

WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

NEWSLETTER 1st MAY 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 KEPPER WOOD!!

Badger Wood 98.7%

Keeper Wood 98.8%

Farthing Wood 97.6%

DIARY DATES

Monday 4th May school closed for May Day

Thursday 7th May Gymnastics Club Y3– Y6 week 4.

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

Monday 11th May Friends meeting 2:30pm

Thursday 14th May Pop up library.

Gymnastics Club Y3 – Y6 week 5.

Monday 18th May Community Cuppa Y5 2:15 – 3:15pm

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.

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 18th May** 2:15 – 3:15pm.

LUNCH CHANGE

Next Thursday the school lunch will be a chicken burger as per pupil request.

PUPIL VACANCIES SEPTEMBER

Due to a very low birth rate 4 years ago, we unusually have some spaces available for September for those starting school life. If you know of any young children ready to start school, please share the news that we have spaces available for Reception.. Everyone's welcome at West Heslerton Primary.

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.

Inclusive Environment: Each room in school is a calm, structured, and predictable classroom with clear routines, visual timetables, spelling/word lists and reflection spaces.

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

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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A fun-filled, action-packed half term

If you're looking for fun and adventure in the great outdoors, our action-packed activities are available to book now for May half term!

Tuesday 26 to Friday 29 May

Adventure Club is back at **Bewerley Park**, with planned activities on set days. Save 10% when booking siblings or multiple days.

Our **East Barnby** team are also running a two-day RYA sailing course at Scaling Dam, where young people can gain their Stage 1 or Stage 2 qualification.

Find out more and book now at outdoored.co.uk/schoolholidays

YOLS North Yorkshire Outdoor Learning Service

BADGER WOOD

FOREST SCHOOLS (week 2)

Today we went on a wildflower walk. We found bluebells, forget me nots, daisies and dandelions. Then we found some shade in the wildlife area for a little free time.



KEEPER WOOD & FARTHING WOOD



Keepers and Farthings joined together to play lots of team games. We all shone in different areas but had a great afternoon.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

We have up to 20 spaces at our After School Club Monday to Thursday. Priced at £5.50 for 1 hour or £8.50 for two hours, this is great value childcare. Parents can use tax-free childcare vouchers from employers for childcare payment, saving 20% of this cost too.

Every child has 1 free session at the club per term. Why not book ahead to use your child's voucher? Please book the free session through the school office.

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