



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

NEWSLETTER 14th FEBRUARY 2025

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

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

BADGER WOOD

97.49 %

KEEPER WOOD

99.1%

FARTHING WOOD

94.84%

DIARY DATES

Friday 14th February, School closes for half term.

HALF TERM BREAK

Monday 24th February, School opens to pupils.

- Last day to buy disco tickets – on ParentPay.
- Pop up library.
- Gymnastics Club YR to Y2 week 1.
- Final day to return Y3 – Y6 parental lunch slip.

Tuesday 25th February, Drama Club Y3 – Y6 week 1.

Monday 3rd March, FW Jorvik Viking Centre trip.

- Gymnastics Club YR to Y2 week 2.

Tuesday 4th March, Drama Club Y3 – Y6 week 2.

Wednesday 5th March, KW Maths Day

Thursday 6th March, World Book Day- see box.

- Friends meeting – see box

Friday 7th March, Friends Disco 3:30 – 5pm.

Tuesday 11th March, BW Bridlington Animal Park trip.

- Y3 – Y6 Parental lunch for those who have already booked.

Wednesday 2nd April,

- Last day to buy roller disco tickets – on ParentPay.

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>

PARENTS EVENING

Thank you to all parents attending the Parents Evenings this week. Our plans have been altered due to changes in school security following recent national events. We were pleased to welcome a new booking system that worked really well, it was lovely to see all those that had booked online or in person!

COMPASS BUZZ

We all need to be mentally and physically well to be our best selves. Please come and speak to any member of staff should you or your child need support of any kind. The following links may be useful for you to access.

[https://www.compass-](https://www.compass-uk.org/services/compass-phoenix/)

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BUZZ US Text Message Service. Compass offers a confidential text messaging service to young people aged 11-18 across North Yorkshire. Text 07520 631168 for confidential advice, support and signposting from a wellbeing worker within one working day via text. When you text BUZZ US, you'll get a message back letting you know if we're open or closed. compass phoenix telephone 01904 661916
0800 0087452
text 07520631168

FRIENDS DISCO

Friends of School have organised a disco for children who go to West Heslerton Primary School. This will be held on **Friday 7th March 2025, 3:30 – 5pm**.

Bring your party clothes to school, change at the end of the day. Please bring your water bottle, it gets very warm!

Please pay £3 on ParentPay by Monday 24th February. Price includes snacks.

A tuck shop will be provided by The Friends of School at the end of the disco outside of school. Please bring cash to purchase snacks and/or drinks for the journey home.

WORLD BOOK DAY

On **Thursday 6th March**, please dress up as a book character and bring the book you are dressing up as or wear your bedtime pjs with your favourite book.

All children have today been given a book voucher that can be used for £1 off a book of their choice or swapped for a free World Book Day book. These books are limited so we are issuing these today. Valid from 13 February.

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

Y3 – Y6 PARENTAL LUNCH

We will be hosting a Y3 – Y6 parental lunch at school on **Tuesday 11th March**.

Lunch will be served at 12 noon in the school hall for the parents that ordered a lunch.

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 cultural identity.

[Helping your child understand cultural identity | Place2Be's Parenting Smart \(youtube.com\)](#)

REMINDER - BADGER WOOD TRIP

Badger Wood class will be visiting Bridlington Animal Park on **Tuesday 11th 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.

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.

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

Our Safeguarding Team

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Rachel Wells

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Sheryl Woodward

Safeguarding Governor: Mrs Jo Bickerton

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.

To make a safeguarding referral directly to the local authority's multi agency safeguarding team, please contact the North Yorkshire Children and Families service on 0300 131 2 131

BADGER WOOD

FOREST SCHOOL (week 5)

Today we have worked towards our 'Ruby Robin' award. We have completed 4 activities to help us gain our certificate - including keeping quiet in the bird hide!



KEEPER WOOD



FOREST SCHOOLS

Continuing our work on knot tying, this afternoon we used reef knots and square lashing to join and attach sticks. These were then used to make a frame for a Roman catapult.

They were tested using pinecones, well done to the red team who got theirs the furthest.

Teamwork was needed to achieve our catapult making.

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REMINDER - FARTHING WOOD TRIP

As part of their Viking studies this term, Farthing Wood class will be visiting Jorvik Viking Centre on **Monday 3rd 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.

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FARTHING WOOD

In Forest Schools we have been creating our initials into Viking runes using sticks and lashings.

We also moved some more large pieces of tree to create seating on our playground. This involved a huge amount of teamwork and problems solving to use the rope to move it.



THE SIX PRINCIPLES OF NURTURE



FRIENDS MEETING

The next meeting of Friends of School will be held on **Thursday 6th March at the Dawnay Arms 7.30-8.30pm.** Parents have asked for an evening meeting to be able to attend. Please support this group and the local pub!

SENT HOME

- World Book Day tokens one per child.
- Primary Times one per family.

EASTER ROLLER DISCO

Friends of Heslerton School are hosting their own Easter Roller Disco for families linked to Heslerton School. This will be held on the first Saturday of the holidays, **Saturday 5th April, 1-2 pm** at Ryedale Sports Centre, Lady Lumley's School, Pickering. Everyone is welcome including siblings of pupils. Parents are to stay during this event please. Tickets, priced at £5 per child, must be purchased in advance. Tickets will be offered on a first come, first served basis. There is a maximum capacity of 70 children. The price includes free skate hire although children may bring their own skates if wished. Friends of School will host an Easter Egg Tombola there and refreshments will be available to purchase, please bring cash. We are looking forward to burning off lots of energy!