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NEWSLETTER 27th MARCH 2026

Our newsletters are available to view on the school website at:

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



TERMLY ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to children and families from **Farthing Wood** who have won the best attending class this term. A brilliant achievement, thank you to all families for your hard work with this.

Badger Wood 95.13%

Keeper Wood 96.59%

Farthing Wood 98.26%

DIARY DATES

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.

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

Mon 27th April to Fri 1st May, Year 5 and 6 cycling.

Monday 11th May to Thursday 14th May, Year 6 national test week.

Monday 11th May, Friends meeting at 2.30pm.

HALF TERM Monday 25th to Friday 29th May

Wednesday 3rd June, Class photos.

Thursday 11th June, Whole School visit to Woldies.

Monday 15th June, Confirmation Service at West Heslerton All Saints.

Tuesday

Monday 13th July, School Sports Afternoon for all parents.

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

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

Our Safeguarding Team

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Rachel Wells

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Sheryl Woodward

Safeguarding Governor: Mrs Lou Todd.

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

Snainton Cricket Club

Junior Coaching for
Boys and Girls (Age 4-13)

Starting Wednesday 1st April

U9s = 5.30pm-6.30pm
U13s = 6.30pm-7.30pm

1st session FREE then
£2 per session after

Chances to play in
matches too

ECB Qualified Coaches

Contact: Michelle Maw 07891758892
or Michael Kipling 07428493585

THANK YOU, MRS SEFTON

Today is Mrs Sefton's last day at West Heslerton. We wish her lots of luck in her new role and thank her for her service.

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

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.

Metacognition and Self-Regulation: We teach students to think about their own learning, including planning, monitoring, editing and evaluating their work.

GYMNASTICS CLUB

There will be a Gymnastics Club at West Heslerton CE School next half term for **6 weeks** for pupils in **Years 3-6**.

The club will be run by Harry Sheader Sports School, funded by school sports funding, **free of charge** to children.

This will take place from 3.30pm – 4.30pm from **Thursday 16th April to Thursday 21st May 2026 inclusive**. Numbers are limited therefore, places will be on a first come, first served basis. Should your child decide not to continue, please let us know. Places are limited.

Should your child wish to join this club, please block book the sessions on **ParentPay**. No payment needed.



Malton LIBRARY
EASTER READING CHALLENGE

Borrow 5 books from the library at 1 time
Grab your colouring entry form
Once you have read each book colour in an easter egg
In the 6th egg write which was your favourite book & why
Return this form to a member of staff
Receive your very own chick with adoption certificate

ALL COMPLETED FORMS WILL BE ENTERED INTO OUR EASTER PRIZE DRAW
1st prize - Giant Bunny
2nd Prize - Cuddly Chick

All forms must be handed in before Saturday 11th April
Prize winners announced Monday 13th April
See our Facebook for further details



BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND
SUSAN'S
STORY TIME

Malton Library's best story teller returns

EASTER EDITION
Tuesday 31st March
10:30AM

Join us for easter stories & crafts

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL
Part of the National Year of Reading 2026



OUT OF SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

North Yorkshire have created a directory of activities taking place in our area. For those children wishing to take up a new hobby, there are lots of ideas!

<https://padlet.com/northyorkshireyouth/youth-directories-v5hzx48hzlxbbru5/wish/IDK1ZR1k0pXoQJ9z>

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



FOOD. ENTERTAINMENT.
ART. SPORT. TOGETHER.

FEAST Activity Finder Offline Version

Please note: As we work with individual activity providers across the county, ALL details are subject to change. Please check directly with providers for the most up-to-date information.

Booking onto FEAST activities using HolidayActivities

Most bookings for FEAST are made on HolidayActivities, a website where you can see all the activities on offer, book your place, provide more information about your requirements, and manage/cancel bookings as required.

To log into HolidayActivities, go to app.holidayactivities.com and either log in (using the email or social account you've used before) or sign up.

You will then be asked for your 16-digit voucher number, which will have been provided to you by email or text from HolidayActivities (or, in some limited circumstances, another way by your school or North Yorkshire Together etc.)

If you follow the link in the email or text you received for this holiday period's voucher, you will not need to manually input your voucher number.

Booking onto FEAST without using the internet

If you're eligible for FEAST and want to book onto activities without using the internet, follow the steps below:

1. Contact the activity provider you'd like to book with – you can find their contact details in this document.
2. If they have space, book your place by giving them your 16-digit FEAST voucher, and some more information about the child/young person. It's that easy!

If you don't have your FEAST voucher, follow the guidance below.

Booking onto FEAST without your voucher

If you're eligible for FEAST and want to book onto activities but don't currently have your voucher, follow the steps below:

Note: If you've already claimed this holiday period's voucher, you can find it by logging in (using the email address or social log in you previously used) at app.holidayactivities.com

1. Contact the activity provider you'd like to book with – you can find their contact details in this document.
2. If they have space, tell them that you are eligible but do not have your voucher yet. They should accept your booking.
3. Try searching your email and texts for 'HolidayActivities', or putting your email in at app.holidayactivities.com – you might be able to find your voucher this way.
4. If this doesn't work, ask your school for the voucher code.

If it's the school holiday, or your child doesn't go to school, contact North Yorkshire Together on hello@northyorkshiretogether.co.uk or 01845 980 141. Please note our team works part time and on weekdays only!

5. Contact the provider to give them your 16-digit voucher number to complete your booking

FEAST Easter Holiday Activities 2026



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 when a child says "I hate you".

[My child says "I hate you!" | Place2Be's Parenting Smart \(youtube.com\)](#)

FREE SESSIONS

We are pleased to offer one free After School Club session per child for the summer term and one free Early Bird session per child for the summer term. Please book through the office. Please note that spaces are limited and will be offered to those booking

CLIMATE SAFETY

We will always do our best to look after your child, whatever the weather. In warm times, we will cool classrooms as much as possible, we will encourage children to keep hydrated and to protect themselves from the sun's rays. Please see the policy below for named equipment needed from home so that we can all enjoy the warmth and not suffer from the heat.

EASTER FAMILY FUN!
helmsley artscentre

WED 8 APR
Little Amélie

Darryl J Carrington PRESENTS FAMILY SHOW

OUT OF THE BOX

THU 9 APR

MON 30 - TUE 31 MAR

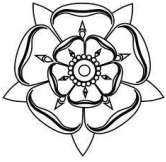
WORKSHOPS

Easter Art Workshops

TOKYO SKETCH STUDIO
30th & 31st March

www.helmsleyarts.co.uk

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



SUN SAFETY POLICY

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Please ensure your child has everything they need.

We encourage everyone in our school community to live life well reflecting Christian attitudes and values and working in partnership with families as part of a wider, caring community.

The hallmarks of a Christian life lived well are shown in the fruits of the Spirit – But the fruit of the Spirit is Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self-control. Against such things there is no law. Galatians 5:22 – 23

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Date of most recent Staff Policy Review:	Spring 2024	Date of Next Staff Review	Spring 2027
Date of most recent Governor Policy Review:	Spring 2024	Date of Next Governor Review	Summer 2027
Reason for Review		Regular review	
Method of Communication (e.g Website, Noticeboard, etc)		Website	

Aims

West Heselton Primary School believes in sun safety to ensure that children and staff are protected from skin damage caused by the harmful ultra-violet rays in sunlight.

Staff

- Educate children throughout the curriculum about the dangers of the sun and how to protect their skin.
- Encourage children to wear hats, keep hydrated and apply sunscreen where appropriate.
- Hold outdoor activities in areas of shade whenever possible, and encourage children to use shady areas during breaks, lunch hours, sports and trips. Sunbathing is definitely discouraged.
- Act as good role models by practising sun safety.
- Remind children and parents about sun safety through newsletters, letters re visits and activities for pupils.

Parents

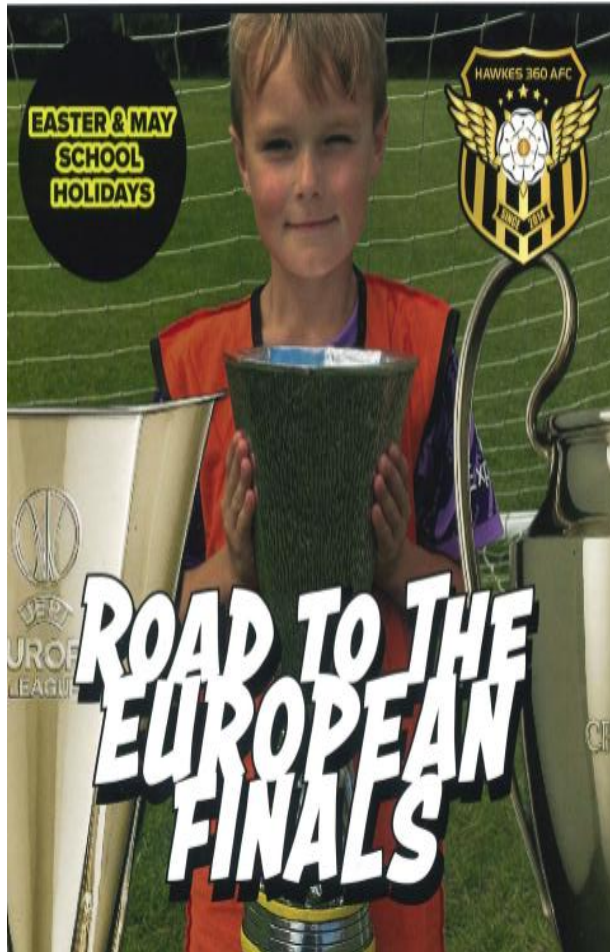
- Dress their children in named clothes that provide good sun protection.
- Apply sunscreen before bringing their child to school.
- Provide a named sunhat for use in school.
- Provide named sun cream for their child to apply in school.
- Ensure their child has a named water bottle with a sports top for water.

Children

- Stay hydrated by drinking water.
- Wear a hat in the sun.
- Make use of the shaded areas outside.
- Be able to apply their own sun cream.



HAWKES HOLIDAY CAMP



SCARBOROUGH

RAINCLIFFE, LADY EDITHS DR, YO125RL

MONDAY - FRIDAY

PICKERING

RYEDALE SPORTS CENTRE, SWAINSEA LN, YO188NF

MONDAY - WEDNESDAY

SWINTON

BSA SPORTS CENTRE, LOWFIELD LANE, YO176SE

THURSDAY & FRIDAY

EASTER DATES

WEEK 1

30TH MARCH - 2ND APRIL

WEEK 2

7TH APRIL - 10TH APRIL

MAY DATES

WEEK 1

26TH MAY - 29TH MAY

ALL VENUES HAVE INDOOR & OUTDOOR FACILITIES FOR ALL WEATHER

RUGBY AT SCARBOROUGH

Scarborough Rugby Club Easter Rugby Camps are now live on Ticket Tailor - please use the following links to book your places:

Mini: <https://buytickets.at/scarboroughrugbyunionfootba.../2112681>

Junior: <https://buytickets.at/scarboroughrugbyunionfootba.../2112688>

A great chance to have a try at something new!

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

Bikeability National Standard Cycling Courses



Dear Parent / Guardian,

The Bikeability National Standard Cycling courses will be running in your school in the next few weeks. This updated scheme has been introduced by Department for Transport to provide training for all cyclists to help them to cycle safely in today's increasingly busy traffic conditions. We hope that you will encourage your child to take part.

This is a 2-day course consisting of:

Bikeability Level 1 (approximately half a day in the playground)

This level includes:

Helmet and bike check, cycling control skills including starting/stopping, manoeuvring at different speeds, looking behind, signalling left and right without wobbling and correct use of gears. If a pupil successfully meets Level 1 standards they can progress to Level 2.

Bikeability Level 2 (approximately 1^{1/2} days on local roads)

This level is for more advanced cyclists and includes:
Starting and stopping an on-road journey, passing parked cars/overtaking, passing junctions, road and traffic awareness, road positioning, left and right turns from major and minor roads, decision making, road markings/highway code. Level 2 will be awarded when all aspects are completed competently and confidently.

All NYCC Bikeability Instructors are fully qualified Level 3 National Standard Cycling Instructors who will be familiar with local traffic conditions. The roads used will be risk assessed by your local Road Safety Team to ensure they are suitable for this training. When riding on the road, children will be fully supervised and accompanied by the Bikeability Instructors and high visibility jackets will be provided to be worn at all times.

For your child to take part, you will need to ensure that your child has:

- ❖ A roadworthy bike. The attached checklist may be of use to you to show what we will be checking prior to the course starting. A child will not be allowed to take part if a bike is considered unsafe. If you are unsure, please visit your local bike shop for professional advice.
- ❖ By law the bicycle must have an audible warning, e.g. a bell.
- ❖ An approved, well fitting cycle helmet conforming to standards EN 1078 or SNELL B 95. Damaged helmets, full face motorbike style helmets and helmets used for other sporting activities are not acceptable for the course.
- ❖ The ability to ride a bike! This course is not intended as a basic training course. It is a starting point for life-long development of good practise as a cyclist on the road. Children need to be able to cycle and balance properly especially when giving hand signals to take part. If your child cannot do so, it would be very helpful to them (and us) if you would give them some opportunities to practice their basic cycling and balance skills before the course starts.
- ❖ Suitable outdoor clothing for cycling, depending on the weather and the time of year. (comfortable, layered clothing, sensible footwear, coat, waterproofs, sun cream, water, medications).

Further details of this course can be found at www.bikeability.org.uk

Yours faithfully
Ashley King
Road Safety Assistant



YEAR 5 AND 6 BIKEABILITY

As part of the PE curriculum, we offer cycle training when children are in either Year 5 or 6. This training is funded by school and free of charge to families. It will take place in April this year. Children will need to have use of (possibly borrow) a bike and have a cycle helmet. We plan to offer a Year 6 group and a Year 5 group on different days. This may mean your child could borrow a bike from those in the other group. Full details are found on the link below. Please will you sign up by Wednesday 22nd April. Once we have numbers we can allocate dates so that you know when to transport bikes to school. Any questions, please contact school.

<https://consent.bikeability.org.uk/yes-move-web>

RILLINGTON PRE-SCHOOL

Outstanding Ofsted Rated Childcare

2, 3, 4 Year Old
Places Available!

Ofsted
Outstanding

Rated Outstanding
by Ofsted

Why choose us?

The pre-school provides a welcoming, supportive environment and maintains strong partnerships with parents.

- ★ Staff know the children exceptionally well and offer consistently high levels of support.
- ★ Strong, positive relationships are established between staff and children.
- ★ Children demonstrate enthusiasm for learning and engage actively in activities.
- ★ The curriculum is ambitious, well-designed, and delivered by an experienced and highly qualified team.
- ★ Children receive excellent support for their personal, social, and emotional development.



Funded places available

- 📍 Located in Rillington Village Hall
- ☎ Call us: 07704289080
- 🌐 Website: www.rillingtonpreschoolplaygroup.co.uk

Limited places available – Contact us today!

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