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"Children are at the centre of all we do."

## **NEWSLETTER 12<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025**

Our newsletter is also available to view on the school website at: https://heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk/parents/newsletters

BADGER WOOD
100%

KEEPER WOOD
87.97%

FARTHING WOOD 87.93 %

#### **DIARY DATES**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September, Friends meeting 2:30pm.

• Gymnastics Club Y1 – Y3 week 2.

**Thursday 18**<sup>th</sup> **September,** Swimming Y1 – Y4 week 1

**Monday 22**<sup>nd</sup> **September,** Gymnastics Club Y1 – Y3 week 3

**Thursday 25**<sup>th</sup> **September,** Swimming Y1 – Y4 week 2

**Monday 29**<sup>th</sup> **September,** Gymnastics Club Y1 – Y3 week 4.

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October,** FW Football at MCSC. Open Evening 3:30 – 5:30pm see poster.

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October,** Swimming Y1 – Y4 week 3.

Pop up library 2pm

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October,** Gymnastics Club Y1 – Y3 week 5.

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October,** FW Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) trip to Scarborough.

• Swimming Y1 – Y4 week 4.

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

## **REMINDER SWIMMING**

School swimming lessons will commence on **Thursday 18**<sup>th</sup> **September** for children in Y1 – Y4 for 10 weeks (excluding half term) the last planned session will be on **Thursday 27**<sup>th</sup> **November**.

We will be travelling with Esk Valley Coaches for the duration of the swimming lessons.

Have a good breakfast, children will need their swimming kits, sensible shoes and a waterproof coat – no tights please.

Please ensure children have their inhalers with them if applicable.

#### **OPEN EVENING**

We are looking forward to welcoming all families to our Open Evening. Please pop in at any time from 3.30-5 to meet the staff, view your child's learning environment and see their learning.

Families not yet at school are also welcome to see us. Please share the flyer in your envelope today with anyone who may be interested – everybody welcome!



## FRIENDS OF SCHOOL

Friends of Heslerton School organise social events and fund-raising activities which raise money for extra events and treats for all children such as the Pantomime, gifts at Christmas and other fun activities.

Friends meetings are held in school during the term to discuss and plan future fund raising and fun events for the school. All parents and families are welcome to these and they usually start with a coffee or tea!

Please come along and get involved.

The first meeting will be on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30pm.

## **OUR GOVERNING BOARD**

A team of up to 11 volunteer governors oversee the work of our school and set its direction. Whilst the whole board is responsible for the work of the school, we have identified specific governors to keep a closer eye upon key areas.

We have adopted the following leadership roles for this year:

Co - Chairs: David Shackley & Louisa Todd.

Vice -Chair: Dr. Jo White.

Should you be interested in joining the board, please enquire in the school office. We currently have one vacancy for a Parent Governor.

Should you wish to ask a question of the board or bring something to their attention, please contact the Governors via phone at school or via the contact form on our school website.

### **FIRST AID**

All staff working with children are trained in Paediatric First Aid. We will always explain to children what treatment we are giving and why. Please contact school if you don't wish your child to receive support.

### **BOOKS IN THE PARENT SHELTER**

Please help yourselves to the books in the parent shelter. Borrow and return or swap for another book. Everybody welcome!

## **PHOTO SAFETY REMINDER**

Please can we remind families that photographs on Dojo are for personal use only, please do not use on social media, ownership belongs to school. This is to help keep all children safe.

Thank you for your continued support.



## **FREE SCHOOL MEALS**

The cost of living is challenging for us all. You can apply online at: <a href="www.northyorks.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals">www.northyorks.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals</a> to check to see if you can have school meals funded by school. Your child does not have to have free meals each day or at all if you qualify but this may be a useful support to have as back up. Qualifying for school funded meals often brings other benefits eg free music lessons through North Yorkshire Council. School also receives a small grant per term for children who qualify. Please check online to see if your child qualifies.

## AFTER SCHOOL FOREST CHILDCARE CLUB

Each child can have one free session in the after school childcare club per term. Please contact the school office to check availability and book.

#### **ABSENCE**

In case of absence please contact the school office. Dojo messages go to individual staff and cannot be accessed by others.

#### **REGULAR EYE CHECKS**

Regular eye checks at opticians are free! We have seen a surge in the number of children with eye issues identified. Please contact your optician for a check for your child..

## **MINDFULLNESS**

Every Tuesday 12:30-12:45pm in Keeper Wood there will be time to relax and be mindful. Children in Keepers and Farthings can join Miss Shackley to practise breathing, listen to calming music and be in the moment. This is to help with emotions and well-being. No need to book, just turn up.

## **RESIDENTIAL VISITS**

We are keen to share as many experiences with children as possible to build their knowledge, skills and independence. Staying away from home on residential visits is part of this offer.

Children are offered a residential visit to a countryside location in Year 3 or 4. We plan to run this visit again next year. This visit will be offered to children currently in Year 2 and 3.

Children are offered a residential visit to a city location in Year 5 or 6. We are very pleased to announce that we will again be taking children in Year 5 and 6 to stay our capital city, London. The itinerary is being confirmed to fit as much into our 2026 schedule as possible. We will share updates with you all as plans develop.

## **SENT HOME**

- Data sheets please check and return to school to confirm that information held is correct.
- Open Evening leaflet.
- Friends of School WhatsApp slip to the new starters.
- YR 6 letter re secondary school and Scarborough College flyer.
- FW London letter.

#### **GIRLS RUGBY**

Is your player a future Red Rose 💆 ?

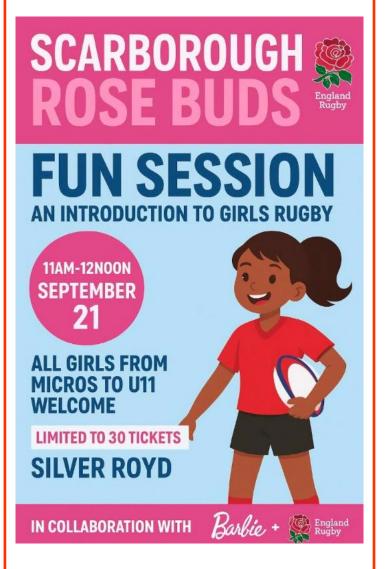
Why not bring her along for a fun session with our girls coaching team and some of our Valkyries players, after club registration day on Sunday September 21st at 11am.

There will be an hour of fun and games followed by lunch for all attending and they will go home with a goodie bag to celebrate the England Rugby collaboration with The Red Roses and Barbie.

This makes Barbie, the UK's first-ever partnership with a sports team, and the collaboration aims to inspire the next generation of female rugby players through grassroots initiatives such at this at Silver Royd.

30 Spaces available, to book on please call Sharon in the rugby office on 01723 357740 ext 5 or email sharon.tait@scarboroughrugby.co.uk.

Open to girls currently aged 4-11.



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



SUPPORT INSPIRE THRIVE

THURSDAY, 25TH SEPTEMBER 2025, 6.30PM

# PEN EVENING

Prospective parents and students in Years 5 and 6 are warmly invited to join us at our Open Evening to experience the excellent provision and opportunities that we offer. Find out how we can support your child by providing them with a nurturing learning environment that both inspires them and enables them to thrive.

Applications to join us in September 2026 should be made to NYC by 31st October 2025 latest using their on-line application form. For more information, visit:

https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-admissions





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