Knavesmire Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 13th June 2025

Mr Cooper and Mr Gardiner's Message

Happy Friday!

Dear Parents, Carers, Families,

As we head towards the end of the school year we have some news on a staff move. Mrs Duncan has been the smiling face of the school as school Receptionist for the past 3 years. However at the end of next week she will be leaving for pastures new. I know that, for many of you, Mrs Duncan will be one of the people you will have had most contact with in school so please take the opportunity to say goodbye. We wish her all the best for her new job but will miss her terribly!

In other, wonderful news, some of you will have noticed that I have been flying solo for most of this week. Mr Gardiner is currently on Paternity Leave having welcomed the arrival of baby daughter, Etta, with his wife Frankie. The whole family are well and adjusting to their growing family. I'm sure you will want to join us in offering our huge congratulations!

Have a great weekend

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 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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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

A HUGE thank you to all the current Year 6s who have fulfilled their Library Assistant roles so well this year. Next week Y5 start their training in earnest!

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



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!

MUGA USE

The use of the MUGA (the enclosed Multi Use Games Area) at the back of school is not permitted for parents of children outside of school hours. This facility is used for school clubs.



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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

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SEAWEED

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







TURE VALLEY

PEANUT BUTTER







ART AWARD

Huge congratulations to Felicia (Year 4), who participated in the art competition organised by the Greek Embassy in London. More than 150 children from the Greek community all over the UK submitted their work, and Felicia won a prize for her painting with the theme "Trip to Greece"!! Felicia received the award directly from the Ambassador of Greece in the United Kingdom.

Well done Felicia, we are so proud of you!









COMPUTING UPDATE

Dear Pupils, Parents and Carers,

Over the past 6 years, Key Stage 2 pupils at Knavesmire have been using a website called CS First, which has allowed them to learn programming using the Scratch language and save projects on their own individual dashboard attached to their Google Classroom profile.



Unfortunately, the website is going to be decommissioned and will no longer be available after 30th June 2025 and this is a note to remind the children that their CS First Scratch projects will therefore not be accessible after this time and they will not be able to log into their dashboard at school or home.

I will be saving a wide selection of work as evidence as a matter of course, but some children may have projects that they wish to personally keep and, if so, they would need to download each project to a personal computer and then upload to their own personal Scratch account, if they have one. There is no need for children to save any projects from a school point of view, or to have a personal Scratch account; this is only a message to those children who may want to keep particular projects.

It is important to note, however, that, if children do choose to save any projects they have made at school, to a personal Scratch account, they DO NOT SHARE any of their projects to the wider online Scratch community and this could be part of ongoing conversations you have with your child about online safety.

We are waiting to find out what CS First will be replaced with and I will, of course, let the children know as soon as possible.

Kind regards Mrs Merritt



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

Performance in Rowntree Park, 14/07/25 - Please see email sent 06/06/25. Children should come to school in school uniform with a coat and shoes appropriate for the weather. Children should bring sun cream and a sun hat if it is sunny. There is no change to drop off, pick up or lunch times. Children should bring a filled water bottle for the trip. Parents are invited to attend the performance which will start at 1.45pm and last around 20 minutes. Parents are welcome to bring picnic blankets/camping chairs if they wish. If there is heavy rain the performance will take place in the school hall instead. Parents do not need to book or advise if they are attending, just turn up on the day!

<u>Yorkshire Wildlife Park, 18/06/25</u> - Please see email sent 23/05/25. There is a voluntary contribution of £15 which is due by Monday 23/06/25. Drop off is at 8.40am, pick up is at 3.30pm. Children should come to school in their school uniform. Children should wear a coat and shoes appropriate for the weather. Children should bring a filled water bottle.

Year 3

Swimming - The voluntary contribution is live on ParentPay.

Year 4

Robin Hood's Bay - Please see reminder information sent 06/06/25.

<u>Rowntree Park Trip, 27/06/25</u> - Please see email sent 06/06/25. Children should come to school in their school uniform with a coat and shoes appropriate for the weather. Children should bring sun cream and a sun hat if it is sunny and a raincoat if the weather is wet. There is no change to drop off, pick up or lunch times. Children should bring a filled water bottle for the trip.

<u>Pedestrian Training 24/06/25</u> - Please 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 5

<u>Barcelona 2026</u> - The deadline for the deposit is today. We have been chasing outstanding deposits, if you have not made payment, please contact Ella in the school office ASAP.

<u>Trust Arts Fest, 25/06/25 (All of Y5)</u> - 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.

<u>Playhouse Project at York Theatre Royal, 30/06/25</u> - The booking system is live for the remaining tickets. The booking system will close at 11.40pm on Monday 16/06/25. You will be unable to make changes to ticket bookings after this time.

- <u>5H</u> Arrive at school at 8am, to be collected 6pm from York Theatre Royal. Performances at 3.30pm and 5.30pm. All children will need to bring 2 packed lunches plus a water bottle and snacks (nut and sesame free and to be carried in 1 bag please). Children should come in own clothes (not uniform).
- <u>5T</u> Arrive at normal time, to be collected at 7pm from York Theatre Royal. Performances at 2.30pm and 6.30pm. All children will need to bring 2 packed lunches plus a water bottle and snacks (nut and sesame free and to be carried in 1 bag please). Children should come in own clothes (not uniform).

<u>Science Activity at Millthorpe School, 03/07/25</u> - Children should come to school in their school uniform. Children should wear a coat and shoes appropriate for the weather. Children need to bring a packed lunch and a filled water bottle. No change to drop off or pick up time.

<u>French Cafe at Millthorpe School, 07/07/25</u> - Children should come to school in their school uniform. Children should wear a coat and shoes appropriate for the weather. Children need to bring a packed lunch and a filled water bottle. Normal drop off time. Children can go home from Millthorpe School with a parent/carer who is attending the event. Parents/Carers just need to speak to their child's class teacher on the day, at the event, and sign their child out when they leave. Children who are not taken home from the event will be taken back to KPS in time for normal pick up time or to go to KCKC if booked in.

(Cont..) TRIPS, ACTIVITIES AND PERFORMANCES

Year 6

<u>National Railway Museum Trip, 19/06/25</u> - Please see email sent 02/05/25. 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> - Please see email sent 02/05/25. 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>Year 6 Play, 15/07/25 at 6pm & 16/07/25 1.30pm and 6pm</u> - Please see email sent 06/06/25. The bookings system is now open for the first allocation of tickets. There is no charge for the tickets. Please use the following link to book your tickets: https://parents-booking.co.uk/knavesmire

<u>Crucial Crew Trip. 17/07/25</u> - See email sent 02/05/25. 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.

<u>Year 6 Graduation, 17/07/25 from 5pm to 6.30pm</u> - Please see email sent today (11/06/25). You do not need to book tickets for the graduation but please be aware that there is limited space in the school hall.

Other

<u>Trust Arts Fest, 25/06/25 (All of Y5 & invited Y6)</u> - Please see email sent 04/04/25. 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.

<u>MAT Sports Fest, 09/07/25</u> - Please see email sent 02/05/25 to 12 children in Years 2, 4 and 6. 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.

<u>KPS Sports Evening</u>, <u>27/06/25</u>, <u>4.30 - 6pm</u> - See email sent today (06/06/25). Held on the Little Knavesmire (close to Hamilton Panthers Clubhouse). 4.30pm start with music and stalls. Races between 5pm and 6pm. This is a family event and all KPS family members are very welcome to join us and bring their own picnic if they wish. If we have to cancel due to weather we will reschedule for Friday 04/07/25.

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	18/06/25	Trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park
Year 1		
Year 2		
Year 3		
Year 4	18/06/25 - 19/06/25 19/06/25 - 20/06/25 24/06/25 27/06/25	Robin Hood's Bay Residential- 4R Robin Hood's Bay Residential - 4GH Pedestrian Training Rowntree Park Visit
Year 5	25/06/25 30/06/25 03/07/25 07/07/25	MAT Arts Fest (Parents can attend performance at 6.30pm) Playhouse Project @ York Theatre Royal Science Activity at Millthorpe School 5T 11:25-12:25 / 5H 13:05-14:05 French café day at Millthorpe School
Year 6	19/06/25 25/06/25 10/07/25 15/07/25 16/07/25 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 1.30 and 6pm - Year 6 Play Crucial Crew Trip 5-6.30pm - Y6 Graduation
The School House		
Other	25/06/25 27/06/25 (04/07/25) 09/07/25	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. (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

Happy Friday the 13th everyone! Don't let the superstitions get to you :)

It's only two more weeks till the Sports Eve is on. Hopefully there will be a lot of sunshine, fun and racing. Bring your family, a picnic and enjoy the music and entertainment. We'll be there to run a little tuck shop for snacks, drinks and little treats. All proceeds will go to the school as always so why not check us out.

Next week, we'll be also handing out tickets for our last big event of this term: our annual Summer Raffle! We'll be drawing the winner on Friday, 11th July. So don't forget to buy your tickets to be in with a chance to win one of our amazing summer prizes, which include lots of vouchers for family attractions - ideal for the summer holidays.

Have a lovely sunny 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

Booking Sessions for KCKC

To start making bookings, simply:

- 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

NEWS FROM KCKC

A quick reminder: we stop serving breakfast at 8:30am. This gives us enough time to get our breakfast clubbers into school on time!

A big THANK YOU to parents for clearing the playground at home time. This gives Kids Club a chance to run around while staff can keep track of which children are with us. Thank you again for your ongoing support.

Gates!

When Kids Club is in the playground please note all side gates will be locked and the main gate is the only open exit. Always make staff aware of who you are and who you are there to collect, thank you.

Show and Tell!

Reception, Yrs 1 & 2 have show and tell on a Wednesday afternoon at Kids Club! We're changing things a little and asking the children to only show things they have made. We can't wait to see what wonderful creations arrive!

Exciting news...

Our chalkboard wall paint has arrived for the big canteen... watch this space!

Lastly, thank you to those of you who send your children to Kids Club. Without them we wouldn't get to enjoy our super fun jobs!

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

Nursery has had a brilliant week this week as we continued our Big Idea and made pirate maps! We used tea and coffee to stain paper and then practised our pencil grips and mark making as we drew onto the map. We then added our key landmarks and the all important 'x' to mark the spot! During our Big Idea session we explored maps further and used positional language to direct each other.

In phonics, we have focussed on the 'v' sound and continued with our sound talk and blending. Yellow group also enjoyed their Forest School session on Thursday morning, where they listened to Matisse's Magical trail and then used mud to create their own paintings!

In preparation for our end of year celebrations, we have asked if you can send a plain white top in for your child to tie dye. Thank you to those who already have, if not please can you do so as soon as possible. Please let us know if you have any problems with this and we can support.

Thank you! Have a lovely weekend! 😌



RECEPTION MESSAGES

Hello Reception!

What a wonderful week we've had, learning all about Pirates and how to read maps! The children have looked at lots of different maps, before making their own and testing them out! In phonics we've continued to consolidate our learning, word reading and building fluency. In maths we've been looking at teen numbers and practising our instant recall of number bonds to 5.

We are looking forward to our amazing upcoming trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park next Wednesday (the 18th) we ask that the children arrive promptly at 8.40, the coach will be setting off at 9am. We ask that each child bring a small rucksack with a water bottle inside. They will be carrying this all day so please do not add anything else. We will provide lunch and snacks. The children will be in school uniform, with sensible shoes (Trainers are fine!) At the moment the weather is looking great, so please apply sunscreen before arriving at school as well as a sunhat. We will not be visiting the gift shop so spending money is not required. The coach is scheduled to return to school at the later time of 3.30.

All adult helpers have been informed, thank you to all of those who offered to help! Any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to get in touch with a member of the team! Have a wonderful weekend! The Reception Team

YEAR 1 MESSAGES

In Big Idea this week, we have found out about the seasonal weather patterns of the UK and compared different island locations.

In English, we have written reports about a character that might live on the island we will design and we had some interesting ideas about what they look like, the food they like to eat and where they will sleep!

In Maths, we have worked with ordinal numbers to describe position and began working with numbers between 50 and 100, partitioning them into tens and ones.

We have noticed an increasing number of children have been bringing toys and football/Pokemon cards into school. Please make sure all toys and collectable cards are kept at home to avoid distraction from learning and to prevent arguments and upset when these items get broken or lost.

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

YEAR GROUP MESSAGES



YEAR 2 MESSAGES

Year 2 have continued to work incredibly hard this week and have shown lots of creativity and enthusiasm in their learning! In English, we have been focusing on narrative writing. On Wednesday, the children designed their own characters and settings, using some fantastic vocabulary and imagination. By Friday, they had turned these ideas into their very own story mountains —we were so impressed with all of their creative ideas!

In Maths, we spent Monday and Tuesday working on arithmetic. The children explored different calculation methods and practised applying their skills with growing independence.

In our Big Idea lessons, we've been deepening our understanding of robots. On Wednesday, we learned about the manufacturing process of robots, and on Friday, we compared the materials that robots can be made from. The children asked some brilliant questions and made thoughtful comparisons.

We've also made a start on athletics in PE and have been lucky to have some fantastic weather to enjoy our sessions outdoors! Finally, the children have been busy writing their own end-of-year learning reports, reflecting on everything they've enjoyed this year. It's been lovely to read about their highlights and see how much they've grown in confidence.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend!

From the Year 2 Team

YEAR 3 MESSAGES

Year 3 have had a wonderful week!

In Writing, they've finished reading the Stone Age Boy, made predictions about what they thought would happen next and written from the perspective of a character. In Maths, the children have finished their unit on Money and have now moved onto Time.

In Big Idea, the children looked at the three main periods of The Stone Age: Paleolithic, Mesolthic and Neolithic, and compared how Stone Age people lived during each period. In PE, the children enjoyed a full-afternoon of rounders on Wednesday and their swimming lesson on Thursday morning.

3U enjoyed Forest School this week, where they learned how to light fire safely. Both classes have now enjoyed their first Forest School session. Next week, 3S will have Forest School on Thursday afternoon.

This week's homework:

Maths - 4 x MyMaths tasks, all time related.

Spelling - There is no spelling homework this week because we have given extra maths homework to help the children with their new unit on time.

As always, if you have any questions or queries about anything at all, please don't hesitate to contact or speak to a member of the Year 3 Team.

YEAR 4 MESSAGES

In Year Four, we've finally finished all multiplication checks. We are so proud of all the children for their hard work, and are very grateful to all those at home who have helped the children to prepare. We look forward to sharing their results in the coming weeks.

In Writing, we've continued writing poems, creating a piece based on the sea, both when it's calm and during a storm. The children have enjoyed using vivid, expressive words and figurative language to paint a picture for their audience.

In Maths, we have focussed on position and direction, learning how to plot points on a grid.

Finally, the Big Idea has been all about fantastical and surreal art, with a focus on Dali. The children have created sketchbook pages all about the artist, evaluating and giving their opinions on his work. They then used blending to create a piece inspired by Dali.

YEAR GROUP MESSAGES



YEAR 5 MESSAGES

Our preparation and rehearsals for the Playhouse Project are well underway and the children are taking everything in their stride!

In maths, we have converted between different units of measure and answered questions in real-life context.

During our writing sessions, we have revisited how to use conjunctions and written example explanation paragraphs.

Next week, we will complete maths and reading assessments.

There will be no homework set this week as we are aware there are many children who have lines to learn for the play. Thank you again for all your support at home with this.

Please can all costumes be in school by Friday 20th June.

The Year 5 Team.

YEAR 6 MESSAGES

Year 6 have been working incredibly hard on their writing this week, and we are all so proud of what they have achieved. Their focus, creativity and determination have really impressed us.

As a result, we will not be setting any homework this weekend. All we ask is that the children take some time to learn their lines in preparation for rehearsals next week.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend!

Year 6 Team.

THE SCHOOL HOUSE MESSAGES

We have had another lovely week in the School House!

In Maths, we have been working hard on our assessments and times tables.

In English, we have been learning more about present tense, subheadings and descriptive language. In Big Idea lessons, we have been focusing on Geography, learning more about physical and human features of the coast.

This half term, we will be learning how to tie dye! Please could we ask for each child to bring in a plain white t-shirt which you would be happy for us to use.

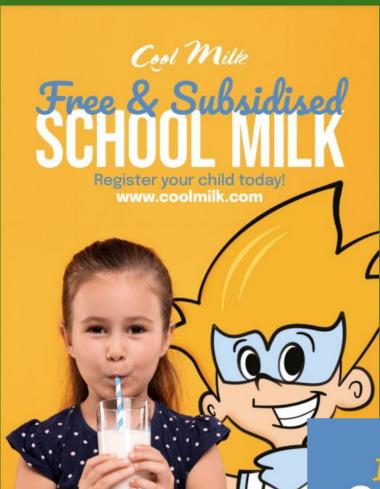
As you may have heard from the children, Miss Gilligan got married over the May half term and is now called Mrs Nightingale. We wanted to let you know to avoid any confusion!

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



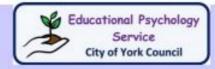
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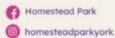
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- Every Saturday from 1.3.25 Beginner Adult (Tennis Express) session (9am-10am) 6 WEEK COURSE
- Every Saturday from 1.3.25 Improvers session (10am-11am). PAY and PLAY
- Every Saturday from 1.3.25 Intermediates session (11am-12noon) PAY and PLAY
- Every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







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.nel 07814545013

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Summer holiday tennis camps



Starting Tuesday 22nd July and running throughout the summer.

Ages 5 - 14

- Full Week, full day and half day options available
- 10% sibling disciount
- 10% discount for members of RPTC
- Scan the QR or go to the RPTC website for prices, timings and booking details
- For enquiries, please contact coach

 Jill Le Pla: jlptenniscoaching@gmail.com





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Cookery Club- Fridays @Knavesmire

Do you have a little chef at home who would like to join us? Clare's Kitchen meets after school on a Friday for 2 hours to explore lots of fun and delicious recipes together.

If your child would like to be a part of our team or have a trial session, contact Clare for a booking form link. Year groups 1-6.

Follow Clare's Kitchen in schools

http:www.facebook.com/clareskitchenyork Instagram @clareskitchenyork Email clare@clares-kitchen.co.uk Whatsapp 07813182216









York RUFC Girls



Girls aged 7-19

Come and give rugby training a try when our new season kicks off on 3rd September...

Wednesday nights
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WOMENS & GIRLS RUGBY TRAINING SESSION!

Join us for an exhilarating experience at our Women's and Girls' rugby back to basics session!

Whether you're a seasoned player or a curious beginner, this event is perfect for everyone looking to dive into the world of rugby.

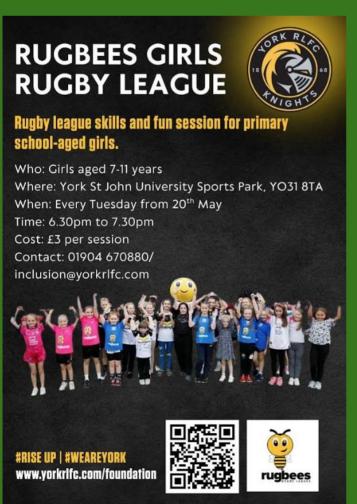
Embrace the camaraderie, build your skills, and unleash your enthusiasm on the field. Our friendly and supportive community is dedicated to empowering women and girls through sport, fostering both physical fitness and personal growth. Don't miss out on the chance to be part of a dynamic team environment where fun and excitement are guaranteed as our club York RUFC hosts the Official Women's world cup trophy at our grounds on the $2^{\rm nd}$ of June!

Lace up your boots and get ready to tackle fun head-on!
All abilities are welcome with age ranges from junior girls 7-11,
Teenagers, walking rugby, touch rugby, T1 rugby, right the way
through to our Women's first team.

Date - 2nd June. Time - 6-7.30 pm. Place - 1st Team Pitch. Location - York sports club, YO50 5ER













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Parent Carer Voice



Tuesday 17th June 2025 10:30am-12pm, Acomb Explore

On the third Tuesday of every month we hold a meeting in a private booked space. We offer an opportunity for you to discuss any issues you are having and talk about family life. No judgement, lots of understanding and support in a safe place

Parent Carer Wellbeing



On the first Tuesday of every month, we host a meet up which is focused on keeping it light. This is an opportunity to connect with other parents and carers, have a giggle, share some positives, maybe learn a new

craft - and enjoy a cuppa on us!



On the first Wednesday in every month, we offer an online event for parents who are new to the world of SEND. We can signpost to what parents tell us are the most useful resources as a starting point. Bring a cuppa and your questions!

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

Cuppa and Chat



On the first Monday in every month we host an online offer for parents and carers who struggle to attend in person meet ups. There is no agenda, just an open invitation to come along, connect with others in our community, share, celebrate, offload or ask questions. Please email Mary for the meeting link: connect@pcfvork.co.uk

Listening Events



6:30 pm - 7:30 pm, Online

Join us online for an informal listening event with Alison Wheatley (Lead Officer for Adult Carers), covering the Carers Offer in York.



6:30 pm - 7:30 pm, Online

Join us online for an informal listening event with **David Smith (Access Officer for City of York Council)**, covering Changing Places

To request the link for each listening event, please email Mary at connect@pcfyork.co.uk



SEND Sleep Workshops

Kids are offering free sleep workshops for parents and carers of children with SEND. 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



09:30 - 11:30, Online Book a free place via eventbrite

Family Fund

Helping disabled children

Your Opportunity Grant Applications Now Open

The Your Opportunity grants programme supports disabled and seriously ill young adults, aged 18 to 24, who are living at home.

Families caring for a disabled young person in the UK and living on a low income can apply for a grant to support their child's independence, interests and ambitions. Grant items include things like digital equipment, musical instruments, clubs and activities, sports equipment, driving ambitions, bedroom furniture, white goods and more.

Parents and carers can apply for this grant programme here.

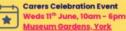
our Voice Matters

Join York's New SEND Youth Forum

Celebrate **Carers Week**



· Visit the Carers Week website.



Meet Carer Support Workers, learn more about the support available for carers in York and enjoy an opportunity to connect with other carers. More info here



Appointments with York Carers Centre's Benefit Worker

Andrew will be available to provide guidance for carers looking to understand how recent announcements on changes to health and disability benefits may impact them.



Legal Clinic with Crombie **Wilkinson Solicitors** Friday 13th June

Free 30-minute appointments online or in person for advice on wills, probate, and power of attorney.

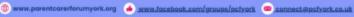
★ York Carers Centre Activity Calendar

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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 ookinas will close one week before the above date











