



# Newsletter 14

Monday 28<sup>TH</sup> April 2025

Welcome to the fourteenth newsletter of this academic year. We will publish a newsletter every other week on Monday afternoons (the next newsletter will be published on 12<sup>th</sup> May).

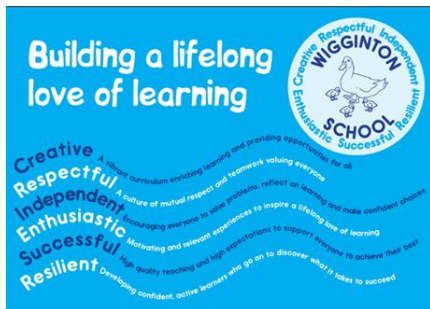
## A message from the Headteacher.....



We hope you all had a lovely Easter holiday. It's been a busy week back at school already with lots of exciting topics being launched.

With the warmer weather arriving for the start of the summer term, please ensure that your child has a water bottle to stay hydrated (water only please, juice should only be available to pupils at lunchtime in their packed lunch boxes), water fountains are available in school for pupils to refill their bottles. It may be useful to have a sun hat too and for children to have sun cream applied before school.

## School Values



This half term we are focusing on **creativity**. Adults in school will be rewarding children with stickers whenever a child demonstrates excellent creativity. Children are given a team point for each sticker. Throughout the year, there are stickers for each school value - get collecting!

## ADHD Friendly School Award Update

This term we are focusing on how to support pupils further to aid focus, concentration and emotional regulation. This week, we have introduced attention tool (fidgets) bags in every classroom and we have shared some rules with the children to ensure they understand how these should be used appropriately to support their learning.



The attention tool bags will be used during tasks that require greater concentration from the children. **There is an increasing number of children bringing in fidgets from home so please can we ask that these are no longer brought in** as there are sufficient resources in every classroom for the children to access. We look forward to seeing the impact this has over the coming term.

## Team Points for Spring 2

<b>Yorvik</b>	<b>Ouse</b>
287	332
<b>Rowntree</b>	<b>Minster</b>
285	351

Congratulations to Minster, who were last half term's winners! That means that all members of Minster (the green team) are able to wear non-uniform on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> May.

## Lunchtimes Update

Finally we are able to enjoy our wonderful grounds and outdoor provision in the sunshine! When the weather becomes warmer, the children often like to spend more time sitting and chatting or playing quiet games with their friends.



We have been able to make some more seating areas and tables using a variety of cable reels but would still like to be able to provide more of these. Folding picnic/camping tables and benches (see photo) are good options for us as they are easy to store during the wetter months. If anyone has one of these that they no longer use or would be willing to buy one for us that would be fantastic! Folding deck chairs of any sort would also be very useful if anyone has any they no longer need.



Before the Easter holidays we had staff from a number of different York primary schools come and look round our OPAL provision and to see what OPAL looks like in action. These were all schools who are interested in developing outdoor play in their own schools due to the many benefits it offers for all pupils. Without exception, they were all very impressed with the huge range of things the children can do and play with, how polite and friendly the children were, how well the children played together and how incredibly efficient everyone is at tidying up and then calmly walking back to class at the end of lunchtime. Needless to say, we were very proud!

We are hopefully having another exciting visit on the morning of the 9th May when our local MP, Luke Charters, is coming to school to talk to the children about his life and work and to then see what OPAL is all about. Let's keep our fingers crossed for good weather on that day!



### Volunteers in School

We are always keen to have volunteers supporting in school, whether that is reading with pupils, helping prepare resources or supporting groups. If you would be interested in helping, please do get in touch via the school email address. You will be required to undertake DBS clearing and complete other paperwork related to safeguarding.

### Food waste

We now have a separate food collection bin so that school can begin recycling food waste. This includes leftovers from school dinners, which children put in a separate bin. We collect any other rubbish from school dinners separately so the food waste collection is not contaminated.

*We have reminded those children having a packed lunch that they must take their rubbish home and thank you for your understanding with this matter.*



22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> September 2025

The deadline for paying the SECOND instalment for the Kingswood residential in September 2025 is 2<sup>nd</sup> May. Please check your ParentPay account to check your balance and make the required payment by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. By this date we need to have received £105 in total - if we do not receive payment by this time we will assume your child no longer wishes to attend.

### IMPORTANT REMINDER

**No children or adults should be riding bikes or scooters in the school playgrounds either before or after school. Last week there was a nasty avoidable accident, involving a scooter, to an adult who was waiting to collect children from school.**

Please also ensure children are not playing on or using any of the school play equipment before or after school as we can not be held responsible for any accidents that arise as a result.

## STAFFING UPDATE

**Miss Partington** returns from maternity leave during the week commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> June, we look forward to welcoming her back to school. Miss Partington will be teaching class 1/2G on a Thursday and Friday, and alternate Wednesdays - alongside Mrs Goff who will teach the class on a Monday and Tuesday, and alternate Wednesdays. Miss Partington will be visiting the class before the half-term holidays to meet the class.



Before the Easter holidays our school catering team treated the pupils, who had school dinners, to special decorated Easter cookies.

**Hutchison**  
CATERING





# PTA

## PTA NEWS

Welcome back to all our families for the Summer Terms. We hope you all had a great holiday and are looking forward to the bank holidays in May! Thank you for supporting the doughnut sale at the end of last term - it was a sellout.

We are holding just one event this half term and it's for the adults! We are holding a quiz night on 16 May at the squash club. To keep it affordable tickets are only £24 per team of four so £6pp. There will be a licensed bar to purchase beverages and snacks will be provided. Tickets can be booked online. Come down and join us and help support our fundraising at the same time. Online booking via the QR code. Any issues or questions please get in touch.

We have used the funds raised by the Asda cashpot scheme in the following ways:

- new sports kits
- soft furnishings for the Early Years reading setting
- small outdoor play items and equipment for use at recreation times for all pupils

In other good news, the PTA were successful in securing a community grant from Arnold Clarke and will be receiving 20 full tracksuits in school colours which will be used when the children represent the school at various sporting or recreational events.

Now for some news on our biggest event in the calendar... **the annual Summer Fair on 14 June!** We are grateful to have business sponsors for this event - our first fair sponsor is Smiths of York.

As always we will be having a bar, BBQ, inflatables, games, tombolas, crafts and the grand raffle! Performances from local groups will keep everyone entertained. **SAVE THE DATE in your diaries!**

Lastly we are making an appeal for storage. The PTA desperately need some plastic boxes to safely store supplies in our shed. If you have any storage /lidded boxes or similar that are no longer required please consider donating to the PTA. We can collect locally and would be very grateful.

[pta.wiggintonprimary@gmail.com](mailto:pta.wiggintonprimary@gmail.com)

<https://www.facebook.com/WiggintonPrimaryPTA/>

Quiz Night

16 Starts at 7:30pm  
MAY Wigginton Squash Club

£24 PER TEAM OF FOUR PEOPLE  
BOOK ONLINE VIA THE QR CODE

LICENSED BAR AVAILABLE  
SNACKS INCLUDED

Wigginton Primary PTA logo and QR code.

WIGGINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

SUMMER FAIR

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PAINTERS & DECORATORS  
EST. 1972

**Year 3 children visited our friends at Rosevale Care Home** again this week. We had a lovely time as always while the children shared pictures they'd made for the residents as well as reading stories and singing songs. The room is always full of chatter, smiles and laughter during our visits.



## A Trip to the Past

Y4/5 loved their visit to Jorvik Centre, The Dig and Barley Hall to celebrate the Viking topic from last half term and the Tudor topic for this half term. We had a wonderful day and it really enriched the children's learning.

Thanks again to the PTA for subsidising this trip, without whose funds the trip would not have been able to go ahead.



## 2025 SPORTS AFTERNOONS

Families & Carers of pupils are invited to join us for this year's sports afternoons on the following dates & times:

KS2 Sports Day: 1:15 - 3pm Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July

Reception & KS1 Sports Day: 1:15 - 3pm Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July

Entrance to the school field will be via the main field gate ONLY (on Westfield Lane, near The Wonderyears entrance).

Events will be based on the school field along the track.



**YORCHESTRA**  
YORK'S HOLIDAY YOUTH ORCHESTRA

From **pre-grade 1** to **post-grade 8**, receive **specialist tuition** from our team of **expert tutors**.



yorchestra course dates **2025**  
**Winter**  
2nd - 4th January  
**Easter**  
9th - 11th April  
**Summer**  
18th - 21st August

**Something for everyone**  
Full orchestral rehearsals, smaller sectionals and ensemble playing



**MAESTRO**

**GRADE 6 AND ABOVE**  
3 days during the Christmas holidays and 4 days in Summer. Join our guest conductor and team of expert tutors. Upcoming repertoire includes selections from Holst's *The Planets* and Sibelius' *Castle Gate* from *Pelleas and Melisande*.

**MEZZO**

**GRADE 3-5**  
Mezzo runs for 2 days in the Easter and Christmas holidays, and 3 in Summer. Play specially arranged music from all time periods, from Baroque to Disney!

**PRIMO**

**GRADE 1-2**  
Give your young musician their first taste of playing in an orchestra! Music is selected to be challenging, yet achievable and most importantly, fun! Section tutors are there for support, and to provide fun and engaging learning for every player.

**YOUNG STRINGS/ YOUNG WIND**

**PRE-GRADE 1**  
Designed for young learners who have been playing for 6 months. Get a taste of ensemble playing with other budding musicians. Develop confidence with lots of fun simple pieces.

**CLICK HERE TO APPLY NOW**

<https://www.yorchestra.org/course-forms/>



## DRAWING COMPETITION

TO COMMEMORATE THE  
80<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF  
**VE DAY**  
on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025

"I'd love to see your drawings of a York street party celebrating the spirit of Victory in Europe Day"

**COMPETITION RULES**

- Open to all Primary School pupils in York Outer
- Drawings must not be larger than A4
- Take inspiration from street parties in York celebrating VE day
- Have fun and be creative!

★ **PRIZE** ★  
1st PLACE  
Commemorative tree to be planted at your school + more...

### How to Take part?

Hand your drawing with your name on it, to your school office by Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May

**Contact Information:**

For more information, contact the Office of Luke Charters MP  
01904 463 444 // [luke.charters.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:luke.charters.mp@parliament.uk)

# Coming up.....

Day	Date	Time	Event	Details on Website?
Fri	9, 16, 23 May; 6, 13, 20 June; 4 July		Y3/4 Swimming lessons for pupils who have registered to attend	Class Pages <a href="https://..year-3-class/">https://..year-3-class/</a> <a href="https://...y45-classes/">https://...y45-classes/</a>
Mon-Fri	12 to 16 May		Y6 SATs Week (incl Y6 Breakfast- consent form and email to follow)	
Wed	21 May- time to be confirmed		Parents/ Carers Information Meeting for Y5 and Y6 Residentials	To follow
Tues	10 June	am	Class Photos by Tempest	
Sat	14 June	tbc	School Summer Fair	
Mon-Wed	16 to 18 June		Yorkshire Dales Residential Year 6 pupils	<a href="https://...y56-dales-residential-june-2025/">https://...y56-dales-residential-june-2025/</a>
Thurs	27 June	5.30pm for 6pm start	New Parents Evening at School (for Sept 2025 Starters)	To be sent to parents/ carers w/c 5 May
Fri	20 June		EYFS Trip to Stockeld Park	To follow
Mon-Wed	23 to 25 June		Yorkshire Dales Residential Year 5 pupils	<a href="https://...y56-dales-residential-june-2025/">https://...y56-dales-residential-june-2025/</a>
Fri	27 June		Staff Training Day- School closed to pupils	<a href="https://www.wiggintonprimary.co.uk/holiday-dates-training-days/">https://www.wiggintonprimary.co.uk/holiday-dates-training-days/</a>
Wed	2 July	All day	Year 6 Transition Day at Secondary Schools	From relevant school
Wed	2 July	10.45 to 11.45am	New Reception pupils 1st introductory visit	
Wed	2 July	am	1st Class Transition session- for new Classes in next academic year	
Wed	2 July	End of day	Letter to parents/ carers re: Class Arrangements for 2025/26 to be issued	
Mon	7 July	1:15pm	KS2 Sports afternoon	Newsletter 14
Tues	8 July	1:15pm	Reception Class and KS1 Sports afternoon	Newsletter 14
Fri	11 July	10.45 to 11.45am	New Reception pupils 2nd introductory visit	
Fri	11 July	am	2nd Class Transition session- for new Classes in next academic year	
Wed	14 July		Y6 Crucial Crew Visit	To follow
Thurs	15 July	End of day	Pupil Annual Reports to be issued	
Fi	18 July		<b>School Finishes at normal time for Summer Holidays</b>	
Mon-Wed	22 to 24 Sept		Y6 Kingswood Residential <a href="https://..year-6-kingswood-residential-september-2025/">https://..year-6-kingswood-residential-september-2025/</a>	

# The 17<sup>th</sup> Scarecrow Festival

3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> May 2025



Do you live or work in Haxby or Wigginton?  
Enter our annual Scarecrow Festival!

A great family weekend, raising money for charity

Make and display a scarecrow  
in your garden or shopfront.

Register by 15<sup>th</sup> April\* to enter!

[hwmc.org.uk/scarecrows](http://hwmc.org.uk/scarecrows)

(\*Registrations received later will need to be on a route we've planned to be accepted. Register early!)



Email: [scarecrows@hwmc.org.uk](mailto:scarecrows@hwmc.org.uk)

Register online  
at our website  
from 1<sup>st</sup> March

Or collect a  
paper registration  
form from:

- Aroma Coffee Shop
- or The Methodist Church

Then return your  
completed form

Register by  
Tuesday  
15<sup>th</sup> April\*



# INFLATABLE RUN



## CHARITY CHALLENGE

FOR OSCAR'S PAEDIATRIC BRAIN TUMOUR CHARITY

Inflatables 5k  
Horswood House  
nr. Leeds



### TAKE ON BRAIN TUMOURS TOGETHER

Get family, friends and colleagues  
together for the Inflatables 5k and raise  
money for OSCAR's Paediatric Brain  
Tumour Charity. We hope you can raise  
£125 each to help such an important area

SATURDAY 14TH JUNE 2025

in association with



For more info contact [phil@oscarspbtc.org](mailto:phil@oscarspbtc.org) or scan the QR code  
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new things.

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[www.york.gov.uk/SchoolAttendance](http://www.york.gov.uk/SchoolAttendance)

