

WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

NEWSLETTER 17th APRIL 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 98.3%

Keeper Wood 99.5%

Farthing Wood 98.3%

WELCOME

We are pleased to announce that we have a new cook in school, Miss Fox. As we start the summer term we wish her lots of luck in her new role in the kitchen.

We also welcome Mrs. H Andrews into the classrooms in her new role as a Relief GTA in school. We know you will join us in wishing her a successful start in school.

DIARY DATES

Thursday 23rd April, Gymnastics Club Y3 – Y6 week 2.

- Pop up library.

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.

Wednesday 10th June, Open Evening for whole school.

Thursday 11th June, Whole School visit to Woldies.

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

Wednesday 8th July School play performances at 1:30pm and an evening performance at 6pm.

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

A LOVELY PARENT COMMENT RECEIVED

Hey, could you just pass on to [REDACTED] a big thanks for today, [REDACTED] came home absolutely buzzing and so proud of herself after doing her show and tell, Yesterday she told me that [REDACTED] is her best teacher and she's never leaving her class.

SENT HOME

- Attendance printouts one per child
- YR 6 Hoodie letter

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.

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 Heselton Primary School.

Formative Assessment & Feedback: We carefully monitor what is happening in each lesson to instantly adapt teaching, providing feedback to children during lessons that moves learning forward.

BABY GRAND PIANO

I would like to donate my late husband's Yamaha baby grand piano to a musician or to someone who will truly appreciate and care for it.

The Piano is currently in storage with the movers I employed to move my properties from my house. The movers can deliver anywhere. However, the beneficiary has to pay moving costs. If you, or anyone you know, may be interested, I would be grateful to hear from you. Please email me on dianabarrett1971@gmail.com.
Best regards, Diana Barrett

CLASSROOM STAFFING

This 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, Mrs H Andrews 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 or email.

PARENTAL CONTACT WITH SCHOOL

Some Dojo messages to staff are unfortunately becoming increasingly rude or abusive. This is not acceptable for staff wellbeing and home/school relationships. We have therefore switched off the Dojo messaging system to and from parents due to this misuse.

All parents are welcome to contact school by telephone to pass on messages and have questions answered. The office is available 8.30-12 and 1-3.30. At all other times, a telephone answering service is available. Please note that all teachers work 8.30-12 and 1-3.30. We will prioritise tasks and get a response to you as soon as we are able.

We shared the vexatious behaviour policy last term and will use these agreed steps should parental contact with school not be kind and considerate to others.

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

SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDERS

Edge Clothing are expecting lots of orders over the next few weeks ahead of the sunshine (hopefully!)
Please order any uniform here



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Uniform is delivered to school for parents to collect. Usual turn around time is 5 working days.

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 first.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

We have increased the numbers available at the After School Club this term. Please book early – places are filling up.

EMPTY CHOCOLATE TUBS

Chocolate tubs – Quality Street, Heroes etc are really useful in school. If you have any spare tubs please send to school with your child.
Thank you.

BEHAVIOUR AT SCHOOL

Behaviour at school was judged to be outstanding in our last school inspection. To keep it this way, we expect all children to follow these rules in school and at school events:

- We listen carefully and follow instructions straight away.
- We keep our hands and feet to ourselves.
- We take care of and respect everyone's property.
- We wait our turn and speak appropriately.
- We walk carefully and quietly in school.

Pupils' poor behaviour is addressed by staff members speaking to the child to explain the unacceptable behaviour. The staff member will encourage the child to address their behaviour.

If a child's behaviour needs to be adapted further, staff follow the scale of agreed consequences below. Each time the child needs to be spoken to about their behaviour, they move to the next step on the scale.

1. Speak to the child or withdraw the child temporarily for an appropriate amount of time.
2. Miss at least 5 minutes of play time.
3. Miss next break to write an apology, if appropriate.
4. Child to meet with Headteacher/senior teacher to discuss their behaviour.
5. Contact parents.

The above sanctions may be adapted for individual needs.

A new scale commences each day. Cumulative poor behaviour choices will be discussed with parents where appropriate.

Behaviour reports will be recorded and shared with parents where appropriate.

Exclusions will be used if required.

Please encourage your child to report incidents immediately. We will address issues reported by children to staff. This ensures that children can remember what has happened and learning can take place immediately.

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MORRISONS COMPETITION



BIKEABILITY DATES

Farthing Wood pupils. We hope to run 2 groups. Please sign your child up by Wednesday.

- 27th & 28th April Group 1
- 30th April & 1st May Group 2

We will let all children know which group they are in once we are aware of numbers. Bikeability is a wonderful opportunity we are able to fund for all children. Children not taking part in this learning will stay with the rest of the class back at school.

PARENTS EVENINGS

Thank you to those people who completed our feedback request for parents evenings for the year ahead. The feedback showed us that online calls are convenient for many parents. Some parents would value a face to face meeting. We have planned both types of appointments for the next school year and will share details of these events in September. We hope that you will be able to join us in the methods that suit you best.

CAR PARKING

Please keep the top car parking space on High Street clear. This is to maintain the flow of traffic and to help with visibility for drivers.

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](#)

SCHOOL PLAY

This summer our school play will be on **Wednesday 8th July** with an afternoon performance at 1:30pm and an evening performance at 6pm.

SUMMER DATES

Summer diary dates, all on ClassDojo:

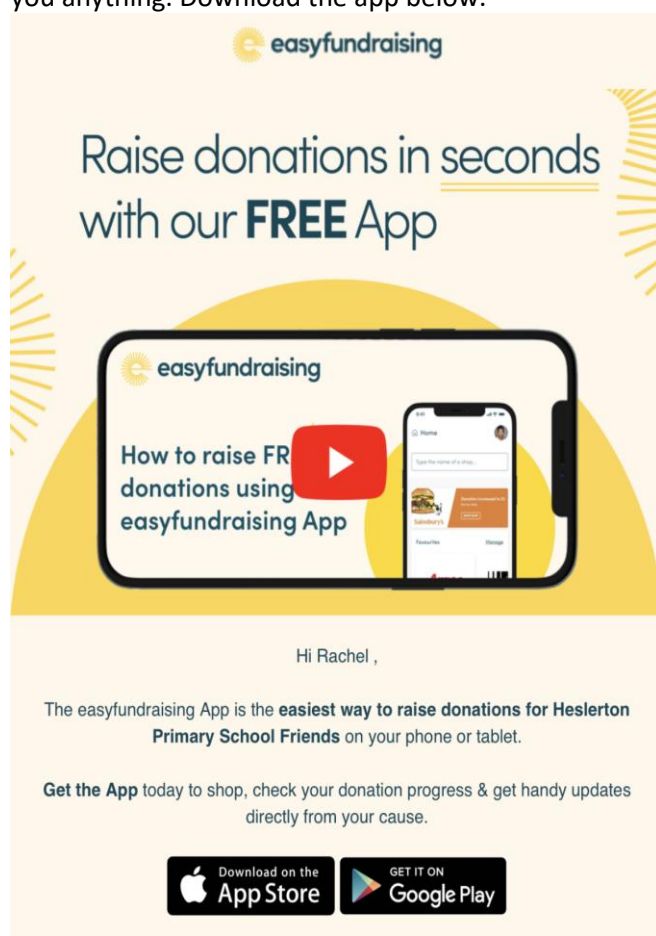
- Sports Day Monday 13th July
- KW & FW Play Wednesday 8th July
- Y5 & Y6 London residential Wednesday 24th-Friday 26th June
- Confirmation service Monday 15th June.
- Tuesday 16th June & Wednesday 17th June Norton & Malton Induction days and new classes day here at West Heslerton

OPEN EVENING

All parents of current children at school and those starting in September are invited to join us at school on **Wednesday 10th June** for our Open Evening. This is a chance to view your children's work from this school year and meet with current staff. Children currently in Year 1 will move to Year 2 in Keeper Wood in September. Children currently in Year 4 will move to Year 5 in Farthing Wood in September. Parents and children are invited to visit their classrooms for September if they are moving up. Please drop in from 3.30-5pm, all welcome.

EASY FUNDRAISING

Please support us in raising funds whilst not costing you anything. Download the app below.



Hi Rachel ,

The easyfundraising App is the **easiest way to raise donations for Heslerton Primary School Friends** on your phone or tablet.

Get the App today to shop, check your donation progress & get handy updates directly from your cause.

UNAUTHORISED LEAVE AND TERM-TIME HOLIDAYS

All term time holidays are classified as unauthorised leave. All leave without permission is considered unauthorised leave by authorities. 10 sessions of unauthorised absence (a session is a half day) in any 10 weeks will result in a penalty notice being issued. Please come and speak to school should you have an issue with attendance.

PUNCTUALITY

All children arriving after 8.55 when registers close are considered unauthorised by authorities. Arriving late 10 times in any 10 weeks will result in a penalty notice being issued. Please come and speak to school should you have an issue with getting to school on time. There are support systems in place to help those who struggle with punctuality.

WASTE-FREE LUNCHES

Packed lunches can be great for when children would rather not select the school menu on offer. These packed lunches create lots of plastic waste. We'd like to challenge families to get creative to help protect the planet. Buying products that are not individually wrapped, not disposable and instead using reusable plastic pots would be a great way to be more ecofriendly with meals. Please consider having a waste free pack up this term.



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BOOKED BY
TIM RICE

MUSIC BY
ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER

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22 - 24 MAY

QUEEN STREET METHODIST CHURCH
SCARBOROUGH
28 - 31 MAY


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

A healthy packed lunch will give children the energy and nutrition they need to get the most from their school day – helping them to stay healthy, feel good and be ready and able to learn. Just like school meals, packed lunches should be made up of foods from the main food groups in the Eatwell Guide www.nhs.uk/live-well/eat-well/the-eatwell-guide and portions should be appropriate for a child's age and size. This will ensure every child has a healthy and nutritionally-balanced lunch.

What should I include in my healthy packed lunch?

Please try to include **ONE** of each of the following in your lunch each day:



STARCHY CARBOHYDRATE

- ✓ bread, wrap, pitta, bagel, rolls, baguette
- ✓ rice or couscous
- ✓ noodles or plain pasta – avoid flavoured instant packet products and limit canned pasta
- ✓ potatoes
- ✓ oatcakes, rice cakes or crackers

Wholemeal/wholegrain options contain more fibre and keep you fuller for longer

Gives you energy for the day ahead!



DAIRY FOOD (or non-dairy alternative)

- ✓ cheese – hard, soft, spread
- ✓ yoghurt or fromage frais
- ✓ milk
- ✓ custard

Choose low fat, low sugar options where possible

Good for healthy bones and teeth!



FRUIT (fresh, frozen, tinned or dried)

- ✓ apple
- ✓ banana
- ✓ satsuma
- ✓ pear
- ✓ plum
- ✓ mango
- ✓ melon
- ✓ dried fruit e.g. raisins, apricots, dates. Add to meals and not as a snack
- ✓ cherry tomatoes (chopped)
- ✓ handful of grapes (halved)
- ✓ fruit salad or kebab

Wash fruit and vegetables prior to preparing. Ensure canned fruit is in juice not syrup.

Fruit and vegetables give you vitamins, minerals and fibre to stay healthy. Part of your '5 a day'

How much? A portion is one child-sized handful.



VEGETABLES OR SALAD

- ✓ chopped vegetable sticks (e.g. carrot, cucumber, pepper)
- ✓ salad in sandwiches
- ✓ vegetable soup
- ✓ Baked beans count as a vegetable but only once during a week. Ensure beans are reduced in salt and sugar

If you are using canned products, choose those without added sugar and salt.



PROTEIN

- ✓ meat e.g. sliced lean ham, chicken or beef in a sandwich
- ✓ fish – preferably try to include oily fish such as salmon, tinned mackerel, sardines and pilchards. Aim to have one portion a week
- ✓ eggs
- ✓ lentils, beans, chickpeas
- ✓ alternative meat free option

Try to limit processed foods e.g. sausages, meatballs, fishfingers, fishcakes, sausage rolls

Helps your body to grow and develop

DRINKS – plain tap water is the best option, especially for teeth. Please send your child to school with their own named, clean water bottle each day.

Drinking enough each day helps keep your body working well and your skin looking healthy!

Me-sized meals

Young children don't need as much food as teenagers and adults. When they eat more than they need, the excess energy is stored as fat in their bodies.



What about snacks for break time?

The best options for breaktime snacks are:

- Portion of fresh fruit (no dried fruit as snacks please as the sugar can stick in teeth).
- Vegetable sticks.
- Other ideas for healthy snacks could be rice cakes, bread sticks, bag of plain popcorn.

Please check your school's policy on snacks

What should I NOT bring to school?

Please do **NOT** include the following items:

- ✗ Sweets and chocolate bars – these foods are high in sugar and calories, low in goodness, and are harmful for teeth.
- ✗ Squash or fizzy drinks – water is best for teeth.
- ✗ Other items e.g. nuts, sesame, fish – please check your school's allergy policy.

Thank you!

5 top tips for your packed lunch

- Freezer packs can keep food cool. Freeze a (reusable) bottle of water which will be ready to drink by lunchtime.
- Get your child to help pack their lunch box – they are more likely to enjoy it.
- Love to dip? – cut up pitta bread or veg sticks to have with a dip.
- Use pastry cutters to cut funny-shaped sandwiches.
- Protect your fruit by putting it in a small plastic container e.g. apple/banana guard.

Get more vegetables in your lunches!

Here are some GREAT ideas for upping the veg content in your lunchboxes <https://simplyveg.org.uk/lunchboxes>

Be safe!

- Please cut up food into small sizes for young children. Cut grapes and cherry tomatoes in half (lengthways if oblong).
- Be aware of allergies – please check your school's allergies guidance.

School dinners are best!

Making packed lunches can be time consuming and expensive – why not try school dinners?

School meals provide your child with a nutritionally-balanced variety of foods. Every infant child (aged 5-7) is entitled to a **FREE** school lunch.

Also, **FREE school meals** for all age groups are provided to families who receive qualifying incomes such as income support and universal credit. Ask your school office how to order yours. More information is available from your school's website or the **North Yorkshire Council website**

www.northyorks.gov.uk/and-learning/school-meals Next attachment
www.northyorks.gov.uk/free-school-meals

Here are some websites with more information to help your family to stay healthy, happy and well:

healthyschoolsnorthyorks.org/healthy-food
www.nhs.uk/healthier-families
www.nhs.uk/start4life

And some information on saving money, local food banks, financial support and eating well on a budget:

healthyschoolsnorthyorks.org/costsavings