



“Children are at the centre of all we do.”

### NEWSLETTER 31<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2025

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

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

#### BADGER WOOD

98.2 %

#### KEEPER WOOD

97.92%

#### FARTHING WOOD

92.55%

#### DIARY DATES

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February**, Gymnastics Club Y3 -Y6 week 4 and last session this half term.

- Y3 & Y4 Residential 2<sup>nd</sup> payment due on ParentPay.

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February**, National Horse Racing College in school.

- Drama club, last session this half term.

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February**, Revd Cate Turner in school pm.

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February**, Badger Wood parental videocalls 1:10 – 5pm.

- Farthing Wood in person parent meetings 3:30 – 5:30pm.

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February**, Keeper Wood parental videocalls 1:10 – 5pm.

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February**, Y1 & Y2 Dodgeball MCSC.

- Farthing Wood parental videocalls 1:10 – 5pm.
- Keeper Wood in person parent meetings 3:30 – 5:30pm.

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February**, Badger Wood in person parent meetings 3:30 – 5:30pm.

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February**, School closes for half term.

#### HALF TERM BREAK

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February**, School opens to pupils.

- Pop up library.

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>

#### 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 race and discrimination.

[Talking to my child about race and discrimination | Place2Be's Parenting Smart \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

#### LOVELY COMMENTS RECEIVED ABOUT YOUNG VOICES 2025

AMAZING!!!! Well done everyone, we loved it!!!! Xx

Wow! Absolutely loved that! Well done everyone!!!

Thanks to everyone involved in organising Young Voices! Us parents had a good time, the atmosphere in the arena was electric! It's clear the children thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Special thanks to the staff who went above and beyond to make sure all the children were well looked after & delivered back to school safely late last night.

It was fantastic!! We were on our feet dancing what an atmosphere!!

I just wanted to say thank you for all the staff effort for young voices. Such an amazing experience for the children and they had such a great time. Thank you.



## YOUNG VOICES 2025

What a fantastic experience children in Year 3 to 6 had performing at Sheffield Arena this week! A long day and lots of hard work learning and performing songs and dances alongside MC Grammar, Souparnika Nair and Tommy Blaize (from Strictly). We were lucky enough to travel on the plush Whitby Town coach to get there and to have a visit from David Lawrence, the concert conductor.



We are very proud of our pupils, their behaviour was exceptional at Young Voices. A fabulous day enjoyed by all! We were delighted to have many parents join us on Tuesday evening to see our performance.



A special thank you to all the staff who gave up their evening to accompany the children and for taking such good care of everyone. Thank you to Mrs Durant for teaching us so many songs, to Mrs Scott for all of her hard work ordering T shirts, booking tickets and organising coaches and to the Friends of School for funding our travel. We are already looking forward to taking part again in 2027!

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

### PARENTS EVENINGS SPRING TERM 2025

Please find below the step-by-step guide for booking parents evening appointments. You will need to select either a video appointment or in person meeting.

- **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February**, 1:10 – 5pm Badger Wood parental video calls.  
3:30 – 5:30pm Farthing Wood in person meetings.
- **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February**, 1:10 – 5pm Keeper Wood parental video calls.
- **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February**, 1:10 – 5pm Farthing Wood parental video calls.  
3:30 – 5:30pm Keeper Wood in person meetings.
- **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February**, 3:30 – 5:30pm Badger Wood in person meetings.

**Bookings open on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January at 12 noon and bookings will close on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 12 noon. Please note that once the booking deadline has passed no further bookings can be made.**

## Parents' Guide for Booking Appointments

Browse to <https://westheslerton.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

**Your Details**

Title: First Name: Surname:

MR: Mr/Ms/Ms/Ms:

Work:

Home:

Mobile:

Work Email:

Home Email:

**Student's Details**

First Name: Surname: Date of Birth:

Sex:

### Step 1: Login

Fill out the details on the page then click the *Log In* button.

A confirmation of your appointments will be sent to the email address you provide.

**September Parents Evening**

This is to allow parents and teachers to discuss progress and will take place on 13th and 14th September. Note that for the 13th there will be sessions available both in person and via video call.

Click a date to continue:

- Monday, 13th September: In-person & video call. [Open for bookings](#)
- Tuesday, 14th September: In-person. [Open for bookings](#)

[I'm unable to attend](#)

### Step 2: Select Parents' Evening

Click on the date you wish to book.

Unable to make all of the dates listed? Click *I'm unable to attend*.

**Choose Booking Method**

What date would you like to book?  
Monday, 13th September

What type of appointment would you like?

In Person

Video Call

[Back](#)

### Step 3: Select in-person or video

When you choose a date that has both in-person and video appointment sessions available you can choose which one you want to book.

Then press Next.

**Choose Booking Mode**

Select how you'd like to book your appointments using the option below, and then click Next.

Automatic  
Automatically book the best possible times based on your availability.

Manual  
Choose the time you would like to see each teacher.

### Step 4: Select Booking Mode

Choose *Automatic* if you'd like the system to suggest the shortest possible appointment schedule based on the times you're available to attend. To pick the times to book with each teacher, choose *Manual*. Then press *Next*.

We recommend choosing the automatic booking mode when browsing on a mobile device.



### Step 5: Select Availability

Drag the sliders at the top of the screen to indicate the earliest and latest you can attend.



### Step 6: Choose Teachers

Select the teachers you'd like to book appointments with. A green tick indicates they're selected. To de-select, click on their name.



### Step 7: Book Appointments (Automatic)

If you chose the automatic booking mode, you'll see provisional appointments which are held for 2 minutes. To keep them, choose Accept at the bottom left.

If it wasn't possible to book every selected teacher during the times you are able to attend, you can either adjust the teachers you wish to meet with and try again, or switch to manual booking mode.



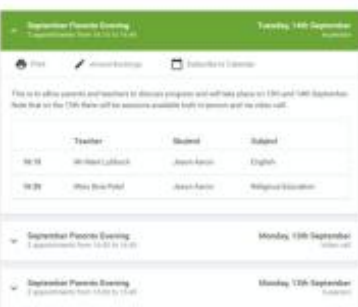
### Step 8: Book Appointments

Click any of the green cells to make an appointment. Blue cells signify where you already have an appointment. Grey cells are unavailable.

To change an appointment, delete the original by hovering over the blue box and clicking *Delete*. Then choose an alternate time.

You can optionally leave a message for the teacher to say what you'd like to discuss, or raise anything beforehand.

Once you're finished booking all appointments, at the top of the page in the alert box, press *click here* to finish the booking process.



### Step 9: Finished

All your bookings now appear on the My Bookings page. An email confirmation has been sent and you can also print appointments by pressing *Print*. Click *Subscribe to Calendar* to add these and any future bookings to your calendar.

To change your appointments, click on *Amend Bookings*.

## SCHOOL MEALS AND AFTER SCHOOL CHILDCARE CLUB

Please can we ask that school meals and after school club bookings are paid for in a timely manner. Thank you for your continued support.

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

### KEEPER WOODS MATHS DAY WITH PARENTS

Join us for the day to work with pupils from Keeper Wood to discover lots of fun maths. Family members of all ages with children in any class are invited to join us free of charge for lots of storytelling, problem-solving and puppet making, all involving everyday maths.

In their pupil voice meetings, children requested the chance to make puppets. This will be a chance to make and play with them.



**Magical Maths with Multiply**

Join us for a magical time!

**A Town Called Plentiful**

A fun, creative activity day for parents and children. A day of storytelling, problem solving, puppet making and performing.

The story of a greedy town that loses numbers. How will they manage?

Parents and children working together to make puppets, problem solve, and identify how numbers are valuable in every way.

**West Heslerton CE VC Primary School**

**Wednesday 5th March**  
**9am to 3pm**

The poster features two colorful puppets, a hand with a wand, a glowing book, and a wizard's hat.

### PARKING

Please do not drop children off on the school zig zags. For the harmony of our neighbours, please park to keep the road to Rectory Farm clear.

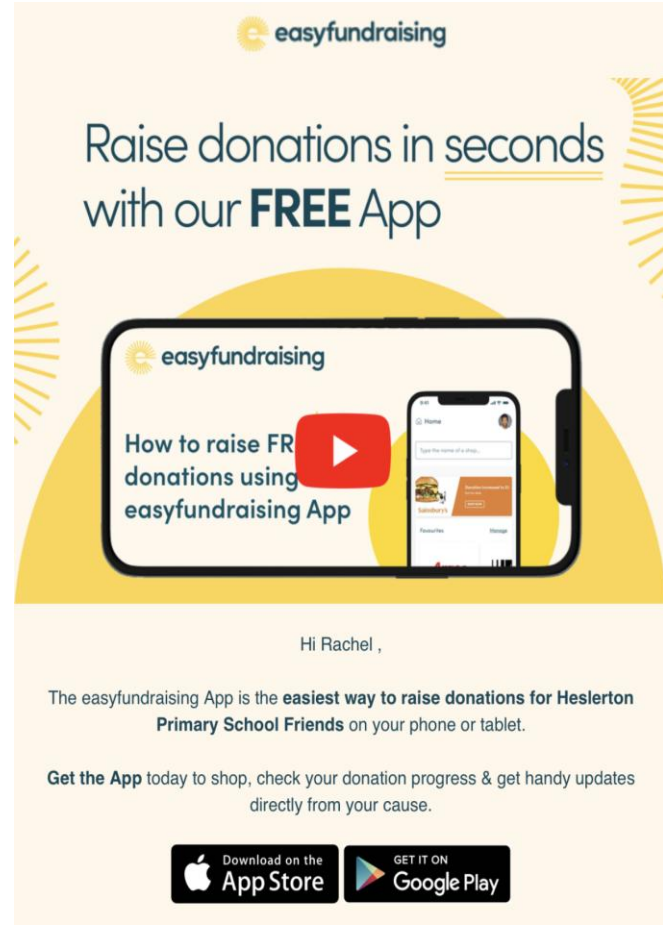
**Pedestrian route** – Please use the pedestrian route in and out of the school office. This means children and adults do not need to walk across the car park or cross roads where drivers are turning.

### SCRAP BIN REMINDER

Any donations of scrap metal in the bin outside of school will be used to raise funds for school. Thank you.

### EASY FUNDRAISING

Please support us in raising funds whilst not costing you anything. Download the app below.



easyfundraising

Raise donations in seconds with our **FREE** App

How to raise FREE donations using easyfundraising App

Hi Rachel ,

The easyfundraising App is the **easiest way to raise donations for Heslerton Primary School Friends** on your phone or tablet.

Get the App today to shop, check your donation progress & get handy updates directly from your cause.

Download on the App Store | GET IT ON Google Play

The advertisement shows a smartphone displaying the app interface and a video thumbnail.

### AFTER SCHOOL FOREST CHILDCARE CLUB

All children can have a free session at the after-school forest club each term. To utilise your child's free after school club session, please contact the school office to book. Please specify that you wish to use your free session and if you would like to book for 1 hour or 2 hours. One free session is offered per child per term, subject to availability. Thank you.

### LOST PROPERTY

We found this glasses case in the school hall after the parental lunch. Please collect from the school office.



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

### FARTHING WOOD TRIP

As part of their Viking studies this term, Farthing Wood class will be visiting Jorvik Viking Centre on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**. Farthing Wood will be travelling with Esk Valley Coaches and will be accompanied by Mrs Bickerton and Mrs Wardell.

All children need to be in school uniform with a warm, waterproof coat and sensible shoes.

Children will need **a packed lunch** and **water bottle**. If you would like school to provide a packed lunch for your child, please request one when prompted on **ParentPay**. No foods containing nuts are permitted. Please do not send glass bottles or fizzy drinks. We are asking for a parental contribution of **£10** for this trip to help towards entry costs and coach hire. The balance will be paid for by school. Please sign up on ParentPay by the half term holiday so that we can check that there are enough funds to cover our visit costs.

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.

### PHOTO REMINDER

We warmly welcome everyone to our school events. Whilst everyone is invited to take photographs or film children to capture happy memories, these are not for uploading on to any platforms or online messaging services. This is to protect all children at school.

...it is likely a child in that school is at risk of abuse, or has been removed from a dangerous and chaotic life and has been placed into foster care or with adoptive parents.

If we then publicly post a picture or video with the child in the background... a friend shares it, the abusers see it, and they then know the child's school.

Potentially, this child then has to pack up their belongings, move to a new home, new school, new carers, new life. All to protect them from dangerous people in their lives coming after them. All because we needed to share it online.

Please, just follow school policy. They don't tell you not to record because they are miserable. They tell you this to protect vulnerable children.

### SENT HOME

- Parents Evening booking guide.
- Queen Elizabeth books for those who were not here at the Jubilee.
- Friends WhatsApp invitation to new parents.

### COMMUNITY CUPPA

Local residents of all ages, parents and pre-schoolers are invited to join us at the village hall for a cuppa, a chat and a game of snakes and ladders.

## Slytherin Games



$$2x + 4y = 0$$

$$x + y = ?$$

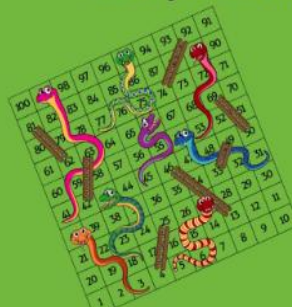
**Monday 17th March**  
**2.15 to 3.15**  
**West Heslerton**  
**Village Hall**

**Turning equations into a fun interactive game to play with your children!**

What's involved...

Come along to the session for a game of snakes and ladders with a twist!

This is no ordinary game - to be able to move through the board you must work out the equations!



### FRIENDS OF SCHOOL

Friends of Heslerton School raises money for extra events and treats for all children. The Friends organise social events and fund-raising activities which raise money for events such as the Pantomime, gifts at Christmas and other fun activities. Friends meetings are held in school during the term to discuss and plan future fund raising and fun events for the school. All parents and families are welcome to these and they usually start with a coffee or tea!

Please come along and get involved.

The next meeting will be on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 2.30pm.**

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## Communication and Interaction

### SLCN Advice Workshop for Parents & Carers

*'Come and talk to us for advice and support around all aspects of your child's speech, language & communication skills'.*

#### Where & When

- 5th February 2025 10:00-12:00 at noon at Atmosphere Children and Family Hub, The Old Court House, Malton Road, Pickering YO18 7JJ
- 5th February 2025 1:00-4pm at Malton Library, 6, Saint Michael Street, Malton YO17 7LJ
- 11<sup>th</sup> February 2025 12:30-4:00pm at Cherry Tree Children's Centre Cherry Tree Avenue, Scarborough, YO12 5HL
- 12th February 2025 1:00-4:00pm at Whitby & District Children's centre, Byland Road, Whitby, YO21 1HY
- 14th February 2025 10:00-13:00pm noon at Eastfield Community Library, High St, Scarborough, YO11 3LL

#### **Who will be there?**

Helen Hunter - Speech Language & Communication Needs Specialist

Amancay Topping - Speech & Language Therapist

Charlotte McIntyre - Speech & Language Therapy Assistant

Zoe Green - Speech & Language Therapy Assistant

**Please contact us to book a slot, or for any queries please ring 07977 710109 or email [Helen.Hunter@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:Helen.Hunter@northyorks.gov.uk) or [Amancay.Topping@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:Amancay.Topping@northyorks.gov.uk)**

### REMINDER - BADGER WOOD TRIP

Badger Wood class will be visiting Bridlington Animal Park on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March**. Badger Wood will be travelling with Esk Valley Coaches and will be accompanied by Mrs Woodward, Miss Johnson, Miss Trueman, Mrs Taylor- Barber and Mrs Andrews.

All children need to be in school uniform with a warm, waterproof coat and sensible shoes.

Children will need a **packed lunch** and **water bottle**. If you would like school to provide a packed lunch for your child, please request one when prompted on **ParentPay**. No foods containing nuts are permitted. Please do not send glass bottles or fizzy drinks. We are asking for a parental contribution of **£7** for this trip to cover the cost of entry and help towards coach hire costs. The balance of this visit will be paid for by school. Please sign up on ParentPay by the half term holiday so that we can check that there are enough funds to cover our visit costs.

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### FRIENDS OF WEST HESLERTON SCHOOL MEETING MINUTES – MONDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025

Present: Emma Pennock, Nicola Fox, Anna Tindall, Rachel Wells, Chloe Stockdale, Emma Nutt, Rosie Pease

Apologies: Katie Golding, Victoria Malthouse, Emma Johnston

#### Minutes from the last meeting:

Christmas – Friends funded whole school trip to Panto, Crackers were provided at the school Christmas lunch, selection boxes were gifted to each child & Friends organised the Christmas party. RW confirmed that they have found a box of crackers in school for next year.

#### Annual Events to discuss and schedule:

-Spring Disco – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March 3:30-5pm in school hall. DJ Terry booked £130 (EP to reconfirm). £3 per child to be paid on Parentpay (RW). Disco clothes to be brought in named bag. Pupils bring water bottles. Selection of snacks leftover from Christmas. Pupils will be encouraged to choose a song of their choice to be played (RW).

-Easter celebrations – Roller disco at Pickering. Hall hire £90. Easter Egg tombola (donations welcome please) & nibbles afterwards. £5 per child. Suggested weekend 4-6pm in Easter hols. EP to confirm date & time. EP to contact Morrison's Community Champion to see if they can donate anything.

-Bingo – Norton Bowling Club. Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June – cake stall (donations welcome). Raffle prizes required. Non uniform day in exchange for prizes Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May (TBC RW).

-Summer school trip – somewhere different to Woldies this year. RW to speak to Mrs Botham.

-Sponsored walk – to be held in summer term. Prize for the class who raise the most money.

-Albanwise Open Farm – RW in discussion with them if / when this happening.

-Fundraisers – Movie night / slumber party for older children? Quiz night? Chocolate Bingo? Nighttime walk / stargazing night at Scampston (EP to contact Mrs Botham / Katie Spaven at Scampston).

#### AOB:

Fundraising through apps – keep an eye out for these, we have signed up to Easy Fundraising & raised £1,022 just by doing our shopping. Asda rewards raised £126 but now closed. Stronger Starts Tesco (blue tokens) EP to look into this. Shopping list from staff – is there anything else school would like? We have a longer-term goal to help towards the cost of some educational playground markings.

New parents – invitation to join WhatsApp group (RW). Send info poster to new parents explaining what we do (RW to add to newsletter & EP to WhatsApp). More parents needed at monthly meetings. Consider trialling an evening meeting bimonthly, would this help working parents to join? EP to do poll on WhatsApp group.

#### Next meeting:

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025 at 2:30pm (TBC depending on interest in evening meeting).

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