



"Children are at the centre of all we do."

## NEWSLETTER 22<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER 2024

Our newsletter is also available to view on the school website at:

<https://heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk/parents/newsletters>

### BADGER WOOD

91.74 %

### KEEPER WOOD

95.69%

### FARTHING WOOD

95.56%

A super close attendance result. Well done Keepers for just pipping the Farthings to this week's school cup!

### DIARY DATES

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November**, Gymnastics Club YR – Y2.

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November**, Stephen Joseph Theatre Drama Club Y1 – Y3.

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> Nov**, Deadline for ordering Christmas meals.

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> Nov**, Swimming week 8 for Y1 – Y4.

- 2pm Pop up library, book collection only.
- Wellness Drumming Club Y3 – Y6.

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November**, Christmas jumper day / non uniform day. Please bring a hamper donation for Friends.

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**, Gymnastics Club YR – Y2.

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**, Stephen Joseph Theatre Drama Club Y1 – Y3.

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December**, Y5 & Y6 to Malton Community Sports Centre for Dodgeball.

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December**, Swimming week 9 for Y1 – Y4.

- Wellness Drumming Club Y3 – Y6.

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December**, Friends meeting 2pm.

- Gymnastics Club YR – Y2.

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December**, New Starters Day for Pre-Reception

These are some of the dates we know. There may be changes so please check the school website and Dojo for details.

<http://www.heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk>

### SWIMMING Y1 – Y4

Week 10, the final week of swimming lessons for children on Y1 – Y4 will now be on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December**.

### CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November**, Christmas jumper / non uniform day. Please bring a hamper donation for the Friends Christmas raffle: toiletries, Christmas foods, games etc.

### PARENTING SMART

Parenting can be joyful but also very hard. Each week we aim to bring you a link that may be useful to you to find your way. At this time of year, we are all busy so this week's short clip is about clear instructions.

[Clear Instructions | Place2Be's Parenting Smart \(youtube.com\)](#)

### MESSAGES OF SUPPORT

Thank you to families who have shared messages of support and thanks over the last few weeks. There are some that we may wish to share with the bereaved family. Should you not wish for us to do this, please contact Mrs Wells at school by Friday 29 November.

### POP UP LIBRARY

The next pop-up library will be on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November**. Please note that this will be a collection session only.

### CHILDRENS UNIVERSITY

Thank you to Jane Whelan for our Children's University information assembly today. Please contact the office if your child is children in Keeper Wood or Farthing Wood and would wish to join this free initiative.

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

### ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Dear Friends,  
We will be holding a Special Service to mark the beginning of Advent. (Service of the word)

All Saints Church, West Heslerton, Sunday 1st December @ 6.30 pm.

We would be delighted if you could join us.

Looking forward to seeing you.  
Every blessing, Roger Sugden

### Y5 & Y6 DODGEBALL

Y5 & Y6 children will be playing Dodgeball at Malton Community Sports Centre (MCSC) on **Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> December**.

The children will travel with Fletcher's coaches and be accompanied by Mrs Wardell and Mrs Nutt. We will leave school at 12.30pm and return for the end of the school day. Pupils will need to take their own inhalers if necessary. School carries insurance for all school trips. In case of emergency please contact the school.

### DOG TETHER POINT

Please note that we now have a dog tether point at school. This is located on the pillar outside of school near the flagpole. Please use as and when required so that dogs are able to stand in a more quiet environment at the start and end of the day. Please refrain from bringing dogs onto the playground.

### YORK MINSTER CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

We have again been lucky enough to be invited to take part in the Christmas Tree Festival at York Minster. All children have created an individually named bauble to show what brings them peace and happiness. These will be placed on our tree and displayed throughout the festive season. The festival will open to the public on **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November**. There will be a special *family friendly Saturday* service at 10am on this date, to which all participating organisations are invited. The festival will run until **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2025**.

Entrance to the Minster is free to participating organisations. Please pop along and state 'West Heslerton School' for you and your family to access this marvellous festive event and view your child's work on display.

### SCHOOL EMERGENCY CLOSURE

Schools occasionally need to close due to some kinds of emergencies. Government guidance says that in severe weather, schools should try to remain open if possible. It might be necessary to close temporarily if the school loses power or heating or becomes inaccessible due to problems like ice on the road or heavy snow, or getting here or back would risk injury to pupils or staff.

**In bad weather, please check the school story on Dojo as we will post here if school is not opening.**

**In bad weather, please check Dojo messages as we will post here if school needs to close early.**

**Please ensure you have returned emergency contact sheets so that other people may take your child home.**

This means that staff will be able to leave as soon as possible to get home safely. School will do all we can to reopen as soon as possible.

If school is still open but you don't think you can get your children here safely, the Department of Education state that you shouldn't travel if you believe it is unsafe. Instead, you should call the school and let them know, and in most cases it will be considered an authorised absence.

Government guidance recommends schools provide remote learning if possible and this will be posted on Dojo in case of a whole day closure.

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# RYEDALE

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES



A selection of activities available in your area

### WELBURN HALL SCHOOL

Christmas crafts, rebound therapy, sensory activities and cooking



### NIGEL CARSON SPORTS SCHOOL

Multi sports coaching and team building games



### MALTON COMMUNITY SPORTS CENTRE

An exciting camp to try new activities and sports



Book your **FREE** space now!



**FEAST is available for all children and young people across North Yorkshire with free places and a free meal for eligible children and young people.**

[feastny.org](http://feastny.org)



## FOREST CHILDCARE CLUB

Bookings are now open for next half term. Please book via ParentPay.

## DRAMA CLUB

There will be a Drama Club at West Heslerton CE School next half term for **4 weeks** for pupils in **Years 3 – 6**. The club will be run by Stephen Joseph Theatre and will be free of charge. This will take place from 3.30pm – 4.30pm from **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January to Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2025 inclusive**. Numbers are limited therefore, places will be on a first come, first served basis.

This club is accredited by the Children's University.

This club is funded by school sports funding. Should your child decide not to continue, please let us know. Places are limited.

Should your child wish to join this club, please block book the sessions on **ParentPay**. We will put a notification on **DOJO** when this club goes live.

## GYMNASTICS CLUB

There will be a Gymnastics Club at West Heslerton CE School next half term for **4 weeks** for pupils in **Years 3 -6**. The club will be run by Harry Sheader Sports School, funded by school sports funding, free of charge to children. This will take place from 3.30pm – 4.30pm from **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January to Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025 inclusive**. Numbers are limited therefore, places will be on a first come, first served basis.

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## FOREST SCHOOLS

Farthing Wood and Keeper Wood decided to move their Forest Schools session this week to make the most of the snow. Staff took pupils from Farthings and Keepers to Devil's Hill.



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## OWL ADVENTURES



Children in Badger Wood had the opportunity to meet a white-faced owl from South America, a barn owl from Britain, a Canadian great horned owl and a hawk.

The children asked lots of interesting questions and we learnt new vocal art such as raptor, and diurnal.

## CINEWORLD

The whole school had lots of fun on a fabulous trip to Cineworld this morning to watch 'The Inseparables'. Thank you to Friends for funding the transport.

