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NEWSLETTER 20th November 2026

Our newsletters are available to view on the school website at:
https://heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk/parents/newsletters

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE



ATTENDANCE winners this week

Badger Wood 95.43%

Keeper Wood 99.7%

Farthing Wood 96.69%

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 24th November, Gymnastics Club week 4 Y1-Y3.
Thursday 26th November, Swimming Y1-Y4 week 10 / last.

- Pop up library to collect NYC library books. We are happy to collect up books before this date

Friday 27th November, Christmas meal letters to be returned by today.
Tuesday 1st December, Gymnastics Club Y1 to Y3 week 5 & last.
Friday 4th December, Raffle tickets to be in by today.
Monday 7th December, Christmas post box opens.

- Friends raffle draw.

Wednesday 9th December, Pre- Reception Taster Day.
Thursday 10th December, Pantomime visit for all children.
Wednesday 16th December, Christmas lunch

- Nativity service for all children at All Saints' Church, 1.30pm and 6pm.

Friday 18th December, School buffet lunch followed by the Christmas party.

- **School closes for the Christmas holiday.**

Christmas Holiday

Monday 4th January, Staff Training Day.
Tuesday 5th January, School opens to pupils.

LIBRARY BOOKS

School has many David Walliams books in our library that are very popular with the children. The reputation of this author is not as positive as previously. There has been no trial or criminal conviction. There is no current guidance upon whether these books should still be offered. We will continue to offer these stories to children. Should you wish your child not to have access to these at any point, please contact school to ask that your child not be issued with these books.

DAWNAY ARMS CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH ON!

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!
Join the Dawnay Arms team for a magical festive evening as we switch on our Christmas lights!
Festive fun - Bring your own bauble to put on the Dawnay Arms tree.
Carol singers.
Mulled Wine and mince pies.
Christmas cheer.
A countdown to our BIG Switch on!
Christmas light switch on at 7.30pm
Followed by carol singers.
Bring family, friends and festive spirit for a fantastic evening!
Date: Sunday 29th November 2026
Time: 7.30pm
Let's make it a Christmas to remember!
Everyone Welcome!

The Dawnay Arms, West Heslerton.

HAMPER BOXES

If you have any sturdy empty boxes that would be useful for Friends to use to make small hampers as raffle prizes, please pop these into school, thank you.

If you require this information in a different format, please contact the school office.



A warm welcome to everyone
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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH
WEST HESLERTON

Advent
Carol Service

SUNDAY
29TH NOVEMBER 2026
AT 6.30 P.M.

Seasonal light refreshment served on arrival



St John the Baptist, Yedingham
Carol Service - Monday 21st December at 6.00 p.m.

SCARBOROUGH NEWS

A picture of our Reception class will be featured in a special keepsake edition of the Scarborough News. This will be published in the paper on the **19th November.** This is a popular keepsake with parents and families, a perfect souvenir to celebrate your child's first school year.

YORK MINSTER CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2026

West Heslerton Church of England Primary School is proud to be part of the York Minster Christmas Tree Festival 2026.
All children in school have made a decoration to hang on our very own 6ft tree in the minster. The festival will open to the public on Saturday 28th November, with a special family-friendly service at 10am, and will run until Tuesday 5th January 2027.

Entrance to the Minster is free to York residents with proof of address and will also be free to participating organisations – just make yourself known to the staff on the door.

Entry to the Minster to decorate will be via the **West Doors/Main Entrance**. The front of house team will be on hand to answer any queries and help you locate our school tree.
We hope you'll use this opportunity to visit the minster for free and to explore all the trees in this very special festival.

RELIEF TEACHING ASSISTANTS

We are always keen to hear from people who would wish to join our team. We are currently looking to appoint some Relief Teaching Assistants. We'd love to hear from you if you'd like to assist in classrooms supporting teachers. There are no set hours for this role, we'll get in touch when we need cover in classes, at lunchtimes or after school. A clear DBS will be required for safeguarding reasons. Please contact the office for a person specification and application form.

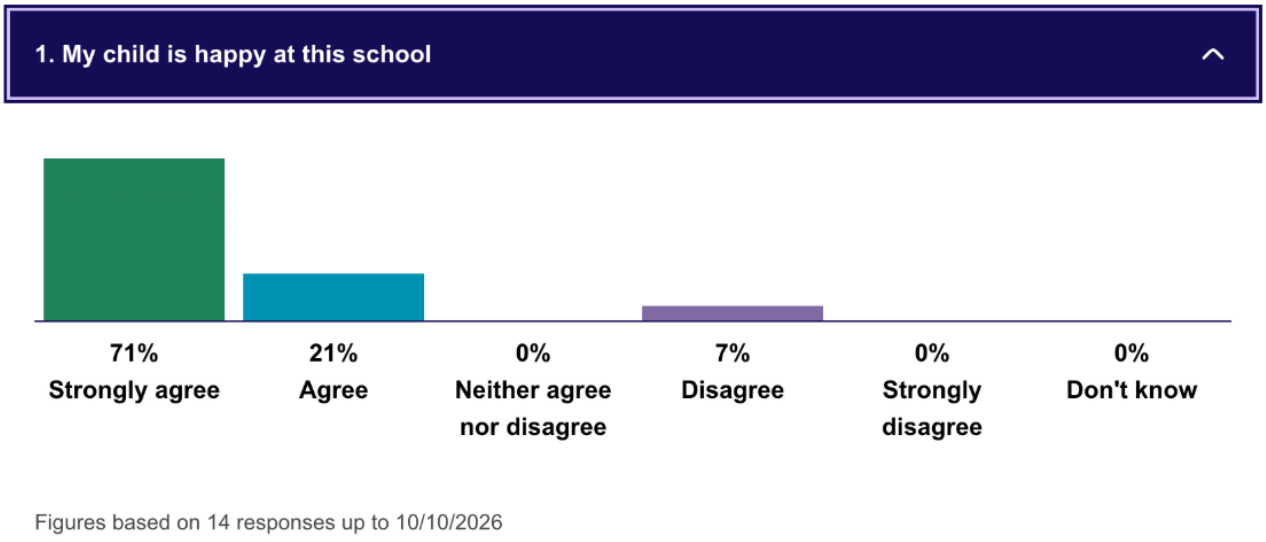
BEWERLEY PARK MEETING

We'd like to invite parents and children in Year 3 and 4 to a meeting about our residential visit to Bewerley Park in April. This meeting with Miss Shackley and Mrs Triffitt will take place on Monday 8 March at 3.30 in the school hall. At this meeting, we'll share the itinerary details and kit lists. There will be an opportunity for children and adults to have questions answered. We'll send a reminder nearer the time.

If you require this information in a different format, please contact the school office.

PARENT VIEW

Thank you to those parents taking the time to answer the questions on ParentView.
We are delighted that so many parents recognise how happy children are at Heslerton School.



NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL

Speech, Language and Communication Advice

Scarborough, Whitby & Ryedale Inclusion Hub

Would you like to discuss your child's speech, language, or communication development?

Bring your child along to our drop-in session to meet with our Speech and Language Therapists, discuss any concerns, and receive advice and information about local support and services.

Booking is essential.

Where & When

- ***Wednesday 25th of November 2026*** **– 1.30-3.30pm at Atmosphere Children and Family Hub, The Old Court House, Malton Road, Pickering, YO18 7JJ**
- ***Thursday 3rd of December 2026*** **- 1.00-3pm at Cherry Tree Children's Centre, Cherry Tree Avenue, Throxenby, YO12 5HL**
- ***Friday 4th of December 2026*** **- 10:00-12:00 noon at Whitby & District Children's Centre, Byland Road, Whitby, YO21 1HY**

Who will be there?

Amancay Topping – North Yorkshire Council's Speech & Language Therapist

Zoe Green - North Yorkshire Council's Speech & Language Therapy Assistant

or

Felicity Fearn-North Yorkshire Council's Speech & Language Therapy Assistant

PLEASE EMAIL TO BOOK A 15 MINUTE SLOT

Zoe.Green@northyorks. gov.uk

Thank you.



FEAST VOUCHERS

School funded meals has changed.
Pupils who receive Free School Meals have previously received FEAST Vouchers entitling children to free holiday activities.

Under the new scheme, pupils who receive Free School Meals (targeted) will continue to receive School Funded Meals and FEAST Vouchers for free holiday activities.

Pupils who receive Free School Meals (expanded) will receive School Funded Meals only.

Each school has a small additional allocation of FEAST Vouchers for free holiday activities. Should your family be able to make use of this, please contact Rachel Wells, Headteacher at the school by end November. These will be offered on a first come, first served basis.

Vouchers will continue to be sent by NYC electronically so please look out for these if your child qualifies. If you are unsure, please ask at the office.

If you require this information in a different format, please contact the school office.

THE NATIONAL CHILD MEASUREMENT PROGRAMME

(NCMP) - HEIGHT AND WEIGHT CHECKS FOR CHILDREN IN RECEPTION AND YEAR 6

The pre-measurement letter to parents has been uploaded onto Badger Wood and Farthing Wood class story pages on ClassDojo.

• The NCMP will soon be running in our school for children in reception and year 6. As part of the programme, trained members of the Healthy Child Service team will measure your child's height and weight during the school day.

To ensure children feel comfortable and respected:
• measurements are carried out in a safe way by trained staff
• children are measured individually in a private area away from other pupils and school staff
• children remain fully clothed, except for their coats and shoes
• measurements are completed quickly, sensitively and confidentially
• Individual results are not discussed with children in school and are not shared with school

• When talking to children about these checks, staff and parents/carers are encouraged to refer to them as 'health checks' – they are about seeing how children are growing and developing.
• Following the measurements in schools, all parents/carers will receive a letter by email. Some families may also be contacted by the health staff with more information and to learn about local health and wellbeing support available to families.
• These measurements will be taking place in our school soon (for those year groups). If your child is due to be measured, you will receive a letter (via email) to explain more about it.
• Please have a look at this video so you can see what happens: NCMP process animation NB. We use different communication methods (to what is mentioned in the letter).
• If you have any questions please contact your local (North Yorkshire) NCMP team on: hdft.ncmp@nhs.net

If you are worried about your child's weight and growth, please speak to your GP or visit;

https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/childrens-weight/ for more information.

You can find information and fun ideas to help your kids stay healthy at the NHS Better Health: healthier families webpage https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/

Another way to help maintain a balanced diet and physical activity for your family is the NHS Healthy Steps email programme. Sign up for the 8-week Healthy Steps emails and you will be sent lots of lowcost easy tips, fun games, healthy swaps and tasty recipes on a budget. You can sign up to NHS Healthy Steps - Healthy Steps
https://healthysteps.betterhealth-healthierfamilies.co.uk/signup?bh_hf=

If you would like some information about cost saving ideas, free school meals, food banks, financial support etc. please go to:

https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/community-and-volunteering/cost-living-support

If you require this information in a different format, please contact the school office.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB WORKER

We are looking to expand our childcare team here at school by appointing an After School Club Worker

Location: Heslerton CE Primary School, West Heslerton, Malton
Job Title: After School Club Supervisor / Leader
Pay Scale: Grade C/D or E
Hours per week: Monday to Thursday, term time only 3.30pm – 5.30pm
Contract Type: Permanent
Start Date: Required from January 2027

We are looking to appoint an enthusiastic, caring and dependable person to work within our after-school provision.

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We encourage everyone in our school community to live life well reflecting Christian attitudes and values and working in partnership with families as part of a wider, caring community.

The hallmarks of a Christian life lived well are shown in the fruits of the Spirit – But the fruit of the Spirit is Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self-control. Against such things there is no law. Galatians 5:22 – 23

We are looking for someone who:

- Is committed to supporting child development through exciting and creative outdoor play for our children.
- Has experience of ensuring that children in their care are well supervised, safe and cared for.
- Has the ability to take a lead role in the planning, organisation and administration of our outdoor after school club.
- Has excellent communication skills with all stakeholders within a school community.
- Promote the Christian ethos of the school and demonstrate the values and vision every day.

In return we can offer you:

- A role that fits in around your children's education.
- A caring and supportive school community with children who are happy, confident, enthusiastic and love to learn.
- Opportunities for professional development.
- North Yorkshire Employee benefits.

Visits to our school are welcomed. Please contact the school office to book a visit.
For further details please contact the school office.

INCLUSIVE CLASSROOMS

We are a highly inclusive school with Quality First Teaching for all children each day. This means that all children are taught and supported with a range of strategies that are part of their usual routine. These strategies are adapted to meet children's needs in class. Each week we will share with you an aspect of Quality First Teaching so that all parents and families are aware of the high quality provision at West Heslerton Primary School.

Inclusive Environment: Each room in school is a calm, structured, and predictable classroom. The classrooms have clear routines, visual timetables, spelling/word lists and reflection spaces.
This helps children to know what will happen next, where to seek help with their work and how they can use their time and environment to adjust to any changes.

If you require this information in a different format, please contact the school office.