



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

NEWSLETTER 12th DECEMBER 2025

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

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

DIARY DATES

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.

NATIVITY

We will host our Nativity Service at All Saints' Church West Heslerton at 1.30pm and 6pm, on **Wednesday 17th December**. There will be a cash collection for the church at each service. The afternoon is more suited to pre-school children. All children need to attend as they all have a role in this production. Please 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.

PANTOMIME

On **Thursday 18th December**, all children and staff will visit Scarborough Spa to see this year's pantomime "Beauty and the Beast". We will leave school at 9am and return for a late lunch, please have a good breakfast!

We will travel with Esk Valley Coaches. Tickets and travel will be funded by Friends of School, we thank them for their support of this visit. What a treat!

CHRISTMAS PARTY

All children will need a change of clothes in a named carrier bag 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 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.

PARENT GOVERNOR OUTCOME

We are pleased to announce that Lou Todd has been reappointed in a Parent Governor role.

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 \(youtube.com\)](#)

LONDON PAYMENTS REMINDER

Our London trip will soon be here! A reminder that final balances of the remaining £400 to be paid by Friday 1st May please, £50 deposit already paid to secure place.

The total residential cost is £450.00

SENT HOME

- Buckrose Carrs Church Services card

FOREST SCHOOL CLUB

Children will be toasting snacks over the fire on Wednesday and Thursday at Forst School Club next week. Please book on ParentPay to secure your child's place.

To use your child's free voucher (1 per term) for Christmas shopping, please contact the office.

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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.

SEPTEMBER STARTERS

Please share the information below to any pre-school age children you may now. The deadline is getting close! Primary school applications for children born between 1 September, 2021, and 31 August, 2022, are now open. It is advised to list up to five schools in order of preference. If transport is an important factor when choosing a school you can see the eligibility criteria for home to school travel and use an online tool to find your nearest school on our website. Find out more and apply online at <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/news/2025/primary-school-admissions-september-2026-are-now-open>

CHILDCARE AT CHRISTMAS

Please book using this link:
<https://malton-community-sports.classforkids.io>



Our government funded Feast places are now available to book for our Christmas holiday sport activity days!

If you are eligible you should have received your booking information via your child's school, if you haven't yet received this speak with them and they will help you out.

We also still have places to book via our class for kids booking system using the link below.

<https://malton-community-sports.classforkids.io>



POSADA

Several of our local Churches have introduced a Mexican tradition of Advent called Posada. A set of Nativity figures echo the long journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem by donkey. They seek to be welcomed & given shelter. Those sheltering the family are asked to place them in a window with an LED candle.



We will receive the posada at school on **Tuesday 16th**. We will show the children these figures and explain the tradition. We will then travel with them on **Wednesday 17th** and provide shelter in the church at the end of this day ready for their onward journey. Please look out for them at the back of the church.

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FRIENDS RAFFLE



Thank you to everyone who has supported this year's Friends Christmas Raffle. We have raised a total of £607, which is fantastic! Well done to all of the prize winners. Money raised will go towards next year's Panto trip!

NITS

Please can we ask parents to check their children's hair regularly and keep their children's hair tied back? Head lice are transmitted by head-to-head contact so these precautions will reduce your child getting them. Once nits are gained they are hard to get rid of. We'd like to reduce the work needed for everyone. Guidance for dealing with them is wet combing for the whole of the family. Further details are here <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

FAIRTRADE STALL

We have had many happy shoppers and great volunteers to manage our Fairtrade stall over the last 2 weeks. Thanks to the efforts of everyone, we have taken £176. School will benefit from £17.00 commission. The children will discuss how to use these profits next term.

UNAUTHORISED LEAVE AND TERM-TIME HOLIDAYS

All term time holidays are classified as unauthorised leave under national rules commencing September 2024.

All leave without permission or proven reason is considered unauthorised leave by authorities. 10 sessions of unauthorised absence (a session is a half day) in any 10 weeks will result in a penalty notice being issued. Please come and speak to school should you have an issue with attendance.

PUNCTUALITY

All children can attend school from 8.30am. Those arriving after 8.55 when registers close are considered unauthorised by authorities. Arriving late 10 times in any 10 weeks will result in a penalty notice being issued. Please come and speak to school should you have an issue with getting to school on time. There are support systems in place to help those who struggle with punctuality.

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A colorful poster for West Heslerton CE Primary School. The background is white with a large, vibrant rainbow at the bottom. Above the rainbow, several cartoon children are depicted in various playful poses. The top of the poster is decorated with colorful, abstract shapes and patterns. A green cloud-like shape in the top left contains the text 'Bring your child to a 'Good' Ofsted rated school'. A yellow cloud-like shape in the top right contains the text 'Weekly Forest Schools'. The school's name, 'West Heslerton CE Primary School', is prominently displayed in the center. Below the name, the word 'Admissions' is written in blue. The main text provides information about applying for a school place, including the dates 'From 12th October 2025, you can apply for a school place for your child born between: 1st September 2021 & 31st August 2022'. Two website URLs are provided: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-admissions/starting-primary-school-and-junior-school> and <https://heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk/>. The text 'Have a look on our website and check out our school.' is written in red.

**West Heslerton
CE
Primary School**

Admissions

Remember to apply for your child's place at Heslerton Primary School.

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A festive poster for a Christmas meal. The background is dark blue with white stars. At the top left, a red speech bubble contains the text 'Have FUN at our FESTIVE FEAST'. Below this, the menu items are listed in white text: 'Roast Turkey & Trimmings', 'Roast Veg Sleigh', 'Roast or Mashed Potatoes', 'Christmas Medley of Vegetables', and 'Christmas Cookie'. At the bottom, there are illustrations of a snowman, a penguin wearing a Santa hat, and a plate of food with the text 'ANOTHER FUN LUNCHTIME'. A gingerbread man is also visible. The logo 'NYES Catering' is in the bottom left corner.

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NYES Catering

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