Knavesmire Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 9th May 2025

Mr Cooper and Mr Gardiner's Message

Happy Friday!

We've had an action-packed, four-day week with some lovely highlights.

Our Year 1 children have enjoyed a visit to Harlow Carr and Year 3 to Eureka. This nicely linked with their Big Ideas and we heard many children describing 'the best day ever'! School House children also had a visit to Cannon Hall on Tuesday as part of their learning. Thank you for your support in making these trips happen and especially to parents who volunteered.

Some of our Year 2s took part in a football event yesterday afternoon at York High and represented the school superbly well. After school, our girls and boys rugby teams played St Wilf's in some friendly matches. They, again, played excellently and showed a great competitive attitude as well as excellent skill and athleticism. Well done!

Finally, attendance is always top of the list as none of the above happens if the children aren't in school. Thank you for your efforts in keeping attendance strong overall across school. The final weeks right up to Summer are still rammed with engaging, exciting and enriching learning and we want all children to be here for it.

Have a fantastic weekend,

Mr Cooper & 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):

- Whole School Information
- Trips, Activities and Performances
- Key Dates
- Cool Kids Club
- Year Group Messages
- Community Messages







Blue Peter Green Badge - Knavesmire's Easter Eco Challenge

It has been great to hear and see all of the things that the children have been getting up to as part of the **Knavesmire Eco Challenge**. If you missed it, don't worry as it's not too late to take part!

Once you have completed the challenge, by taking one or more pledges, and you're aged 5-15 years old, you can apply for a **Blue Peter Green badge**, which gives you *free entry to 200+ attractions in the UK*. We'd love to see as many children as possible getting a Blue Peter Green badge!

How do I apply for the Blue Peter Green badge?

Information on the badge and how to apply can be found here: https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/blue-peter-apply-for-a-green-badge

You will need to create a unique BBC account for each young person who is applying.

- 1. Start here to register for a BBC account You will select 'aged under 13' and then you can create a unique account for your young person, using your own email address.
- 2. Then, go to https://mybluepeter.bbcstudios.com/#/ to log in using their details and select the Blue Peter Green badge.
- 3. Tell Blue Peter what you do to protect the environment and why being green is important to you. Include a photo, video or some artwork inspired by the environment, conservation, or nature.





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

If you are not currently in receipt of these benefits, but would like to be, please contact the school office. We will ask you to complete a google form so we can collect relevant information and 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.elt.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.elt.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!



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



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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?bankld=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

We are experiencing a resurgence in nits in the school, particularly in Y1. Do 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/14023395

9376362/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.

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







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PEANUT BUTTER







SFN COFFFF 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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Please email <u>e.gilligan@knavesmire.elt.org.uk</u> to confirm your attendance.

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.



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.





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

Reception

<u>Scientots Activity (in school), 20/05/25</u> - See email sent 06/05/25. In order for this activity to go ahead we are asking for a voluntary parent contribution of £4.50 per child to help with the costs. Please use the item on ParentPay to make payment by Thursday 05/06/25.

Year 2

<u>Scarborough Trip, 19/05/25</u> - See email sent 02/04/25. 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

<u>Swimming</u> - The voluntary contribution is live on ParentPay.

<u>Pedestrian Training 13/05/25</u> - 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.

Mini Triathlon, 21/05/25 - See email sent 02/05/25. Children will need to come to school with their swimwear under sports clothing (T-shirt, shorts/tracksuit bottoms and trainers). They will also need a towel and a spare set of sports clothing in a rucksack to change into after the event. Children can bring swimming goggles if they wish. Children should come to school with long hair tied back. Earrings will need to be removed either before we leave for the event or before arriving at school if your child cannot remove these themselves. Children will need a packed lunch which we will eat in class before we leave, along with a filled water bottle. Children are also welcome to bring additional snacks for the trip. This trip has no impact on drop off or pick up times.

Year 4

<u>Robin Hood's Bay</u> - See information sent 25/04/25. Thank you all for completing the google form and payment plan.

<u>Pedestrian Training 24/06/25</u> - 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, 21/05/25 - 23/05/25 - Thank you all form completing the google form and payment plan.

<u>Trust Arts Fest, 25/06/25 (All of Y5)</u> - See email sent 04/04/25. Please can <u>all parents</u> complete a google form (link in email) confirming whether or not they give consent for their child to take part by Friday 16/05/25.

https://forms.gle/eUrfdULr7Hai6kGw6

Children should come to school at normal time wearing school uniform. Children should bring 2 packed lunches and a filled water bottle. Collection either from York University at the end of the performance or from School - whichever you have indicated on the google form.

Year 6

National Railway Museum Trip. 19/06/25 - See email sent 02/05/25. Please complete the consent on ParentPay by Monday 12/05/25. Children should come to school in their school uniform. Children should wear a coat and shoes appropriate for the weather. This trip has no impact on drop off or pick up times. Children need to bring a packed lunch and a filled water bottle for the trip.

<u>Treat Day Trip to Hollywood Bowl, 10/07/25</u> - See email sent 02/05/25. Please complete the consent and meal choice on ParentPay by Monday 12/05/25. Children should come to school in their school uniform. Children should wear trainers or plimsolls (suitable for bowling in). This trip has no impact on drop off or pick up times. Lunch is provided as part of the trip.

<u>Crucial Crew Trip. 17/07/25</u> - See email sent 02/05/25. Please complete the consent on ParentPay by Monday 12/05/25. Children should come to school in their school uniform. Children should wear a coat and shoes appropriate for the weather. This trip has no impact on drop off or pick up times. Children need to bring a packed lunch and a filled water bottle for the trip. Children will eat their packed lunches in school on their return.

Other

<u>Trust Arts Fest, 25/06/25 (All of Y5 & invited Y6)</u> - See email sent 04/04/25. Please can parents complete a google form (link in email) confirming whether or not they give consent for their child to take part **by Friday 16/05/25.** Children should come to school at normal time wearing school uniform. Children should bring 2 packed lunches and a filled water bottle. Collection either from York University at the end of the performance or from School - whichever you have indicated on the google form.

MAT Sports Fest, 09/07/25 - Please see email sent 02/05/25 to 12 children in Years 2, 4 and 6. Please complete the google form (link in email) by 16/05/25. Children should arrive in school wearing their PE kit. They should bring a named rucksack containing a filled water bottle, a packed lunch, sun cream and a sun hat.

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 Wednesday and Thursday lunchtime.	To sign up for these sessions please follow this link https://forms.office.com/r/UEqRPhRhcx 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 in 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

<u>Circus Skills -</u> Please note that Circus Skills is moving to Monday lunchtimes from next term.

<u>Knavesmire Chess Club - FREE - Knavesmire 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.</u>

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

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

Sing

https://youtu.be/b5l t1TzQhw?si=6Pq40BqT8cvJBx

KEY DATES



YEAR	DATE(S)	ACTIVITY
Nursery		
Reception	20/05/25	Scientots Activity in school.
Year 1		
Year 2	15/05/25 19/05/25	Forest School Scarborough Trip
Year 3	13/05/25	Pedestrian Training
Year 4	02/06/25 - 13/06/25 13/06/25 18/06/25 - 19/06/25 19/06/25 - 20/06/25 24/06/25	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 30/06/25 07/07/25	Carlton Lodge Residential MAT Arts Fest (Parents can attend performance at 6.30pm) Playhouse Project @ York Theatre Royal (more info to follow soon) French café day at Millthorpe - details to follow
Year 6	19/06/25 25/06/25 10/07/25 15/07/25 16/07/25 17/07/25 17/07/25	National Railway Museum Trip MAT Arts Fest (Invited Y6 children for choir)- Parents can attend performance at 6.30pm. Treat Day Trip 6pm - Year 6 Play (more info to follow soon) 1.30 and 6pm - Year 6 Play (more info to follow soon) Crucial Crew Trip 5-6.30pm - Y6 Graduation (Parents invited to attend, more info to follow soon).
The School House		
Other	07/06/25 25/06/25 27/06/25 (04/07/25) 09/07/25	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.) MAT Sports Fest (Invited children in Years 2, 4 and 6)

FRIENDS OF KNAVESMIRE UPDATE

Thanks to the enthusiastic and artistic bakers who entered the first half of this year's Knavesmire Bake Off yesterday. Your cakes were stunning and tasted even better. The first three winners are:

Ted M. (Reception) Lyndon H. (Year 5) Lenny B. (Year 6)

We will hand out ALL the prizes once both Bake Off rounds have been done. Thank you for your understanding and most importantly your patience. And of course thanks to everyone who bought a cake and to the members of staff as well as the Year 6ers who helped. We really appreciate your support.

Next Thursday, it'll be the turn of Year 1 to 4 to show their ideas and amaze everyone with their bakes. So please bring in your creations on the day and drop them off at reception. And please be reminded that everything has to be nut free. All cakes will be sold right after school.

We will also again set up a separate stall inside to allow the children who attend Kids Club to buy some cake if the like. So please remember to bring in some money on this day so that your child can buy a cake if they like.

Have a good bank holiday weekend everyone!







Friends of Knavesmire Primary School

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

BOOKINGS FOR MAY HALF TERM ARE NOW LIVE THROUGH CHILDCARE BOOKINGS FOR SCHOOLS

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.elt.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 continued with the farming theme this week in Nursery. After finding out about the animals that live on the farm, we began to learn about other things you may see. We learnt about the crops which farmers grow and the purpose of these. After reading the story 'The Little Red Hen' we recalled the process wheat goes through to become bread in preparation for our End Goal, which we will be beginning next week.

Next week we will have Forest School on Thursday morning. This session has been moved from the 22nd, as we have the Theatre Royal visiting us then for our termly workshop.

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

RECEPTION MESSAGES

Reception have continued being busy scientists this week as we took part in yet more experiments!

We have been watching our pea and sunflower plants grow and we have been looking at how the roots/shoots are changing as well as the differences between the 2 plants at this early stage.

We are very excited for 'ScienceTots' to visit us for a full day of workshops in the last week of term, more information on this has come out through parent pay.

We have been looking at the breakdown of numbers between 10-20 and we have started to order them. In Literacy we continuing to practise writing sentences using full stops and we are building our stamina by writing more than 1!

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

YEAR 1 MESSAGES

We have had a really busy but fun week! On Wednesday, we went to RHS Harlow Carr and identified different plants and trees as we walked around the gardens. We had a really good time while we were there and want to say a very BIG thank you to all the parent helpers who came with us on our trip.

In English we have written a recount of our visit to Harlow Carr and in Maths we have been working on understanding arrays.

Next week we will be finding out where plants grow and how they can provide food for us to eat.

The weather is due to be warm and sunny again next week, so please make sure your child has a hat with them for outdoor playtime.

Thanks for your support and we hope you have a great weekend, from the Year One team.

YEAR GROUP MESSAGES



YEAR 2 MESSAGES

Year 2 have continued to work extremely hard this week in lots of different areas! In English, we have been creating our own balanced arguments and sharing ideas. For Maths, we have continued looking at telling time and practising our 5 x tables - we will continue to support the children in telling time throughout the year. On Thursday, we have an exceptionally busy day! We loved making boats in Forest School; the children were really creative with their ideas and tested their boats to see which were the most successful. We were also lucky enough to have a Coastal visitor speak to us about their adventures in the Bahamas! Dan was a contestant on the Deadly Mission Shark a few years ago and loved answering all of the questions that the children had. Throughout our other Big Idea lessons, we have been practising our sewing skills! We have all had to channel lots of resilience and determination!

We have now confirmed all of our volunteers for our Scarborough trip on the 19th of May! Thank you again for offering your help if you have been able to. We will send home more communication about our trip next week so

please keep a look out! Have a great weekend!

From the Year 2 team.

YEAR 3 MESSAGES

Year 3 have had a brilliant week! In Writing, they've enjoyed drafting and editing non-chronological reports about the Human Body. In Maths, the children have continued their work on fractions. In Big Idea, the children learned all about a healthy diet and organised a variety of food items onto an Eatwell Plate to show their understanding of a balanced diet.

On Wednesday, the children visited EUREKA! and learned all about the Human Body. They had a look around a number of different galleries and even attended a show! They represented school brilliantly and thoroughly enjoyed the day out! A HUGE thank you so much to all of our volunteers who accompanied us for the day - without you, our trip wouldn't have been possible!

This week's homework:

Maths homework is on MyMaths and consists of two fraction tasks.

Spelling homework is on Spelling Shed this week and focuses on homophones.

If you have any questions or queries about anything at all, please don't hesitate to speak with a member of the Year 3 team - we're always happy to help!

We hope you have a wonderful weekend!

The Year 3 Team

YEAR 4 MESSAGES

In Year Four this week, we have focussed on what life was like for the Romans, practising using safe searching techniques to find facts and to study the uniform of a Roman soldier.

In Maths, we have started to look at money: counting it, adding it and estimating. On Friday, the children practised using estimation to shop at the "KPS Toy Shop", where they had to estimate the cost of certain items.

In English, we have continued our "Escape from Pompeii" diary entries by the main character, Tranio. The children have focussed on using vivid description alongside emotive language to recount the events from Tranio's point of view.

Need to know:

In preparation for the Multiplication check after half term, please could we ask you to encourage the children in their times tables practise at home, particularly focussing on the times tables which they find difficult.

YEAR GROUP MESSAGES



YEAR 5 MESSAGES

Year 5 never fail to impress us and this week blew us away with how amazing they were on Thursday when completing their geography fieldwork as part of their Big Idea: To be an Adventurer. They walked to Bishopthorpe Road, conducted fieldwork and then walked to Rowntree Park where they created a map of the human and physical features in Rowntree Park. In writing, they have planned and started to write their diary entry from the perspective of a crew member on Shackleton's Exhibition. They will continue this next week and start the editing process. In maths, they have been using protractors to measure and draw angles accurately. They will start to learn how to find missing angles on straight lines next week. In PE, they have continued work with York City Knights Rugby which they are all really enjoying! Next week our times table focus will be 12 times tables and spelling homework is a list of words which are commonly misspelt in the children's work. As always, there will be a MyMaths task and also TTRockstars / NumberGym to complete.

Year 5 will be taking part in the Playhouse Project at the Theatre Royal on 30/06/25. Parents will be invited to purchase tickets for matinee and evening performances. We will send out further information as soon as we receive it from the Theatre Royal.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing you all next week.

The Year 5 Team.

YEAR 6 MESSAGES

Year 6 have been working incredibly hard on the build-up to SATs and are all incredibly excited about the prospect of toast at 8am every morning! We have also been playing rugby and rounders in PE.

We have sent out a separate letter regarding specific information for SATS week. This weekend, it is hopefully going to be very sunny so we recommend a lovely weekend in the sunshine with a few early nights so they are ready to come to school bright and early on Monday morning!

Thank you for all of your support this term,

The Year 6 Team

THE SCHOOL HOUSE MESSAGES

We have had a lovely week in the School House!

In English, we have been publishing our persuasive leaflets. We read our leaflets to Mr Cooper last week to try and persuade him to book our Cannon Hall Farm trip. He was blown away by our persuasive language and booked our trip to help us learn how to run a farm.

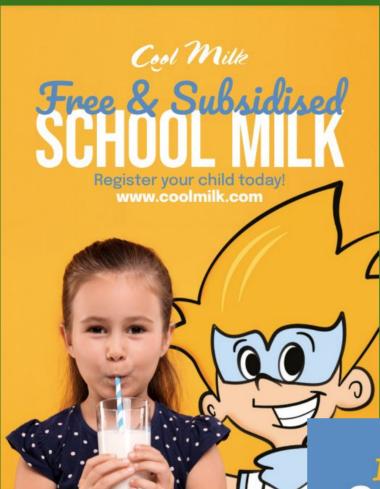
In Maths, we have been learning all about money. This week, we have been identifying amounts of money and placing them in order. In Big Idea, we have been painting with vegetables and learning all about different types of teeth.

Have a lovely weekend everyone,

School House Team.

YEAR 6 TRANSITION INFORMATION







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

REGISTER YOUR CHILD TODAY

Register online



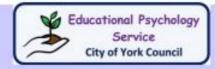
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- Every Saturday from 1.3.25 Beginner Adult (Tennis Express) session (9am-10am) 6 WEEK COURSE
- Every Saturday from 1.3.25 Improvers session (10am-11am). PAY and PLAY
- Every Saturday from 1.3.25 Intermediates session (11am-12noon) PAY and PLAY
- Every 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







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York Karate after school club

To Knavesmire School parents.

I am delighted to announce that York Karate Dojo has availability in our karate classes after school. The classes are in the traditional martial art of Shotokan Karate and will provide an excellent opportunity for them to begin their karate training.

The classes are focused on the fundamentals of the art, perfect for beginners, with a strong focus on discipline, improving strength and fitness and concentration. We also make time to have some fun too!

Every Monday: 3:40pm - 4:25pm St. Chads' Church Hall

Places are limited and so to book a trial session, please visit www.yorkkarate.net.

Simon Flint Instructor York Karate Dojo info@yorkkarate.ne 07814545013



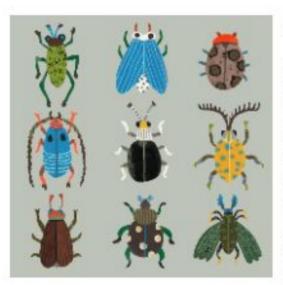






Half term fun for all at York Theatre Royal

Jenna Drury has worked with all our classes, delivering fun drama sessions as part of our partnership with York Theatre Royal. Jenna would like to share news of an exciting performance she is giving at YTR, for a wildlife charity:



Beetles and Bee Tales

Interactive storytelling with Mud Pie Arts

Who's side will you take when Cora, the crafty cuckoo bumblebee, sneaks her way into Queen Red-tail's nest?

And will you dare to stand up to Brutus, the invading bark beetle, as he devours every forest in his way?

Find out with Mud Pie Arts. Together, we will act out these bold tales of bombastic beastles! May half term is the perfect time to go bug hunting, so come along to learn more with our spinner of yarns, Jenna Drury.

Expect all-join-in storytelling, riddles, games, and post show doodling on an epic scale!

These original tales have been created by Mud Pie Arts, to nurture children's interest in the natural world.

All proceeds will be donated to People's Trust for Endangered Species.

https://ptes.org/

Suitable for all wild beasties age 4-11 years!

York Theatre Royal Studio Saturday 31st May 11am Length: One hour All seats £5.50

https://www.yorktheatreroyal.co.uk/show/beetles-and-bee-tales/





At home superheroes

14 June - 13 July

Unleash your kids' superpowers this summer and join us for a virtual race around the world, powered by Marvel! Set your distance, assemble your team, and walk, wheel or swim your way to victory.

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Telephone number: 01904 550033





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2pm 7pm
Fundraising Film Screenings
Sunday 25 May 2025

Tickets £5.00

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YEAR 3 AND 4 FREE WORKSHOPS

21st May 2025 4:30pm to 6:00pm at Bootham Junior School.

Choose from the below workshops:

- · Languages Café
- · Cricket bowling, batting and fielding
- · STEM: Squiggling and Fizzing
- Campfire Crafts and Cooking
- Code Breaking
- Wonderful Watercolours
- Game Design
- · Body Beats; Robot Rhythms.

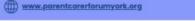


If you are interested, please scan the QR to register your child. If you would like more information please email jessica.birch@boothamschool.com



2 May 2025





Forum

2 May 2025





Coffee Mornings



sday 6th May 2025 10.30am - 12.00pm New Earswick Folk Hall Specialist Teacher for Autism



Thursday 15th May 2025 10.30am - 12.00pm Acomb Explore Library

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@pcfyork.co.uk

Virtual Cuppa & Chat



Monday 26th May 2025 6.30pm - 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@pcfyork.co.uk



Listening Event



Wednesday 14th May 2025 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Please join us online for this informal listening event with Melanie Leighton from SENDIASS, covering choosing a suitable school / college for the EHC

Email Mary at connect@pcfyork.co.uk for the meeting link.

Get Involved

Can you volunteer some time to help PCF York represent parent carer voices? Email Mary: connect@pcfyork.co.uk to arrange an informal chat.







For Adult Carers

York Carers Centre runs two monthly social groups for unpaid carers providing a space to connect, share experiences, and receive peer support from others who understand your situation. Carer Support Workers and volunteers facilitate these groups and are on hand to discuss any concerns, challenges and successes related to your caring role.



Tuesday 13th May, 1.15 - 2.45 pm Acomb



Wednesday 28th May, 1 – 2.30 pm Haxby More info here.

For Young Adult Carers

Monthly young adult carer social event.



Wednesday 28th May, 1 – 2.30 pm Spark More info here.

For Young Carers

Youth clubs for young carers (aged 5 - 16)



Primary Aged Youth Club Tuesday 6th May, 5-6,30 pm



Secondary Aged Youth Club Tuesday 20th May, 5-6.30 pm More info here.



Register with York Carers Centre and let the team know how they can support you.

enquiries@yorkcarerscentre.co.uk 01904 715 490



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LIVING WELL NEWSLETTER



Scan the OR code or click here to read.

York Health & Arts Mela

Multi-Cultural Health Festival



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Sunday 11th May, 1.15 - 2.45 pm 10 am to 5 pm, York Museum Gardens and Exhibition Square. More info here.

Free family event open to anyone who wants to learn more about NHS services, Voluntary sector services, the Arts and Performing sector, meet new people, enjoy music, arts, crafts and food from a diverse range of cultures and backgrounds in the heart of York.





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For more information, visit www.kids.org.uk or contact: louise.marrow@kids.ora.uk



18:30 - 20:30. Online Book a free place via eventbrite



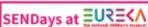
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Tuesday 6th May | 5 - 7pm Orchard Hall | The Folk Hall, New Ears

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