

WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

NEWSLETTER 16th 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 96.02%

Keeper Wood 98.35%

Farthing Wood 98.35%

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

The photographer will visit school on **Monday 19th October**. All pupils will have individual and sibling photos taken during the morning.

If you wish to have photographs of family groups including those not in school, please pop in from 8:30am with pre-schoolers and older children.

Proofs will be sent home shortly afterwards and orders delivered in time for Christmas gifts.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

The school Harvest Festival will take place at West Heslerton All Saints church on **Thursday, October 22nd at 2pm** please join us, all welcome. We would be happy to receive donations of store cupboard produce. Please can children bring these on the day. Tins and packets will be shared with local older residents in the community.

Children can go home from church with an adult at the end of this service.

DIARY DATES

Monday 19th October, School photographs taken.

- KW parent appointments online.

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

Wednesday 21st October, BW parent appointments online pm.

- In person parent appointments 3:30 – 5pm.

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

- Harvest Festival at church at 2pm.
- School closes for pupils for half term.

Staff Training Day Friday 23rd October

31st October Closing date for Young Voices registration, T- shirts and tickets, see box below

Half term break

Monday 2nd November, School opens to pupils.

Tuesday 3rd November, Gymnastics Club week 1 Y1-Y3.

Thursday 5th November, Swimming Y1-Y4 week 7.

- Bonfire party lunch.
- Pop up library.

CONCERNS

Any concerns you may have about school, please contact school. We can be available via email, phone or in person. Concerns shared directly with school can be addressed immediately and reassurance given or regulations explained to you.

SENT HOME

- Primary Times
- Online permission forms
- Data sheets coming home with your child if we have not received these back
- Allergens sheet for those who have not returned this. This needs returning for school to comply with allergens by law

If you require this information in a different form



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.

Scaffolding and Adaptation: We do not just routinely simplify work if children are finding things hard. We make reasonable adjustments for all children to take part in lessons, using visual aids, graphic organisers, reading rulers, time variations and breaking tasks into manageable steps to support all learners.

BREAK UP

The last day of half term is next **Thursday 22nd October.**

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, THAT'S THE CODE!

repeat chorus

Thats the **SAFE CROSS CODE**
Know the **SAFE CROSS CODE**
KNOW THE CODE!

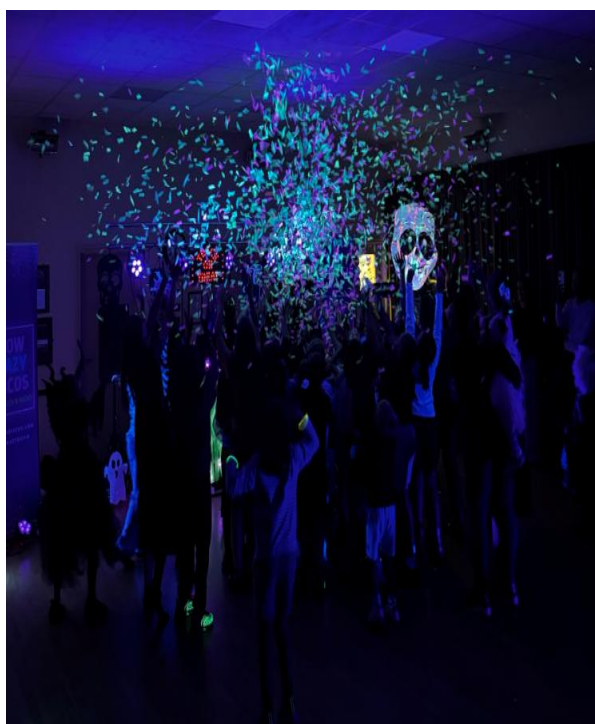
the safe cross code

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If you require this information in a different

GLOW DISCO

A brilliant night was had by all who attended the Halloween Glow Disco event at Ganton Village Hall on Wednesday. There were lots of spooky dance moves, a crazy whole school Konga and prizes to be won. Well done to the children who won special prizes for their fancy dress outfits. Friends provided everyone with a picnic & everyone took home their own tub of Halloween sweets and a spooky pencil!



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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&og=young+voices+yo&gs_lcrp=EgZiaHJvbWUqCAGCEAAYFhgeMgclABAAGIAEMgYIARBFQDkyCAGCEAAYFhgeMggIAxAGBYHjIIICAQQABgWGB4yCAGFEAAYFhgeMggIBhAAGBYHjIIICAQQABgWGB4yCAGIEAAYFhgeMggICRAAGBYHtIBCTg4MDJqMGoxNagCCLACAFefOtnkWMsJ1E&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 last Friday.

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.

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

HALLOWE'EN AT SCAMPSTON

HALF TERM FUN AND GAMES

Hallowe'en Trail round the parkland

21st October – 1st November

THURSDAY 29TH OCTOBER

FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER

11.30 – 12.30

SPOOKY CRAFTS AND GAME

2.00 – 3.00

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Normal prices apply. Free to members

5.00 PM – 6.30 PM SPOOKY HALLOWE'EN WALK

STORIES

SPOOKY DISCO

SPOOKY CHARACTERS

MARSHMALLOW TOASTING AND SINGALONG

Children £6 Accompanying adults free

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

We are delighted to support the Royal British Legion in their fundraising again this year.

Items available in school:

Poppy - donation.

Poppy reflectors - £1 suggested donation

Pencil - £1.50 suggested donation

Ruler/slap bands - £2 suggested donation

Wrist bands £3 - suggested donation

rent format, please contact the school office.

NYC Fuel Support

The cost of living is rising all of the time. There is some support out there to help with fuel bills:

Crisis Resilience Fund

The three year Government scheme replaced the Household Support Fund as of April 2026. Whilst the NYC site says “we are currently designing the full Crisis and Resilience Fund programme for North Yorkshire to give the most effective support to our residents” it does point people towards immediate support.

North Yorkshire’s Warm & Well Service

This is a partnership project (NYC is a partner) aimed at “reducing the number of cold homes, cold people and cold deaths within North Yorkshire”. Whilst the primary function is to provide advice on how to reduce bills they can also provide access to emergency funding for those in urgent needs.

Warm Homes Local Grant

This scheme is to support energy efficiency upgrades such as insulation, low-carbon heating systems, solar panels etc. The scheme is primarily open to properties Council Tax band A-D which are of standard construction.

Switching Together NYC is in partnership with Switching Together, a group with which people can register. Once registered energy auctions are held in which energy companies basically bid for peoples custom. In essence this is a switching service which helps people to get a better energy deal which they can fix.

Direction/ Advice The NYC website has a dedicated space for information about other organisations who offer energy support or funding. Whilst these are not specific schemes being funded by NYC we are at least actively directing residents towards support. We also have the Choices4Energy service which ‘provides free energy advice’. This includes advice on fuel switching, the Ryedale & Scarborough oil buying groups, smart meters etc.

Government Action

Heat Networks have placed emphasis on using district heating networks to provide “clean, cheaper heating” for residents.

Warm Home Discount The Warm Home Discount Scheme provides a £150 discount on electricity bills for eligible low-income households and some pensioners. Most eligible households are identified automatically through benefits data and participating energy suppliers. The scheme is intended to support households in, or at risk of, fuel poverty. The following benefits are the qualifying means-tested benefits for meeting the eligibility criteria:

- Pension Credit (both the Guaranteed element and Savings Credit)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Housing Benefit
- Universal Credit

Winter Fuel Payment

Eligible pensioners can receive a Winter Fuel Payment to help with heating costs during winter. Following recent reforms, eligibility is linked to receipt of certain means-tested benefits such as Pension Credit. Payments typically range between £200 and £300, depending on age and household circumstances.

Energy Efficiency Grants

The Government also supports long-term bill reduction through schemes such as the Energy Company Obligation. This requires major energy suppliers to fund improvements including:

- Loft and cavity wall insulation.
- Heat pumps.
- Heating system upgrades.
- Other energy efficiency measures.

These schemes are aimed primarily at low-income and vulnerable households.