenyon in the school office to discuss an alternative payment plan.

Trust Arts Fest, 25/06/25 (All of Y5) - See email sent today (04/04/25). Please can **all parents** complete a google form (link below) confirming whether or not they give consent for their child to take part.

<https://forms.gle/eUrfdULr7Hai6kGw6>

Trust Choir for Arts Festival (Open to all of Year 5 and invited Year 6) - Please see email sent today (04/04/25). If your child wishes to sign up, please complete the google form at the link below by 9am on 24/04/25.

<https://forms.gle/W2zhT71bhgiMMjy66>

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(Cont..) TRIPS, ACTIVITIES AND PERFORMANCES

Year 6

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<https://forms.gle/W2zhT71bhgiMMiy66>

School House

Cannon Hall Farm Trip, 06/05/25 - Please see email sent 01/04/25. Please give consent and make payment by 28/04/25. Children need to bring a packed lunch and a filled water bottle. Children should come to school in their own clothes (not 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.

Other

Trust Samba Band (Open to Years 4 - 6) - Please see email sent today (04/04/25). If your child wishes to sign up, please complete the google form at the link below by 9am on 24/04/25.

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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 Monday 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 and Friday. 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 Tuesdays 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

Circus Skills - Please note that Circus Skills is moving to Monday lunchtimes from next term.

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

New Songs

We promised the children that we would share with you the songs that we have been learning in Music to sing as a whole school this term. We'll add more songs next term but if you would like to sing together over the holidays here are links to the versions we sing:

This Is Me

https://youtu.be/5J29YsEfYlo?si=ak8g1_37O63ZT-kd

Sing

https://youtu.be/b5l_t1TzQhw?si=6Pq40BqT8cvJBx__

Samba Band

Parents of children in Year 4 upwards will have received an email inviting your child to join our Trust Samba band who will be rehearsing at Knavesmire with Mrs Hardy in preparation for the York Pride Parade on June 7th. We had a wonderful day last year and we're looking forward to welcoming new members to our band this year. Your child does not need any percussion experience, we will learn the samba rhythms together in our rehearsals.

KEY DATES



YEAR	DATE(S)	ACTIVITY
Nursery		
Reception		
Year 1	07/05/25	Harlow Carr Trip
Year 2	24/04/25 01/05/25 08/05/25 15/05/25 19/05/25	Forest School Forest School Forest School Forest School Scarborough Trip
Year 3	07/05/25	Eureka Trip (Drop off at 8.30pm, pick up at 3.45pm)
Year 4	24/04/25 02/06/25 - 13/06/25 13/06/25 18/06/25 - 19/06/25 19/06/25 - 20/06/25	Robin Hood's Bay Parent Meeting, 3.30pm - 4pm Multiplication Check TT Rockstar Dress Up Day Robin Hood's Bay Residential- 4R Robin Hood's Bay Residential - 4GH
Year 5	21/05/25 - 23/05/25 25/06/25 07/07/25	Carlton Lodge Residential MAT Arts Fest (Parents can attend performance at 6.30pm) French café day at Millthorpe - details to follow
Year 6	25/06/25	MAT Arts Fest (Invited Y6 children for choir)- Parents can attend performance at 6.30pm.
The School House	06/05/25	Cannon Hall Farm Trip
Other	09/05/25 07/06/25 27/06/25 (04/07/25)	SEN Coffee Morning 9-10am Samba Band at York Pride March 4.30-6pm, Whole School Sports Evening, Little Knavesmire (more info to follow). (4.30-6pm, Whole School Sports Evening backup date in case rained off.)

FRIENDS OF KNAVESMIRE UPDATE

A big thank you to everyone who donated, bought raffle tickets, helped and came to the Knavesmire Easter Fair last Tuesday. We hope you all enjoyed the afternoon and had a nice time. Thanks to you we have raised just under £1,300!!!

A special thanks has to go out to the teachers who are always such a big support as well as to all the companies and shops who have so kindly donated our amazing prizes. This time they were Askham Bryan, Betty's, the Deep, the Designer Outlet, Diggerland, Eureka, Flamingo Land, the NYMR, the Picturehouse City Screen, Pig & Pastry, Piglets, Whistlestop Valley, William's Den, the Yorkshire Arboretum and York Sport. We couldn't have run a raffle without them so we're extremely grateful for their generosity.

And of course congratulations to all the lucky winners! We hope you're going to enjoy your prizes.

Our next event will be the Knavesmire Bake Off. The topic this year is SPACE and we will again stretch the competition over two weeks or rather dates so that we won't end up with too much cake and can enjoy all your fantastic creations more (in a sensible way). For that reason, the first date will be Thursday, the 1 May, for the nursery, reception, Year 5 & 6 and the second date will be a week later on Thursday, the 8 May, for Years 1 to 4. We can't wait to see and taste what you come up with. So get planning!

Have a good break and Happy Easter!



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

Easter Holidays

We will be open as follows:-

Monday 7th April to Friday 11th April

Monday 14th April to Thursday 17th April

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.



YEAR GROUP MESSAGES



NURSERY MESSAGES

I think it is fair to say we have had one of my favourite weeks in Nursery! The children have been very patient over the last 3 weeks as we watched the eggs closely and on Monday morning we finally welcomed 3 chicks! It was incredible to watch the chicks hatch before our eyes and it gave all our life cycle learning real purpose. The children (and adults!) have fallen in love with them and it has been a week filled with cuddles and love. We are very sad to see Bobbie, Rosie and Rocky leave today however it is bitter sweet as they go to live happy, free-range lives on the farm.

A massive thank you to everyone who contributed towards our donation to Lucie's Animal Rescue. She was extremely grateful for everything we were able to give to her and it will go a long way in supporting her with the many, many animals currently in her care.

We hope you have a relaxing and fun-filled Easter holiday and look forward to welcoming you back from Tuesday 22nd.

The Nursery Team ❤️

RECEPTION MESSAGES

Reception have had a brilliant final week! We have made Easter cones and we went on an Easter hunt, we have been learning all about 2D and 3D shapes and we have been doing lots of different activities! We finished our final traditional tale of Goldilocks and the Three Bears and we completed our Big Idea which we loved! Have a wonderful and safe Easter!

The Reception Team

YEAR 1 MESSAGES

This week in Big Idea, we have learnt that Easter is a significant time for Christians. We have found out how Easter celebrations are linked to important stories for Christians and explored the symbolism connected to them. In English, we wrote about our own party experiences, trying to use different sentence types in our work. In Maths, we have compared length and height using correct language to describe objects. Please make sure you arrive promptly for the start of the day as we need to register children before 9am. It takes some children quite a while to put things into their locker and it can be distressing if they think they are late. We are very proud of how hard the children have worked this term and it is great to see the progress they are making! We hope you all have a very well deserved Easter holiday and look forward to seeing you ready for the start of the summer term.

YEAR GROUP MESSAGES



YEAR 2 MESSAGES

We have had a great end to our Spring term! The children have written amazing persuasive adverts for their chocolate bars and thoroughly enjoyed trying to persuade the Year 2 adults to buy theirs! In Maths, we have been looking at positional and directional language which we will continue to practise after the holidays. In Big Idea, we answered our guiding question: 'Why is chocolate important to York?' using all of the knowledge we have learnt during our Big Idea. We also had a friendly football tournament across the year group where the children showed excellent sportsmanship and football skills. Next half term, we will be having Forest school sessions on Thursdays. Please make sure your child has appropriate clothing and footwear depending on the weather. As you may also have seen, our next Big Idea 'Coastal Explorers' will involve a trip to Scarborough on Monday 19th May. Information for this has been sent via Parent Pay. Any questions or offers to volunteer to help make this trip happen, please ask a member of the Year 2 team. Thank you so much for your support and hard work this term. Have a very restful and enjoyable Easter break and we are looking forward to seeing the children back for more fun next half term!

The Year 2 Team

YEAR 3 MESSAGES

Year 3 have had an amazing final week of their half-term! They took part in the Year 3 & 4 production of Hoodwinked, earlier in the week, and did themselves immensely proud! Thank you to everybody who came - we hope you enjoyed their performances just as much as we did! In Big Idea, they finished off their current Big Idea and have found out that their next Big Idea will be all about the Human Body. They generated a number of questions for Our Learning Journey, using the Guiding Question of 'How does the Human Body work?'; to guide them. In Writing, the children finished their setting descriptions of a setting taken from the book Journey by Aaron Becker. In Maths, the children have finished their unit on Mass and Capacity and look forward to beginning a new unit next half-term.

The children have no 'official' homework over the half-term, however, we do encourage reading for pleasure and any opportunities to go onto TT Rockstars or NumberGym.

If you have any questions or queries about anything at all, please don't hesitate to ask any member of the Year 3 Team.

We hope you have a relaxing Easter break! We will see you, after the Easter break, upon our return to school.

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The Year 3 Team.

YEAR 4 MESSAGES

What a success show week has been for Year 4! The children have stunned us with their hard work, stamina and dedication during all 4 performances. Thank you for your help rehearsing lines with the children, providing costumes and props and no doubt getting several of the songs stuck in your heads!

We're sure the children will be ready for a rest, so we hope you have a wonderful break. If you have any photos from the performance, please forward them on so that we can create a display showcasing the play.

YEAR GROUP MESSAGES



YEAR 5 MESSAGES

Thanks to all of your cardboard donations, we have designed and created some amazing Anglo-Saxon shields and some swords whilst in the Forest School area. We discussed how they were made and what materials would be used at the time and why. We then looked at the Battle of Fulford and used our weaponry to recreate certain parts of it.

After the holidays, our new Big Idea: Heroic Tales Across Land and Sea will link to our trip to Carlton Lodge and what being an adventure involves!

There isn't any homework over the holidays - the children deserve a well-earned break! However, TT Rockstars, Number Gym, My Maths, Spelling Shed and reading a book are always available to keep things ticking over.

We hope you enjoy the holidays,

The Year 5 Team.

YEAR 6 MESSAGES

What an incredible spring term it has been for Year 6! The children have worked exceptionally hard, and we are so proud of all they have achieved.

This week, they have been busy publishing their Barcelona journals, reflecting on their experiences and memories. It has been a joy to see their creativity and enthusiasm shine through in their writing it has been a wonderful way to round off the term!

We have set the children a homework project for over the Easter holidays. We would like them to research their chosen topic for their non-chronological report ready for them to write after the Easter break.

Wishing you all a wonderful, restful Easter break. Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to an exciting summer term ahead! Year 6 Team.

THE SCHOOL HOUSE MESSAGES

We have had a gorgeous final week in the School House! The children have worked so hard on their space stories which we enjoyed today at Rowntree Park Reading Cafe. We have posted some lovely photos on the school Instagram.

Next half term, our guiding question will be 'how do you run a farm?'

Have a lovely Easter break from the School House team.

COMMUNITY MESSAGES



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.



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COMMUNITY MESSAGES

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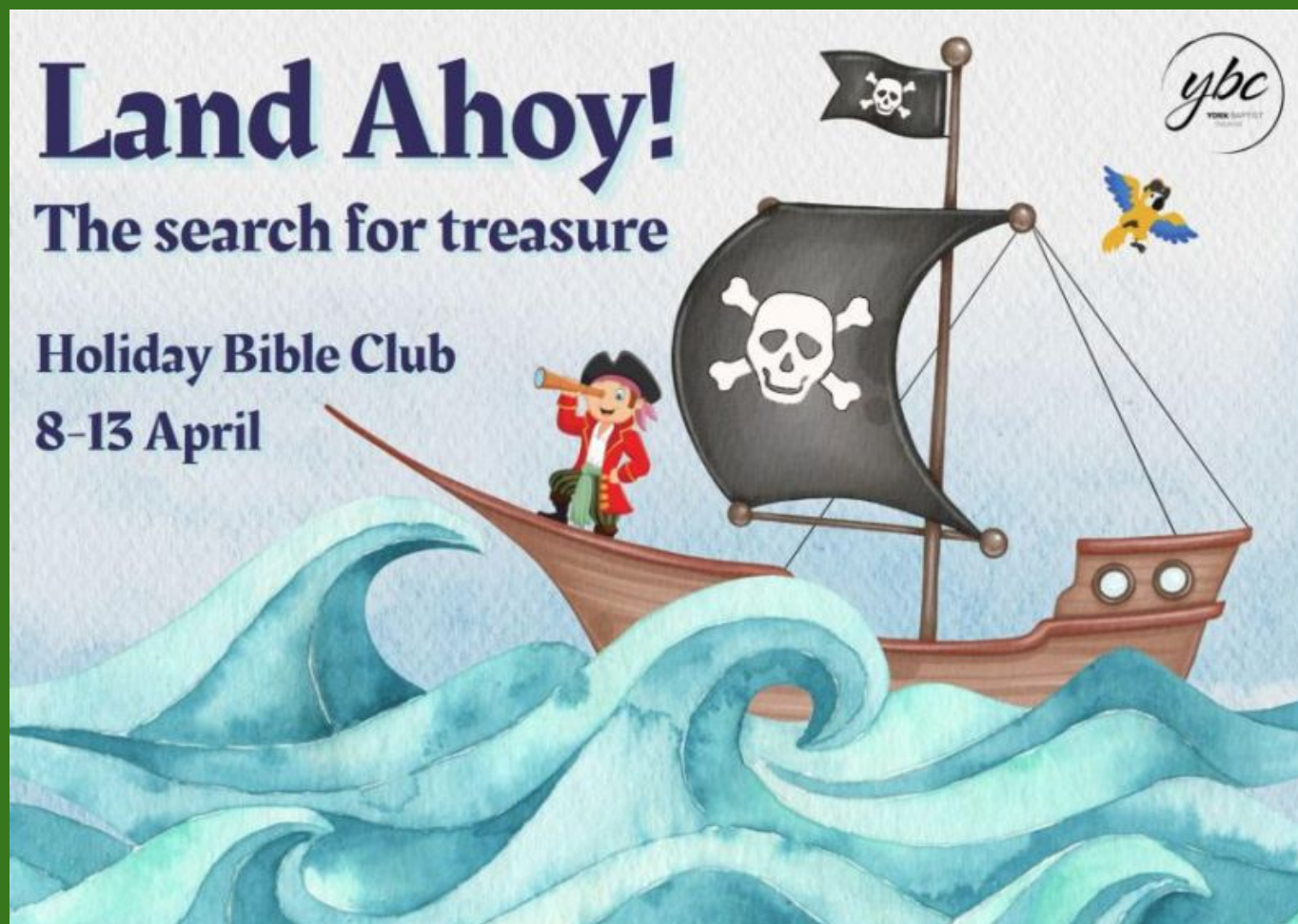
Use strategy, **creativity and logic** to navigate through York. Each correct answer **unlocks** the next part of the story and the next stage of the quest!



age 6+  1-8  1½hr  ✓  ✓

Discount code to give 25% off over the Easter period - just put in the code EASTERHOLS at checkout. The discount is good for the whole of the Easter holidays, and kids under 7yrs play for free. The whole quest is of course family friendly, and also wheelchair accessible, and dog friendly too.

There's also more information available on the website: <https://yorkquests.co.uk>



Land Ahoy!

The search for treasure

Holiday Bible Club

8-13 April

You are invited to join us for..

LAND AHOY! The Search For Treasure



A FREE Holiday Bible Club for primary school age children

Tuesday 8th - Friday 11th April (9:45am - 12:30pm)

Holiday Bible Club - sign in each day from 9:30am

Sunday 13th April (10:45am - 12noon)

Holiday Club Day 5 - Parents come too (followed by a light lunch)

Use Q.R. code (top right) to register online or visit www.ybc.org.uk/events

Email holidayclub@ybc.org.uk or phone **01904 640124** for more info.

All these activities are **free**; organised by and held at

York Baptist Church, Priory Street, York, YO1 6EX

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JUNIOR AQUATHLON

Sunday 1st June
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- **TriStar 1** (9-10 years) – 150m Swim & 1200m Run
- **TriStar 2** (11-12 years) – 250m Swim & 1800m Run
- **TriStar 3** (13-14 years) – 400m Swim & 3000m Run
- **Youth** (15-16 years) – 400m & 3000m Run
- **Junior B** (17-18 YRS) – 400m Swim & 3000m Run

Note: Ages are as of December 31st 2025.

This event always sells out each year
so [Book Here](https://lbt.org.uk/junior-aquathlon/)
<https://lbt.org.uk/junior-aquathlon/>
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Easter holiday tennis camps



Monday 14th April
Tuesday 15th April
Wednesday 16th April

Ages 5 - 11

Full and half day options. Discount for full days, siblings and for members of RPTC



Available to all. Full details, including prices, times and booking details can be accessed using the QR code below.



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jlptenniscoaching@gmail.com or
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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.

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"Great service.
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we can take"

"I felt really
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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

ROWNTREE PARK TENNIS CLUB

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COACHING SESSIONS WITH OUR
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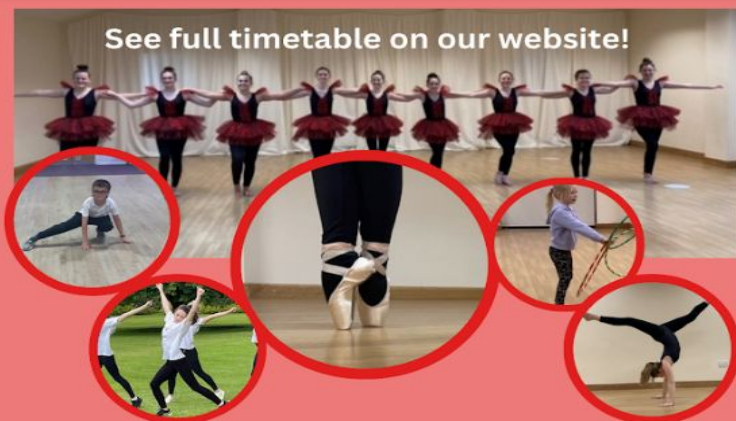
- Every **Monday** from 3.3.25 - **Junior** sessions
Red group (3.45pm- 4.45pm), ages 5-7
Orange group (4.45pm - 5.45pm), ages 8-11
- Every **Saturday** from 1.3.25 - **Beginner Adult**
(Tennis Express) session (9am-10am) 6 WEEK
COURSE
- Every **Saturday** from 1.3.25 - **Improvers**
session (10am-11am). PAY and PLAY
- Every **Saturday** from 1.3.25 - **Intermediates**
session (11am-12noon) PAY and PLAY
- Every **Tuesday** from 4.3.25 **CARDIO** tennis
session (9.30am -10.30am) PAY AND PLAY

For full details of courses including prices and booking options, please scan the QR Code or search for 'Rowntree Park Tennis Club/Coaching'



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See full timetable on our website!



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Information | Facebook - Bam Bams Art Club

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For more information and to book your place - scan the QR code or go to the link.



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THE LEGENDARY ROWNTREE PARK EASTER TRAIL

Thursday 17th April

Timeslots from 10am -12.15pm



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A friendly family event that gets kids active in nature and having fun!

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Some drop in places may be available on the day



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Tuesday 8th April

Tuesday 15th April

10am - 10.45am (4-5 & 6-7 years)

11am - 12pm (8-10 & 11-14 years)

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FREE EASTER ACTIVITIES

JOIN OUR COACHES FOR FUN PHYSICAL ACTIVITY SESSIONS

**ACOMB GREEN,
ACOMB YO26 5LL**



Book in advance using the QR code. Limited spaces will be available for turning up on the day. Parental supervision is required for 11 and under.
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Monday 7th April

Monday 14th April

2pm - 2.45pm (4-5 & 6-7 years)

3pm - 4pm (8-10 & 11-14 years)

COMMUNITY MESSAGES



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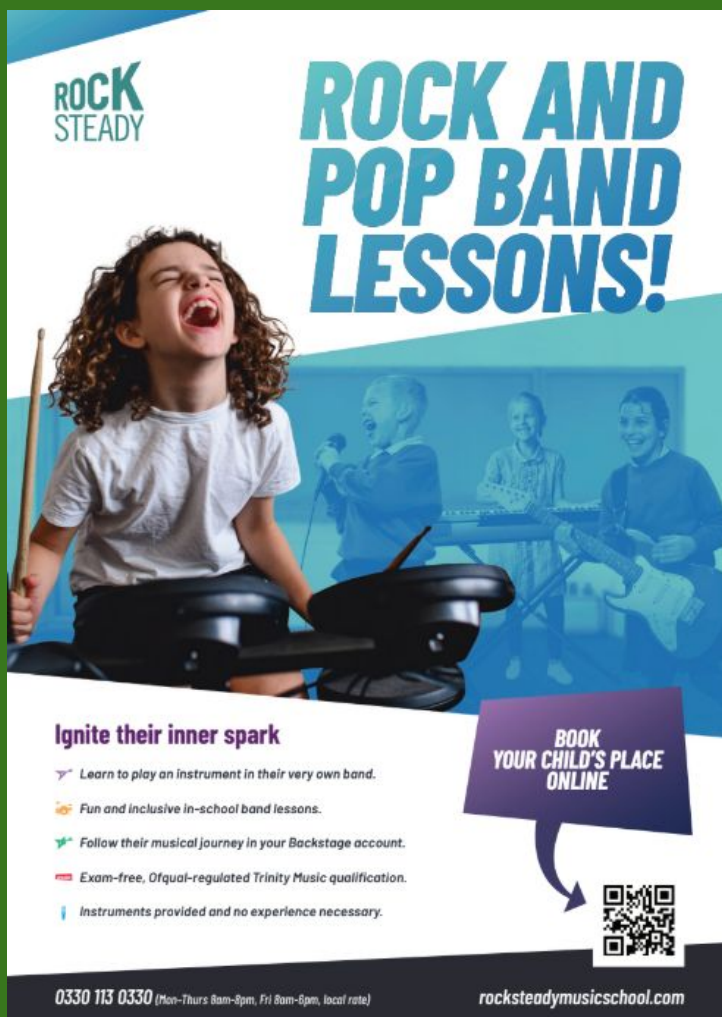
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 **Clare's Kitchen** 

Year 6 Leavers' Bake Off

Year 6 leavers can come together to create fun memories with a Bake Off Challenge. This 2 hour Bake Off Class will allow time for pupils to design, bake and decorate their entry. The winner and runners up can then showcase their work with photos to use in the school letter and on Clare's Kitchen social media.

Follow Clare's Kitchen in schools
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Instagram @clareshkitchenyork
Email clare@clares-kitchen.co.uk
Whatsapp 07813182216



COMMUNITY MESSAGES

Happy Healthy Holidays

WHAT: Holiday Football Fun Activity

WHEN: Monday 7th - 10th April

Huntington Secondary School (Astro),

WHERE: YO32 9WT (Outdoor Course)

TIME: 10am - 3pm

REFRESHMENTS: Water, Snacks and packed lunch will be provided

WHO: Families eligible for benefits-related free school meals living in York (you will receive a code)



FOUNDATION

These Free holiday Activities are designed to give young people the opportunity to get active using football as the tool in a FUN, SAFE and SECURE environment. You will receive a food order form prior to the Holiday Course start date which will need completing in order to ensure we provide an appropriate lunch.



Happy Healthy Holidays

WHAT: Holiday Football Fun Activity

WHEN: Monday 14th - 17th April

Millthorpe Secondary School, 78 Millfield Road,

WHERE: YO23 1WF (Indoor Course)

TIME: 10am - 3pm

REFRESHMENTS: Water, Snacks and packed lunch will be provided

WHO: Families eligible for benefits-related free school meals living in York (you will receive a code)



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Children's Therapy Team

Supporting Children with Early Communication Skills



What is communication?

What helps children make sense of spoken language?

How does typical speech, language and communication develop?

When should I seek support for a child?

What strategies can I use when playing with a child to support their language development?

How does supporting language development link with the EYFS framework?

This online training session explores the evidence-base around supporting children who are at an early stage of communication development and considers how early communication skills can be practically supported within the EYFS framework.

This ***FREE*** training session is suitable for professionals who work in a **primary or early years** setting with children who are at an early stage of language development, across **York, Selby, Scarborough, Whitby and Ryedale**.

Date and time: Thursday 27th March 2025- 3:45-5:00, Thursday 24th April 2025 3:30-5:30 For more information or to book a place please email us at yhs-tr.childrenstherapytraining@nhs.net

Bookings will close one week before the above date

York Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

Children's Therapy Team

Supporting Children with Selective Mutism



What is selective mutism?

Why do children become anxious about speaking in certain situations?

How can I identify if a child in my setting or class has selective mutism?

When should I refer a child?

What helpful information is available online and how do I find it?

What can I do to help a child with selective mutism?

This e-learning session explains what selective mutism is, what causes it, how to create a 'selective mutism friendly environment', and how to help children with selective mutism in your school/setting.

This ***FREE*** training session is suitable for professionals who work in a **Secondary** setting with children who are reluctant to speak or have selective mutism, across **York, Selby, Scarborough, Whitby and Ryedale**.

Date and time: Wednesday 29th January 2025 3:30-5:00pm, Friday 9th May 2025 3:30-5:00pm


For more information or to book a place please email us at yhs-tr.childrenstherapytraining@nhs.net

Bookings will close one week before the above date

York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Children's Therapy Team

Supporting Children to Eat and Drink Safely



What can I do to be more confident that the child is eating safely?

What is a normal swallow?

What types/textures of food are safe for children?

What can go wrong with swallowing?

Who can I ask about feeding difficulties, and what guidelines should I be following?

How do I know something has gone wrong when a child is eating?

This online training session explains what 'normal swallowing' is, considers what can go wrong and provides suggestions for how you can support children to eat and drink safely.

This ***FREE*** training session is suitable for parents and professionals across **York, Selby, Scarborough, Whitby and Ryedale**.

Date and time: Tuesday 25th March 2025, 3:30pm-5:00pm. For more information or to book a place please email us at yhs-tr.childrenstherapytraining@nhs.net

Bookings will close one week before the above date

York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Speech Sound Development Workshop



When should I refer a child?

How do speech sounds develop?

How are speech sounds made?

What types of speech sound difficulties do children experience?

What can I do to support a child with speech sound difficulties?

The course gives a brief overview of how speech sounds are made/develop and advice and strategies to consider when working with children with speech sound difficulties.

This ***FREE*** training session is suitable for professionals who work with children who have speech sound difficulties, parents or children with speech sound difficulties, from across **York, Selby, Scarborough, Whitby and Ryedale**.

Wednesday 26th March 2025 10:30-12:00
Wednesday 2nd July 2025 9:30-11:00

For more information or to book a place please email us at yhs-tr.childrenstherapytraining@nhs.net

Please note booking closes 1 week before the workshop

York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Children's Therapy Team

Supporting Children who are picky eaters or avoidant/restrictive



How do I know who is picky and who is restrictive?

How is a diagnosis of ARFID made and what are the challenges?

What will help at mealtimes?

What is ARFID?

Where can I go for further support?

What strategies will help with sensory sensitivities?

This online training session discusses the difference between picky eating and avoidant/restrictive eating, how to identify children with these difficulties and provides ideas of strategies that will help.

This ***FREE*** training session is suitable for parents and professionals who live or work in the following areas – **York, Selby, Scarborough, Whitby, Ryedale**

Date and time: Tuesday 18th March 2025 1:00-2:30pm, Thursday 26th June 2025 3:15-4:45pm, Tuesday 21st October 2025 1:00-2:30pm

For more information or to book a place please email us at yhs-tr.childrenstherapytraining@nhs.net

LET'S MAKE SENSE together.

Let's Make Sense Together is a virtual service that has been developed by our Occupational Therapists for York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. It is part of our sensory processing pathway, supporting children and young people who have a physical and functional difficulty due to sensory processing differences.

Please use the QR code or link below to access our free advice and further details on how to access our service.



www.yorkhospitals.nhs.uk/childrens-centre/your-childs-hospital-journey/introduction-to-childrens-therapies

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Children's Therapy Team

Stammering workshop

For setting staff and childcare providers



What is stammering?

How should I talk to a child who stammers?

What strategies can I use in the classroom to support a child who stammers?

Where can I find further support and helpful information about stammering?

How can Speech and Language Therapy support a child who stammers?

What causes stammering?

This virtual workshop is suitable for all setting staff and childcare providers.

The course gives a brief overview of what stammering is and how you can support a child in your setting to communicate confidently with a stammer.

Cost: Free; to setting staff and childcare providers in the **York, Selby, Scarborough, Whitby and Ryedale** areas

Date and Time – you only need to attend one of the following workshops;

- Tuesday 28th January 2025 3:45pm - 5:15pm
- Tuesday 29th April 2025 3:45pm - 5:15pm
- Tuesday 30th September 2025 3:45pm-5:15pm

To book a place on one of the workshops above, please contact yhs-tr.childrenstherapytraining@nhs.net

COMMUNITY MESSAGES



YORK INSPIRATIONAL KIDS NEWSLETTER

February

WELCOME

From Ruth Thompson, our CEO...

What a great start to the year we have had. We've been chosen to be Charity of the Year by both Betty's Tea Room and Muddy Boots. We cannot thank them enough for this great opportunity. Our clubs have started back busier than ever and we've been delighted to welcome so many new children into every group we run. That's quite an achievement in 4 weeks!

We're also delighted to have some new volunteers joining YIKs All About Autism, our fundraising team and other activities. There is always room for more so if you have a couple of hours to spare each week please get in touch.

Louise has been busy at many networking events this month, spreading the word about what we do and Kathryn has been busy working with and supporting schools with autism. It's going to be a great year if it carries on like this! Enjoy this month's roundup of all our news.



FEBRUARY AT YIKS

Children and young people in all of our groups have enjoyed participating in lots of different activities.

Post 16s have devoured home-made fruit kebabs, got crafty designing valentines cards and finished off the month at Hollywood Bowl.

Our Saturday Club provided opportunities for families to come together to play, make crafts and chat. "It's a lovely way to start the weekend", said one parent and we couldn't agree more!

Siblings enjoyed pancake making (and eating). They also went to McDonalds. Whilst this wouldn't have been our choice, many told us it wasn't somewhere they could go with their siblings and they wanted to do something that others got to do all the time - who are we to argue!



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All About Autism

in conjunction with the City of York Council



Our weekly clubs are very much tailored to the interests of our children. We enjoy crafts, games, and of course, lots of slime making. Our staff loved being challenged by the children to games of air hockey, pool and table football at February Holiday Club.








If you would like to look around and see what we do or if your child would like to look before joining please email autismhub@yiks.co.uk

Kathryn Pullan - YIKs AAA Manager



Ella O'Brien - YIKs AAA Supervisor

Weekly Clubs

Monday	4-8 years	4.30-6.30pm
Tuesday	8-10 years	4.30-6.30pm
Wednesday	10-12 years	4.30-6.30pm
Friday	13-18 years	5.30-7.30pm

Friendship... Just being side by side can be enough

Our February half term holidays were very popular. The children played games, got crafty, made slime and had lots of fun! Come down and have some fun... Visit our website to book in for Easter!

HOLIDAY Clubs

More information can be found at our website www.yiksaaa.org

Book in for Easter!



RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY

PARENTS OF NEUROTYPICAL OR NEURODIVERGENT CHILDREN

WHAT IS THE RESEARCH?

Previous research has outlined that play contributes to increased levels of self-confidence and self-esteem in children.

Research is being conducted to explore the differences in how playful disposition affects the levels of self-esteem in neurotypical and autistic children.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

I am seeking parents of neurotypical and autistic children to complete an online survey to discuss their children's levels of playfulness, self-esteem and their overall experience of play.

All data collected will be non-identifiable and anonymous at all times of the research process.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

An online questionnaire has been created to collect anonymous data on children's level of playfulness and how this might impact their self-esteem.

To access, scan the QR Code or head to <https://tinyurl.com/PlaySelfEsteem>

Feel free to contact the researcher by E-mailing Kla548@york.ac.uk if you have any further questions.






CRAFTY FOX KIDS CLUB



EASTER HOLIDAYS ART & CRAFT CLUB

DRAWING - PAINTING - CRAFTING

ACOMB METHODIST CHURCH

APRIL 2025

MORNINGS / AFTERNOONS / FULL DAYS

SMALL GROUPS. FOR AGES 5-11

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND BOOKINGS, VISIT WWW.CRAFTYFOXKIDSClub.COM





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www.parentcarerforumyork.org

21 March 2025

**Parent Carer Forum York**

NEWS LETTER
Connect@pcforyork.co.uk

Coffee Mornings

Monday 24 March 2025
10.30am – 12.00pm
YHA Clifton

Monday 1st April 2025
10.30am – 12.00pm
New Earswick Folk Hall

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@pcforyork.co.uk



Get Involved

As a Parent Carer Member Representative

PCF York is looking for parent carers who would like to use their experience and expertise to ensure that parent carer voices in York are represented at specific planning meetings. The representative's aims will be to ensure that the forum's views inform meetings and that lived experience of parent carers is fed into decision making.

Meetings may be in person or remote and you will be reimbursed for parking, travel and/or childcare costs.

If you have some time to spare and would like to find out more please email Mary: connect@pcforyork.co.uk to arrange an informal chat.




Virtual Coffee Morning

Monday 24th March 2025
16.30pm – 7.30pm
Online


Join us online for an informal, non-themed 'cuppa and a chat'. Meet other parents and carers who share your lived experience. Swap tips, offload, get updates or share without judgement.

Please email Mary for the meeting link: connect@pcforyork.co.uk



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Introducing Victoria Coyle New Head of Integrated SEND

"Hello, I have started in York on 10th March as the Head of Integrated SEND. I am very happy to be here as I have worked for the last 15 years in the Yorkshire and Humber region.



This includes being a key lead for SEND in Leeds City Council and more recently Calderdale Council. I have also worked in a special school in Leeds. Prior to this I led the SEN team in London Borough of Hillingdon.

I am very passionate about making a difference and improving the lived experience for our children, young people and families. This means listening to your views and being visible.

I look forward to meeting families and children and young people so we can shape our services to continually improve.


Outside of work I have a busy family life, I have three boys, I love being able to get outside and enjoy walking, especially in lovely Yorkshire."

Listening Event

Tuesday 26th March 2025
6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Online



Please join us online for this informal listening event with Ruth Horner (City of York Council – Preparing for Adulthood Coordinator) and Richard Bentley (York Hospital – Transition to Adult Services Coordinator) which will cover **Preparing for Adulthood and Transition to Adult Health Services**. Email Mary at connect@pcforyork.co.uk for the meeting link.

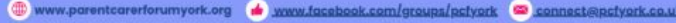
Carers Survey


York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

York Scarborough Teaching Hospitals NHS FT are looking for survey participants to help inform their care improvement plan. Please complete the survey by scanning or clicking on the QR code below, or by emailing yhs-tr.patients@nhs.net

The survey closes on 11th April 2025.





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Supported Internships

Programmes running September 2025-July 2026 in York.

WWW.YORKCOLLEGE.AC.UK

Supported Internships at Aviva York

Are you ready to leave education and enter the world of work?

This one-year transition programme could be the perfect fit for you. In partnership with Aviva, York College's fantastic supported internship programme is for any young person with an **Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)**. They have been designed to give young people the opportunity to gain real-world work experience that will help you gain marketable job skills, independence and confidence, while being supported and guided by a mentor.

A typical day includes...

- 9.00am - 10.00am Classroom learning focused on employability skills.
- 10.00am - 3.30pm Interns go to work in their placements, supported by a Job Coach, to learn the role and routines.
- 3.30pm - 4.00 pm Classroom time to reflect on the day.

Who is it for?

Applicants should:

- Have a current Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP).
- Be 17-24 years old and be ready to leave education.
- Have the desire and motivation to achieve paid employment.
- Be able to travel independently or willing to learn independent travel skills.
- Have between level 1 & 3 qualification in Maths & English.

What do you get out of the programme?

- Training experiences in a real workplace (Aviva).
- Marketable job skills.
- Increased independence and confidence.
- Individualised coaching and daily feedback.
- Interns will gain competitive and transferable job skills in a variety of corporate roles.

Want to find out more? Come along to York College's Open Event 5.30pm - 7.30pm Tuesday 1st April.

There will be two short presentation sessions at 6.00pm and 7.00pm, so you can learn more about the supported internships available with the College, in partnership with Aviva. Plus, staff from York College, Aviva and the Local Authority will be also be available to answer your questions.

A partnership between



Supported Internship Programme with City of York Council and LNER

A one-year transition to work programme for young people age 16-24 with an Education, Health and Care Plan. Starting September 2025.

Wednesday 9 April 2025 WEST OFFICES, YORK drop in any time 4-6pm

For more information email: skills@york.gov.uk

Click here to book via **eventbrite**



Scan to book your place

LNER

DFN Project SEARCH

- ✓ Marketable job skills
- ✓ Increased independence and confidence
- ✓ Development of soft skills e.g., financial literacy
- ✓ Training experiences of office-based roles in a real workplace
- ✓ Individualised support from a full-time Job Coach and Tutor

