



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

NEWSLETTER 17th OCTOBER 2025

Our newsletter is also available to view on the school website at:

<https://heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk/parents/newsletters>

BADGER WOOD

95.69%

KEEPER WOOD

98.11%

FARTHING WOOD

100%

DIARY DATES

Monday 20th October, Gymnastics Club Y1 – Y3 week 7 and the last session for this half term.

- Friends of School AGM 2:30pm.

Thursday 23rd October, Swimming Y1 – Y4 week 6.

- Norton Hive Pop Up Library 2pm.

Friday 24th October, Harvest Service at church 1:30pm.

- School closes for half term.

Sunday 26th October, Friends Pumpkin Trail 3-5pm – see poster for details, tickets available on ParentPay.

HALF TERM BREAK

Monday 3rd November, School opens.

- Gymnastics Club Y3 – Y6 week 1.

Thursday 6th November, Bags2School collection.
Swimming Y1 – Y4 week 7.

Monday 10th November, Gymnastics Club Y3 – Y6 week 2.

- Community Cuppa Y5, village hall, 2:15 – 3:15pm.

Tuesday 11th November, Remembrance poppy laying event and national silence 10:30 – 11:10am.

Wednesday 12th November, FW Tag Rugby @ Norton College 1-2:45pm.

Thursday 13th November, Swimming Y1 – Y4 week 8.

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

PARENTING SMART

Parenting can be joyful but also very hard. Each week we aim to bring you a link that may be useful to you to find your way. This week's short clip may help you in creating positive routines at home.

[Creating routines and rituals to help your child | Place2Be's Parenting Smart \(youtube.com\)](#)

REMINDER HARVEST FESTIVAL

The school Harvest Festival will take place at West Heslerton All Saints church on **Friday, October 24th at 1.30pm** please join us, all welcome.

This year we have decided to support the local foodbank with our Harvest Festival produce. This will help food to go to those most in need in our area. We would ask that all children bring an item from the list below that would be most welcomed by the most vulnerable in our community.

cereals
tinned fruit
tinned vegetables
tinned soup
tinned meat
tinned custard
tinned rice pudding
jars of jam (not home-made)
tea
biscuits
microwave sponge puddings
shower gel
shampoo and conditioner
deodorants
toothpaste and toothbrushes
razors and shaving foam
washing up liquid
washing tablets/liquid and fabric conditioner
toilet cleaner

Children can go home from church with an adult at the end of this service. Please inform school of any changes to your child's usual routine.

POP UP LIBRARY

The next pop up library will be on **Thursday 23rd October**.

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

FRIENDS AGM

Monday 20th October at 2:30pm, all welcome.

6 Reasons to Join Friends of West Heslerton School

1 Your Child Benefits

Friends are an important part of the school and help to enrich your child's school experience. Our fundraising has provided extras for the school such as external visits, classroom equipment and treats for the children on special occasions such as Christmas.

2 To Make a Difference

As well as fundraising, Friends organise events which add so much to our children's school experience. Friends organise the school discos, Christmas parties and summer fairs to name but a few. This creates a real sense of community and benefits our children.

4 Feel Involved

Every parent is welcome to our meetings and we'd love to see new members. Please consider coming along to our monthly meetings or volunteer a few hours of your time at an event. It's a great way to get involved and feel part of the school community!

Have Fun & Make Friends

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Being part of Friends is a fun and rewarding experience. Parents can get together and socialise whilst raising valuable funds for our school. Many friendships have been developed over the years from being part of the Friends team. Come along and see!

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Give a Helping Hand

We realise that every parent is busy and your time is precious, but being a Friend will not take up much of your spare time! Monthly meetings are around 30 minutes and the benefits far outweigh the time you give! Many hands make light work so if more people come forward, we can share the work to make it more enjoyable for everyone!

6 Keep Friends Going

As parents move on from the school, there is a real danger that there will no longer be a Friends group. Please do consider helping or teaming up with a group of parents to keep Friends going year after year!

For more information please contact Emma Pennock 07792 473038 / Emma.pennock@outlook.com

FRIENDS PUMPKIN TRAIL

Friends of School are hosting another Pumpkin Trail. Please see the poster below for details. The group have requested some Halloween Tombola donations, sweets, biscuits etc. If you feel able to share any, please will you drop these off in school or catch Emma Pennock at the gate. Many thanks.



MEET THE GOVERNOR

Hi, I am Jo Bickerton and I am the staff governor with the additional shared responsibility for Safeguarding. I am married with two grown-up children and I am part of the leadership team of the local church where I attend. I have been teaching for over 20 years and throughout my time in schools I have taught across the age ranges and have had a wide range of responsibilities. I am now the teacher for Year 5/6 in Farthing Wood class as well as leading RE, Science, PSCE and Computing across school.

I have many years' experience as a school governor, both here and in other settings, and I am passionate about the work that the Board does. West Heslerton CE Primary School is a very special family and it is a privilege to further support the school as a governor to contribute to enabling all within our community to thrive and flourish.

MASTERING NUMBER

A Mastering Number event will take place for all parents of Reception pupils. This will be held on **Thursday 6th November** in the school hall from **9-10 am**. Parents are encouraged to join us to find out about how maths is taught and to see children's learning in action.

These are the aims of the initial session with parents:

- Share with you some of the things your child will be learning in school
- Improve your confidence in helping your child with maths
- Create some games and activities for use at home
- Share with you the home learning activities

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

Has your child had their eyes tested yet?

This leaflet provides important information on looking after your child's eyes and booking an eye test for children

Children in North Yorkshire should visit an optician for a free eye test

When should you get your child a free eye test?

Ideally children should start having regular eye tests from the age of 4. But they can be tested at any age, even if they can't read or speak.

How do you book a free child's eye test?

Please book your child an eye test at an optician, even if you have no concerns about their vision. To do this contact your local opticians at nhs.uk/service-search/find-an-NHS-sight-test/location

What will it cost?

Children under 16 are entitled to NHS-funded (FREE) eye tests. If your child needs glasses, they will receive a voucher to help with the cost.

Why should you get your child's eyes tested?

- ✓ Being able to see clearly will mean your child is able to learn and develop at school and socially.
- ✓ Eyes are still developing in early childhood. An eye test helps pick up and treat any problems. This can help to **prevent** longer-term eye problems.
- ✓ Even if you think your child has normal vision it is still important to get their eyes tested.
- ✓ They are no longer tested in school.

How can you tell if your child has an eye problem?

Some eye problems don't show any signs, so it is always best to **take your child for an eye test.**

Signs of a possible eye problem can include:

- having one eye that turns in or out
- difficulty concentrating
- behavioural problems
- headaches
- rubbing their eyes a lot
- sitting too close to the TV
- screwing up/closing one or both eyes
- holding things close to them



An eye test is very **important** especially if there's a **history** of early glasses use, childhood **eye problems**, **squint** or **lazy eye**, in your family.

Did you know?

Short-sightedness is on the rise and has been linked to a range of factors including **screen use**. Help your child's eyes stay healthy by **managing screen use** and encouraging them to **get outside often** (this helps their eyesight).

More Information:

- NHS information: nhs.uk/conditions/eye-tests-in-children/
- Find an optician: nhs.uk/service-search/find-an-NHS-sight-test/location
- Information on Vision/Eye tests Humber and North Yorkshire ICB hnyhealthiertogether.nhs.uk/child-under-12-years/eye-screening-and-tests
- Information on Vision/Eye tests for families in Craven, West Yorkshire ICB wyhealthiertogether.nhs.uk/parents/carers/your-childs-development/vision
- Looking After Your Children's Eyes - College of Optometrists lookafteryoureyes.org/eye-care/childrens-eye-health/
- Children's eye health - Association of Optometrists aop.org.uk/advice-and-support/for-patients/childrens-eye-health

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CREATIVE HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Timetable

Tuesday 28th October

Full day creative workshop 10am-3pm (AGES 8-11) £35
(Please bring a packed lunch).

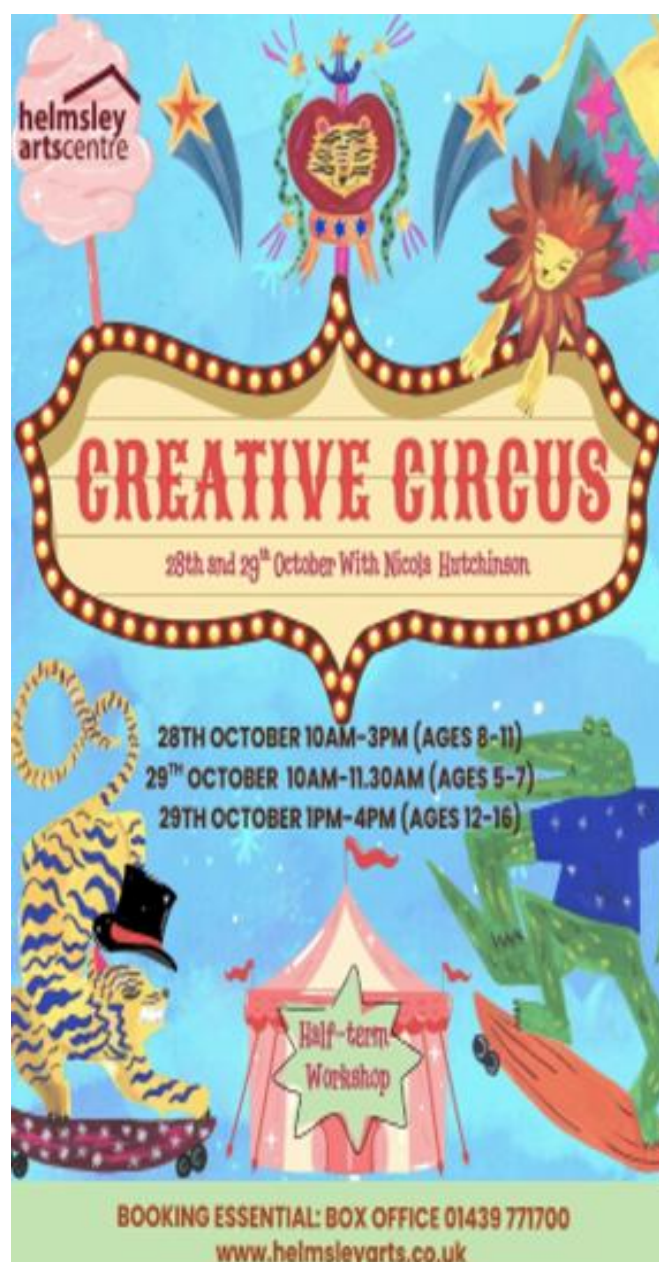
Wednesday 29th October

10am-11.30am (Ages 5-7) £10

1pm-4pm (Ages 12-16) £20

All levels and abilities are welcome; snacks and drinks are provided; please dress to get messy!

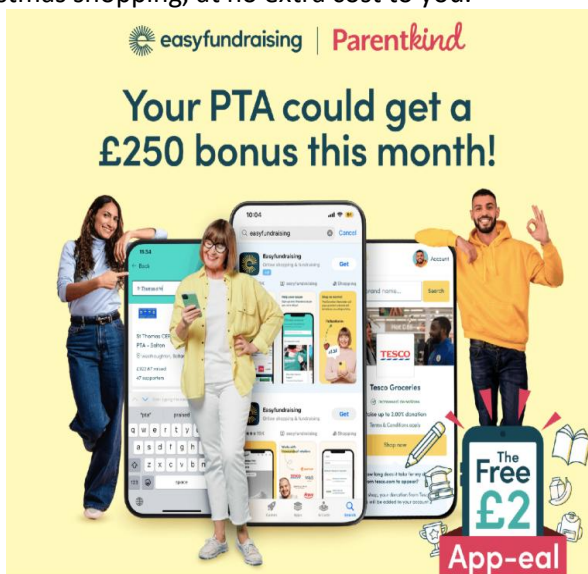
Link to tickets: <https://www.helmsleyarts.co.uk/whats-on/creative-circus-art-workshops>



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

EASY FUNDRAISING

Please support us in raising funds for the Friends of School whilst not costing you anything. Download the app below. This would help you to raise funds for School whilst Christmas shopping, at no extra cost to you.



Rachel, help unlock bonus donations this month!

As part of our Free £2 App-eal, if 10+ people join you in supporting Heslerton Primary School Friends via our app by 31st October, it unlocks bonus donations! Plus, they'll get a bonus £2 donation for every person who registers.



NORTON HIVE LIBRARY



HALLOWEEN

CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY

To be held on Friday, 31st October

Time: 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Come and enjoy Party Games,

Make a Halloween Spider

Light Refreshments Provided.

Booking is recommended to avoid disappointment.

E-mail: nortoncommunitylibrary@gmail.com

Telephone 01609 534552

A donation towards costs would be greatly appreciated.

Girls training session

Tuesdays - 5:30 - 6:30
Ages 5 - 11

For girls who are thinking of playing football but have not joined a team yet! Please bring shin pads if you have them.

Heslerton Sports Club, Sand Lane,
West Heslerton, YO17 8SG

Book today -
heslertonjfc.secretary@gmail.com
or message us through our Facebook page.

NORTON HIVE LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY HUB

JOIN US FOR **FUN AND CREATIVITY** THIS HALF TERM!

HALF TERM ART GROUP

Event Date: Tuesday, 28th October

Time: 13:00 - 15:00

What's Happening?

- Informal & Friendly Art Group for Children
- All Materials Provided - Just bring your Imagination!
- Spaces Are Limited - Booking Recommended
- Suggested Donation: £2 (helps cover materials)

Come along and get creative! Make new friends and enjoy a colourful afternoon at our friendly Library

Booking & Contact

Reserve Your Place:

Email: nortoncommunitylibrary@gmail.com

Telephone: 01609 534 552

FOOTBALL

Well done to our Year 5 and 6 teams who took part in the recent footballing competition at Malton Community Sports Centre. The boys team were semi-finalists and the girls were overall winners! A great afternoon of sportsmanship and sport.

FOOTBALL KS2 RESULTS

LEAGUE 2 BOYS



Winners- Thornton Dale
Runners Up- Rillington

LEAGUE 2 GIRLS



Winners- West Heslerton
Runners Up- Foston



Cyber Security Community Drop-In

North Yorkshire & Humber Police



Join the North Yorkshire and Humber Police Cyber Blue Van team for a free drop-in session focused on helping you improve your cyber security. Learn practical tips and advice to stay safe online.

Date:
22nd October

Time:
1:00 - 3:00 PM

Location:
Norton Hive
Library Car Park

The Cyber Blue Van is a mobile cyber security unit designed to bring expert advice and support directly to the community. This drop-in session offers a fantastic opportunity to:

- Learn about the latest cyber threats.
- Get advice on securing your devices.
- Discover resources to protect your personal information.
- Speak to cyber security professionals.

Don't Miss Out!

- This is a free event, open to all members of the Community.
- No registration is required – just drop in!
- Take control of your cyber security and protect yourself and your family from online threats.
- If you would like more information call at the Front Desk or you can telephone 01609 635 552.

If you are coming by car then please remember before you do anything to first come into the Library and enter your registration on the Key Pad provided.

MONEY SENSE

Promoting financial wellbeing and employability

Norton Hive Library
23 October, 2pm-5pm

No appointment necessary
FREE INFORMATION SESSIONS ON A RANGE OF TOPICS:

CV Writing

Hints and tips to help create a winning CV following loss of employment, a change in career or to support re-employment following a period of time out of work

Fraud & Scams

Information and advice to protect against known fraud and scam tactics, signposting to further advice and support

Cost of Living

Understanding the cost-of-living crisis is and how to support personal finances. Uncover how to manage money, discuss how cost of living is impacting people differently and when to seek further support

Interview Skills

How to succeed at an interview with coaching on interview types, questions and the preparation required to help secure employment

Financial Wellbeing

Understand what financial wellbeing is, the factors that may affect financial wellbeing and developing tips and techniques that can help manage money better

Making Your Budget Work for You

Help participants understand how to identify current outgoings, the principles of a basic budget and starting a savings habit, as well as providing further support and tools to help people move forward with their money



SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

We have been asked by North Yorkshire Council to share this information with you.

Proposed School Admission Arrangements 2027/2028

In accordance with our statutory duty under The School Admissions (Admission Arrangements and co-ordination of Admission Arrangements) (England) Regulation 2012. North Yorkshire Council is consulting on proposed school admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools for 2027/2028.

The consultation opens on 13 October 2025 and closes on 24 November 2025. You may view this at <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/your-council/consultations-and-engagement/current-consultations/proposed-school-admission-arrangements-community-and-voluntary-controlled-schools-2027-2028>

If you wish to respond, please use the QR code shown below or via the following link <https://online1.snapsurveys.com/pe9okp>

Voluntary Aided, Foundation, Academy, UTC and Free Schools

The determination of admission arrangements for Voluntary Aided, Foundation, Academy, UTC and Free Schools is the responsibility of the schools' governing bodies as the admission authority for the school. Any comments relating to a Voluntary Aided, Foundation, Academy, UTC or Free Schools should be addressed directly to the school in question.



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