



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

NEWSLETTER 7th NOVEMBER 2025

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

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

BADGER WOOD

86.32%

KEEPER WOOD

92.76%

FARTHING WOOD

100%

DIARY DATES

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.

Monday 17th November, Gymnastics Club Y3 – Y6 week 3.

Thursday 20th November, Swimming Y1 – Y4 week 9.

- Pop up library.

Monday 24th November, Gymnastics Club Y3 – Y6 week 4 and last for this half term.

Wednesday 26th November, David Lawrence visit see box.

Thursday 27th November, Swimming Y1 – Y4 week 9.

Friday 28th November, Non uniform day.

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** 10:40am – 11:10am. Please queue at the playground entrance and be prepared for an outdoor service in the November weather!

REMINDER COMMUNITY CUPPA

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

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 resilience.

[Raising a resilient child | Place2Be's Parenting Smart \(youtube.com\)](#)

EARLY BIRDS AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

After School Forest Childcare and Early Birds Clubs are open for bookings until **February half term** on ParentPay.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

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

Items available in school:

Poppy - donation.

Poppy reflectors - £1 suggested donation

Ruler/slap bands - £2 suggested donation

Wrist bands £3 - suggested donation

MACMILLAN COFFEE EVENT

A big thank you to everyone that supported our MacMillan coffee event. We raised **£75! THANK**

SENT HOME

- Attendance print outs.
- Emergency closure contacts letter.

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.

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

PUMPKIN TRAIL THANK YOU

Thank you for supporting the Friends' Pumpkin Trail, we raised a total of **£203.70**. Sadly, the weather wasn't on our side, but despite this we hope you all enjoyed it!

BAG2SCHOOL THANK YOU

Thank you for all the kind donations for Bag2School. A total of **£152** has been raised for Friends of School. Brilliant – Thanks again!

FRIENDS OF WEST HESLERTON SCHOOL AGM

Monday 20th October 2025

Present: Anna Tindall, Emma Nutt, Nicola Fox, Emma Pennock, Rachel Wells, Victoria Malthouse

Apologies: Iain Todd, Kerry Stonehouse, Anna Kemp, Chloe Stockdale, Rosie Pease

Review of 2024/25 activities:

- Halloween disco – successful event at Wintringham village hall, lots of families attended (nearly the whole school), didn't make a profit by the time we hired the hall & paid for the DJ but it was great fun.
- Bags2school – one in autumn & one in spring, easy way to make money, approx. £80 raised at each collection.
- Christmas Raffle – very well supported with prizes donated from families, £788 made.
- Christmas Party – Father Christmas paid us a visit & all the children received a chocolate selection box, Friends organised music & games.
- Pantomime – the whole school enjoyed a day out at the pantomime at the Spa in Scarborough with transport included.
- Spring Disco – Friday evening after school. Pupils put in song requests and Friends organised Games. DJ Terry worked well, children enjoyed the event, £3 per child included snacks. Pop up tuck shop outside after the disco. £167 profit.
- Easter Roller Disco – Lady Lumley's sports hall, £5 per child. East Egg Tombola was really popular! Refreshments sold, £250 raised.
- Bingo at Malton & Norton Bowling Club – thank you to all who donated cakes & prizes, it was an easy way to make money, families donated raffle prizes. Total of £967 raised.
- Sponsored walk – thank you to school for arranging our route and allowing us into the woods to see where the children learn outdoors. £659.50
- Sports Day – the whole school were treated to lollies and we sold refreshments at this event and the play making a total of £332.
- Frozen Fridays – worked well on the sunny Fridays we had towards the end of term. £171.50 made across 4 Fridays.
- Leavers Hoodies – each Y6 leaver had a hoodie made in the size and colour of their choice. We asked parents to put £10 towards this.

Finance Update:

Opening balance on 1st October 2024 - £7,845.20

Total income between 1st October 2024 & 30th September 2025 - £4,186.01

Total expenditure between 1st October 2024 & 30th September 2025 - £6,956.46

Closing Balance on 20th October 2025 - £4,613.46

Headteacher's report:

Thank you to all the committee and the reliable helpers for providing a wide range of social opportunities and fundraising events across the year. The children have really benefitted from so many fun events. We couldn't provide the opportunities that we do without the organisation and funding provided by Friends. You're superstars!

Committee:

Currently myself & Anna with support from all of you. RW confirmed we are ok to run with two official committee members.

- Chairman & Secretary – Emma Pennock
- Treasurer & Vice Chairman – Anna Tindall

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Annual Events to discuss and schedule:

- Pumpkin trail – sold 25 tickets at £5 = £125. VH £30 plus refreshments & sundries to purchase so is this viable? EP to send message on WhatsApp explaining we need to sell more tickets for it to go ahead.
- Bags to school collection will take place at 9am on Thursday 6th November.
- Christmas Raffle – RW to send out Christmas pack on 14th November including raffle info. Non uniform day on Friday 28th November asking for raffle prize donations.
- Christmas Party – Friday 19th December. EP to source selection boxes (78). EN to wrap selection boxes. EP to find Father Christmas. AK to arrange pass the parcel. Friends will arrange music and games.
- Christmas Lunch – EP to source 80 Christmas crackers.
- Panto – KS to confirm cost of tickets (transport already confirmed). KS to confirm if school would like a cheque making out as a whole or single transactions?

Future Events to discuss:

- Easter celebrations
- Quiz night
- Table top / jumble sale
- Morning coffee sales at drop off
- Summer event for families – something to think about

AOB:

- Fundraising through apps – keep an eye out for these, we have signed up to Easy Fundraising & raised £1,388 just by doing our shopping. Asda rewards we raised £126.
- Shopping list from staff – discussed with RW that we are spending a lot on transport to events which is great as it saves the parents doing so but will be nice to have tangible things that the children can use in school. Any thoughts / ideas please?

Next meeting: Monday 24th November, 2:30pm



**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 8thth 10am to 3pm

Free entry

www.maltonandnortonfairtrade.org

The poster features illustrations of a rainbow scarf, a blue glove, a teapot, and a Fairtrade Town logo.

DAVID LAWRENCE VISIT

We have been able to secure a visit from David Lawrence, world famous conductor. We have previously met David at Young Voices. He will visit school on **Wednesday 26th November** and work with all children. He will teach us some brand new songs in 2 hours.

Parents, pre-schoolers and local people are invited to join us 3.00 - 3.25 to hear the children sing together.

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 packed lunch will be provided to the children who have ordered one. We will eat at 1pm - please have a good breakfast!

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

REMINDER 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.



Parent, Carer/Family Free Online Information Session on the Key Themes of Avoidant Restrictive Food Intake Disorder (ARFID) in Children and Young People

2 December 2025, 6pm-7pm

The North East and Yorkshire Regional Mental Health Team are hosting a **free online ARFID information session** on Microsoft Teams with an experienced panel of multi-disciplinary professionals including a Speech and Language Therapist, Occupational Therapist, and Dietitian.

This session will focus on **children and young people**, and is for parents, carers and family wanting to find out more about ARFID. Professionals are also welcome to attend.

Please note: the session will be based on generic ARFID themes submitted in advance and will not include an opportunity for Q&A on the day or specific advice or guidance relating to individual circumstances. **The session is intended to be educational and not direct clinical support.**

To register, please click [here](#). This also includes the opportunity for you to submit generic topics/themes for consideration. **We kindly ask that you do not detail specific individual circumstances.**

In the meantime, **helpful resources** are available on the CNTW [here](#) (available to all) or [ARFID Awareness UK](#).

If you experience any issues joining the session please email england.ney-mh@nhs.net

EASY FUNDRAISING

Please support us in raising funds whilst not costing you anything, please use for Christmas shopping.



Raise donations in seconds
with our **FREE** App



Hi Rachel ,

The easyfundraising App is the **easiest way to raise donations for Heslerton Primary School Friends** on your phone or tablet.

Get the App today to shop, check your donation progress & get handy updates directly from your cause.



NON UNIFORM DAY

On Friday 28th November, children are invited to wear non-uniform. Please bring a small gift to help Friends of School to raise funds. Chocolate, games, toiletries etc would all be great. All gifts will be grouped together to make Christmas hampers in our Christmas raffle. Please be mindful that Forest Schools will take place, so outfits need to be practical and warm please.

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

FOREST SCHOOL CLUB

All children are invited to join us at our Forest Childcare Club. This runs Monday to Thursday from 3.30-4.30 or 3.30-5.30pm. It costs £5.50 for 1 hour or £8.50 for 2 hours. This includes all snacks and activities. Activities are planned based upon pupil interests. Sessions are booked by parents on Parent Pay. Please ask about any last minute places available by phone or in person at the office. We aim to help whenever possible!

All children are invited to 1 free session per term, please contact the office to book the free session. Thank you to Miss Mitchell and Mrs Taylor-Barber for organising the firework biscuits session this bonfire night!

