



Wigginton Primary School



A message from the Headteacher.....

The Parish Council has received several complaints about inconsiderate parking on the side streets around school, specifically regarding cars parked on both sides of Greenshaw Drive preventing vehicles from passing, across junctions with side streets and on pavements which blocks access for those with wheelchairs, mobility scooters and pushchairs. At busy times, vehicles are also parked in side streets such as Walmer Carr and Back Lane and can obstruct residents' access to their driveways.

We appreciate that parking close to the school can be challenging, particularly during drop off and pick up, Please could we ask that parents and carers consider walking to school if possible or responsibly park when bringing children to and collecting them from school.

In particular, we would be grateful if parents could avoid blocking driveways, junctions or parking on pavements and to consider the needs of local residents and pedestrians when parking on surrounding streets. We thank you for your support with this.



Staffing News

It is with great sadness that I announce that Mrs Liversidge will no longer be teaching music at Wigginton Primary School after October half term due to her ever-growing musical commitments elsewhere. Mrs Liversidge has worked at Wigginton Primary School since 2000 and expertly led music, providing innumerable opportunities for all children at school. Fortunately, Mrs Liversidge will still be involved in the musical life of school, supporting the Christmas productions this year and continuing Singstars as much as her time will allow. We are very grateful for this and for Jessa's huge contribution to the school and community over the past 26 years!

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 29th Sept
Open Afternoon for
2027 EYFS 1.15pm

Wednesday 14th Oct
Opal Play Date for
Parents/Carers

Monday 19th Oct
PTA Halloween disco

Thursday 22nd Oct
School Closes for
October Half-term

Thursday 5th Oct
Pupil Flu Vaccines



Please contact the
office if you feel you
may be eligible for free
school meals

Have your say on proposed changes to North Yorkshire Council's Home to School Travel Policy.



Following a Post Implementation Review of the updated Home to School Travel policy introduced in 2024, North Yorkshire Council is inviting views on a number of recommended changes. The consultation is open now and runs until **4 November 2026**. Executive member for education, learning and skills, Cllr Annabel Wilkinson, said: "We know that school travel arrangements are incredibly important to families and that the changes introduced in 2024 have affected some households more than others. "When the policy changed, we promised to review how it was working in practice and to listen to the experiences of families. We have carefully considered feedback from parents and carers, schools and other stakeholders, alongside appeals, complaints and operational data. We would encourage people to take part as this is your opportunity to have your say and help us to shape the future of our home to school travel policy in North Yorkshire."

If any recommendations are approved, they would not take effect before September 2027 and will apply to children starting in Reception and Year 7 in September 2028. Families should continue to make school preference decisions based on the existing arrangements while this process is completed.

Eligibility for free travel would continue to be based on a child's nearest suitable school with available places. The review does not propose a return to catchment-based transport eligibility. Find out more about the review and take part in the consultation at www.northyorks.gov.uk/PIRsurvey



Music opportunities with York Music Education



York Music Education offers individual instrumental and vocal lessons at York Music Centre, alongside a wide range of groups and ensembles. These include activities for complete beginners through to York Youth Orchestra, giving children and young people opportunities to begin learning, make music with others and progress as musicians.

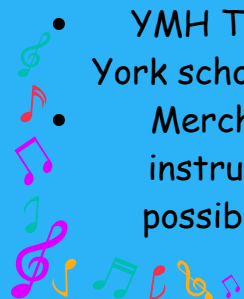
We also operate York's well established citywide instrument hire scheme, supported by City of York Council. Instrument hire is available to schools and individuals and is not limited to those who attend York Music Centre or receive lessons through York Music Education.

Families can find out more and register their interest at www.yorkmusiced.org.uk.

Music Bursary Schemes

York Music Hub's Bursary Schemes aim to provide support to those whose financial circumstances may prove to be a barrier to accessing music education opportunities, and who are not able to access support or assistance from other sources.

- YMH Tuition Bursaries contribute towards the cost of instrumental/vocal lessons in York schools with one of our Approved Tutors. This bursary is paid directly to the tutor.
 - Merchant Taylor Bursaries are awarded to five talented young musicians to cover instrumental/vocal lessons with one of our Approved Tutors. This bursary is made possible thanks to generous support from the Company of Merchant Taylors, York.
- Find out more about the bursary schemes, and how to apply, [here](#).



Census Day Lunch Menu



Space Day

1st October

**Space Ranger
Pork Sausages
(with beef casings)**

Or

**Veggie Voyager
Meat-Free Sausages**

Served With

Crispy Chips, Baked Beans
& Tomato Sauce

Followed By

**Moon Crater Waffles
& Chocolate
Sauce**

COME ON A
SPACE DAY
ADVENTURE
WITH OUR
SPECIAL MENU!



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1st October

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**Space Ranger Pork Sausages
(with beef casings)**

Or

**Veggie Voyager
Meat-Free Sausages**

Served With

Crispy Chips, Baked Beans
& Tomato Sauce

Followed By

**Cosmic Carrot
Cake Muffin**

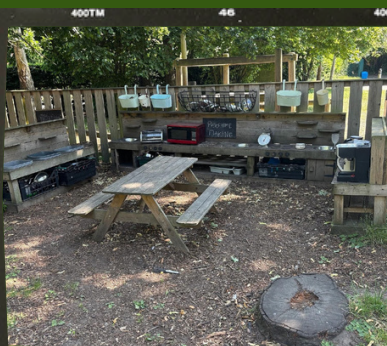
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Lunchtimes Update

Save the date!

Our next parent/carer play session will be on Wednesday 14th October during lunchtime. Further information will be sent out nearer the time, including times to avoid when your child/ren will be inside eating their lunch. This is an outdoor event, so please keep an eye on the weather and dress accordingly!



How to support OPAL

Our provision takes a significant amount of resourcing. Please see below for items we can always make use of. There is a donation box just inside the main doors to school where clean, intact donations can be left.



At the moment, we are also looking for fidget toys as these are very popular but do tend to go missing!

If you think you have anything else that may be of use, please email lackrel1@wiggintonprimary.co.uk

Thank you!

SPORTS DESK

We are very grateful to Rhiann Hull from Elevate Dance, who came into school a fortnight ago to give children a taster session in dance. It was a fantastic afternoon with lots of energy and enthusiasm from everyone!



DEVELOPING YOUNG PEOPLE IN AND THROUGH THE SPORT OF BASKETBALL

YORK EAGLES JUNIOR CLUB IS THE ONLY CLUB TO HAVE BEEN CLUB MARKED BY BASKETBALL ENGLAND IN NORTH YORKSHIRE AND ASSESSED ON THEIR ABILITY TO KEEP YOUNG PEOPLE SAFE AND IN A SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT.

We also wish to thank Dave Smith from York Eagles, who has been into school today, providing each Key Stage One and Two class with a basketball session.



Perhaps we are inspiring some future dancers or basketballers!

We still have some space on our Total Sports Clubs. For more information:

CLICK HERE

School Clubs Timetable: Autumn 1 2026

Day	Club Name	Open to	Run by	Times	Start date	End date	Cost?	Application Details
Monday	York City Football	Yr 1-6	York City Football Foundation	3.15pm - 4.15pm	14th Sept 2026	19th Oct 2026	£36 (£6 p/wk)	Letter on clubs section of school website
Wednesday	Total Energy	Yr 1-3	Total Sports	3.20pm-4.20pm	16th Sept 2026	21st Oct 2026	£33 (£5.50 p/wk)	Letter on clubs section of website
Wednesday	Singstons	Yr 2-6	Mrs Liversidge	3.15pm - 4.15pm	16th September 2026	21st October 2026	Free	Letter on clubs section of website
Thursday	Total Energy	Yr 4-6	Total Sports	3.20pm-4.20pm	17th Sept 2026	22nd Oct 2026	£33 (£5.50 p/wk)	Letter on clubs section of the website

Music Tuition: We have a number of instrumental teachers who come into school to provide music tuition. We currently have provision for Guitars, Strings (Cello, Violin & Viola), Brass, Keyboard & Wind instruments. Please see the School Clubs section of the School website for details or contact the School Office.
<http://www.wiggintonprimary.co.uk/clubs-extra-curricular-activities/>

COMMUNITY



Eve completed the Shine Walk 10K last night in aid of Cancer Research UK and raised an amazing £200!

WELL DONE

It's normal to feel nervous sometimes. In most cases, coming to school helps children feel better. Being with friends and trusted adults can make worries feel smaller. We will look out for your child, listen to them and help them feel safe.

FAMILY MATTERS YORK AUTUMN 2026

TIME OUT FOR PARENTS: EARLY YEARS

(5 week online course) Helping you to understand your child's emotions and behaviour, to set loving limits, boost their self-esteem and strengthen your connection with them.

Begins Monday 14th September Online Via Zoom
7.15 - 9.15pm



HANDLING ANGER IN THE FAMILY

(5 week course) Helping you to understand the emotion of anger and to learn positive strategies to support your child's emotions, reducing conflict and lowering the temperature in family life.

Begins Thursday 24th September @ SEND Central, Kingsway North, Clifton, York YO30 6JA
10am - 12 noon

LEFT TO THEIR OWN DEVICES

(2 Online workshops) Support for parenting in the digital age, exploring topics such as the challenges of gaming, online risks and safety, and how to set boundaries.

Begins Wednesday 7th & 14th October Online Via Zoom
7.15 - 9.15pm (please attend both sessions!)



PARENTING CHILDREN WITH AUTISM

(6 week course) Giving time to share and learn more about Autistic behaviours, finding ways to better support your child's needs and behaviours.

Begins 5th November @ SEND Central, Kingsway North, Clifton, York YO30 6JA
10am - 12 noon



SIGN UP

ALL COURSES & EVENTS ARE FREE!

www.fmy.org.uk

info@fmy.org.uk



HALLOWEEN DISCO

Monday 19th October

SWEETS &
DRINK
INCLUDED

£3
ENTRY



R & KS1
17:30PM
TO 18:30PM

KS2
18:45PM
TO 19:45PM

NO MOBILE PHONES PLEASE
FANCY DRESS / COSTUMES IS OPTIONAL

The UK's largest story writing competition opens for entries tomorrow - 29th September and will close on 6th November. Winners will be invited to The One Show and have their stories read out by celebrities amongst other amazing prizes. [Sign up here!](#)



WIGGINTON PRIMARY PTA

Parents Page



Our first event of the year is scheduled in and it's our Autumn Disco on **Monday 19th October!** Dress up /costumes (spooky or not) are optional. No additional props please as we do find these go missing or get broken. Prizes for best costumes. Please bring exact change for admission (£3) if you can as this speeds up entry. Any dietary requirements please contact the PTA no later than the Friday before the event.

Reception parents - discos are a drop off event but if you would like some more information about how the disco works or maybe have a child whom may be a little apprehensive about coming please do get in touch - one way round this may be to be a volunteer helper at the event!

Next up is some good news! You may have seen on our Facebook pages about our recent donations to the school. The PTA donated **£3000** to subsidise school trips and activities for the coming academic year which means the cost of trips can be significantly reduced.

A **donation** was also given to the OPAL team for the purchase of skip balls and hammocks for the pupils to use at break times. We will continue to support fun and engaging play times!

 If you have an idea for fundraising or purchases please let us know. The children and teachers come up with fabulous ideas but we would love to have some suggestions from parents!

The PTA not only fundraise for the school but frequently apply for funds and grants. Recent examples include securing funds for the all weather pitch, new sports tracksuits and a shed for the playground. If you see any schemes or grants advertised that may be a good fit, or if you have a suitable charitable scheme at your place of work, let us know!

We end our section in the newsletter with information about our Annual General Meeting on **Tuesday 3rd November, 7pm at the school.**



*** SITUATION CRITICAL ***



We raised our concerns last year and only managed to find one new committee member. We are naturally losing committee members as their children leave in yr 6. Our PTA is "ageing" rapidly and time is running out. There is a very real chance of the PTA folding if we can not fill essential positions critical for the PTA to function.

The PTA has been in existence for 31 years and not only does it raise money but provides fun events and life learning experiences for all the children so if you think you may be able to support us or join the friendly team please contact us or come along to the AGM.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



TUESDAY 3RD NOVEMBER

7 PM AT THE SCHOOL

WE NEED PARENTS / CAREGIVERS
TO ATTEND THE SHORT AGM
TO VOTE IN THE COMMITTEE
NOT ENOUGH VOTES...
NO MORE PTA 😞

At our Annual General meeting the PTA are
seeking to fill the position of
CHAIR and VICE CHAIR

These can be a shared roles. The current
outgoing Chair will ensure a smooth
transition into the roles

If you are interested in volunteering or would
like more information about any of the roles
within the PTA - please get in touch with Jessie
on email pta.wiggintonprimary@gmail.com
or message the PTA Facebook page.



WIGGINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN DAY

**TUESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2026
13:15– 14:15**



**For parents/carers of children starting in September 2027 (children welcome too)
Accepting applications from both inside and outside of our catchment area.**

Come and tour our fantastic school, whilst getting to meet our wonderful staff and enthusiastic pupils.

Hear all about our incredible, award-winning lunchtime play provision.

Please email us at wiggintonprimary.school@york.gov.uk or ring 01904 552225 for more information and to register your interest.

If you are unable to attend the open day, please get in touch to arrange a convenient time where we will be very happy to show you around.

**EVERY DAY IS AN ADVENTURE AT WIGGINTON.
– OFSTED 2023**





PLEASE READ IMPORTANT INFORMATION

As children progress and leave the school so do PTA members! To ensure the PTA can continue we need new members willing to fill positions on the committee as older members leave.

From November the PTA will have vacant positions of CHAIR and VICE CHAIR.

Without replacements the PTA will fold.

Without PTA fundraising there will be no subsidised school trips and no contributions for things like sports equipment, library books etc

Whilst the PTA exists as a charity to fundraise for the school - without the PTA there will be no events such as Discos or the Summer Fair.

The PTA is valuable to the school and pupils.
Step up and help it continue!

Are you our next soloist?

We're looking for solo singers to perform *Walking in the Air*, accompanied by a professional orchestra, in The Snowman Tour at York Barbican

Auditions taking place on

Monday 5 October

Time: 4.00–7.00pm

Held at: **York Barbican**
Y01 Lounge, York Barbican,
Paragon Street, York, YO10 4AH

Closing date: **Friday 2 October** at 5.00pm

For performances on

Tuesday 22 December
at York Barbican

You will receive an audition time
by: **Saturday 3 October**

APPLY ONLINE

We are looking for young singers
with an unchanged voice, aged 7–17,
for this incredible opportunity



2026 TOUR

The
Snowman[™]
WITH LIVE ORCHESTRA



carrotproductions.com/auditions

Beauty and the Beast - the Panto is coming to Haxby (Oh no it's not!!)

Do you want to take part?

After resting for a few years, the Haxby and Wigginton Methodist Church are bringing back their much loved panto. (From 10th - 13th Feb 2027 - half term.)

They will once again be putting on a pantomime for and with the local community, on the stage in their church hall. Please contact them if you'd like to get involved.



October half term

For children aged 3years- 11years

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM	Conker Spider webs and crafts	Popcorn jewelry	Leaf creations	Pine cone creatures	Halloween baking
PM	Fall Bean Mosaics	Autumn lanterns	Pumpkin carvings	Halloween poppers	Cotton ghosts
OUTDOORS	Fun games	Nature walk	Apple Bobbing	Wrap the mummy competition	Zombie Tag

Please see our new pricing structure

Session	Price
8am - 9am	£5 per session
9am - 5pm	£39 per session
5pm - 6pm	£5 per session
6pm - 8am	£49 per session
6pm - 5pm	£44 per session
9am - 6pm	£44 per session

***All bookings must be paid for before attending.
We reserve the right to cancel sessions if the minimum
enrollment number is not met.***

**Prices starting
from £39
per day**

JOIN US

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YORK EAGLES BASKETBALL CLUB

COMMUNITY SESSIONS

Mixed ability

AGE 8-12 MIXED

@ York College

Mondays 5:30 - 6:30 pm

6:30 - 7:30 pm

Fridays 5:30 - 6:45 pm

AGE 8-14 GIRLS ONLY

@ The Mount School

Thursdays 6:30 - 7:30 pm

AGE 13-18 MIXED

@ York College

Fridays 6:45 - 8:30 pm

CAMPS

Mixed ability

OCTOBER HALF TERM

28 OCTOBER 2026

FEBRUARY HALF TERM

17-19 FEBRUARY 2027

EASTER

23-25 MARCH 2027

30 MARCH - 01 APRIL 2027

All Community Sessions and Camps can be booked via CLASS FOR KIDS

First Community Session booked is FREE

**Please contact yorkeaglesclubsecretary@gmail.com
for any further information / details**



WIGGINTON
SQUASH CLUB

Made with AI

JUNIOR SQUASH **TRAINING**



9.20 - 10.00 SQUASH STARS (Ages 4+) - Beginners

10.00 - 11.00 GIRLS BEGINNER/DEVELOPING (Ages 6+)

11.00 - 12.00 INTERMEDIATE GROUP

12.00 - 13.00 ADVANCED GROUP



TO BOOK CONTACT:

steve.everitt@hotmail.com

Bromley.neil@hotmail.co.uk



BBC 500 WORDS



A fun, creative story writing competition.

Opens for entries

Tuesday 29 September – Friday 6 November 2026

No need to worry about spelling,
punctuation or grammar!

Prizes for
the bronze, silver
and gold winners!!

Write a
STORY
you would
love to read

Ages
5 – 11



Find out more and enter at
bbc.co.uk/500words

BBC
BITESIZE
FOR TEACHERS

Coming Up!

Click here for
[Class Times and PE Days](#)

Day	Date	Time	Event	Details
Tuesday	29 th September	1.15pm - 2.15pm	Open Afternoon for 2027 EYFS	
Thursday	1 st October	Lunch Time	 Space Menu	Menu
Wednesday	14 th October	Lunch Time	Opal Parent Play date	Opal
Monday	19 th October	5.30-6.30pm	EYFS & KS1 PTA Disco	PTA
Monday	19 th October	6.45-7.45pm	KS2 PTA Disco	PTA
Thursday	22 nd October	3.15pm	School Closes for half-term	
Monday	2 nd November	8.45am	School Opens for Autumn 2	
Thursday	5 th November	Morning	Pupil Flu Vaccines	To follow
Tuesday	24 th November	3.30pm-6.30pm	Parent Consultations	To Follow
Thursday	26 th November	3.30pm-6.30pm	Parent Consultations	To Follow