



Yorkmead Primary School

Friday 17th January 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

What an interesting week it has been in school. I have met with all class teachers for pupil progress meetings, it was impressive to hear how each child's learning journey is progressing!

I have instructed teachers to have conversations with parents of children whose progress is not currently what we would hope for. In all of these cases children have not been logging their reading/accessing TTR or completing their homework frequently enough. Is it imperative that children do all of the above to consolidate the learning that takes place in school, we need parents support.

A warm welcome to Mrs Doidge who is joining our Inclusion team as a Teaching Assistant on Monday, I am sure you will all get to know her over the coming weeks and months.

This flyer includes diary dates and exciting things coming up at Yorkmead! Please ensure you have read every page and make note of the dates applicable to you.

Inset Days' 2024 — 2025

Please note the following inset day, school will be closed to all pupils.

Monday 21st July 2025

Workers of the Week:

- Year One Kirills (West Midlands) & Ayat (Warwickshire).
- Year Two Zaynab (County Antrim) & Zoya (Devon).
- Year Three Sahreen (Gwynedd) & Leah (Gloucestershire).
- Year Four Hasina (Scottish Highlands) & Shana (Dorset).
- Year Five Hashim (Cheshire) & Amirah (Hampshire).
- Year Six Ayaan (Suffolk) & Aniyah (Yorkshire).



Well done Year Four!

Whole school attendance this week: 94.4%

Reception	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
86.8%	96.8%	97.5%	92.8%	98.1%	95.2%	93.6%

Best Wishes,

Mr Newman-Smith



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Friday 14th February - we love school dinners!

If your child is usually a packed lunch and they would like to try a hot school dinner on Friday 14th February, please make a £2.35 payment on School Money.

Thank-you.

The Monthly Yorkmead Social

Come and join Mr Newman-Smith, Mr Sutton and others for a chat.

This is not a workshop!

This is not a parents' evening!

This is not formal!

It is simply a chance to chat, you can drop in anytime between 3:30pm and 4:30pm and stay for as long or as little as you like. We will provide tea and biscuits but feel free to bring along your own food and drinks and snacks if you prefer to share.

Thursday 30th January 3:30 - 4:30pm



Thursday 27th February



No Social in March re Ramadan (28/02 – 30/03)



Thursday 1st May



Thursday 5th June

Thursday 26th June



School Uniform

The school uniform is as follows:

- Head scarves: navy blue only.
- Shirts/polo shirts: white only.
- Cardigans/jumpers: navy blue only.
- Trousers/skirts/pinafore: grey only.
- School shoes/boots: black lace/velcro only. NO TRAINERS unless it is PE day.
- Tights: grey only.
- Girls' hair ties must be either black or navy, no bows/ribbons/flowers/headbands.
- No hoop earrings, studs only.

PE kits - plain black bottoms (can be shorts or tracksuit bottoms) with a plain white top and trainers.

From Monday, I will ask Mrs Crathorne to contact parents if there are issues around school uniform.



Friday 14th February 2025

If your child is usually a packed lunch and you would like them to have a school meal on Friday 14th February, please make payment of £2.35 on School Money by Friday 31st January.

The Menu

Pizza Slice

Burgers

Kebab

Southern Wedges

Muffin

Chocolate Cookie

Fruit

Cake

Juice

Own Clothes Day!

Friday 14th February is also own clothes day. Children can wear red/pink.

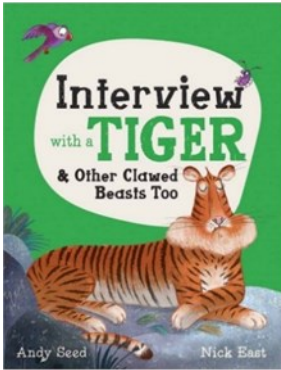
Please bring cash donations to school.

Thank-you.



Signed books from author Andy Seed

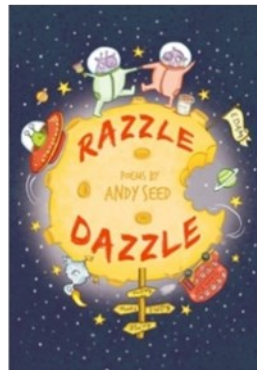
Children's author **Andy Seed** will be working with the children of Yorkmead School



Find out all about tigers in this funny feast of wildlife facts. Includes interviews with a wolf, sloth, polar bear, snow leopard and more!

Hardback / Brilliant Colour pictures by Nick East

£9 (ages 6+)



60 rib-tickling poems about cheese, chocolate, giant gorillas, bionic grannies, bogeymen and much, much more. Guaranteed to get children reading and giggling.

An old favourite

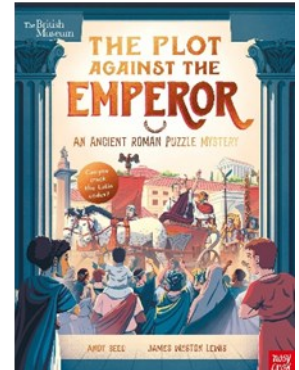
£5 (ages 7+)



This laugh-out-loud book is bursting with lists, facts, jokes and true stories all about silly people, silly animals, silly inventions, silly words and much more.

Winner of the Blue Peter Book Award!

£7 (ages 8+)



NEW! Written for the British Museum, this is a puzzle adventure mystery set in ancient Rome. Crack the secret codes and stop the plotters!

Amazing colour pictures & pull-out guide

£8 (ages 7+)

Why encourage your child to read?

Children who read for enjoyment make better progress in English and Maths. They have higher levels of knowledge and understanding and more imagination.

Why encourage your child to read?

10 year olds who read for enjoyment are on average 1.3 years ahead of non-reading peers.

[Sources: The Reading Agency, National Literacy Trust, The Open University]

Why encourage your child to read?

- Reading reduces stress
- It improves mental health
- It helps children build good relationships

Order form for signed books from Andy Seed

Child's name	
Class	
Total payment	

Information about payment

On the 26th February 2025, Children's author Andy Seed will be holding storytelling and poetry workshops with Year 1 and Year 2 pupils.

If you would like to purchase one of Andy Seed's books, you can pre-order your book and pay for it through school money, or purchase a book on the day of his visit.

You can find out more about Andy's books at www.andyseed.com

Diary Dates

Monday 6 th January 2025	Inset Day.
Tuesday 7 th January 2025	Children back to school.
Tuesday 14 th January 2025	Reception and Y6 height and weight check.
Wednesday 29 th January 2025	Nursery Parent workshop. (10:45 – 11:30am) and (2:45 – 3:30pm).
Thursday 30 th January 2025	Y6 visit Tamworth Castle/Lichfield Cathedral. Children need to be in school at 8:45am and will arrive back at 5:30pm.
Monday 10 th February 2025	Reception eye tests.
Friday 14 th February 2025	"We love our school!" Children can wear their own clothes (red/pink) for cash donations. End of half term.
Monday 24 th February 2025	Children back to school.
Wednesday 26 th February 2025	Author Andy Seed visiting Y1 and Y2.
Thursday 27 th February 2025	Y2 visit to the Gurdwara.
Wednesday 5 th March 2025	Nursery in the hall for soft play 'Little Dots'.
Thursday 6 th March 2025	KS1 (30 children) visiting the MAC to take part in Reading for Smiles Children's Book Festival.
Thursday 13 th March 2025	Y3 visit to the Mandir.
Monday 17 th March	Multi-skills event
Monday 24 th March	Multi-skills event
Monday 31 st March 2025	Possibly Eid.
Friday 11 th April 2025	End of term.

Diary Dates

Monday 28 th April 2025	Children back to school.
Monday 5 th May 2025	Bank Holiday. School closed.
Wednesday 7 th May 2025	Y1 visit to the Eco Park.
Monday 12 th May – 23 rd May 2025	Something is hatching in Reception...Chick arrival!
Monday 12 th May 2025	Y6 SATS begin. English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 and 2.
Tuesday 13 th May 2025	Y6 SATS. English reading.
Wednesday 14 th May 2025	Y6 SATS. Mathematics papers 1 and 2. Y3 visit to Lapworth Museum.
Thursday 15 th May 2025	Y6 SATS. Mathematics paper 3.
Monday 19 th May 2025	Y2 visit to Weston-Super-Mare.
Friday 23 rd May 2025	End of half term.
Monday 2 nd June 2025	Children Back to school.
Monday 9 th June 2025	Y1 Phonics screening one week window begins.
Monday 2 nd June 2025 – Friday 13 th June 2025	Y4 two-week window for Multiplication check.
Thursday 12 th June 2025	Y2 visit to Creswell Craggs.
Monday 16 th June 2025	Y4 visit to the Roman Baths.
Thursday 19 th June 2025	Y1 visit to Kenilworth Castle.
Monday 23 rd June 2025	Class group photos.
Wednesday 2 nd July 2025	Nursery Animal visit (in Nursery).
Thursday 3 rd and Friday 4 th July 2025	Reception visit to Martineau Gardens (one class on each day).
Thursday 10 th July 2025	Y6 visit to West Midlands Safari Park.
Thursday 17 th July 2025	Y5 visit to Umberslade Adventure.
Friday 18 th July 2025	End of academic year.