

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

### NEWSLETTER 30<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2026

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

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

#### BADGER WOOD

95.67%

Great job Badger families!

#### KEEPER WOOD

93.37%

#### FARTHING WOOD

96.84%

Great job Farthing families!

#### DIARY DATES

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February**, Pop up library 2pm.

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February**, Friends Quiz Night – 7pm at West Heslerton village hall.

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February**, Break up for half term.

#### HALF TERM

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**, School opens.

- Thinking Day. Cubs, Scouts, Rainbows and Brownies may wear their scouting uniform to school.

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March**, FW Ryedale Folk Museum visit.

There may be changes to these dates. Please check the school website for events and Dojo for details.

#### 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.

*Closing date for applications: 23rd February 2026.*

#### 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 coping when a child says no to everything.

[My child just says no to everything | Place2Be's Parenting Smart \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QDwvJLJLcJU)

#### PARKING

Please can we politely request that families don't park at the top spot near school as the road is very narrow. Please don't park on the road / private land to Rectory Farm.

Please can parents refrain from parking in the visitor parking area at the front of school. This is to keep pedestrians safely separated from traffic. Thank you

#### PARENT EVENINGS

Parents evenings have been organised for the week beginning Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February for all classes.

**Appointments must be booked online by parents by 21<sup>st</sup> February.**

Please see the box below for details of how to book.

FRIENDS OF WEST HESLERTON SCHOOL  
PRESENTS...

## QUIZ NIGHT

Gather your friends and join us for Quiz Night for your chance to show off your knowledge and enjoy some friendly competition!

£5 PER PERSON  
INCLUDES SUPPER

WEST HESLERTON VILLAGE HALL  
FRI 6TH FEBRUARY AT 7PM

BAR & RAFFLE  
TEAMS OF 4-6 PEOPLE

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

**Girl's Rugby**  
Fun session  
Years 4, 5 & 6

**Where:** The Gannock, Y017 7EY  
**When:** Sunday 22nd February  
**Time:** 10:30am-11:30am  
**Bring:** water bottle and a smile!

Contact Natalie on 07712183330

**Freebies for all attendees**

**Ryedale Parent Carer Groups and Talks Spring 2026**  
In partnership with Ryedale Special Families

**Ryan Swain - You, Me & ADHD talk**  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February

**Heidi Ridgewell Workshop**  
Feeling frustrated by your child's behaviour and looking for support? Join our Parent & Carer Workshop to explore where behaviour comes from, learn strategies to calm difficult situations, and discover new ways to support your child. You'll leave with practical ideas, inspiration, and tools to try at home.  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March

**Helen Arnold-Jenkins Talk**  
Helen is a SEND Governor & Vice Chair Helmsley, Kirkbymoorside & Sinnington Primary Cluster, Arete Learning Trust. Helen will share about her role and how she can support Parent Carers.  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April

All Sessions held at Kirkbymoorside Community Hub Y082 6AG, 9.00am to 11.00am

**Ryedale Special Families** More Info: E: [kerrie@carersplus.net](mailto:kerrie@carersplus.net) T: 07710 888214

**carers plus** YORKSHIRE

### KEEPER WOOD

#### DODGEBALL

We had a fantastic time at MCSC playing dodgeball against different schools. Team Hurricanes, Hornets and Hawks played really well and listened to the referees.



### BADGER WOOD

We have imagined that we were astronauts in PE. We discussed how we would move on the moon, and eat and drink.



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## FARTHING WOOD

Year 5 had a great time at Community Cuppa this afternoon: playing games and talking to those from the local community about the games they played when they were younger.



## Y6

### VOCAL PROJECT DAYS

#### Love to sing?

#### Want to perform with others?

Come and be part of our new Vocal Groups

A fun and inspiring space for young and aspiring singers from across North Yorkshire and York to rehearse, learn, and grow together.

7 March  
18 April  
16 May  
20 June

10am - 3pm

Escrick C of E Primary School  
Carr Lane  
YO19 6JQ

Vocal Project Days are **FREE**, & open to all children and young people from North Yorkshire and York in Years 4 to 13



For more details, email:  
Countyhall.Music@northyorks.gov.uk



## EARLY BIRDS AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

After School Forest Childcare and Early Birds Clubs are open for bookings until Easter on ParentPay.  
**Please note there will be no After School Club on March 12<sup>th</sup>. Friends have organised a disco on this date at Ganton instead.**

North Yorkshire and York Music Hub

## ENSEMBLES PROJECT DAYS

### Play an instrument?

### Love making music with others?

Come and be part of our Instrumental Ensemble Days

A fantastic opportunity to rehearse, perform, and develop your ensemble skills with other musicians from across North Yorkshire and York in a supportive and welcoming environment.

For more details, email:  
Countyhall.Music@northyorks.gov.uk



Ensemble Project Days are **FREE**, & open to all children and young people from North Yorkshire and York above grade 2 on their instrument.



15 March  
19 April  
14 June  
20 June

10am - 3pm

The Regent Centre  
Landing Lane  
YO19 6PW

## GYMNASICS CLUB YEARS 1 to 3

There will be a Gymnastics Club at West Heslerton CE School next half term for **4 weeks** for pupils in **Years 1-3**.

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 on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February, Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026**. 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 block book the sessions on **ParentPay**. No payment needed.

## FARTHING WOOD RYEDALE FOLK MUSEUM VISIT

The children in Y5 & Y6 will visiting Ryedale Folk Museum on **Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> March**.

The children will travel with Esk Valley Coaches and be accompanied by Mrs Bickerton and Mrs Wardell. We will be leaving school at 9am and will return for the end of the school day. Children will need a packed lunch, if you would like a school packed lunch please order one when prompted on ParentPay. We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £10 towards this trip, payable on ParentPay. **Please consent on ParentPay before the 23<sup>rd</sup> February.**

Pupils will need to take their own inhalers if necessary. School carries insurance for all school trips. In case of emergency please contact school.

## PARENT EVENING APPOINTMENTS

Please find below the step-by-step guide for booking parents evening appointments. Bookings will **open on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 12 noon** and **bookings will close on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February**.

Please select the link from here :

[SchoolCloud - West Heslerton C E Primary School](https://westheslerton.schoolcloud.co.uk/)

Please follow the instructions below:

### Parents' Guide for Booking Appointments

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



#### 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.

#### 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*.

#### Step 3: 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 4: Select Availability

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

#### Step 5: 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.

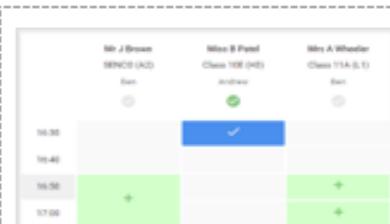
#### Step 6: Book Appointments (Automatic)

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.

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

## PARENT EVENING APPOINTMENTS



### Step 7: 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.

Teacher	Student	Subject	Booking
Mr Mark Liddick	Jason Aaron	English	15:15
Miss Bina Patel	Jason Aaron	Religious Education	15:30

### Step 8: 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*.

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