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

NEWSLETTER 19th DECEMBER 2025

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

DIARY DATES

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.

OUTSTANDING BALANCES

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

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. This week's short clip is about problem solving.
Problem solving with children | Place2Be's Parenting Smart (youtube.com)

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. Many thanks.

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

MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP

A Christmas message from Bishop Barry to all those linked with West Heslerton CE Primary School.
https://vimeo.com/1144488547?share=copy&fl=sv&fe=ci

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.

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

Our Safeguarding Team
Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Rachel Wells
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Sheryl Woodward
Safeguarding Governor: Mrs Lou Todd

Contacting the Safeguarding Team
During school hours, should you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact the school office on 01944 728286 or via the contact us section of our website. We will take all concerns very seriously and do our best to support all involved.

During school holidays, please share any safeguarding concerns directly with the local authority's multi agency safeguarding team on 0300 131 2 131

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

NATIVITY 2025

Wow, what a wonderful nativity service. We were so impressed by all the musical talent on display. The children clearly enjoyed sharing what they have been working hard on.
Hope everyone has a wonderful and well deserved break. Merry Christmas!

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WASTE FREE LUNCHES

Packed lunches can be great for when children would rather not select the school menu on offer. These packed lunches create lots of plastic waste. We'd like to challenge families to get creative to help protect the planet. Buying products that are not individually wrapped, not disposable and instead using reusable plastic pots would be a great way to be more ecofriendly with meals. Please consider having a waste free pack up in 2026.

FRIENDS THANK YOU

A huge thank you to the Friends of School who funded the tickets to the pantomime and 2 buses for this event. It's a big expense but the children had a great time!

KITCHEN THANK YOU

A big thank you to Mrs Sefton and Mrs Charlton for school meals throughout this term. We had a wonderful Christmas dinner and party lunch this week. We appreciate their hard work throughout the term.

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These listings may change before our activities go live 17th November 2025.

FOOD. ENTERTAINMENT.
ART. SPORT. TOGETHER.

FEAST Activity Finder

Offline Version

Please note: As we work with individual activity providers across the county, ALL details are subject to change. Please check directly with providers for the most up-to-date information.

Booking onto FEAST activities using HolidayActivities

Most bookings for FEAST are made on HolidayActivities, a website where you can see all the activities on offer, book your place, provide more information about your requirements, and manage/cancel bookings as required.

To log into HolidayActivities, go to app.holidayactivities.com and either log in (using the email or social account you've used before) or sign up.

You will then be asked for your 16-digit voucher number, which will have been provided to you by email or text from HolidayActivities (or, in some limited circumstances, another way by your school or North Yorkshire Together etc.)

If you follow the link in the email or text you received for this holiday period's voucher, you will not need to manually input your voucher number.

Booking onto FEAST without using the internet

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If you're eligible for FEAST and want to book onto activities without using the internet, follow the steps below:

1. Contact the activity provider you'd like to book with – you can find their contact details in this document.
2. If they have space, book your place by giving them your 16-digit FEAST voucher, and some more information about the child/young person. It's that easy!

If you don't have your FEAST voucher, follow the guidance below.

Booking onto FEAST without your voucher

If you're eligible for FEAST and want to book onto activities but don't currently have your voucher, follow the steps below:

Note: If you've already claimed this holiday period's voucher, you can find it by logging in (using the email address or social log in you previously used) at app.holidayactivities.com

1. Contact the activity provider you'd like to book with – you can find their contact details in this document.
2. If they have space, tell them that you are eligible but do not have your voucher yet. They should accept your booking.
3. Try searching your email and texts for 'HolidayActivities', or putting your email in at app.holidayactivities.com – you might be able to find your voucher this way.
4. If this doesn't work, ask your school for the voucher code.

   If it's the school holiday, or your child doesn't go to school, contact North Yorkshire Together on hello@northyorkshiretogether.co.uk or 01845 980 141. Please note our team works part time and on weekdays only!
5. Contact the provider to give them your 16-digit voucher number to complete your booking

FEAST Christmas Holiday Activities 2025

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