

Knavesmire Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 27th June 2025

Mr Cooper and Mr Gardiner's Message

Happy Friday!

Dear Parents, Carers, Families,

Next week marks the beginning of us looking forward to next academic year with each year group having a transition session to their new classes each week, as follows:

Wednesday 2nd July - 11am - 12noon

Wednesday 9th July - 11am - 12noon

Wednesday 16th July - 8:40am - 10:35am

The children will be advised of their new classes on the morning of Wednesday 2nd, unless already advised otherwise.

But back to this week! We have had A LOT on. Some highlights have been Year 4 Pedestrian Training on Tuesday, Sports Festival and Cricket at York High School on Thursday and we anticipate a wonderful Sports Evening on the Little Knavesmire tonight!

The absolute shining moment of this week was ArtsFest at the University of York. Children from year 5 and 6 performed alongside children from all of the schools across the Trust. Not only were their performances to be applauded but they represented the school spectacularly. ArtsFest was coordinated by our very own Mrs Hardy who did an amazing job and we thank her, and Mr Sherwin, and the Year 5 staff who supported the children on what was a long but successful day.

Have a great 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):

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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

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>

SEN and Safeguarding Newsletter

<https://bit.ly/4k3aBGg>

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.elk.org.uk

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

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

WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION



SCHOOL LIBRARY

A shout out for the return of **all Library books** by the end of the school year - these can be dropped into the box in the school office.

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

Miss Smith

CLOTHES BANK

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

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

Please use the facility to donate any unwanted clothes.

SCHOOL MILK

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

REFUGEE COLLECTION

Refugee Action York can take donations again! At the moment they are looking for shoes, small toys (no puzzles) and double buggies and prams for newborns. Thank you!

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.



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/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.



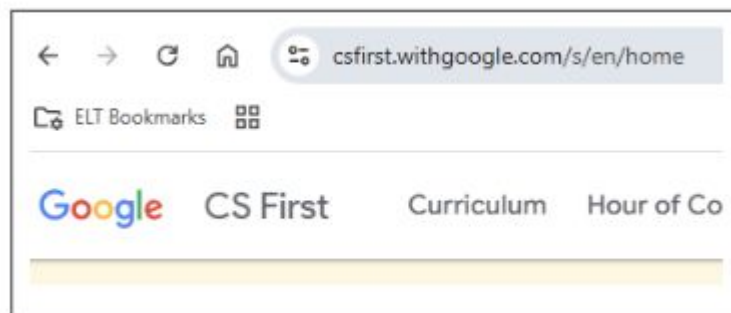
Some examples of foods containing nuts or sesame - some are not as obvious as others...



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

WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION



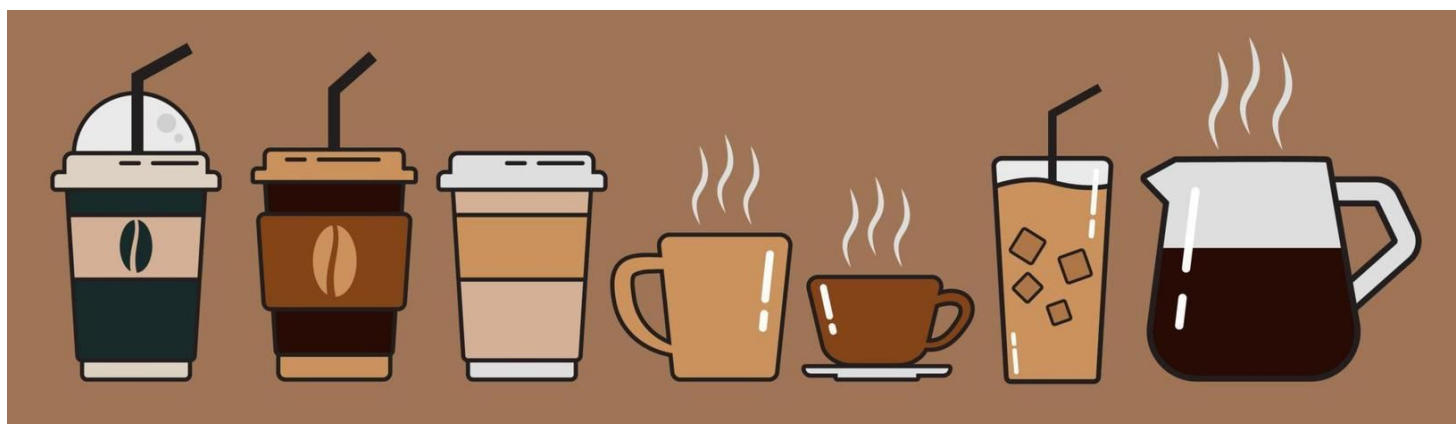
THE COFFEE CART IS BACK!

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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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!

Year 3

Swimming - The voluntary contribution is live on ParentPay.

Year 4

Rowntree Park Trip, 27/06/25 - 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.

Year 5

Barcelona 2026 - Please see email and letter from Mr Cooper sent today (20/06/25). The payment plan is live on ParentPay. Please bring in your child's passport for us to take a copy by Friday 17/10/25.

Playhouse Project at York Theatre Royal, 30/06/25 - The booking system has now closed. We are busy collating the ticket orders and a payment item will be added to ParentPay very soon. Look out for further updates by email next week.

5H - 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).

5T - 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).

Science Activity at Millthorpe School, 03/07/25 - 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.

French Cafe at Millthorpe School, 07/07/25 - 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.

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(Cont..) TRIPS, ACTIVITIES AND PERFORMANCES

Year 6

Treat Day Trip to Hollywood Bowl, 10/07/25 - 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.

Year 6 Play, 15/07/25 at 6pm & 16/07/25 1.30pm and 6pm - 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>

Crucial Crew Trip, 17/07/25 - 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.

Year 6 Graduation, 17/07/25 from 5pm to 6.30pm - 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

MAT Sports Fest, 09/07/25 - 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.

KPS Sports Evening, 27/06/25, 4.30 - 6pm - See reminder sent 25/06/25. 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/UEgRPhRhcX or for more info, email Miss Caroline: dancewithmisscaroline@outlook.com
Circus Skills	Circus Stu runs a circus skills club for all school aged children. This takes place on a Monday lunchtime.	To sign up please email Stu: stuart@circusskillsyorkcic.org or go to the website: www.circusskillsyorkcic.org
Rocksteady	Rocksteady are in Knavesmire on a Wednesday in school hours. Children can choose from the electric guitar, keyboard, drums or vocals.	For more information and to sign up, go to Rocksteady's website: www.rocksteadymusicschool.com
Clare's Kitchen	Clare runs sessions for all school aged children after school on a Monday and Friday. These sessions give children the opportunity to plan, prepare & cook their own nutritional meal, then dine together.	To sign up please email Clare: clare@clares-kitchen.co.uk
Chess Club	This club is run on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school for years 1,2 and 3. The clubs are run by Larry, a parent volunteer.	Please see details below with sign up information.

CLUB NEWS

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

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

Tuesday sessions will be for Years 4, 5 and 6

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

<https://forms.gle/bpGkdwkVuSgcE6fD7>

Thursday sessions will be for Years 2 and 3

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

<https://forms.gle/kRfsNU4RBSvELEGz7>

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

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

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

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

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

MUSIC IN SCHOOL



Peripatetic Music Lessons in School

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

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

MUSIC NEWS

New Songs

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		
Year 1		
Year 2		
Year 3		
Year 4		
Year 5	30/06/25 03/07/25 07/07/25	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	10/07/25 15/07/25 16/07/25 17/07/25 17/07/25	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	27/06/25 (04/07/25) 09/07/25	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

The Knavesmire Sports Evening is finally upon us. We hope you're all set to ready, steady, go :) Don't forget your picnics and don't forget to keep an eye out for our tuck shop. We'll be selling drinks as well as snacks and a few treats. So please do drop by and have a look!

Thanks (and of course good luck) to everyone who has already purchased their raffle tickets. We very much appreciate it. A listing with all the amazing prizes that can be won this year will be sent out shortly to the year groups and we'll put up some posters around the school next week. The draw will be taking place on Friday, 11 July, so in only two weeks time. So don't forget to buy your tickets to be in with a chance to win!

Have a good weekend everyone.



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

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

It has been another lovely week in Nursery and we have ended today with lots of excited children ready for sports evening! They have been practising their running all day 😊

On Wednesday morning we visited the school library where we shared some stories and had an explore altogether. In Nursery, our library slot is used to continue to grow the children's love of reading and explore the new environment. You can find more information regarding visiting and borrowing books from the library near the start of the newsletter!

Over the next 3 weeks we will be beginning our end of year activities. The children will be tie dying their T-shirts (if you have not sent one in yet, please do this asap) in preparation for singing our end of year song! This will be sent as a video via class dojo once complete.

We know lots of you may be visiting new schools for transition days or taking days out/holidays. Please make sure these are reported via email to the school office (see previous communication from our admin team).

We hope to see many of you this evening and have a lovely weekend enjoying the sunshine ☀️

RECEPTION MESSAGES

This week we have been travelling the world on our pirate adventure and we visited the continents of Africa and Europe! We listened to some traditional music from countries within the continents, looked at cities, countryside and compared how they were similar and different. In Maths we have been revising and practicing key skills including doubling, pattern, composition and number bonds. In Phonics we are continuing to work on reading words with adjacent consonants and digraphs and in Literacy we have continued to write sentences. Thank you to everyone that has volunteered to walk down with us to the park, we should now have enough people, however the more the merrier so please let us know if you want to join us!

Have a great weekend,

The Reception Team

YEAR 1 MESSAGES

Year One have worked hard this week learning about Amelia Earhart and her solo journey across the Atlantic Ocean. They have also made a map of their imaginary island, including different physical and human features. In English, the children write recounts about a hot day at school and in Maths they have been learning to recognise and know the value of coins and notes. Please remember the request to keep all toys and collectable cards at home; they are still causing upset and distraction in the classroom.

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

YEAR GROUP MESSAGES



YEAR 2 MESSAGES

Year 2 have had another fantastic week full of fun, teamwork and brilliant learning! In English, we've been exploring how to explain a process clearly. We started by identifying the features of explanation texts and generating our own questions. The children worked together in groups to practise using conjunctions and develop their ideas—there was lots of great discussion and collaboration. In Maths, we have been recapping some topics including shape and measurement. We continue to build our times tables knowledge and arithmetic skills. Our Big Idea lessons have been particularly exciting this week as we started learning how to use programming software. The children even used a Minecraft-style program to learn how to sequence instructions. In PE, we've now moved onto Rounders with throwing and fielding skills. During our class assembly times, we have been concentrating on friendships and playground kindness. We have asked the children to consider how they are including others and using empathy to think about other people's feelings. We would love to hear that these conversations are also being supported at home.

Next Wednesday, we are looking forward to our first transition session for the children to meet their new teacher for September and to see their learning environments. We will be helping the children in school with any transition worries but please keep in touch if you have any additional concerns for their feelings and questions!

We hope you all have a relaxing weekend!

From the Year 2 Team

YEAR 3 MESSAGES

Year 3 have had a wonderful week and have all worked incredibly hard! This week, the children have completed assessments in Reading, Writing and Maths. In Big Idea, the children made their own Stone Age shelters based on their design of a shelter from one of the Stone Age eras: Paleolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic. On Thursday afternoon, 3U enjoyed their second Forest School session where they made bread; 3S enjoyed their second Forest School session last week. In PE, the children enjoyed an afternoon of rounders on Wednesday afternoon and their swimming lessons on Thursday morning.

This week's homework:

Maths - Six pieces of maths homework on MyMaths that are recapping some of the elements we have covered this year. There will be no spelling homework this week because of the amount of words that we asked the children to revise last week. There will be time allocated in class next week to complete some of the maths homework, so don't feel obliged to do this all at home.

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

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

YEAR 4 MESSAGES

This week, Year 4 have done a brilliant job completing their final assessments. We are very proud of the hard work and energy they have put into the last four weeks.

In Maths, we have had an arithmetic focus, brushing up on our multiplication, addition, subtraction and division skills. During English, we are beginning to look at explanation texts such as how-to guides, focussing on the Teacher Pleaser machine. We have spent time getting to know the text and finding out about its features, ready for starting to experiment with writing some guides ourselves next week.

To continue our "Is there really no place like home?" Big Idea, we have studied fantastical maps, creating our own maps of fantastical places. We have had a wonderful trip to Rowntree Park, using maps and compasses to navigate around a fantastical course.

Need to know:

Please bring in shoeboxes and crafting materials!

On 11th July we will embark on a DT project, where the children will create a fantastical world of their own design in a shoebox. In preparation, please could you start to send in shoeboxes (or shoebox-sized boxes) and any materials the children would like to use such as toilet rolls, plastic cartons, decorative materials, etc (nothing which would cause upset if lost or damaged) so that the children can let loose with their imaginations on this project.

YEAR GROUP MESSAGES



YEAR 5 MESSAGES

First of all, we have to say a massive thank you to all the children for their excellent performances during ArtsFest. They represented the school so well and put on an amazing show.

We have turned our attention to times tables this week and we have completed some soundchecks on TT Rockstars to check which times tables we need to work on. Also, we have completed a final dress rehearsal ready for the Playhouse Project on Monday 30th June.

There is still no homework set this week.

Have a great weekend,

The Year 5 Team.

YEAR 6 MESSAGES

We've had a brilliant week in Year 6! The children have really thrown themselves into their Wannabe rehearsals – their energy, enthusiasm and teamwork have been fantastic. It's shaping up to be a wonderful performance, and we're really looking forward to sharing it with you soon.

Just a reminder that next Wednesday is Secondary School Transition Day. Children should go straight to their new schools in the morning – they do not need to come to Knavesmire beforehand. If you have any questions about the day, please contact your child's new secondary school directly.

Next Friday afternoon, our school nurse will be visiting to deliver the health education session. Please refer to the previous email (09.06.25) for more information about the content that will be covered.

As with last week, homework is to continue learning lines and song lyrics for the show.

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

Best wishes,

The Year 6 Team

THE SCHOOL HOUSE MESSAGES

We have had a lovely week in the School House.

In Maths, we built our very own shop to help us learn about money in a practical way. We also made our own clocks to help us tell the time. In English, we have written our non chronological reports all about how people can protect the coasts. This week, we have also enjoyed tie dying T-shirts, finger painting our own great wave and learning more about how to look after our local environment.

Have a lovely weekend!

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

SATURDAY SATURDAY
5th 12th
July July
8am to 4pm
at our Elvington shop
6 appointment slots per hour

Book Today
to secure your slot


SCAN THE QR CODE TO BOOK

Book Now at
www.school-shop.co.uk
or call
01904 607331



WELLBEING
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Transitions Webinar
Thursday 12th June
4pm - 5pm

This workshop is for young people in year 6 and their parents and carers.

The webinar will focus on how to prepare going from year 6 into year 7. We will cover:

- What transition is
- Explore the ways that this may affect us
- Things we can do to help with transition
- Share top tips and strategies



Joining Information

To join the webinar please scan the QR code on the right and follow the instructions to join using Microsoft Teams. You can also join using the following details:

Meeting ID: 379 122 143 805
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If you have any issues logging on or any questions prior to the workshop please contact

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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**.

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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.

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The Hub for Parents, Carers and Children

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Supporting Reading at Home

Who?

Parents, Carers and Children aged 5-11.

What?

The first 2 workshops are for parents and carers only, although you are welcome to bring your child. In these workshops, we will show you ways of supporting your child to read a wide range of texts. Your child will join you for the remaining 4 sessions where you will read together.

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Who?

Parents, Carers and Children aged 7-14.

What?

For all 6 workshops you and your child will engage in creative writing sessions together. Through the workshops, you and your child will imagine settings, characters, and plots, writing from different points of view within your story-world. Your creative writing pieces will feature in an anthology, published by York St John University.

How Do I Sign Up?

You can self-refer by completing our online self-referral form. This is found by visiting the 'Children and Young People' page underneath the 'Groups and programmes' header on our website www.yorks.ac.uk/ysjcc (or use the QR code). When completing the form please ensure you state the age of your child, and the programme/s you would like to enrol on – you may sign up to both.



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MON 4TH - FRI 8TH AUGUST 2025**

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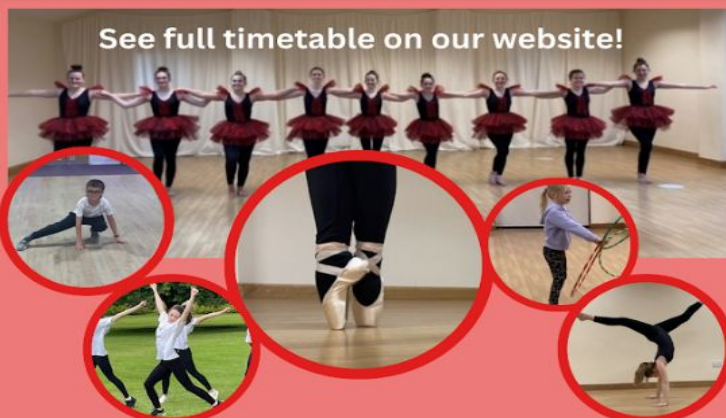


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- Every **Tuesday** from 4.3.25 **CARDIO** tennis session (9.30am -10.30am) PAY AND PLAY

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.net
07814545013

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Summer holiday tennis camps



Starting Tuesday 22nd July and running throughout the summer.

Ages
5 - 14

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Clare's Kitchen

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
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Take part in the 'Wonderful Wheels' community parade through Tadcaster...

...arrive at the festival site for a jam-packed day of fun and creativity for all the family.

Groove to the music, take part in workshops for all ages, bring a picnic or browse the food vans, catch some brilliant theatre or simply chill out with friends and family and enjoy the vibe.

Line up includes: New York Brass Band, Hyde Family Jam, Ghetto Fabulous Family Catwalk, RICE Street Artist, Marnie Glum, VR Pilot Theatre, Family theatre from Next Door But One and Thunk-it Theatre, Say Owt Spoken Word, York Dance Space, Walkabout Acts and more!

Co-programmed with a community steering group and youth consultation from Tadcaster Grammar School, in partnership with Now Then! Tadcaster, The Barn and ARCADE.

Full line up, parade sign ups and FREE tickets here.




www.hello-arcade.com/projects/summer-fields-festival



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**Saturday 12th July
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Grieg: Peer Gynt Suite, No. 1, Op. 46
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York RUFC Girls



Girls aged 7-19

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Wednesday nights

18.30 to 19.30

York Sports Club, Clifton Park, YO30 5RE

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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 2nd 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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Womens QR code

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2025**



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Monday 21 - Friday 25 July 2025
10am - 2pm
St Andrew's Church Hall
Primary school age (5-11)

Grab your backpack and come along to holiday club! We'll be going on an epic journey, exploring the story of Jesus, and doing lots of crafts, games, drama, prayer and songs along the way.

Free!
(Donations of
£3 a day
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RUGBEES GIRLS RUGBY LEAGUE



Rugby league skills and fun session for primary school-aged girls.

Who: Girls aged 7-11 years
Where: York St John University Sports Park, YO31 8TA
When: Every Tuesday from 20th May
Time: 6.30pm to 7.30pm
Cost: £3 per session
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Parent Carer Forum York **NEWSLETTER** Connect@pcf YORK.CO.UK

↓ Join us at our upcoming coffee mornings and events

Parent Carer Voice

Tuesday 17th July 2025
10:30am-12pm, Clifton Green

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.

Cuppa and Chat

Monday 7th July 2025
7pm-8.30pm, Online

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@pcf YORK.CO.UK**

Parent Carer Wellbeing

Tuesday 1st July 2025
10.30am-12.00pm, New Earswick Folk Hall

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!

Parent Carer Signposting

Wednesday 2nd July 2025
6.30pm - 8pm, Online

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@pcf YORK.CO.UK**

Listening Events

Wednesday 25th June 2025
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 listening events, please email Mary at connect@pcf YORK.CO.UK

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Parent Carer Forum York **NEWSLETTER** Connect@pcf YORK.CO.UK

Exciting Competition!
York's new SEND hub needs a name!

City of York Council are creating a new flagship hub for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) in York and their families. The Clifton Family Hub will become the new SEND hub, where you and your family will be able to get lots of information, advice and support.

Before we can tell everyone about the new SEND hub, it needs a name!

To enter the competition, please fill in the form at the end of our newsletter and email your child or young person's idea to Claire Kenny, SEND Hub Manager: claire.kenny@york.gov.uk by Monday 7 July.

The winner will be invited to support the grand opening of the SEND hub and will win a £50 Amazon voucher!

PRIVACY NOTICE

SEND Strategy
Open Forum Workshop
with Victoria Coyle, Head of SEND at City of York Council and Claire Kenny, SEND Family Hub Manager

On the 18th of June we welcomed our members to join an Open Forum Workshop with **Victoria Coyle, Head of SEND at City of York Council**, and **Claire Kenny, SEND Family Hub Manager**. We engaged in collaborative discussion on current services, ongoing developments, and future plans for supporting children and young people with SEND.

Attendees contributed feedback on the planning process of the **new flagship hub for SEND** in York, to ensure the hub meets the community's needs. We also shared experiences, feedback and priorities, helping to shape **York's Special Educational Needs Strategy for 2025-2030**.

Your insights are invaluable in shaping a more inclusive and supportive environment for SEND families in York.

Join PCF York by emailing connect@pcf YORK.CO.UK to ensure that your voice is represented and you are kept up to date with events.

Your Voice Matters
Join York's New SEND Youth Forum

[CLICK HERE TO FIND OUT MORE](#)

York SEND Local Offer

City of York Council would like to hear your feedback on the **York SEND Local Offer Website**. **Please complete the short survey, before the 8th July to share your views.**

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Parent Carer Forum York **NEWSLETTER** Connect@pcf YORK.CO.UK

School Holidays
Finding inclusive clubs and activities.

The summer holidays are just around the corner! We hope that these resources help you in planning ahead for activities, clubs, groups, things to do and days out in and around York.

York mumbler
Your Local Parenting Community

York Mumbler details all accessible activities throughout the year.
[Click here](#) to view accessible events and activities during the school summer holidays and all year round.

Raise York
Your Family Hub Network

Activities, clubs, groups and things to do for children and young people aged 0-25 in York, including those aimed specifically for children with special educational needs and disabilities.
[Click here](#) to search for activities and clubs during the summer holidays.

YorkFIS
Tel: 01904 554444
Email: fis@york.gov.uk

If you need help finding suitable activities, childcare or holiday clubs, York Family Information Service can assist you.

Moving Up:
Transition event to support Neurodivergent learners

Tuesday 1st July 2025
09.30am-12.00pm,
York St John University

This free event for parents, carers and professionals is designed to build understanding and provide helpful resources to improve transitions from primary to secondary school. The session builds on new evidence from the STEPS (school transitions across education for pupils with SEND project). **Limited places available.**
Email yorksendiass@york.gov.uk to book.

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Parent Carer Forum York

We offer a **monthly events programme** during term time for parents and carers of children and young people with additional needs in York, with or without a diagnosis.
We look forward to welcoming you!

CUPPA AND CHAT

Join us at home with your cuppa to connect with others in our parent carer community, to share, celebrate, offload, ask questions and receive support.

- First Monday in every month**, online from 7:00pm
- Email connect@pcf YORK.CO.UK for the meeting link.

PARENT CARER WELLBEING

Meet us for some light relief, to have a giggle, share some positives, talk to other parent carers, maybe learn a craft and enjoy a cuppa - on us!

- First Tuesday in every month**, 10:30am - 12:00pm
- at New Earswick Folk Hall.

NEW TO SEND SIGNPOSTING

If you are new to the world of SEND or perhaps are new to living in York, join us online to find out what parent carers tell us are the most useful resources.

- First Wednesday in every month**, online from 6:30pm
- Email connect@pcf YORK.CO.UK for the meeting link.

PARENT CARER VOICE

Meet other parent carers to discuss any issues you are having, receive support and find understanding in a safe, non-judgemental place.

- First Thursday in every month**, 10:30am - 12:00pm
- at Clifton Green Children's Centre.

LISTENING EVENTS

Join us to find out more about SEND services and updates, hear from key speakers, ask your questions and provide feedback to inform decisions about SEND services in York.

- Monthly on varying dates**, online from 6.30pm
- Email connect@pcf YORK.CO.UK for the meeting link.

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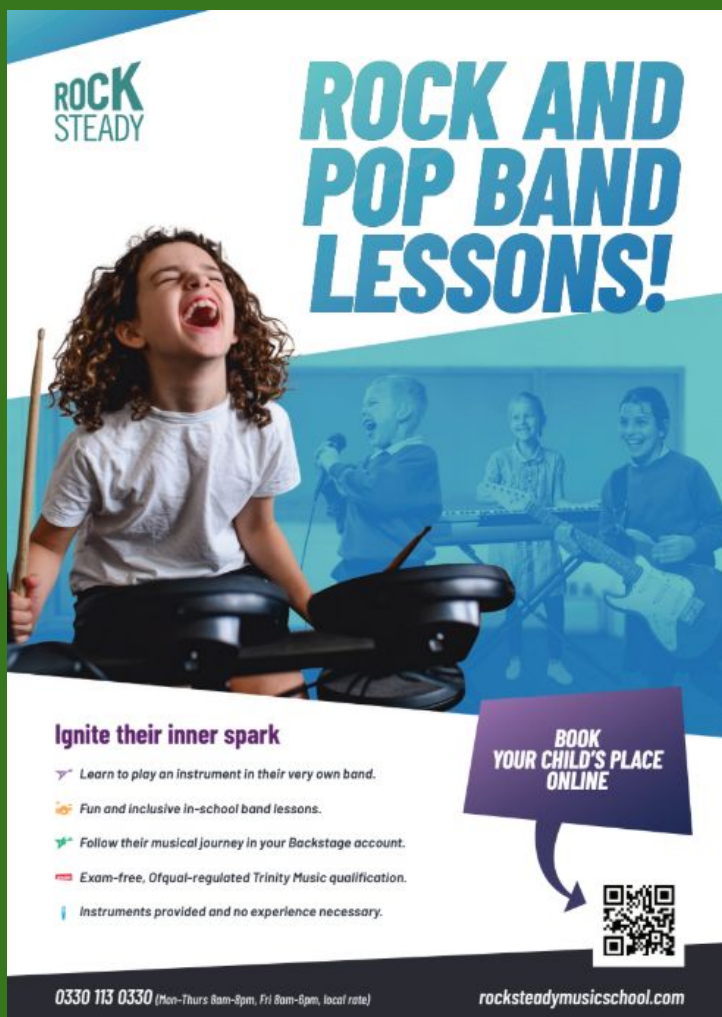
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Happy Healthy Holidays

WHAT: Holiday football fun course
WHEN: Tuesday 22nd - Friday 25th July
WHERE: Huntington Secondary School, YO32 9WT
TIME: 10-3pm

REFRESHMENTS: Water, Snacks and packed lunch will be provided

WHO: Families eligible for benefits-related free school meals living in York



How to book:
 Please use your voucher code
 at www.holidayactivities.com

These Free holiday Activities are designed to give young people the opportunity to get active using football as the tool in a FUN, SAFE and SECURE environment.

If you would like any further information or to book in ADVANCE please contact
inclusion@yorkcityfcfoundation.co.uk



Happy Healthy Holidays

WHAT: Holiday football fun course
WHEN: Monday 28th - Thursday 31st July
WHERE: Millthorpe Secondary School, 3G Pitch, YO23 1WF
TIME: 10-3pm

REFRESHMENTS: Water, Snacks and packed lunch will be provided

WHO: Families eligible for benefits-related free school meals living in York



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REFRESHMENTS: Water, Snacks and packed lunch will be provided

WHO: Families eligible for benefits-related free school meals living in York



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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 EYF5 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 EYF5 framework.

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

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

Bookings will close one week before the above date

York Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

Children's Therapy Team

Supporting Children with Selective Mutism



What is selective mutism?

Why do children become anxious about speaking in certain situations?

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

When should I refer a child?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Children's Therapy Team

Supporting Children to Eat and Drink Safely



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

What is a normal swallow?

What types/textures of food are safe for children?

What can go wrong with swallowing?

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

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

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

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

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

Bookings will close one week before the above date

York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Speech Sound Development Workshop



When should I refer a child?

How are speech sounds made?

How do speech sounds develop?

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, from across **York, Selby, Scarborough, Whitby and Ryedale**.

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


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

Please note booking closes 1 week before the workshop

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Children's Therapy Team

Supporting Children who are picky eaters or avoidant/restrictive



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

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

What will help at mealtimes?

What is ARFID?

Where can I go for further support?

What strategies will help with sensory sensitivities?

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

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

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

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

LET'S MAKE SENSE together.

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

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

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