



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

NEWSLETTER 23rd OCTOBER 2025

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

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

BADGER WOOD

96.19%

KEEPER WOOD

96.44%

FARTHING WOOD

95.91%

DIARY DATES

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.

- Reception Mastering Maths 9-10am.
- 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. All welcome, please see the box below.

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

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

Friday 14th November, FW & KW Film visit to Vue Cinema York. Late lunch.

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. Many thanks.



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 home learning activities

SENT HOME 20/10/25

- Primary Times
- Photographs

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

These free, hands-on workshops are all about having fun, learning new skills and making spooky memories with your child. Expect pumpkins, paint and plenty of glitter.

HALLOWEEN FUN!

Join us for some free, fang-tastic Halloween craft sessions, designed for families to get creative together.

Free Family Craft Sessions

Catterick Library & Information Centre	Monday 27 Oct	14:00 - 16:00
Ripon Library & Information Centre	Monday 27 Oct	10:00 - 12:00
Scarborough Library & Information Centre	Monday 27 Oct	14:00 - 16:00
Whitby Library & Information Centre	Monday 27 Oct	10:00 - 12:00
Norton Hive Library	Tuesday 28 Oct	14:00 - 16:00
Stokesley Library	Tuesday 28 Oct	14:00 - 16:00
Knaresborough Library & Information Centre	Tuesday 28 Oct	14:00 - 16:00
Skipton Library & Information Centre	Wednesday 29 Oct	10:30 - 12:30
Filey Library & Information Centre	Thursday 30 Oct	14:00 - 16:00
Harrogate Library & Information Centre	Thursday 30 Oct	10:30 - 12:30
Selby Children's Centre	Thursday 30 Oct	10:00 - 12:00
East Thirsk Learning Resource Centre	Thursday 30 Oct	14:00 - 16:00
Malton Library & Learning Centre	Friday 31 Oct	10:00 - 12:00
Northallerton Library	Friday 31 Oct	10:30 - 12:30
Pickering Library & Information Centre	Friday 31 Oct	10:00 - 12:00

scan to book



Children must be accompanied by an adult throughout the session. Places must be booked beforehand, or charges may apply. To book your place, scan the QR code or visit northyorks.gov.uk/adultlearning. You can also book a place by calling the team on 0409 536 546 or emailing AdultLearningService@northyorks.gov.uk.

Funded by York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority.



REMEMBRANCE DAY

All friends and family are invited to join us for a poppy laying event followed by joining the national silence, on **Tuesday 11th November** 10:30am – 11:10am. Please queue at the playground entrance and be prepared for an outdoor service in the November weather!

MEET THE GOVERNOR

Dear parents and carers,

As a long standing member of the Governing Body I'd like to introduce myself and share a little about the work we do to support your children and the wider school community.

My name is Ann Andrews and I've served as a school governor for 13 years. I am currently the link governor for SEND (Special Education Needs and Disabilities), Early Years and LAC (Looked After Children) - areas I am passionate about.

Prior to this I was an Early Years practitioner and Parent Advisor at a school in the West Midlands, where I gained valuable experience supporting children with a wide range of needs. The school had a dedicated communication base and inclusive approach to children with special needs which gave me an insight into the importance of tailored support, early intervention and inclusive practises.

Being a governor provides a great opportunity to work closely with a dedicated team of caring people who all want to ensure that every child receives the best possible education in a safe, inclusive and nurturing environment.

If you would like to know more about the role of a Governor or would like to raise an issue, you can find me in school most Thursdays or contact me via the office.

EMPTY CHOCOLATE TUBS

Chocolate tubs – Quality Street, Heroes etc are really useful in school. If you have any spare tubs please send to school with your child. Many thanks.

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 with an anxious child.

[My child is anxious](#) | [Place2Be's Parenting Smart \(youtube.com\)](#)

AUSTISM INFORMATION COURSES

The North Yorkshire Education Service Special Educational Needs, Disability and Inclusion team have launched a new round of in-person courses designed to support parents and carers of children and young people in North Yorkshire with Autism, SEMH, and ADHD.

- These courses are an opportunity to find out more and gain practical tools and strategies to help support your child or young person.
- Parents will also meet others facing similar experiences or with a shared interest in the topic.
- For multi-day courses parents must attend all days and will receive a copy of the content covered following the course.

Details of the live courses and pre-recorded information can be found here with booking links.

<https://nyestraining.co.uk/parents>

COMMUNITY CUPPA

Residents of all ages, parents and pre-schoolers are invited to join us at the village hall for a cuppa and a chat on **Monday 10th November** from 2:15 – 3:15pm.

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

BAG 2 SCHOOL FREE FUNDRAISING FOR SCHOOLS

In partnership with your school or organisation



West Heslerton C E Primary School

Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second-hand clothing and we have arranged to make a collection from your school. All the bags will be weighed and you will be paid for the total weight collected. Remember, the more you collect the greater the benefit to your school.



PLEASE USE YOUR OWN BAGS (THERE IS NO LIMIT).

When the clothes have been removed from the bag the plastic will be packed and sent for recycling.

We are collecting good quality items for RE-USE:

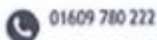
Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.

(No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please)

*The more we weigh the more we pay!
Extra bags are welcome - there's no limit*

Please return your Bag2School on:

Thursday 6th November 2025



www.bag2school.com



helpdesk@bag2school.com

FARTHING WOOD TAG RUGBY

The children in Y5 & Y6 will be taking part in a TAG Rugby event at Norton College **Wednesday, 12th November**.

The children will travel with Perrys coaches and be accompanied by Mrs Bickerton and Mrs Wardell. We will leave school after lunch at 12.30 and return for the end of the school day.

Please wear warm PE kits to school for this event.

Pupils will need to take their own inhalers if necessary. School carries insurance for all school trips. In case of emergency please contact school.

REMINDER FW & KW CINEMA VISIT

Farthing Wood and Keeper Wood will experience a trip to the cinema on **Friday 14th November**. We'll be seeing Wicked at Vue cinema, York. We will be travelling with Esk Valley Coaches.

We have secured cinema tickets from Into Film. School will fund the cost of the bus so there is no cost to parents.

School uniform will be needed please so that we can clearly identify everyone. **The children will need to bring a packed lunch**, drinks only in cartons please, no cans or bottles. School will provide a packed lunch to the children who have ordered one. We will eat at 1pm so please have a good breakfast!

PARKED CARS

When parking in the village dropping off children or waiting for them on collection, please can we request that car engines are switched off? Local residents are concerned for air quality in our village. Thank you.

Christmas FAIRTRADE & LOCAL CRAFT FAIR

FairTrade chocolates, crafts, Christmas cards and clothes. Fair Trade Refreshments. Many local crafts.

**The Friends' Meeting House,
Greengate, Malton**

Saturday November 8th 10am to 3pm



Free entry

www.maltonandnortonfairtrade.org

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

FREE CRICKET COACHING

FREE Cricket Coaching in the New Year (Scarborough area) for BOYS and Girls - School Years 5-11 inclusive

Please find below a link to register your son/daughter for 8 weeks of FREE Cricket Coaching, to be held at Scarborough College, in the New Year.

Sessions are sponsored by the World Cup Legacy and Scarborough College.

Girls sessions will run from Sunday 11th January on a Sunday afternoon (younger girls 12pm-1:30pm) and older girls (1:30pm-3pm), followed by boys sessions (younger boys 3pm-4:30pm) and older boys (4:30pm-6pm).

Sessions will be run by experienced ECB Level 2 and 3 Coaches.

Opportunities to develop batting, bowling, fielding, wicket keeping and mental aspects of the game - in a fun environment.

If you are interested, please complete the form using the link below:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd1PPmJULi7uX7kV5VN45KvUZ5tG_nUXcJNGnTAjoja55bw/viewform?usp=dialog

Confirmation of which session your son/daughter will be on will be sent out early in the New Year.

Many thanks and we are all looking forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Andy Inns, Cricket Hub Manager



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