



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

NEWSLETTER 5th DECEMBER 2025

Our newsletters are available to view on the school website at:

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

DIARY DATES

Monday 8th December, Christmas post box opens.

- Friends raffle draw.

Friday 12th December, Fairtrade stall leaves.

Wednesday 17th December, School Christmas lunch.

- Nativity for all children at All Saints' Church West Heslerton at 1:30pm and 6pm.

Thursday 18th December, Whole school visit to Scarborough Spa to see the pantomime Beauty and the Beast, late lunch.

Friday 19th December, School buffet lunch followed by the Christmas party.

- School closes for the Christmas holiday

Monday 5th January, Training Day for staff.

Tuesday 6th January, School opens to all pupils.

Thursday 8th January, Gymnastics Club Y3 – Y6 week 1.

Thursday 15th January, Pop up library.

A LOVELY PARENT COMMENT RECEIVED

We visited York minster on Saturday, a first time visit to the minster for us. What a beautiful place and how lovely for the children to have the opportunity to decorate a tree inside. The children loved being able to find their baubles.

YORK MINSTER CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

We have again been lucky enough to take part in the Christmas Tree Festival at York Minster. All children have created an individual bauble linked to The Colours of Christmas, these have been placed on our tree at the Minster. You can hear the story here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ze66ZTtvQPU>

The festival opened to the public on **Saturday** and will run until **Sunday 5th January 2025**. Entrance to the Minster is free to those linked to school. 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.

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. As the evenings have become darker and children are more likely to spend time indoors, this week's short clip is about safe social media.

[GB YT.V.01 LTBN-2.0 Real-Innovation Logo-Upfront 30s 16x9 \(youtube.com\)](#)

NEW STARTERS IN SEPTEMBER

Do you know of younger children looking to start school in September? NYC admissions are now open.

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-admissions>

Please spread the word and encourage parents to apply for places. Many thanks.

AFTER SCHOOL FOREST CLUB

Free sessions are available, 1 per term per child. We'd love to see all children attend so please book a freebie place through the office. These are offered subject to availability.

NATIVITY

We will host our Nativity Service at All Saints' Church West Heslerton at 1.30pm and 6pm, on **Wednesday 17th December**. The afternoon is more suited to pre-school children. All children need to attend as they all have a role in this production. Please be sure to arrive in plenty of time, parking in the village will be very limited and you may need to walk a short distance. The village is very dark so torches may be useful for the 6pm service. Please have children at the church by 5.45pm in their school uniform, thank you.

EMPTY CHOCOLATE TUBS

Chocolate tubs – Quality Street, Heroes etc are really useful in school. If you have any spare tubs please send to school with your child.

mat, please contact the school office.

GYMNASTICS CLUB

There will be a Gymnastics Club at West Heslerton CE School next half term for **6 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 **Thursday 8th January to Thursday 12th February 2026 inclusive**. Numbers are limited therefore, places will be on a first come, first served basis. Should your child decide not to continue, please let us know. Places are limited.

Should your child wish to join this club, please book the sessions on **ParentPay**. No payment needed.

WELCOME

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Amber Botham to the team here at West Heslerton. Mrs Botham will be working as a Relief GTA. She already works in Forest Schools with us each Friday. It will be good to have her here at school more and we wish her luck in her new role.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

All children will need a change of clothes for the Christmas party on **Friday 19th December**.

Donations of snacks from home (with clearly labelled ingredients) would be greatly appreciated. Please bring these to the school office.

We are hoping for a visit from someone special!

OUTSTANDING BALANCES

Please can any outstanding balances on ParentPay for Early Birds, ASC and school meals be paid by **Friday 19th December**.

Thank you.

FAIRTRADE

The Fairtrade stall will be in school until **Friday 12th December**. Farthing Wood children are our stallkeepers. All items priced **£1 to £6**.



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