



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

NEWSLETTER 6th MARCH 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 96.97%

Keeper Wood 97.79%

Farthing Wood 100%

We are always pleased to receive feedback at school. This helps us to know what parents value.

A LOVELY COMMENT RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Hi, we just wanted to say thank you for the informative and well organised presentation about the upcoming SATs. It really helped us understand what to expect and how to prepare effectively. We appreciate the time and effort you put into explaining everything so clearly.

DIARY DATES

Wednesday 11th March, Bag2School please see box.

- FW Ryedale Folk Museum visit all day.

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

Monday 16th March, Community Cuppa at the village hall with Y5.

Thursday 19th March, Pop up library.

- Gymnastics Club Y1 – Y3 week 3.

Wednesday 25th March, Pre-Reception taster day.

Thursday 26th March, Gymnastics Club Y1 – Y3 week 4.

Friday 27th March, Easter Service at church 1:30pm.

- School closes for Easter.

EASTER HOLIDAY

Monday 13th April, Training Day.

Tuesday 14th April, School opens to pupils.

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

HOLIDAY ACTIVITY VOUCHERS

If your child has school meals funded by school due to your income, your child also qualifies for holiday activities. Please check your email on **9th March** for vouchers that you can use for booking free holiday activities. These book up fast so will need to be booked quickly should you wish to make use of these.

Any questions, please contact school.

If you think your family may qualify for free school meals, please contact the office for relevant links to apply for these.

COMMUNITY CUPPA

Residents of all ages, parents and pre-schoolers are invited to join our Year 5 pupils at the village hall for a chat and cuppa on **Monday 16th March** 2:15 – 3:15pm.

COOLMILK

As children turn 5, their free milk ceases. Parents may pay for this if you wish this to continue, please see the below link. Orders can take up to 14 days to process.

[Parents – Cool Milk](#)

MOBILE PHONES

For safeguarding reasons, no phones are to be used at school. This includes parents at drop off and collection. Please do not use your phones on the school site.

DROP OFF

Please can parents drop pupils at the school gate? This means that all adults who are unaccompanied on the school site have met all safeguarding checks.

SENT HOME

- Confirmation letter to Y5 & Y6.

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

GLOW DISCO

Please buy tickets on ParentPay before the booking closes.

Friends of West Heslerton School bring you...

GLOW CRAZY DISCO

DATE: Thursday 12th March
TIME: 4-6pm
ADDRESS: Ganton Village Hall

£3 per child (pay via parent pay) includes drinks and snacks

Pupils should bring a water bottle to the disco. Staff will give children time to fill these before the end of the school day.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Please note there will be no After School Club on **Thursday 12th March**. Friends have organised an after school disco on this date at Ganton Village Hall instead.

REMINDER FARTHING WOOD RYEDALE FOLK MUSEUM VISIT

The children in Y5 & Y6 will be 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 waterproof coat, sturdy shoes, water bottle and packed lunch. A school packed lunch will be provided where ordered. Pupils will need to take their own inhalers if necessary. School carries insurance for all school trips. In case of emergency please contact school.

BAG2SCHOOL

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

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.

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

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. -
(No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please)

*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

Bag2School accept



Clothes



Paired shoes



Handbags



Hats



Bags



Scarves and ties



Bras



Jewellery



Socks



Belts

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

Free Easter holiday activities with FEAST

[FEAST](#) is back this Easter, offering free holiday activities with food for children and young people across North Yorkshire.

- From **Monday 2nd March** – browse activities on the FEAST website and view the offline activity listings to see what's on in your area.
- Midday, **Monday 9th March** – vouchers go live. Eligible families will receive a text or email from HolidayActivities to redeem their voucher and request places.
- From Wednesday **11th March** – activity providers begin allocating places.

Free places are available for children who receive benefits-related Free School Meals (or who are eligible by exception – see the [FEAST FAQs](#) for details). Each activity you book includes a free healthy meal for your child.

If you believe your child is eligible and do not receive your voucher on **9th March**, please contact your school office.

Families who are not eligible for free places may be able to book paid places directly with providers.

Visit the [FEAST website](#) from **2nd March** to explore what's on this Easter.

INCLUSIVE CLASSROOMS

We are a highly inclusive school with Quality First Teaching for all children each day. This means that all children are taught and supported with a range of strategies that are part of their usual routine. These strategies are adapted to meet children's needs in class. Each week we will share with you an aspect of Quality First Teaching so that all parents and families are aware of the high quality provision at West Heselton Primary School.

Revision of what is already known: Children receive pre-teaching if necessary (the opportunity to be taught content they already know to help them access the next part of their learning) Opportunities for recall, recap and revision are included in lessons to help all children to make links in their learning.

WORLD BOOK DAY AT KEMPS BOOKSTORE

From **Saturday 7th March** Kemps Bookstore, Malton will be holding their annual World Book Day Exhibition of local children's creative work and hope you will join them to see the exhibition and your child's contribution.

This year, pupils in Keeper Wood and Farthing Wood classes have designed a hot air balloon to take a story character to another story. Children were encouraged to consider where characters would be useful, or helpful, or fit right in for some reason that the children had to think about and decide, making links between the stories (an important reading skill). Children were encouraged to consider where characters would be useful, or helpful, or fit in for some reason that the children had to think about and decide, making links between the stories (an important reading skill).

Children can also bring their World Book Day tokens to choose a book to take home free of charge from the World Book Day selection in store. Alternatively, the token can be used as £1 discount against any children's book in the shop.

FAIRTRADE & LOCAL CRAFT FAIR



Local Crafts, Cards, Crochet,
Knitting, Sewing, Patchwork,
brooches, beeswax candles, pottery and
much more. Fair Trade crafts and chocolate
Fair Trade Refreshments
Fair Trade accessories and clothes

Saturday March 21st

10am to 3.00pm

The Friends' Meeting House, Greengate, Malton

Free Entry

www.maltonandnortonfairtrade.org



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 bullying.

[My child might have bullied someone | Place2Be's Parenting Smart \(youtube.com\)](#)

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

Friends of West Heslerton School
Meeting Minutes - Monday 2nd March 2026

Present: Nicola Fox, Victoria Malthouse, Anna Tindall, Rachel Wells, Kerry Stonehouse, Emma Pennock

Apologies: Anna Kemp, Rosie Pease

Minutes from the last meeting:

Christmas - Raffle - thanks for donating prizes, hamper packing and buying tickets. We raised a total of £607.

Lunch - Friends donated a Christmas cracker to every child to enjoy with their Christmas lunch. Do we carry on this tradition this year or think of an alternative?

Party - thank you for donating snacks and to the volunteers for donating their time to run the event, each child was gifted a selection box, thanks to FC for paying us a visit.

Spring - Quiz - 60 people descended on Heslerton village hall, it was fit to bursting. Thank you to Louisa for writing the quiz and the volunteers who made food and helped to prep the hall. We raised £687. £5 per ticket included supper - general feedback was that next time we could charge £10 per ticket with the food being as generous as it was.

Annual Events to discuss:

Bag2school - next collection is Weds 11th March, 9am. EP to promote on WhatsApp, RW on Dojo. Pictures of wanted items to RW.

Spring Disco - Thursday 12th March, 4pm. 45 tickets sold so far, deadline for ticket sales is this Friday 6th March. £3 per child includes refreshments midway through. Paddy needs access to the hall from 3pm. Donations of suitable snacks needed please. EP to check First aid kit at the VH. 2 X vegetarians, no other dietary requirements. Children to bring their own water bottles. Staff will help them to refill ready.

Summer term - Frozen Fridays, Sports Day, Play week.

Leavers Hoodies - RW to enquire with Edge clothing, parents to put £10 towards hoodies and Friends fund the rest. 13 leavers.

Bingo - Monday 21st September at Norton Bowling Club, prizes will be needed for Raffle so we will organise a couple of non-uniform days.

AOB:

Fundraising through apps - promote easy fundraising. EP to give step by step guide on WhatsApp.

School Wishlist - RW to ask staff.

Next meeting:

Monday 11th May, 2:30pm

Cook - West Heslerton Primary School

Vacancy Hours 22.5 hours per week (Closing date 16th March 2026)

We have an opportunity to join our award-winning Facilities Management catering team where you will be providing tasty, nutritious, home-cooked meals made from locally sourced fresh produce.

We are a 'fresh food' organisation encouraging children and young people to choose nutritious meals. We are proud to offer a wide choice of healthy options to our children encouraging them to eat well and fuelling their appetite for learning.

We are currently recruiting a Cook to join our team at West Heslerton School, catering for around 60 meals per day. As a Cook your role will lead and support the team to deliver an effective catering service operating to the highest standards of food safety. Your role will require you to prepare, cook and serve meals to students and staff, setting up and the clearing away the dining hall, washing up as well as other kitchen management duties such as supervision of staff, ordering food, stock taking and administration.

As a valued member of our hardworking team, you will be reliable, dependable and committed to providing healthy wholesome dishes, typically working from 9.00am till 1.30pm, 4.5 hours per day, totalling to 22.5 hrs per week. No weekend work!

You will work term time only. However you will receive equal monthly payments throughout the year. For this you will be paid £13.47-£13.90 per hour in addition to annual holiday and Bank Holiday entitlement.

What can we offer you?

You could find working for North Yorkshire Council more rewarding than you first thought.

Competitive rate of pay, Excellent Local Government Pension Scheme, Generous holiday entitlement starting at 23 days increasing with continuous service, paid pro rata as part of annual salary, Access to range of benefits and discounts including green car scheme, childcare vouchers and home technology scheme.

This post requires an Enhanced DBS, the cost of which will be met by the Employer.

If you would like an informal discussion, please contact Sarah Hodges (Area Manager) on 07966188294 or email at sarah.hodges@northyorks.gov.uk

Please note we will be interviewing whilst the role is live and reserve the right to close the advert should suitable candidates be appointed.

SCARBOROUGH SPA SHOW

We have been asked to publicise this hip-hop musical show aimed at primary school children and their families.

There are some 'pay what you can' tickets available to try to allow everyone, regardless of income, to attend.

https://scbo.littleboxoffice.com/browse?filter%5Bschedule%5D=7954&filter%5Binclude_past_events%5D=0&filter%5Bhide_unavailable_events%5D=0



EASTER CRAFTING Workshop

Join us for some fun Easter creating!

SATURDAY 28TH MARCH 10:30-12:00

EBBERSTON VILLAGE HALL
Main St, Ebberston, YO13 9NS

We will be making light up Bunting, Easter window decorations & other Easter fuzzy wire treats!

Suitable 6+ (parents welcome to help younger ones)
Spaces are limited so please book.

£10 each
with all
materials &
Refreshments
included

Bookings via Jodie 07592 600003
Hope you can join us Emma & Jodie x

MEET OUR GOVERNING BOARD

Our Governing Board shape the direction of the school and work to ensure school is meeting it's legal duties and ready for future expectations. All Governors are volunteers and give up much time to complete this work, attending meetings, reading and visiting school to see their work in action. We are lucky to have a skilled diverse team and grateful to the board for all that they do to support and challenge school.

Governors and Their Specific Roles

Co - Chair	Mr. David Shackley
Co - Chair	Mrs. Louisa Todd
Vice Chair	Dr. Jo White

SEND Governor	Mrs Ann Andrews
Health and Safety Governor	Mr Ian Pennock
Wellbeing Governor	Mrs. Louisa Todd
Safeguarding Governor	Mrs. Louisa Todd

3 x Parent Governors – elected by parents of pupils at the school

Mrs. Tracey Reynolds, Mrs. Louisa Todd, Mr. Stephen Pease

1 x LA Governors – nominated by the Local Authority

Mrs. Ann Andrews

3 x Co-opted Governors – Governors who have been asked to join the Governing Body

Mr. David Shackley, Dr. Jo White, Vacancy

1 x Staff Governors – elected by the staff

Mrs. Joanne Bickerton

1 x Headteacher Governor

Mrs. Rachel Wells

2 x Church Governors – nominated by the Diocese

Mr. Ian Pennock, Vacancy

WORLD BOOK DAY 2026



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