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

NEWSLETTER 13th FEBRUARY 2026

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

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE



ATTENDANCE winners this week is Farthing Wood!!

Badger Wood 95.24%
Keeper Wood 97.54%
Farthing Wood 99.21%

DIARY DATES

Friday 13th February, Break up for half term.

HALF TERM

Monday 23rd 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 24th February, Fairtrade stall opens.
- FW online parents appointments 3:30-5:30pm.

Wednesday 25th February, FW online parents appointments 1:10-3:30pm.
- KW online parents appointments 3:30-5:30pm.

Thursday 26th February, KW online parents appointments 1:10-3:30pm.
- BW online parents appointments 3:40-5:30pm.

Monday 2nd March, Friends meeting 2:30pm.
- Y6 SATS meeting 3:30 – 4pm for Y6 parents.

Wednesday 11th March, Bag2School.
- FW Ryedale Folk Museum visit.

Thursday 12th March, Friends Glow disco please see box.

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

SENT HOME

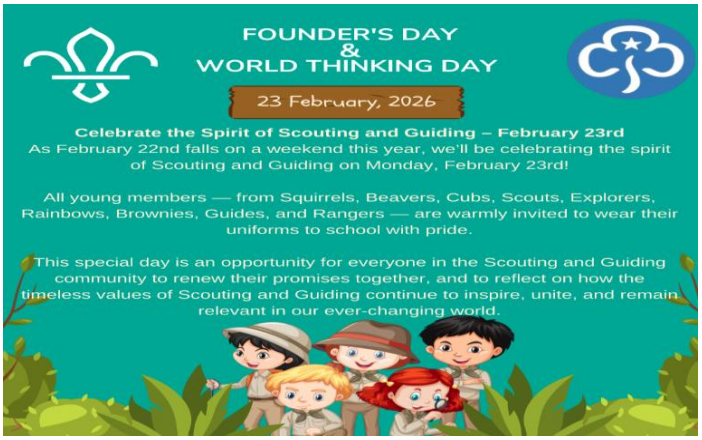
- World Book Day tokens
- New Spring / Summer menu
- Kemps information leaflet

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.



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A LOVELY COMMENT RECEIVED THIS WEEK

My child said they really enjoyed the church service. I think it's lovely how informative the church services are for the children. It's always a topic that we chat about when they've been at church.

Y5 & Y6 LONDON RESIDENTAL

Our trip to London is not too far away, please keep making payments towards your child's trip.

PARENTING SMART

Parenting can be joyful but also very hard. Each week we bring you a link that may be useful to you to find your way. This week's short clip is about shyness in children.

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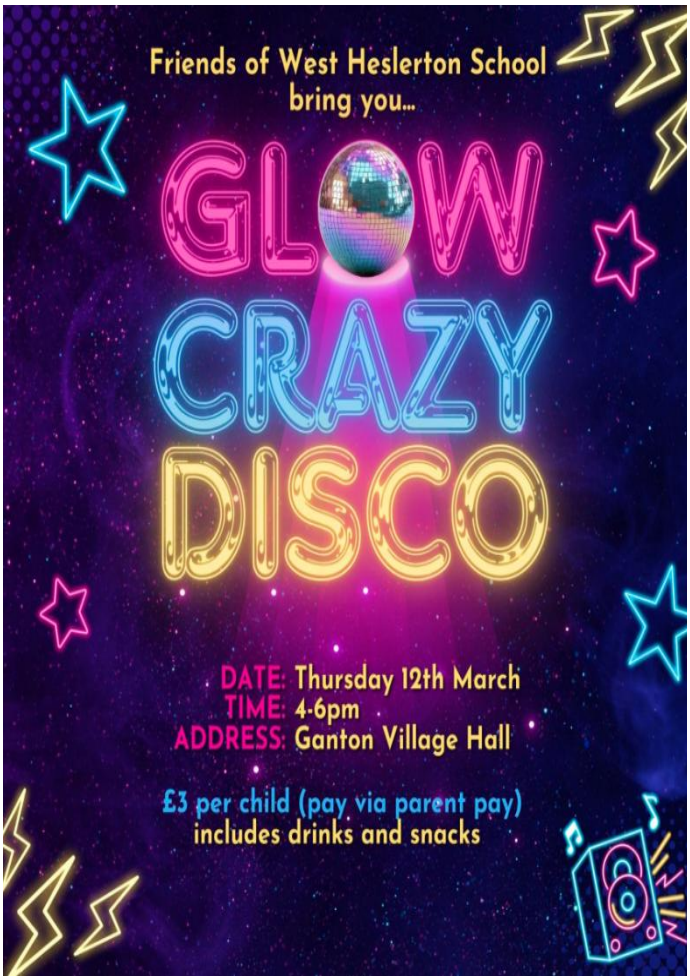
FRIENDS OF SCHOOL QUIZ



Thank you to all who turned out for the school quiz night last week.
Friday night at the village hall was very busy. Lots of brain power was used, lots of fun was had and lots of funds raised for school. Congratualtions to the Pease team! A super £687 raised will help pupils have lots of extra experiences at school. Thank you to the Friends of School for organising this event and to all those that supported it.

REMINDER FARTHING WOOD RYEDALE FOLK MUSEUM VISIT

The children in Y5 & Y6 will visiting Ryedale Folk Museum on **Wednesday, 11th 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. P**lease consent on ParentPay before the 23rd 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.



GOODBYE

We are saying goodbye to Mrs.Botham, we wish her lots of luck in her new role and thank her for Forest School sessions for the Autumn and Spring terms.

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WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day takes place on the first Thursday of March each year. This year it will be held on Thursday 5th March. Children have brought home vouchers today. These are valid from now.

On Thursday 5th March, children (and staff!) are encouraged to wear their pyjamas to celebrate bedtime stories or dress as a character from a book. Please bring the book to school on this day.

Keeper Wood and Farthing Wood have completed work that will be on display in Kemps on this time. We hope to share details next half term.

MENU

Copies of the Spring / Summer menu have been sent home this afternoon. The new menu is also available to view on our website

Our Meals | West Heslerton CE VC Primary School



Family February Fun

Join us for FREE family fun throughout the school holidays. Discover creative ways to support your child's learning both at home and in school through a variety of exciting craft activities.

All places must be booked and enrolled online - please feel free to contact our office if you are unable to do this, as enrolment is essential to access the sessions for free. Without prior enrolment, charges may apply.

Course	Date	Day	Time	Location
Family February Fun Whitby	16/02/2026	Monday	10:00 - 12:00	Whitby Library, Whitby
Family February Fun Ripon	16/02/2026	Monday	10:00 - 12:00	Ripon Library, Ripon
Family February Fun Catterick	16/02/2026	Monday	14:00 - 16:00	Catterick Library, Catterick
Family February Fun Scarborough	16/02/2026	Monday	14:00 - 16:00	Scarborough Library and Information Centre
Family Fun with Pancakes - Richmond	17/02/2026	Tuesday	10:00 - 12:00	Scout Hut, Richmond
Family February Fun Stokesley	17/02/2026	Tuesday	14:00 - 16:00	Stokesley Library, Stokesley
Family February Fun Norton	17/02/2026	Tuesday	14:00 - 16:00	Norton Hive Library, Norton
Family February Fun Knaresborough	18/02/2026	Wednesday	10:00 - 12:00	Knaresborough Library, Knaresborough
Family February Fun Skipton	18/02/2026	Wednesday	10:30 - 12:30	Skipton Library, Skipton
Family February Fun Selby	19/02/2026	Thursday	09:30 - 11:30	Selby Classroom, Selby
Family February Fun Harrogate	19/02/2026	Thursday	10:30 - 12:30	Harrogate Library, Harrogate
Family February Fun Filey	19/02/2026	Thursday	14:00 - 16:00	Filey Library, Filey
Family February Fun Thirsk	19/02/2026	Thursday	14:00 - 16:00	Thirsk Learning Resource Centre, Thirsk
Family February Fun Pickering	20/02/2026	Friday	10:00 - 12:00	Pickering Library, Pickering
Family February Fun Malton	20/02/2026	Friday	10:00 - 12:00	Malton Library, Malton
Family February Fun Northallerton	20/02/2026	Friday	10:30 - 12:30	Northallerton Library, Northallerton

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PARENT EVENING APPOINTMENTS

Please see previous newsletters for dates and details. Appointments need to be booked online. Bookings will **close on Saturday 21st February.**

SCHOOL SNACKS

Due to the rising cost of food, we will need to increase some prices at the school tuck shop. Food and drink items will be priced at 20p or 25p . We ask that children bring a maximum of 50p each day. These price increases will take effect after the half term break.

BAG2SCHOOL



BAG 2 SCHOOL
FREE FUNDRAISING FOR SCHOOLS
In partnership with your school or organisation

Bag2School

West Heslerton C E Primary School

Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second-hand clothing and we have arranged to make a collection from your school. All the bags will be weighed and you will be paid for the total weight collected. Remember, the more you collect the greater the benefit to your school.

Your own clothes

PLEASE USE YOUR OWN BAGS (THERE IS NO LIMIT).

Your own bags

When the clothes have been removed from the bag the plastic will be packed and sent for recycling.

We are collecting good quality items for RE-USE:

Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.

The more we weigh the more we pay!
Extra bags are welcome - there's no limit

Please return your Bag2School on:

Wednesday 11th March 2026

01609 780 222 www.bag2school.com helpdesk@bag2school.com

FRIENDS

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

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 12th. Friends have organised an after school disco on this date at Ganton Village Hall instead.

Y6

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

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FOREST SCHOOL KITS

Forest school kits will be sent home today, please wash these items, check items are labelled and items still fit. Children will require their kits back in school on Monday 23rd February please. Thank you.

FAIRTRADE STALL

A Fairtrade stall will be in school from **Tuesday 24th February** until **Thursday 5th March**. Ideal for Mother's Day and Easter gifts. Gifts start at £1.20. A maximum of £10 is suggested.

LENT SERVICE

We were very lucky to visit All Saints' Church on Wednesday. We were joined by Revd Cate Turner to demonstrate a traditional church service for us all.
We were taught to choose where to sit on the pews, how to find hymns in the hymn book and follow an order of service.
Revd Cate explained why we have Collup Monday, Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday.



Adults were able to demonstrate the call and response part of the service for the children to experience.
Children were asked to think about what changes they may make in their own lives for Lent.
Revd Cate offered all children the opportunity to have an ash cross as is offered in church on Ash Wednesday.



All of the worship items were invitational, no children were pressured into taking part.

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