

WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

NEWSLETTER 3rd JULY 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

FARTHING WOOD

Badger Wood 96.81%

Keeper Wood 96.76%

Farthing Wood 97.83%

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 7th July, FW Crucial Crew visit

Wednesday 8th July, School play performances for pupils in Keeper Wood and Farthing Wood at 1:30pm and an evening performance at 6pm.

Please bring cash for refreshments on sale to adults.

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

Tuesday 14th July, Y5 Taster Day at Norton College.

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

Leavers Day events all day for children back at school.

Friday 17 July - end of school year for pupils.

Staff Training Day Monday 20th July.

SUMMER BREAK

Staff Training Day Monday 7th September.

Tuesday 8th September, School opens for pupils.

UNIFORM

Edge Clothing are expecting a uniform rush towards the end of term. Please consider your family's uniform needs to guarantee delivery before Friday 17th July.

Available online – www.edgeclothing.co.uk

In store – Barry's Lane, Scarborough, YO12 4HA

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BAG NEEDED PLEASE

All children will need a strong bag / bag for life to take their work home on Friday 10th July.

SENT HOME

- Play tickets, For fire purposes, tickets must be brought to school.
- Bewerley Park letter – current Y2&Y3.
- School photographs.

PLAY TICKETS

Thank you to families for being prompt with buying school play tickets. Sales of tickets for both the afternoon and evening performances on Wednesday 8th July closed on 29th June. Tickets bought online are being sent home today.

Due to the expected heat, we are limiting the numbers of tickets sold. Should you wish to buy further tickets, please contact school on Monday 6th July. These will be sold on a first come, first served basis. Tickets cost £1 donation to Friends of School.

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

SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES WITH FEAST

We have issued FEAST vouchers to all families whose children/young people receive benefits-related free school meals. These vouchers entitle your child to fully-funded places on FEAST activities this summer holiday, where they'll also receive a free healthy meal. You should have received this voucher via email or text, from a platform called HolidayActivities. Follow the link to redeem your voucher and book your child's place on some of the fantastic activities on offer in our area. If you believe your child is eligible and you have not yet received your voucher, or you have lost it, please contact the school office.

To learn more about FEAST, and for information on activities, eligibility and how to manage your bookings, [visit the website](#).

[FEAST Summer 2026 Activity Listings](#)



The poster features a young woman in a red hoodie climbing a rope. At the top left is the 'feast' logo. To its right, text says 'Learn more at [feastny.org](https://www.feastny.org) OR scan the QR' with a QR code. A yellow arrow points to the QR code. A teal arrow points to the text 'Fully funded' in a teal box. Below this is 'School holiday' in a pink box, and 'activities' in a large orange box. At the bottom, it says 'Packed with art, sports, fun and food, there's something for everyone'. Below that is a small paragraph: 'FEAST offers activities with a healthy meal for children and young people in North Yorkshire aged 16 and under. Better yet, if you're eligible for benefits-related free school meals then your place is fully funded.' Logos for 'BEST START IN LIFE', '11K Government', 'HolidayActivities', 'NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL', and 'NORTH YORKSHIRE TOGETHER' are at the bottom.

YEAR 6 TEST RESULTS

The DfE have announced a delay to this year's Key Stage 2 (KS2) test results, which affects all schools nationally.

Schools were due to receive results on 7 July 2026. Results should now be available on **16 July 2026**.

We know this is frustrating, and we share that feeling. But it won't get in the way of celebrating everything your child has achieved at the end of their primary school journey.

The delay is not related to the quality of the tests or the accuracy of pupils' results. Test papers have been marked in line with usual processes.

This will not impact your child's transition to secondary school and no action is required from parents or pupils. We will share results with you as quickly as possible after we receive them on 16 July.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

PLAY TICKETS

Friends of School will be providing refreshments to parents during both play performances. Should you wish to buy drinks, please bring a cash donation.

PIANO AND KEYBOARD LESSONS

We have space for pupils to have a weekly lesson on the piano or keyboard from September. These lessons take place in school individually or in small groups on pupils' own instruments. Details of these sessions can be found here <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-music-service/music-lessons-and-instrument-hire/education-and-learning/school-music-service/music-lessons-and-instrument-hire/information-about-music-lessons-available-schools>

Please apply online if your child would be interested. The music service suggest Year 2 and up for these sessions.

SCARBOROUGH NEWS

Scarborough News are creating a Leavers edition featuring our Year 6s. This was published on Thursday 2nd July 2026. Copies will be on sale for one week at £2.20 a copy subject to availability.

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

OUTDOOR WORSHIP

The bright morning weather has been perfect for outdoor worship this week.



FW CRUCIAL CREW

Tuesday 7th July, Y5 & Y6 will be attending Crucial Crew with Mrs Bickerton and Mrs Wardell to experience life scenarios and emergency actions. We will be travelling with Esk Valley Coaches to Scarborough TEC.

Children will need to be in full school uniform, no PE Kit, no hoodies, no electronic tags.

All children will need a packed lunch and water bottle. If your child is eligible for free school meals, a pack up has been offered on Dojo message to you. This should be ordered by **9:30am Mondy 6th July**.

NYC LIBRARY READING CHALLENGE

We were visited today by Fiona Diaper from Malton Library who explained the challenge to us. This starts tomorrow and is free to take part in.

Summer Reading Challenge 2026

READ to the BEAT

Join FREE at your local library and earn exclusive rewards for reading



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READ to the BEAT

Read to the Beat is the name of the 2026 Summer Reading Challenge - the UK's biggest reading for fun scheme for 4 - 11-year-olds

Children sign up at their local library to start the challenge, which is to read six books over the summer break.

They can choose any books they like, as long they're from the library. eBooks and audiobooks borrowed from our digital platforms Borrowbox and Libby also count.

Reading or listening to books with grown ups or siblings also counts towards completing the challenge.

For each book read, children collect stickers. When completed, they are presented with exclusive prizes, a certificate and medal.

Lots of fun and often FREE tie-in events running across libraries. Scan the QR code for details of what's happening in your patch.

Sign up to Read to the Beat at your local library from Saturday 4 July - while stocks last...



PE KIT

Please can we remind all parents that PE kit is a plain white T shirt and black or dark blue shorts, leggings or jogging trousers. Sports trainers are needed too please.

All parents are informed of their child's class regular PE session at the start of each term.

Parents of children in Badgers have a weekly reminder from Badger Wood staff on Dojo about when to send their child to school in PE kit.

Children in Keeper Wood and Farthing Wood have verbal reminders from staff. Children have these dates written in their planners and we ask them to check these daily as part of their homework so that they are prepared for their school day. Phonecalls home on these days will not be made for those not in kit.

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

COMMUNITY SWIM GALA

Thank you to all those children who volunteered to take part in the annual community swim gala.

There were 80 swimmers in attendance which the most that the team have ever had. They were all superstars for having a go!

The winners of each heat were awarded a certificate. If they have a hand-written star on it, it means they are the fastest in their age group across all of the heats. Well done to Ethan for third place and Jess for first place!

If any children are keen to pursue more swimming coaching and competition, please contact us about joining the club. Email: swimming@dvasc.co.uk

LEARNING TO SWIM

Norton Pool's learn2swim programme runs on a Tuesday night for beginners to Stage 7 and our squad swimmers from Stage 7 upwards train on Mondays and Wednesdays 7-8pm.

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.

Chunking Tasks: Staff break down instructions and tasks into smaller, manageable chunks for children that are appropriate for their age and skills. They encourage children to follow these instructions with increasing independence as they move through the school.

FW Y5 NORTON COLLEGE VISIT

Tuesday 14th July, Y5 will be attending a taster day at Norton College with Mrs Wardell.

We will be travelling with transport arranged by Norton College.

Children will need to be in full school uniform, no PE Kit, no hoodies, no electronic tags.

All children will need a packed lunch and water bottle. If you would like to order a school packed lunch, please request one when prompted on ParentPay. This should be ordered by **9:30am Monday 6th July**.

FW OLYMPICS

A great afternoon of Olympic Games at Malton Community Sports Centre. Farthing Wood showed fantastic attitude, teamwork and sportsmanship and were impeccably behaved. Well done everyone!



USE OF ELECTRONIC TRACKERS

The covert or deliberate use of trackers in school or on school visits is deemed by NYC to be a safeguarding risk. Tracker alerts can distract staff unnecessarily to devices when staff are trying to focus upon protecting pupils in their groups on visits. These devices can also alert members of the public to pupils that could be identified as vulnerable. The discovery of trackers or electronic tags results in a heightening of our safeguarding awareness as a staff team. This could result in changes to, or cancellation of, activities. Electronic tags and mobile phones should not be sent with pupils to school or on visits for monitoring pupils please.

BURTON CONSTABLE HALL

Burton Constable have got a fantastic programme of family-friendly events coming up, and they'd love to welcome families to enjoy everything the Hall and parkland have to offer.

Events:

- [Rolls-Royce Enthusiasts' Club 50th Anniversary – 12th July](#)
- [A Puppet Zoo Adventure – 1st August](#)
- [Outdoor Cinema – 14th & 15th August](#)
- [Last Night of the Proms – 21st August](#)
- [A Midsummer Night's Dream – 23rd August](#)
- [Classic Car Show – 6th September](#)
- [1940's Weekend – 26th & 27th September](#)

They hope to welcome many of our school families to Burton Constable Hall over the coming months.

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

HOT WEATHER

The forecast for the rest of term is for warm temperatures. School will remain open during these temperatures. We have put in place many actions so that children can remain safe and comfortable whilst they access their education. Changes include increasing hydration breaks and extra reminders to drink water; using different areas of the school for lessons or moving furniture to increase air flow; making greater use of outdoor shaded and cooler spaces; adapting PE and outdoor activities; moving activities to cooler parts of the day.

Please can we ask you to ensure your child has a sun hat, water bottle every day and sun lotion if required (some parents use an all day lotion prior to school).