



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

NEWSLETTER 20th 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 KEEPER WOOD!!

Badger Wood 94.18%

Keeper Wood 99.19%

Farthing Wood 97.23%

DIARY DATES

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.

Wednesday 15th April, FW to MCSC basketball, handball and netball.

Thursday 16th April, Gymnastics Club Y3 – Y6 week 1.

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

REMINDER LONDON RESIDENTIAL Y5 / Y6

Please can all families check ParentPay for any outstanding balances for the Year 5 / 6 London residential. Final payments to be received by the **1st of May 2026**. Thank you.

SCHOOL KITCHEN

Next week will be Mrs Sefton's last week at school. NYC to make a new cook appointment for after the Easter break. Please see the job advert below for further details.

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 Heslerton Primary School.

Scaffolding and Adaptation: We do not just routinely simplify work if children are finding things hard. We make reasonable adjustments for all children to take part in lessons, using visual aids, graphic organisers, reading rulers, time variations and breaking tasks into manageable steps to support all learners.

MORNINGS

Please be aware that classroom staff are unable to speak with parents first thing in the morning as they will be setting up classes for lessons. Please Dojo the staff member direct with any queries or leave a message at the office. Thank you.

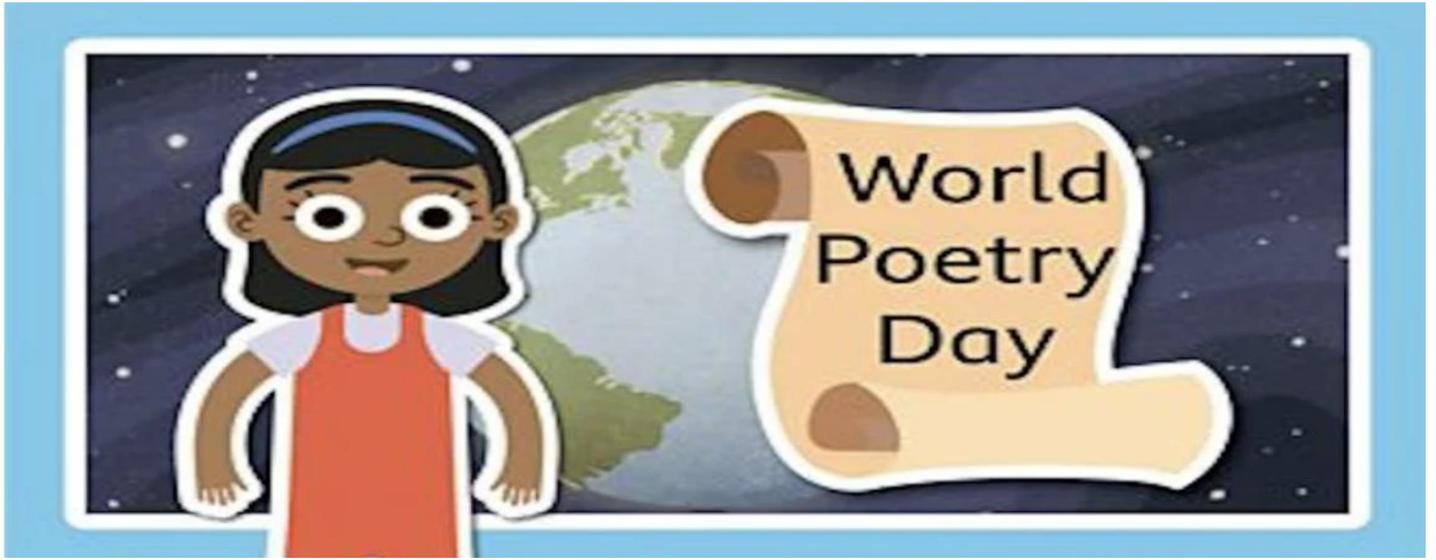
PARENTS EVENINGS

Thank you to everyone who attended our parents evenings recently. To help us to plan events for next year, please would you complete these short questions about the format of these meetings. We value your feedback on school events. We would appreciate answers by Friday 27th March please.

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WORLD POETRY DAY

This year, World Poetry Day falls on a Saturday. People all over the world will be celebrating poems. You could read poems at home, learn a poem off by heart, explore types of poems eg limericks or think up rhyming words. Please let us know what you have a go at!



CLASSROOM STAFFING

Next term, we will have the following staff in each class:

Badger Wood: Mrs Woodward, Miss Johnson and Miss Trueman, supported part time by Mrs Wardell, Miss Mitchell, Mrs Taylor-Barber.

Keeper Wood: Miss Shackley, Mrs Triffitt, supported part time by Miss Mitchell.

Farthing Wood: Mrs Bickerton supported part time by Mrs Wardell.

We are very lucky to have Mrs Durant and Mrs Cordingley join us to deliver high quality specialist music and French lessons each Tuesday afternoon. These sessions provide planning, preparation and assessment time for teachers each week and really enhance our curriculum for all ages.

We are delighted that teaching assistants in school are highly qualified as Higher Level Teaching Assistants (HLTA). This means that they are qualified to deliver lessons to classes. When staff are not at school due to illness or planned training, pupils do not need to be taught by unknown supply staff. Instead, they are taught by skilled staff who they know. This means children's usual lessons continue and disruption is avoided.

We are supported by relief teaching assistants Mrs Taylor-Barber and Mrs Gazso.

We regularly need relief teaching assistants to provide high levels of supervision in lessons, at play and at wraparound care. Hours are often regular with some ad hoc extra hours too. If you are interested in a role like this that fits around school holidays, please ask at the office, email or send a dojo.

READING VOLUNTEERS

We are lucky to be joined by Emma Taylor, a volunteer hearing children read each week. Emma has been visiting us for 6 months and has become a regular weekly reading highlight. If you are interested in joining us to enjoy books and the company of our lovely readers, please sign up here www.schoolreaders.org Registered charity 1159157.

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 \(youtube.com\)](#)

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

Cook - West Heslerton Primary School

Vacancy Hours 22.5 hours per week

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.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

**St John the Baptist, Yedingham
Easter Garden Service
Good Friday at 3.00 pm (April 3rd)
Traditional Family Service**

(Bring a posey for the Garden and an Easter Bonnet/Crown for the competition)
EVERYONE WELCOME.



**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

We are a Fairtrade Town   

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MENINGITIS

You may be aware of recent media coverage regarding a meningitis outbreak in **Kent**. Although this incident is not affecting people in our area, we understand that it may prompt concern and questions from staff, parents and carers.

For accurate, up-to-date and authoritative information about meningitis, including symptoms, risks and how to protect adults and children, we recommend referring to the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) guidance available at:

[What is meningitis? Symptoms, risks and how to protect yourself – UK Health Security Agency](#)

UKHSA blog on meningitis: [What is meningitis? Symptoms, risks and how to protect yourself – UK Health Security Agency](#)

UKHSA media statement with the latest information on the situation in Kent: [Cases of invasive meningococcal disease confirmed in Kent - GOV.UK](#) This same link will be updated with any further news updates.

Health protection in schools advice (including meningitis) - [Health protection in children and young people settings, including education - GOV.UK](#)

If there are concerns about a child who is unwell, normal procedures should be followed, including seeking medical advice promptly where symptoms are worrying or deteriorating.

Please be reassured that there is no specific public health advice or additional action required outside the affected area at this time.

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