

# Knavesmire Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

Friday 25th April 2025

### Mr Cooper and Mr Gardiner's Message

Parents, Families, Carers,

Welcome back after the Easter holidays, I hope it was lovely!

It's been nice to return to school with a 4 day week and it has helped many of us get used to the early morning alarm calls!

Although this is the last term of the year, we have lots of weeks left to do some fabulous things. Year 4 will be looking forward to Robin Hood's Bay, Year 5 Carlton Lodge, and Year 6 will soon be smashing SATs out of the park! We know there are lots of exciting Big Ideas going on in classes.

Just a couple of attendance reminders: Remember to phone or email the school to report absences. Remember that holidays will be unauthorised, and may be penalised with a fine. Remember that the school target for attendance is 97% so we will contact any families where attendance falls below the national threshold of 90%.

We hope you have a lovely term and get to enjoy a lovely weekend.

Thanks for your support.

Mr 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 be 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](mailto: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](mailto: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!



## 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 Revered 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!

During the Easter holidays Mr Cooper successfully completed his fundraising run down in London. I'm sure blood, sweat and tears were involved but he did it, raising in the process a whopping

# £1,165

for Centrepoint, his chosen charity

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed, it is much appreciated

# TOGETHER WE CAN END YOUTH HOMELESSNESS

# WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION



## SCHOOL LIBRARY

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](http://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/>



# 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.elc.org.uk](mailto:e.gilligan@knavesmire.elc.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.

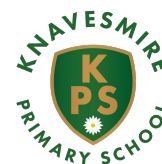
#### My Sight York

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.



# 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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## CLOTHES LABELS

Our school will receive 30% commission to put towards school funds from every order where the fundraising number is quoted.

Our Fundraising  
Number Is: 11349

# 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. Consent and payment was due yesterday (Thursday 24/04/25) however there are still a number outstanding. Please give consent and make payment ASAP if you have not done this already. 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.

**Pedestrian Training 13/05/25** - See email sent 22/04/25. There is no change to drop off, pick up times or lunches. Children should wear shoes and a coat appropriate for the weather on the day. As this training takes place within school time in the local area we do not require you to give additional consent for your child to take part.

## Year 4

**Active Afternoon at York High** - This is for a specific number of children in Y4. See email sent today (25/04/25) to the parents/carers of invited children. **Please give consent on ParentPay by Tuesday 29/04/25.**

**Robin Hood's Bay** - See information sent today (25/04/25). **Please complete google form by Thursday 01/05/25.** The payment item is live on ParentPay. The next payment is due by **30/04/25.**

**Pedestrian Training 24/06/25** - See email sent 22/04/25. There is no change to drop off, pick up times or lunches. Children should wear shoes and a coat appropriate for the weather on the day. As this training takes place within school time in the local area we do not require you to give additional consent for your child to take part.

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# **(Cont..) TRIPS, ACTIVITIES AND PERFORMANCES**

## **Year 5**

**Carlton Lodge** - 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 **by Friday 16/05/25**.

<https://forms.gle/eUrfdULr7Hai6kGw6>

## **Year 6**

**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>

**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/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.

# 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. <a href="http://www.ignitesportscoaching.co.uk">www.ignitesportscoaching.co.uk</a> or email: <a href="mailto:info@ignitesportscoaching.co.uk">info@ignitesportscoaching.co.uk</a>
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 <a href="https://forms.office.com/r/UEqRPhRhcX">https://forms.office.com/r/UEqRPhRhcX</a> or for more info, email Miss Caroline: <a href="mailto:dancewithmisscaroline@outlook.com">dancewithmisscaroline@outlook.com</a>
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: <a href="mailto:stuart@circusskillsyorkcic.org">stuart@circusskillsyorkcic.org</a> or go to the website: <a href="http://www.circusskillsyorkcic.org">www.circusskillsyorkcic.org</a>
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: <a href="http://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com">www.rocksteadymusicschool.com</a>
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: <a href="mailto:clare@clares-kitchen.co.uk">clare@clares-kitchen.co.uk</a>
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](mailto: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	<a href="mailto:stevepowell726@gmail.com">stevepowell726@gmail.com</a>
Piano	Carolyn Amos	<a href="mailto:carolynamos@hotmail.co.uk">carolynamos@hotmail.co.uk</a>
Drums	Alex Woolgar	<a href="mailto:alexwoolgar1@gmail.com">alexwoolgar1@gmail.com</a>
Singing	Alison Pawley	<a href="mailto:alisunr@yahoo.com">alisunr@yahoo.com</a>
Violin	Marcus Bousfield	<a href="mailto:marcus.bousfield@btinternet.com">marcus.bousfield@btinternet.com</a>
Brass	Andy Hillier	<a href="https://yorkmusiced.org.uk/index.php/what-we-do/york-music-centre/enrolment-form">https://yorkmusiced.org.uk/index.php/what-we-do/york-music-centre/enrolment-form</a>

## MUSIC NEWS

### New Songs

You might have seen before the holidays that we shared the songs that the whole school have begun to learn in Music. Some children have asked that I share them again so they can ask you to play them at home. We'll add more songs here in the coming weeks.

This Is Me

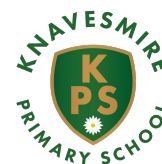
[https://youtu.be/5J29YsEfYlo?si=ak8g1\\_37O63ZT-kd](https://youtu.be/5J29YsEfYlo?si=ak8g1_37O63ZT-kd)

Sing

[https://youtu.be/b5l\\_t1TzQhw?si=6Pq40BqT8cvJBx\\_\\_](https://youtu.be/b5l_t1TzQhw?si=6Pq40BqT8cvJBx__)



# KEY DATES



YEAR	DATE(S)	ACTIVITY
Nursery		
Reception		
Year 1	07/05/25	Harlow Carr Trip
Year 2	01/05/25 08/05/25 15/05/25 19/05/25	Forest School Forest School Forest School Scarborough Trip
Year 3	07/05/25 13/05/25	Eureka Trip (Drop off at 8.30pm, pick up at 3.45pm) Pedestrian Training
Year 4	01/05/25 02/06/25 - 13/06/25 13/06/25 18/06/25 - 19/06/25 19/06/25 - 20/06/25 24/06/25	Active Afternoon at York High (invited children from Y4) Multiplication Check TT Rockstar Dress Up Day Robin Hood's Bay Residential- 4R Robin Hood's Bay Residential - 4GH Pedestrian Training
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 25/06/25  27/06/25  (04/07/25)	SEN Coffee Morning 9-10am Samba Band at York Pride March MAT Arts Fest for all of Y5 and MAT Choir (Parents can attend performance at 6.30pm) 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

We hope you all had a good break and a nice half term.

Next week, on Thursday the 1 May, we'll be having our first Bake Off. The theme this year is SPACE and Nursery, Reception, Year 5 and Year 6 will be the first groups who can showcase their ideas. The rest of the year groups (ie 1 to 4) will be able to get a chance the week after on the 8 May. We can't wait to see your fantastic creations.

After the cakes have been judged we'll also be selling them - right after school on said competition days. This way you'll be able to have a look and taste for yourselves :)

And as always, it'd be great if we can find some volunteers to help with the cake sale. So if you have time please contact us and send us an email to [knavesmirefriends@gmail.com](mailto:knavesmirefriends@gmail.com).

Have a good weekend everyone!



**1 MAY 2025:**

**Nursery, Reception, Years 5 & 6**

**8 MAY 2025: Years 1 - 4**



**Theme: SPACE**



**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

## 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](mailto: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](http://www.knavesmireprimary.co.uk/kckc)

## CLUB INFORMATION

### EMAIL ADDRESS

New Email Address - our email has changed to [coolkidsclub@knavesmire.elc.org.uk](mailto: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

We have had a fabulous start to the summer term in Nursery! We have welcomed some new faces and are very impressed with how quickly our new children have settled in. We look forward to welcoming some more next week!

This week we focussed on Easter as we were very excited to share news of Easter bunnies and eggs appearing in our homes. We shared the Easter story and decorated lots of eggs.

Next week we will begin our new Big Idea which is all about farms. Our end goal is to make bread following on from the story 'The Little Red Hen'. We will be finding out where all of our ingredients came from and how they ended up in our Nursery kitchen!

Have a great weekend!

The Nursery Team

## RECEPTION MESSAGES

We have had a brilliant first week back after Easter. We have started our New Big Idea 'Super Science' where we will be taking part in experiments, finding out how things work, looking at life cycles and growing our own plants! This week we made mini greenhouses and planted a pea, we will watch them grow over the next few weeks before they come home. We also looked at the life cycle of plants and we discussed how they grow and what they need.

In Phonics, we have started Phase 4 which is reading words with adjacent consonants, In Maths we are continuing to work on 3D shapes and in Literacy we are practicing our writing using consistent finger spaces.

Have a lovely weekend and we will see you next week!

## YEAR 1 MESSAGES

Welcome back! Everyone has returned refreshed and ready for the summer term. This week, we have begun our new Big Idea which is all about plants and how they grow. Our end goal is to make a plant sculpture, so we will be doing lots of science and arty things this half term. In English we are learning to write recounts and planned and wrote a recount of something that we did in the Easter holidays. In Maths we have been counting in multiples of 2. This is something lots of us need to practise so please keep counting at home. We are all working hard on our Phonics and are beginning to prepare for the statutory Phonics screening in June. Please continue to support your child with their blending at home to help build their confidence.

Thanks for your support

# YEAR GROUP MESSAGES



## YEAR 2 MESSAGES

Year 2 have launched themselves into the Summer term with lots of fun activities already! In Maths, we have been recapping directions and understanding positional language. Our new purpose in English is discussion - we have looked at the features needed for a balanced argument and created a word bank to use for our writing. In Big Idea this week, we have been looking at coasts around the UK. We used our Geography skills to look at how coasts are similar and how they are different, as well as what coasts were used for in the past. On Thursday, we had a fantastic Forest School session creating aqueducts! We worked as part of a team to connect pipes and see how much water could travel along our creations. We will be continuing our Forest School session for the duration of the half term so please make sure all children come into school with appropriate footwear and a coat - we will be going out in all weathers! As the warmer weather approaches (!), you may also want to pack sun-cream!

Thank you for those of you that have volunteered to help with our Scarborough trip on Monday 19th of May. We are still opening this up to helpers to be as inclusive as possible and we will confirm volunteers next week.

Have a brilliant weekend!

The Year 2 team.

## YEAR 3 MESSAGES

Year 3 have had a wonderful first week back! They've started their new Big Idea, learning all about the Human Body, and taken part in a range of interesting discussions. In Writing, the children have started their writing unit, working towards writing a non-chronological report all about The Human Body. In Maths, the children have begun their unit on fractions, focusing particularly on equivalent fractions. In PE, the children enjoyed their first swimming lesson back and took part in the 'Mini London Marathon'. The children are aiming to run 2 miles, over two outdoor PE lessons, between Tuesday 22nd April and Friday 2nd May.

This week's homework can be found online:

- Maths - accessed via MyMaths. 3 worksheets have been set which recap on Y2 Maths (fraction) objectives.
- Spellings - 1 'contractions' worksheet accessed via Google Classroom.

Weekly times table and spelling tests will restart from Thursday 1st May.

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

We hope you have a wonderful weekend! The Year 3 Team.

## YEAR 4 MESSAGES

Our first week back in Year 4 has been focussed around the Romans, answering the children's questions about where and when Ancient Rome began, and how the Roman empire grew over time.

In English, we took a peek at Boudicca's diary and read about her battles with the Romans. We are starting to recognise the features needed to write a diary entry.

Our Maths focus continues to be decimals, and we have started to partition decimals and make a whole number with decimals this week.

# YEAR GROUP MESSAGES



## YEAR 5 MESSAGES

It has been lovely having the children back this week and hearing about their Easter fun! We jumped straight into the week with York Knights Rugby teaching the children as part of their 'On the Same Team' campaign where children are learning teamwork, respect, sportsmanship, supporting each other and a lot of other skills through rugby games as part of their PE. In writing, we have been learning about Ernest Shackleton, Antarctica and how Shackleton and his team prepared for their journey. In maths, we have been learning to interpret and draw line graphs and tables. In Big Idea, we created a timeline of famous explorations in the past and have conducted a science experiment to help us with making a survival kit for Mount Everest climbers.

The children are in charge of their own spellings this week! They have chosen 10 words from the Year 5/6 spelling list to practise in a way that works for them. On Friday, the children will test each other based on their own spellings. For times tables we will be quizzing the children on their 6 times tables and a MyMaths activity is loaded onto the children's account.

Thank you for a great first week back at school! Have a joyful weekend!

The Year 5 Team

## YEAR 6 MESSAGES

Welcome back to the final full term of Year 6! We are all working incredibly hard in Year 6 to prepare for the upcoming SATs assessments, which will take place from the 12th to the 15th May (with the all-important details regarding morning toast to follow)! Then, the SATs writing period will run until the middle of June.

This week, we have been working incredibly hard on our specialism non-chronological reports- thank you for all of the hard work you did to prepare for these over the Easter holiday, we certainly have learnt a lot about a range of interesting topics. We have been playing rugby in PE and our hockey team has been training hard each morning for the hockey finals, which take place today- we wish them all the best as they go to represent our school.

The usual SPAG and arithmetic homework will be sent home today and this will be due next Friday. Have a lovely weekend.

The Year 6 Team

(Flyer below on uniform event for Fulford School, with amended dates)

## THE SCHOOL HOUSE MESSAGES

We have had a lovely first week back in the School House!

In Maths, we have been recapping formal methods and our times tables. In English, we have looked at the features of persuasive leaflets and found facts about Cannon Hall. We are very excited to create our own persuasive leaflets all about Cannon Hall farm for Mr Cooper and Mr Gardiner!

Our new guiding question is 'how do you run a farm?' This week, we have been busy designing our own allotments and even visiting Mr Poyner's allotment to find out what types of food grow on farms.

Have a lovely weekend everyone,  
School House Team.



# YEAR 6 TRANSITION INFORMATION



FULFORD SCHOOL

**SCHOOLSHOP**

**2 Exclusive Uniform Sizing Days for Year 7 pupils starting at Fulford School in September**  
You can also bring any siblings currently at the school

**New Year 7 Grey Tie NOW IN STOCK**

**Book Today**  
to secure your slot

**SATURDAY SATURDAY**  
**5<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**July July**  
**8am to 4pm**  
**at our Elvington shop**  
6 appointment slots per hour

  
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## 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.



**Child  
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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.

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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.

"It's  
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"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](mailto: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 25<sup>th</sup> 2024  
October 23<sup>rd</sup> 2024  
November 27<sup>th</sup> 2024  
December 18<sup>th</sup> 2024  
January 29<sup>th</sup> 2025  
February 26<sup>th</sup> 2025  
March 26<sup>th</sup> 2025  
April 23<sup>rd</sup> 2025  
May 21<sup>st</sup> 2025  
June 25<sup>th</sup> 2025  
July 16<sup>th</sup> 2025



# COMMUNITY MESSAGES

*Leeds and Bradford Triathlon Club*

## **JUNIOR AQUATHLON**

**Sunday 1st June**  
*The Edge – Leeds University*  
**ALL abilities welcomed and indeed encouraged**  
*Perfect way to start multi-sport events*  
*Same heated pool used by Olympians*  
*Closed running course set within the University grounds*  
*Professional chip timing*  
*Medals & goodies for all competitors*  
*No special equipment needed*  
*Distances based on age*

- **TriStar Start** (8 years) – 50m Swim & 600m Run
- **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/>  
 or just google or scan the QR code




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## **ROWNTREE PARK TENNIS CLUB**

SPRING PROGRAMME OF TENNIS COACHING SESSIONS WITH OUR LTA COACH JILL LE PLA



- 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'



For enquiries, please contact Jill Le Pla on 07531 598 512 or [jlptenniscoaching@gmail.com](mailto:jlptenniscoaching@gmail.com)



# COMMUNITY MESSAGES



## York Health and Arts Mela

**Sunday 11th May 2025, 10am to 5pm**

York Museum Gardens, Main Lawn YO1 7FR & Exhibition Square, YO1 7EW. The nearest car park is Marygate, YO30 7DT.

Join our award-winning vibrant Multi-Cultural celebration of Healthcare, Wellbeing, Arts, Diverse Food, Entertainment, Awareness and much more...

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## BOLLYWOOD CRUISE ON THE RIVER OUSE

**Saturday 28 June 2025**

*Come on board and join us for York's ultimate Bollywood Cruise, you do not want to miss it!*

*Enjoy the views from the River Ouse and naach (dance) to the best of Bollywood and Bhangra music along with other genres.*

**Dress code: Smart Casual**

**Boarding:** 06:45 PM  
**Cruising:** 07:00 PM–10:00 PM  
**Vessel:** Captain James Cook

**Departing & Disembarking:**  
King's Staith, York YO1 9SN

**Tickets @ Eventbrite:**  
Search Eventbrite : Bollywood Cruise in York

**Link :** [Bollywood Cruise on the Ouse](#)





# COMMUNITY MESSAGES



## Clare's Kitchen



### Baking Club @ Knavesmire

Do you have a little chef at home who would like to join us? We meet after school on a Friday for 2 hours to explore lots of fun and delicious recipes together.  
Contact Clare to find out more..

*Follow Clare's Kitchen in schools*  
<http://www.facebook.com/clareshkitchenyork>  
Instagram @clareshkitchenyork  
Email [clare@clares-kitchen.co.uk](mailto:clare@clares-kitchen.co.uk)  
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Little Knavesmire

Starting from Sunday 11th May  
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**6 Week Course**  
Mon - Fri  
Daily sessions  
1st session 9:30 - 11:30am  
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## COMMUNITY MESSAGES



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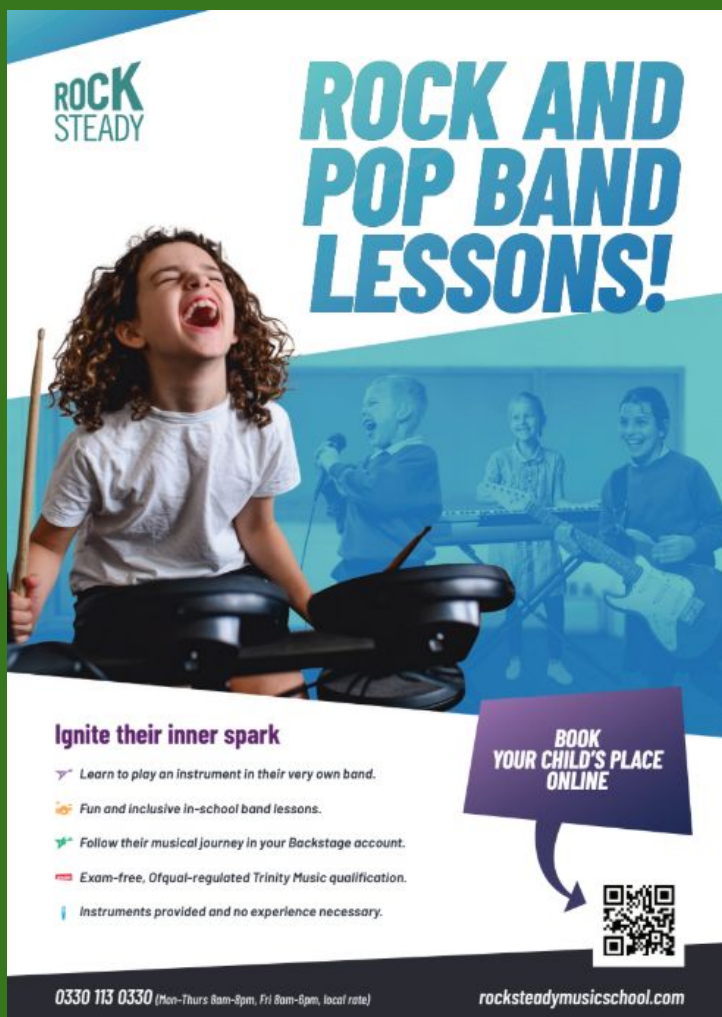
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**Children's Therapy Team**

## 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 27<sup>th</sup> March 2025- 3:45-5:00, Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2025 3:30-5:30 For more information or to book a place please email us at [yhs-tr.childrenstherapytraining@nhs.net](mailto: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 29<sup>th</sup> January 2025 3:30-5:00pm, Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2025 3:30-5:00pm

For more information or to book a place please email us at [yhs-tr.childrenstherapytraining@nhs.net](mailto: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 25<sup>th</sup> March 2025, 3:30pm-5:00pm. For more information or to book a place please email us at [yhs-tr.childrenstherapytraining@nhs.net](mailto: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 26<sup>th</sup> March 2025 10:30-12:00  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2025 9:30-11:00

For more information or to book a place please email us at [yhs-tr.childrenstherapytraining@nhs.net](mailto:yhs-tr.childrenstherapytraining@nhs.net)

Please note booking closes 1 week before the workshop

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## 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 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025 1:00-2:30pm, Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2025 3:15-4:45pm, Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2025 1:00-2:30pm

For more information or to book a place please email us at [yhs-tr.childrenstherapytraining@nhs.net](mailto: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](http://www.yorkhospitals.nhs.uk/childrens-centre/your-childs-hospital-journey/introduction-to-childrens-therapies)

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## 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 28<sup>th</sup> January 2025 3:45pm - 5:15pm
- Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2025 3:45pm - 5:15pm
- Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025 3:45pm-5:15pm

To book a place on one of the workshops above, please contact [yhs-tr.childrenstherapytraining@nhs.net](mailto:yhs-tr.childrenstherapytraining@nhs.net)