

WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

NEWSLETTER 2nd October 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

Badger Wood 99.4%

Keeper Wood 97.3%

Farthing Wood 97.5%

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 6th October, Gymnastics Club week 4 Y3-Y6.

Wednesday 7th October, School Open Evening 3:30-5pm.

Thursday 8th October, Bag2school.

- FW STEM visit. See box.
- Swimming Y1-Y4 week 4.
- Pop up library.

Tuesday 13th October, Gymnastics Club week 5 Y3-Y6.

Wednesday 14th October, Friends Glow Disco.

Thursday 15th October, Swimming Y1-Y4 week 5.

Monday 19th October, School photographs.

Tuesday 20th October, Gymnastics Club week 6 & last.

Thursday, 22nd October, Swimming Y1-Y4 week 6.

- Harvest Festival at church at 2pm.

Staff Training Day Friday 23rd October

Half term break

Monday 2nd November, School opens to pupils.

BAG2SCHOOL

Please bring your unwanted clothes, shoes, bags and belts to school for fundraising. Bags of donations to be dropped in the parent shelter and collected by Bag2School on **Thursday 8th October**. School will be paid for these donations and these funds will go to Friends of School.

SCHOOL FUNDED MEALS

Did you know that school can fund meals for some students?

The Free School Meals Scheme has recently been reviewed and more children are entitled to free meals.

Children classified as **targeted support** receive free school meals. School receives some additional funding for school activities which could assist in paying for school visits. These children are eligible for NYC instrumental music lessons.

Children classified as **expanded support** receive free school meals. School receives no further funding for music lessons etc and we will continue to ask for parental contributions for visits.

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 get school funded meals. If you think your family circumstances would mean your family could meet free school meals thresholds, please apply. School would benefit from any additional funding from targeted support pupils so that we can provide more opportunities for children here at school.

Please apply here

www.northyorks.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals and NYCC will tell you if you are eligible and which level.

MACMILLAN

Thank you for supporting our MacMillan coffee event, **your kind donations raised £110.30**. Thank you for your continued support.

SENT HOME

- Young Voices parent info **Y3-Y6** for details of how to registering your child.
Please see the box below for details of this event.

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

OPEN EVENING

We will be hosting an Open evening on **Wednesday 7th October, 3:30 – 5pm**. Please pop in at any time to view your child's classroom, meet the staff, view Forest School Club. Uniform will also be available to purchase, please bring cash for donations to Friends.

Pre-school pupils and their families are also very welcome to visit.



Please spread the word!

FRIENDS OF SCHOOL

Please come along to Friends events to join our school community to make friends and raise funds for school. Friends of school raise money for great treats for the children throughout the year including Christmas events, Pantomime visits, discos and cinema visits.

Without your support, children will not have these and without parents attending their meetings, the Friends group may cease!

REMINDER BEWERLEY PARK

The Bewerley Park residential is open on **ParentPay** for payments.

REMINDER POP UP LIBRARY

The NYC pop up library will visit us next **Thursday 8th October**.

REMINDER FARTHING WOOD STEM VISIT

The children in Farthing Wood will be visiting Scarborough Spa on **Thursday, October 8th** for the Science, Technology Engineering and Maths (STEM) Festival. They will be accompanied by Mrs Bickerton and Mrs Wells and travelling with Perry's coaches. We will leave school at 10.15am and return for the end of the school day. The children will need to bring a packed lunch, drinks only in cartons please, no cans or bottles.

Children will need a waterproof coat and sensible shoes. School carries insurance for all visits.

Pupils will need to take their own inhalers if necessary.

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.

Revision of what is already known: Children receive pre-teaching if necessary (the opportunity to be taught content they already know to help them access the next part of their learning) Opportunities for recall, recap and revision are included in lessons to help all children to make links in their learning.

PARENT VIEW

Ofsted Parent View gives you the chance to tell Ofsted what you think of your child's school, including:

- whether your child feels safe, happy and able to belong and thrive at the school
- how the school promotes positive behaviour and a culture where every pupil can achieve and feel respected
- if your child has special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND), we will ask how well the school supports them

We would ask you to create an account to take this survey. This will help us to celebrate the great things that school offers and address any areas that we could make even better!

Please complete the survey at <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

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

NYC HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT

Have your say on proposed changes to North Yorkshire Council's Home to School Travel Policy.

Following a Post Implementation Review of the updated Home to School Travel policy introduced in 2024, North Yorkshire Council is inviting views on a number of recommended changes.

The consultation is open now and runs until 4 November 2026.

The review found that the policy is largely working as intended, helping to create a fairer and more consistent approach to transport eligibility while remaining in line with national guidance and on track to deliver planned savings. It also identified areas where improvements could be made. Executive member for education, learning and skills, Cllr Annabel Wilkinson, said: "We know that school travel arrangements are incredibly important to families and that the changes introduced in 2024 have affected some households more than others. "When the policy changed, we promised to review how it was working in practice and to listen to the experiences of families. "We have carefully considered feedback from parents and carers, schools and other stakeholders, alongside appeals, complaints and operational data. "We would encourage people to take part as this is your opportunity to have your say and help us to shape the future of our home to school travel policy in North Yorkshire."

If any recommendations are approved, they would not take effect before September 2027 and will apply to children starting in Reception and Year 7 in September 2028. Families should continue to make school preference decisions based on the existing arrangements while this process is completed. Eligibility for free travel would continue to be based on a child's nearest suitable school with available places. The review does not propose a return to catchment-based transport eligibility. Find out more about the review and take part in the consultation at www.northyorks.gov.uk/PIRSurvey

GOING HOME ARRANGEMENTS

Please can all parents let their children know how they are getting home every day. We have several children who daily are unsure so we need to disturb siblings or phone home to check.

If you see a child in the village waiting for an adult who is late in arriving, please encourage them back up to school or phone school so that we may know of their whereabouts. We do all we can to keep everybody safe. Parents who are running late are encouraged to let school know by phone please so that we can inform the child and reassure them that they will be collected soon.

YOUNG VOICES

Children in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be learning a range of songs in school to perform at Young Voices. This is a series of concerts performed by children that take place in arenas across the country.

West Heslerton take part every other year. We will perform at Sheffield Arena on **Thursday 25th February 2027**.

Last Year's Young Voices concert can be viewed online here

https://www.google.com/search?q=young+voices+youtube+2026&oq=young+voices+yo&gs_lcrp=EgZjaHJvbWUqCAGCEAAYFhgeMgclABAAGIAEMgYIARBFgDkyCAGCEAAYFhgeMgglAxAAGBYHjIIICAQQABgWGB4yCAGFEAAYFhgeMgglBhAAGBYHjIIICAQABgWGB4yCAGIEAAYFhgeMgglCRAAGBYHtIBCTg4MDJqMGoxNagCCLACAFEFtOtnkWMsJ1E&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8#fpstate=ive&vld=cid:32769808,vid:KXzY0DOsJto,st:0

School will transport pupils to and from the event by coach. We'll head off in the morning, practice in the afternoon and perform in the evening. The coach will transport children back to the village for collection after the evening concert. School will cover the costs of this great trip.

We will share more details nearer the time.

All parents will need to register their children by October 31st. Details have been sent home with your child today.

Children will need to wear a white T shirt to this event. Special Young Voices t-shirts are available to buy for children when you register your child. The deadline for orders for these is the 31st October.

Parents are invited to come along and watch this great opportunity. You will need to buy tickets to take part in this amazing concert of children's voices. These could make a great Christmas gift!

Parents tickets can be purchased online directly with Young Voices until **31st October** using this link.

<https://yvmusicroom.com/auth/parent/journey/welcome>

Beware! T-shirts and tickets sell out fast.

We are already working in music towards this great event, please come along to Sheffield Arena to see our amazing results.

FRIENDS BINGO NIGHT

Thank you to those who supported our bingo fundraiser by attending or buying raffle tickets. We raised **£690** which will go towards this year's whole school trip to the panto!

Friends of West Heslerton School

AGM Minutes

Monday 28th September 2026

Present: Iain Todd, Rachel Wells, Nicola Fox, Victoria Malthouse, Emma Pennock

Apologies: Anna Tindall, Anna Kemp, Rosie Pease, Kerry Stonehouse

Review of 2025/2026 activities:

Activity highlights - Pumpkin Trail, Bag2school, Christmas Raffle & Party, Quiz Night, Spring Disco, Frozen Fridays & Bingo

Expenses – Selection Boxes, Christmas Crackers, Pass the Parcel, Panto Coach & tickets, PTA insurance, Glow Crazy Disco, Leavers Hoodies & Coach travel to Cinema.

Finance Update:

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Income	£3,172.49
Expenditure	£2,476.31
Annual Profit	£696.18

Headteacher's report:

Thank you to friends for a great range of activities that has provided social opportunities for pupils, families and the wider community. This has provided lots of experiences for all. Some of these have raised funds for school and some have been great social events, both of which have enhanced school life for all pupils. Thank you to the committee and those assisting for great times for all.

The committee members have informed us that this will be their last year in post. Please consider if you could help out so that these events and fundraising continues.

Committee:

Emma Pennock – Chair / Secretary

Anna Tindall – Treasurer

Annual Events to discuss and schedule:

Bag2school – Thursday 8th October

Halloween Glow Disco – Wednesday 14th October – volunteers required please

Christmas Raffle & Party – Christmas packs to go out early Nov. AT to email round local business for raffle prizes.

Suggested we do a cash prize as well as hampers

Future Events to discuss:

Pass the parcels – Mrs W to send class numbers to Anna Kemp please

Quiz – TBC Feb EP

Roller disco at Pickering – EP to look into this for Easter

AOB:

Succession planning – EP & AT final year on committee.

Next meeting:

Monday 9th November 2026 from 2.30pm in the school hall, all welcome.

Our Safeguarding Team

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Rachel Wells

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Sheryl Woodward

Safeguarding Governor: Mrs Lou Todd

The role of these key adults is to:

- ensure safeguarding is at the heart of the school ethos and that all staff are supported in knowing how to recognise and respond to potential concern.
- liaise with the school staff to keep them informed of any safeguarding issues, especially in relation to ongoing enquiries and police investigations.
- as required, liaise with the Local Authority Designated Officers if a concern has arisen regarding a member of staff.
- liaise with staff on matters of safety and safeguarding and when deciding whether to make a referral by liaising with relevant agencies.
- act as a source of support, advice and expertise for staff and the wider school community.

Contacting the Safeguarding Team

During school hours, should you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact the school office by phone or via the contact us section of our website. We will take all concerns very seriously and do our best to support all involved.

To make a safeguarding referral directly to the local authority's multi agency safeguarding team, please contact the North Yorkshire Children and Families service on 0300 131 2 131

Outside of school hours, should you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact North Yorkshire Emergency Duty Manager on 0300 131 2 131

The local authority designated officers for managing allegations (LADOs) can be contacted by phone on 01609 533080 or via email: lado@northyorks.gov.uk

EASY FUNDRAISING



The advertisement features the Easyfundraising logo at the top. Below it, the text reads 'Raise donations in seconds with our **FREE** App'. A central image shows a smartphone displaying the app interface, with a red play button icon overlaid on the screen. Below the phone, the text says 'Hi Rachel ,'. Further down, it states 'The easyfundraising App is the **easiest** way to raise donations for Heslerton Primary School Friends on your phone or tablet.' At the bottom, there is a call to action: 'Get the App today to shop, check your donation progress & get handy updates directly from your cause.' and two buttons for downloading the app: 'Download on the App Store' and 'GET IT ON Google Play'.

Please support us in raising funds whilst not costing you anything. Please download the app before Christmas Shopping!.

FRIENDS GLOW DISCO

All children are invited to join the Friends at their Spooky Glow Disco. This will take place at Ganton Village Hall from 4-6pm. Tickets to be bought by **Wed 7th October** on ParentPay please so that enough refreshments are supplied. Tickets include snacks for each child. Halloween fancy dress is optional. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will need an adult present. We are looking forward to a fun, spooky glow time.

PARENTS EVENING DATES

At the start of term we shared with you the dates of Parents Evenings. Bookings for our planned events for this term will open next week.
Badger Wood 21st October
Keeper Wood 12th, 19th and 21st October
Farthing Wood 21st and 14th October.
Timings, choices of meeting types and booking details will be announced on Dojo.

format, please contact the school office.

ROAD SAFETY

As we change clocks at half term and the nights get darker, we are harder for drivers to see. It's more important to be road aware. Please use the latest road crossing advice with your children to keep everyone safe.

the safe cross code

KNOW THE CODE!

One, two, three, safe cross

Four, five, six safe cross

One, two, three, four, five, six, **SAFE CROSS CODE**

chorus

REMEMBER...

ONE – look for a safe place

TWO – don't hurry stop and wait

THREE – look all around and listen
before you cross the road, remember

FOUR – let all the traffic pass you

FIVE – then walking straight across you

SIX – Keep watching, thats the

SAFE CROSS CODE

Safe place **STOP** and **WAIT**

Safe place **STOP** and **WAIT**

Safe ground **LOOK AROUND**

LISTEN for a traffic sound

If traffic's coming **LET IT PASS**

Until the road is **CLEAR** at **LAST**

Then **WALKING** straight across the road

KEEP WATCHING, THATS THE CODE!

repeat chorus

Thats the **SAFE CROSS CODE**

Know the **SAFE CROSS CODE**

KNOW THE CODE!

the safe cross code



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