

WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

NEWSLETTER 15th 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 FARTHING WOOD!!

Badger Wood 98.8%

Keeper Wood 94.3%

Farthing Wood 100%

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.**

WORSHIP AT CHURCH

On **Wednesday 20th May**, we will have our collective worship at church. We will be leaving school at 9am, please be here on time.

DIARY DATES

Monday 18th May, Community Cuppa Y5 2:15 – 3:15pm, all welcome.

- Y5/Y6 London meeting see box below.

Wednesday 20th May, Worship at church, pupils only.

Thursday 21st May, Seaside lunch please see box.

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, please see box.

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)

Thursday 16th July, Leavers' Worship at church 9.15am, all families welcome.

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

HELP WITH SCHOOL MEALS

Household bills and the cost of living are affecting us all. All parents can anonymously check online to see if your family qualifies for Free School Meals. Applications are free. You can also check for older siblings at other schools. Qualifying for free school meals helps unlock government funding for our school too. Please add your details here <https://fsm.lgfl.net/> No details are saved and school will not know who has applied.

School meals are offered free to children in Years Reception to Year 2. Applying whilst they are this age unlocks funding for schools.

Parents of children currently in Year 2 may particularly wish to check to save purchasing meals next year when the universal free offer ends for their child.

SENT HOME

- Y5&Y6 RSE letter
- Play letter
- Y5&Y6 London menu as applicable
- Primary Times

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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.

High Expectations & Praise: All staff maintain high, consistent, clear and positive expectations, focusing on motivation and positive reinforcement. Best efforts, start of the week, verbal feedback are just a few of the things we do to demonstrate what we expect and reward children for achieving.

SING UP

All parents and families are invited to join us to hear our Sing Up. This singing will involve all children on the school playground on **Tuesday 9 June**. Parents are invited to arrive at 3:10pm to hear the children singing new songs learnt this term. In the event of bad weather, this will take place in the hall. All welcome.

SCHOOL 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. Everyone's welcome at West Heselton Primary.

UNIFORM

Unnamed uniform is placed in lost property in the entrance hall. Please can you ensure that all school uniform is named. Thank you.

WOLDIES

On **Thursday 11th June** we will be travelling with Esk Valley Coaches for a whole school trip to Woldies. All children will need a packed lunch, if you would like to order a school packed lunch please request one when prompted on ParentPay when consenting to the trip.

Please provide consent / order a school packed lunch if required by Sunday 31st May to enable our kitchen team to order the necessary ingredients.

This trip is funded by our Sports budget and free for all children. We're looking forward to a great day in the outdoors!

OPEN EVENING

All parents of current children at school, those starting in September and those interested in joining us in future 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.

SPECIAL LUNCH

On **Thursday 21st May** we will be having a special seaside lunch. To be ordered at morning registration as usual.



LONDON MEETING

Monday 18th May, join us in the school hall to hear all about the upcoming London visit for Year 5 and 6s. Children and adults welcome.

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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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BADGER WOOD

FOREST SCHOOLS (week 4)

In honour of Sir David Attenborough, we have made flower and herb perfumes in his name. Then we had some sensory free time without our shoes on.



KEEPER WOOD

Design and Technology

After designing our bookmarks we have begun the sewing! Working in small groups, they are looking good even though we haven't done a lot of sewing before.



FARTHING WOOD

We've had a busy afternoon, beginning with delivering Community Cuppa invites in the village. To celebrate David Attenborough's 100th birthday (and linked to our Appreciation theme in My Happy Mind) we have also made a thankfulness tree and created some natural artwork.



INVITATION TO ALBANWISE FARM

Albanwise will be taking part in Open Farm Sunday this year at their farm near Low Mowthorpe on Sunday 7th June 2026.

It will be a relaxed and family-friendly day aimed at giving people the opportunity to see behind the scenes of a working farm and learn more about British agriculture and food production that takes place in the fields around our school. There will be plenty to see and do, including tractor and trailer tours, machinery displays, guided walks, opportunities to meet the animals, and activities for children.

Free Tickets can be booked here:

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/113133>

We hope it will be a great day for the local community and would be delighted to welcome families from West Heslerton Primary School.



The poster for Albanwise Farming Ltd's Open Farm Sunday event features a scenic background of a farm with a river and fields. At the top left is the Albanwise Farming Ltd logo, a stylized 'a' and 'w' in a diamond shape. To the right of the logo, the text reads 'ALBANWISE FARMING LTD' and 'OPEN FARM SUNDAY' in large, bold, blue letters. Below this, a green banner contains the event details: 'SUNDAY 7TH JUNE | 11AM-4PM' and 'LOW MOWTHORPE, YO17 8DA'. On the left side, there are four blue buttons with white icons and text: 'MEET OUR ANIMALS' (with a sheep icon), 'TRACTOR & TRAILER TOURS' (with a tractor icon), 'MACHINERY DISPLAYS' (with a tractor icon), and 'FARM WALKS' (with a person walking icon). At the bottom left is a QR code with the text 'REGISTER HERE FOR YOUR FREE TICKETS!'. At the bottom center, it says 'BBQ, LOCAL BEER & REFRESHMENTS Available to purchase'. At the bottom right, there is an Instagram icon with the text 'FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM FOR UPDATES albanwise_farming_ltd' and a paw print icon with the text 'DOGS WELCOME Please keep them on a lead'.

SAFEGUARDING

Omoggle is a new anonymous video chat site where users are paired with strangers and rated on their appearance by an AI algorithm. It's become a popular platform where people are compared and ranked based on their looks and has been gaining significant traction across platforms such as Twitch and TikTok, particularly among younger audiences.

The site's anonymous nature means young people can end up in an unmoderated space being judged on how they look, with no oversight. This kind of content is linked to body image issues, low self-esteem, and bullying, and it's particularly concerning for younger users. Beyond this, 'mogging' culture has strong links to incel-adjacent communities and Nihilistic Violent Extremism (NVE). This makes Omoggle particularly concerning from a safeguarding perspective.

Any searches or activity containing this term in school will be flagged as an alert, so that we can identify students who may be trying to access the site. Children will not be able to engage with this content in school.

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Boroughbridge	The Crown Hotel Queen Ethelburga's		

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