

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

### NEWSLETTER 6<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2026

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

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

#### BADGER WOOD

94.81%

#### KEEPER WOOD

97.3%

Attendance winners this week!

#### FARTHING WOOD

Super attendance!

96.44%

#### DIARY DATES

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

**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.
- KW online parents appointments 1:10-3:20pm.
- BW online parents appointments 1:40-3:30pm.

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February**, FW online parents appointments 3:30-5:30pm.

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February**, FW online parents appointments 1:10-3:30pm.

- KW online parents appointments 3:30-5:30pm.

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February**, KW online parents appointments 1:10-3:30pm.

- BW online parents appointments 3:40-5:30pm.

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**, Friends meeting 2:30pm.

- Y6 SATS meeting 3:30 – 4pm for Y6 parents.

**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.**

#### 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

#### 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 an after school disco on this date at Ganton Village Hall instead.**

#### Y6

Y6 national tests (SATs) meeting on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** from 3:30 – 4pm for Y6 children and parents.

#### SENT HOME

- Primary Times one per family.

## THINKING DAY

22nd February marks both Scouts' Founders Day and Guiding's World Thinking Day. Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers, Rainbows, Brownies, Guides or Rangers can wear their uniforms to school on Monday 23rd February instead.

The 22nd February was chosen as it marks the birthdays of Lord Robert Baden-Powell, founder of Scouting, and Lady Olave Baden-Powell, World Chief Guide. Around the world, Scouts and Guides celebrate the day by reflecting on their shared values, thinking about Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers, Rainbows, Brownies, Guides or Rangers across the globe, and recognising the impact of Scouting and Guiding in their communities.

Taking part in this simple gesture may even help some of the children work towards earning a badge.



## FOUNDER'S DAY & WORLD THINKING DAY

23 February, 2026

Celebrate the Spirit of Scouting and Guiding – February 23rd

As February 22nd falls on a weekend this year, we'll be celebrating the spirit of Scouting and Guiding on Monday, February 23rd!

All young members — from Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers, Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, and Rangers — are warmly invited to wear their uniforms to school with pride.

This special day is an opportunity for everyone in the Scouting and Guiding community to renew their promises together, and to reflect on how the timeless values of Scouting and Guiding continue to inspire, unite, and remain relevant in our ever-changing world.



## 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 YO82 6AG, 9.00am to 11.00am



More Info:  
E: kerrie@carersplus.net  
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## FRIENDS

The next Friends meeting will be on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** at 2:30pm in the school hall. Everyone is welcome – come along and have a cuppa!

## MUSICAL INSTRUMENT OPPORTUNITIES



15 March  
19 April  
14 June  
20 June

10am - 3pm

The Regen Centre  
Landing Lane  
YO19 6PW

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.



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

## 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. The cost of this trip is £10, payable on ParentPay. If anyone would like to discuss payment please contact Mrs Wells direct. **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.

## 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 thinks they need to be perfect.

[My child thinks they need to be perfect | Place2Be's Parenting Smart \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JLjyfJLJLjw)

## PARENTS EVENING DAYS / TIMES

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A hard copy of the Parent user guide showing how to book appointments was sent home last Friday. For reference if needed, please find the guide in the box below.

**Bookings will close at noon on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February.**

North Yorkshire and York Music Hub

## 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.

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



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



7 March

18 April

16 May

20 June

10am - 3pm

Esrick C of E Primary School  
Carr Lane  
YO19 6JQ



## KEEPER WOOD FOREST SCHOOLS

The children enjoyed a chilly, wet adventure at Devils Hill. The weather has tested everybody's waterproof clothing and wellies.

Walking back through the big puddles also tested the height of wellies, there were quite a few wet socks. It was a whole school walk, as Badgers also joined us all today.



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

## 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.

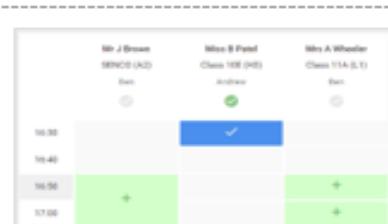
#### Step 6: Book Appointments (Automatic)

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.

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## 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*.

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