

Newsletter 18

Monday 30th June 2025

Welcome to the eighteenth newsletter of this academic year. We will publish a newsletter every other week on Monday afternoons (the next newsletter will be published on 14th July).

THE
READING
AGENCY

Summer Reading Challenge

explore

Libraries and Archives

Story Garden

The Summer Reading Challenge 2025 launches on Saturday 12 July at Explore York Libraries this summer. Over the summer children can enjoy choosing and reading books of their choice and collect stickers along the way, plus a medal and certificate for all who complete the Challenge by Saturday 13 September.

Thanks to the generous support of our local partners there are some exciting rewards up for grabs!

Following the success of last summer, the weekly prize draws are back. Thanks to the support of **National Railway Museum, York Maze, Grand Opera House York** and **Better** there are lots of fabulous family tickets on offer this year!

Once children have signed up to the Challenge, they will be automatically entered into the six weekly prize draws held throughout the summer holiday. With four different family tickets up for grabs each week and around 3000 children expected to sign up to the Summer Reading Challenge that isn't bad odds - but the sooner children sign up the more prize draws they'll be entered!

Lorraine from Haxby and Wigginton Library will be in on Friday, 11th July to speak to the children in assembly.



Staff News

We are delighted to welcome back Max Gembles as caretaker. We've certainly missed him over the past month. It will be great to have Max back as part of the team!

Open Day

On the afternoon of Wednesday, 2nd July, we are hosting an open day for parents look at schools for new starters in September 2026! If you are interested, or know someone who may be, please contact school or register interest on the form using the link below. If this date is not suitable, please contact school to arrange an alternative time.

<https://forms.gle/KMKzbGqi9xzzRR8b8>



The poster for Wigginton Primary School Open Day features a central white box with blue text. Above the text are three circular images: two children eating, the school logo with a duck, and a group of children in blue uniforms. Below the text are three more circular images: a group of children in a hall, two children working on a project, and children in green safety vests outdoors. The text includes the event details, a registration link, and contact information.

**WIGGINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL
OPEN DAY
WEDNESDAY 2ND JULY
13:15- 14:30**

**For parents/carers of children starting in September 2026 (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**

@wiggiprimary



Parent Workshop: Mental Health and Wellbeing

On Tuesday, 8th July we are hosting a parent workshop around mental health and wellbeing straight after school drop off (9am). Laura McMurray, School Wellbeing Service Team Leader, will join us and give parents a chance to find out more, ask questions and have a cuppa! If you would like to join us, please sign up using the form below or contact the school office:

<https://forms.gle/Rdem1yYm4srqDWzW6>

We hope to host more of these workshops for parents, including workshops with a focus on neurodiversity, so please do come along if you can!

Fabulous School Council

A big 'well done and thank you' to the School Council. They raised over £100 at the summer fair for the PTA and for their chosen charity 'Paws Appeal' - Hearing dogs for hearing impaired people.



School Uniform Bank

Drop off your child's clean outgrown uniform, shoes, coats and PE kit and pick up the next size a few days later.

DROP OFF POINTS:

AROMA COFFEE SHOP: MONDAY 14TH JULY - 23RD JULY

HAXBY AND WIGGINTON METHODIST CHURCH:

9.30-4PM WEDNESDAY 23RD JULY

Pick up the next size on Saturday 26th July 10-2pm and have a cuppa and cake while you are there. It's free but any donations will go to Refugee Action York



**HAXBY AND WIGGINTON
METHODIST CHURCH**

If you have any queries, please contact Lorraine Jones our Family Worker on 07850 631168 or email at families@hwmc.org.uk

They would also like to let families know about a new family worship event that St Nicholas Church is hosting on Sunday 13th July at 3pm. Most of the children will know Tony from YoYo - he is going to be there and has been helping them create it.

The Haxby & Wigginton Methodist Church is hosting the Uniform Bank again at the end of the first week of the summer holidays. They have arranged a collection day of the outgrown uniforms, but Aroma Coffee Shop is also a collection point in the week before.

**NOW
CHURCH**

A new opportunity
4 worship

**3pm Sunday 13 July
St Nicholas Church,
Wigginton**

Bringing faith to life
through story, song and
sketch - everyone welcome!

Followed by cake and chat

Reminder!



22nd to 24th September 2025

The deadline for paying the FINAL instalment for the Kingswood residential in September 2024 is 30th June. Please check your ParentPay account to check your balance and make the final payment by **Monday 30th July 2025**.

As the warm sunshine has arrived, please remember:

- all children should have a **named sunhat in school** which they will be encouraged to wear when playing outside. Wide brimmed hats or those which cover the neck are ideal;
- to apply a **long lasting sunscreen** before school in sunny weather, as staff are not permitted to apply this to children;
- your child's **class water bottle should not contain juice**, only water is allowed in class.
- They also need a waterproof for the British weather!



The water fountains in each key stage area in school are available for pupils to refill their water bottles if required during the school day. As the weather improves, it is important that children are drinking plenty of water during the day.



SPORTS DESK



Last week, our **Y3/4 girls team** played in their semi-final match against Westfield Primary. It was an impressive performance, with Wigginton winning the match 7-0! They played some excellent football in great spirit, representing the school brilliantly. We look forward to organising the final as soon as the other semi-final has been played!

Tomorrow is the turn of the **Y3/4 boys**, who are playing against Huntington Primary in their semi-final. Let's hope it is a bit cooler!

2025 SPORTS AFTERNOONS

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

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|-----------------------------|---|
| KS2 Sports Day: | 1:15 - 3pm Monday 7 th July |
| Reception & KS1 Sports Day: | 1:15 - 3pm Tuesday 8 th 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.



PTA

Some fabulous news to start! The summer fair raised an incredible £3248 which is our highest amount in years. We are grateful as always to the businesses that support the PTA with event sponsorship and prizes for the raffle. Thanks to the volunteers and teachers whom helped out on the day and to you ALL for coming! The monies raised will help fund outdoor projects in the school playground as part of the OPAL project.

The summer disco is on Thursday 17th July. This is the last event held for the Yr 6's and we hope lots of children will be able to attend to have one last dance party at the school. Please see attached poster for timings/ entry cost and a reminder that year 3's ONLY can choose whether to attend the first disco session with games OR the second disco session without. If you wish to help out at the disco please contact the PTA direct.

Finally at the end of term on Thursday and Friday ICE LOLLIES will be for sale in yr 3/4 playground. Please bring small change if possible.

Have a great summer holiday and we wish those leaving us all the best in future endeavours!

pta.wiggintonprimary@gmail.com

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



Police Visit to Reception

On Monday 30th June the Reception class had a visit from two police officers. They told us about their jobs and then we got to try on some of their uniform. The jackets and helmets were very heavy! We even got to arrest Mrs Osborn and Mr Laycock!

Whilst some of the class had their fingerprints taken, the other half of the class went outside and got to sit in a police van. It was so exciting! We finished the session with some questions about what life in the police is like. A huge thank you to Laura and Rich for coming in to speak to us.



Coming up.....

| Day | Date | Time | Event | Details on Website? |
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| Fri | 4 July | | Y3/4 Swimming lessons for pupils who have registered to attend | Class Pages https://...year-3-class/ https://...y45-classes/ |
| 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 | |
| Mon | 14 July | pm | Y6 Crucial Crew Visit | Class Pages https://...year-6-class/ |
| Mon | 14 July | 5pm | Y6 Performance for families | Class Pages https://...year-6-class/ |
| Tues | 15 July | End of day | Pupil Annual Reports to be issued | |
| Wed | 16 July | 6pm | Y6 Performance for families | Class Pages https://...year-6-class/ |
| Thurs | 17 July | All day | Y6 Leavers Trip to York Maze | Class Pages https://...year-6-class/ |
| Thurs | 17 July | 5.30 to 6.30pm | PTA School Disco for Reception, Y1, Y2. Y3 can attend this disco or the later disco | |
| Thurs | 17 July | 6.45 to 7.45pm | PTA School Disco for Y4, Y5, Y6. Y3 can attend this disco or the earlier disco | |
| Fri | 18 July | School Finishes at normal time for Summer Holidays | | |
| <i>New academic year starts on Tues 2 September 2025</i> | | | | |
| Mon- Wed | 22 to 24 Sept | Y6 Kingswood Residential https://...year-6-kingswood-residential-september-2025/ | | |

Not going to school every day can make your child more worried about going in.

For more information on school absence in York visit:
www.york.gov.uk/SchoolAttendance



Happy Healthy Holidays

WHAT: Holiday football fun course
WHEN: Tuesday 22nd - Friday 25th July
WHERE: Huntington Secondary School, YO32 9WT
TIME: 10-3pm
REFRESHMENTS: Water, Snacks and packed lunch will be provided
WHO: Families eligible for benefits-related free school meals living in York



FOUNDATION



How to book:
Please use your voucher code at www.holidayactivities.com

These Free holiday Activities are designed to give young people the opportunity to get active using football as the tool in a FUN, SAFE and SECURE environment.

If you would like any further information or to book in ADVANCE please contact inclusion@yorkcitycfoundation.co.uk



Happy Healthy Holidays

WHAT: Holiday football fun course
WHEN: Monday 28th - Thursday 31st July
WHERE: Millthorpe Secondary School, 3G Pitch, YO23 1WF
TIME: 10-3pm
REFRESHMENTS: Water, Snacks and packed lunch will be provided
WHO: Families eligible for benefits-related free school meals living in York



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Happy Healthy Holidays

WHAT: Holiday football fun course
WHEN: Monday 4th - Thursday 7th August
WHERE: Millthorpe Secondary School, 3G Pitch, YO23 1WF
TIME: 10-3pm
REFRESHMENTS: Water, Snacks and packed lunch will be provided
WHO: Families eligible for benefits-related free school meals living in York



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Happy Healthy Holidays

WHAT: Holiday football fun course
WHEN: Tuesday 19th - Thursday 22nd August
WHERE: Huntington Secondary School, YO32 9WT
TIME: 10-3pm
REFRESHMENTS: Water, Snacks and packed lunch will be provided
WHO: Families eligible for benefits-related free school meals living in York



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HOMESTEAD PARK

FESTIVAL
5-6 JULY

HERE IS HOPE

SATURDAY 5TH & SUNDAY 6TH JULY 2025

A joyful free weekend of music, creativity, and connection in York

- Theatre, stories & playful performances
- Creative workshops for all ages
- Inspiring talks & campfire conversations
- Live music in magical woodland settings
- Nature-based activities & hands-on making
- Delicious food & picnic spots galore
- Joy, imagination, and collective action

Because in uncertain times, play might just be what we need most

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WILD RUMPUS

Homestead Park Festival: Here is Hope is a **FREE** two-day celebration open to all.

On **Friday 5th and Saturday 6th July**, Homestead Park will come alive with music, creativity, connection, and nature. The festival brings together artists, musicians, and changemakers to share joyful experiences for people of all ages and backgrounds.

[Visit our website](#) and [watch our promo video](#) to get a feel for what's coming!

Come with friends, bring a big family group, tell your neighbours - we can't wait to see you there!

More Information

Our [festival website](#) includes lots of information and answers to many frequently asked questions about access, parking info, and travel details. The full festival line-up will be announced very soon. Follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for the latest updates.



THE LITTLE GYM CAMPS

FOR CHILDREN AGED 3-12 YEARS

Our next camps are: 21st July - 31st August

Scan below to learn more or contact: 01904 307404
york@thelittlegym.co.uk

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