

WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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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 94.0%

Keeper Wood 97.3%

Farthing Wood 99.2%

A LOVELY PARENT COMMENT RECEIVED

Just to say I was sad to hear about the trouble you've had with some parental messages. We feel really lucky that [our children] are at West Heslerton and think all the staff are doing an excellent job

DIARY DATES

Mon 27th and Tuesday 28th April, Year 6 cycling.

Thurs 30th April to Fri 1st May, Year 5 cycling.

Monday 4th May school closed for May Day.

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

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.

Monday 22nd June, Friends meeting at 2.30pm.

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

Monday 13th July, School Sports Afternoon for all parents. (Reserve date Wednesday 15th July)

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

BIKEABILITY

Please look out for cyclists in the village next week, Farthing Wood will be taking part in Bikeability.

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.

Vocabulary Development: We teach key subject-specific vocabulary to encourage pupils to use high quality and technical words to explain their knowledge.

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, encourage children to keep hydrated and to protect themselves from the sun's rays. Please ensure your child has a named water bottle, sun hat, sun cream in school each day.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

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

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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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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.



What does SENDIASS mean?

SENDIASS stands for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information Advice and Support Service.

What does SENDIASS offer?

SENDIASS North Yorkshire provides information and advice on SEND policy, process and law to parents and carers of children with special educational needs or a disability or to young people with a special educational needs or disability up to the age of 25.

Visit our website here: sendiassnorthyorkshire.co.uk

You can contact us in any of the following ways -

By Phone : 01609 536 923

By Email: info@sendiassnorthyorks.org

By Contact form on our Website:

[Contact Us > SENDIAS North Yorkshire](#)

BADGER WOOD

FOREST SCHOOLS (week 1)

We have carried on our theme around plants this week by noticing all the dandelions on the school field. We have used the dandelions to make a dandy-lion! We have also set up our class wormery to see what happened over the next few weeks.



PARENTPAY

We have been made aware of technical issues with the software on Monday countrywide. If you booked after school club, please check payment has gone through and that the booking has been confirmed. Thank you.

KEEPER WOOD & FARTHING WOOD

Keepers headed to the woods with Farthings for Forest school. They spent time having fun and undertaking challenges including building dens and hunting for mini beasts.



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2026 –GROWING UP IN NORTH YORKSHIRE PUPIL SURVEY

Our school, along with the majority of North Yorkshire schools, has agreed to participate in the 2026 Growing Up in North Yorkshire Survey for young people. The survey has been running in North Yorkshire since 2006 and information gained from individual school and county level analysis of this survey provides knowledge and understanding about the well-being, safety and learning of children and young people and influences school, county and locality planning and evaluation of provision. In 2024, over 15,000 children and young people in North Yorkshire completed the survey.

The survey data is able to inform the review of our provision in school and school improvement priorities and to support us to safeguard children. We use the information in a variety of ways, for example, to

- Gain feedback from pupils about the ethos and culture of our school
- Learn pupils' opinions about learning, their enjoyment of lessons and the usefulness of key aspects of the curriculum related to wellbeing
- Help us to develop our curriculum to improve pupils' health and wellbeing
- Have a better understanding of the safeguarding needs of our pupils
- Inform discussions with parents about aspects such as online safety.

The survey that we are using has been commissioned by the North Yorkshire Children and Young People's Service, Public Health and North Yorkshire Police and is from the Schools Health Education Unit, Exeter.

The questions cover a wide range of your child's perceptions and behaviours related to learning and wellbeing, for example

- Enjoyment of lessons
- Attitudes and resilience for learning
- Relationships
- Growing up
- Emotional health and wellbeing including bullying
- Safety, including online safety
- Tobacco and vaping
- Alcohol
- Healthy Eating
- Physical activity

Following the 2024 survey some supporting information leaflets for parents & carers have been developed highlighting some key data from the survey and supporting information for families. These can be accessed here for [primary aged children](#) and here for [secondary aged young people](#)

The North Yorkshire Children and Young People's Service has worked closely with the Schools Health Education Unit to ensure that the content of the questionnaires is appropriate, with bespoke questionnaires for primary, secondary and special schools.

Each questionnaire is anonymous and confidential, and no pupil will be identified when the data is returned to our school. Individual schools are not identified in any of the county reports.

As in 2024, we would like to collect the home postcode of as many young people as we can. We are doing this to create maps and perform other analysis based on geography; the postcodes will be held separately and securely and your child will not be able to be identified.

I hope you will feel, as we do, that this is a very worthwhile survey which will support the wellbeing of all of our pupils, but do please let me know if you do not wish your child to take part. The survey will be carried out early in the summer term 2026.

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