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

NEWSLETTER 27th 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 96.6%

Keeper Wood 96.1%

Farthing Wood 95.9%

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 1st December, Gymnastics Club Y1 to Y3 week 5 & last.
Friday 4th December, Friends' 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 for all children who have booked by Friday 27 November.

- 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.
Tuesday 12th January, Gymnastics club for children in Years 3 to 6. Please see the box below for details.
Monday 18th January, Community Cuppa at the Village Hall.
Thursday 21st January, Norton Hive Pop Up library restarts.

REMINDER 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.

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.

Purposeful Practice: We give students time and opportunities to apply new knowledge. This builds their ability to use this knowledge automatically (we call this fluency) and supports their independence in learning.

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.

EARLY BIRDS

Please can we remind parents to bring their children to the office and sign them into Early Birds Club on arrival.

PARKING

Please don't park in the top spot on High Street. The road is too narrow for other vehicles to pass safely.
Please pass this message on to anyone dropping or collecting your child so that everyone is kept safe and traffic around school can flow as smoothly as possible.
Thank you for your continued support.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP THEME

Collective Worship is a key part of our daily lives in school and we meet daily to experience worship.
Our invitational daily worship takes many forms. It can be for the whole school, in class groups, inside or outside. The worship sessions are based upon clear values.
We will be looking at the value of **Hope** over the next 3 weeks in school.
In addition to this invitation to morning worship, we also invite all children and adults to say grace together at lunchtime and end each day with a prayer or reflection time in class. We give time to all to be grateful for the love and opportunities we have at school.

PUDDING CHANGE

Please note, next Wednesday (2nd Dec) pudding will be sponge and custard not crumble.

SCHOOL START

The gate opens as close as possible to 8.30 for daily drop off. The morning bell is at 8:45am, if you miss the start of school, please bring your child to the school office.

FAIRTRADE STALL

Our Fairtrade stall will again be available for buying Christmas gifts.
The stall sells small gifts priced from £1 to £10.

The stall will be open each morning breaktime in the hall from Monday 30th November to Friday 4th December.
Wrapping paper will be available to help keep their purchase a surprise until the big day!

This stall supports the Fairtrade Foundation charity which campaigns for fair wages for all worldwide.

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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.

REMINDER RAFFLE TICKETS

Please return the Friends raffle tickets to school by **Friday 4th December.** We are looking forward to the draw results and sharing of prizes.

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.

SCHOOL SPORTS FUNDING

School sports funding will cease at the end of this school year. Gym club is offered **– FREE!** Please sign your child up for the term ahead. Due to sports premium cuts this is the last year this will be offered free of charge.

CHRISTMAS POST BOX

This year, our Christmas post box will again be available.
If your child wishes to send cards, please ask them to do this using the post box in the hall. Older children will empty the post box at the end of each day and deliver to classes. This keeps the sender a secret until opened and helps everyone focus upon learning during lesson times. Please ask your child to put the person's full name on the envelope and BW, KW or FW so that it can be sent to the correct room. The post box will be open from Monday 7th December to the end of term.

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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.

