



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

NEWSLETTER 28th FEBRUARY 2025

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

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

BADGER WOOD

92.92%

KEEPER WOOD

94.62%

FARTHING WOOD

91.3%

DIARY DATES

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 - see box.

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>

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 were given a book voucher on the 14th of February, these can be used for £1 off a book of their choice or swapped for a free world Book Day book.

WORLD BOOK DAY AT KEMPS

Children in Farthing Wood have taken part in a community project to create haikus.

Kemps Bookstore, Malton, are hosting an exhibition of children's haikus for World Book Day 2025. Please pop in and see the children's creations. The poems will be exhibited for 2 weeks at the Malton shop for families to see from **Saturday 8th March**.

Kemps would be delighted to accept World Book Day vouchers for books if your child has not yet used theirs.



Children to book on the day as usual please.

REMINDER FRIENDS DISCO

Thank you to everyone who has purchased a place at the disco 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!

£3 Price includes snacks.

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



AFTER SCHOOL FOREST CHILDCARE CLUB

Sessions for April and May are open and available to book on ParentPay. Places are booked quickly as numbers are limited. Please can you ensure that your child is booked in for childcare. We have strict staffing ratios that need to be met and we cannot always accommodate extra children on the day.

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 playing with your child.

[Playing with my Child | Place2Be's Parenting Smart \(youtube.com\)](#)

YEAR 6 PARENTS

Year 6 parents – please look out for confirmation of secondary school places via an email from North Yorkshire Council this weekend. All families should hear the outcomes of school applications on the 1st March.

Details of transport will be provided by NYC. Please ensure you follow these instructions promptly so that your child has transport for September if applicable.

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!

REVD CATE TURNER VISITS

We are fortunate to have Revd Cate Turner join us 1 afternoon a fortnight. This allows children to discuss their thoughts and/or worries with her. Following last term's bereavement, parents have been informed when their child has chosen to speak with her. As children move on from this, parents will not be informed of their child's request to chat with Revd Cate unless a big worry has been uncovered that Revd Cate feels should be shared with you.

REMINDER - FARTHING WOOD TRIP

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 **water bottle** and should bring a **packed lunch** unless you have booked a school packed lunch for your child on **ParentPay.**

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.

OUR GOVERNING BOARD

A team of up to 11 volunteer governors oversee the work of our school and set its direction. The whole board is responsible for the work of the school and we also have specific governors to monitor key areas:

Co - Chairs: Ian Pennock, Tracey Reynolds
Vice -Chair: Louisa Todd
 Governor with responsibility for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND): Ann Andrews
 Governor with responsibility for Health and Safety (H&S): Ian Pennock
 Governor with responsibility for wellbeing: Louisa Todd
 Governor with responsibility for Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS): Ann Andrews
 Governor with responsibility for Safeguarding: Louisa Todd
 Governor with responsibility for church effectiveness: Ian Pennock
 Should you wish to ask the board a question or bring something to their attention, please contact the Governors via phone at school or via the contact form on our school website.

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

DROP OFF AND COLLECTION REMINDER

If you are walking your child up to school, please drop them at the school gate each morning. This saves congestion on the ramp! A member of staff will be on duty from 8:30am.

Please turn round at the top of the hill in the school gateway **NOT** in people's driveways for pedestrian safety. We had a very near miss at the end of last half term!

For the continued safety of everyone in the school community we request that you drive at a safe and appropriate speed up and down the hill to school.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

FRIENDS OF WEST HESLERTON SCHOOL **AGENDA – THURSDAY 6TH MARCH 2025**

Present:

Apologies:

Welcome & purpose of our organisation

Annual Events to discuss:

Spring Disco
Easter Celebration
Bag 2 School
Bingo
School Summer Trip
Sponsored Walk

AOB:

New fundraising ideas
Fundraising through apps

Next meeting:

Monday 31st March in school at 2:30pm

SENT HOME

- World Book Day Activity Sheet.
- Attendance print outs for each child.

KEEPER WOODS MATHS DAY WITH PARENTS

Join us for the day (or part of the day if you are time limited) 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. Please remember to bring your own lunch with you!

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 a green background with a hand pointing a wand at two puppets (one pink, one blue). At the bottom, there is an image of a glowing book and a purple wizard hat.

GUIDE DOGS

We are looking forward to a visit from Guide Dogs for the Blind later this half term. We are keen to support this charity with a donation. We'd ask for children to bring £2 if they wish to enter the draw to win a small Guide Dog toy. Please send £2 in cash in a named envelope with your child to school from Monday. The envelope will be opened on 14th March to announce the winner. There are 60 draw places available and two prizes. Draw places will be issued on a first come, first served basis.

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NORTH
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COUNCIL

Communication and Interaction SLCN Advice Session 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

- 4th April 2025, 10:00am - 1:00pm at Eastfield Community Library, High St, Scarborough, YO11 3LL.
- 23rd April 2025, 1:00pm – 4:00pm at Malton Library, 6 Saint Michael Street, Malton, YO12 7LJ.
- 25th April 2025, 1:00pm - 4:00pm at Whitby & District Children's Centre, Byland Road, Whitby, YO21 1HY.
- 29th April 2025, 2:00pm – 4:00pm, at Cherry Tree Children's Centre, Cherry Tree Avenue, Scarborough, YO12 5HL
- 2nd May 2025, 1:00pm – 3:00pm at Atmosphere Children and Family Hub, The Old Court House, Malton Road, Pickering, YO18 7JJ
- 9th May 2025, 10:00am – 12:00noon at Newby and Scalby Library, 450 Scalby Road, Scarborough, YO12 6EE.

Who will be there?

Helen Hunter - *Speech Language & Communication Needs Specialist*

Amancay Topping - *Speech & Language Therapist*

Charlotta McIntyre - *Speech & Language Therapy Assistant*

Zoe Green - *Speech & Language Therapy Assistant*

Please contact us to book a slot, or for any queries

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