



# Newsletter 17

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Welcome to the seventeenth newsletter of this academic year. We will publish a newsletter every other week on Monday afternoons (the next newsletter will be published on 30<sup>th</sup> June).

## Class Organisation for 2025/26

Next year, we will return to having mixed Y3/4 classes and mixed Y5/6 classes. The class organisation for next year will be as follows:

- ROP - a Reception class of 17 with Mrs Osborn (Monday, Tuesday and alternate Wednesdays)/ Miss Partington (Alternate Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays)
- RGR - a Reception class of 16 with Mrs Goff (Monday, Tuesday and alternate Wednesdays)/ Miss Redhall (Alternate Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays)
- 1KF - Year 1 class of 27 with Mrs Fox (Monday, Tuesday and alternate Wednesdays)/Mrs Knighton (Alternate Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays)
- 2D - a Year 2 class of 21 with Miss Delamere
- 2B - a Year 2 class of 21 with Ms Blackmore
- 3/4FL - a Year 3/4 class of 32 with Miss Flude
- 3/4FR - a Year 3/4 class of 31 with Mr Frank
- 5/6P - a Year 5/6 class of 27 with Mr Peacock
- 5/6S - a Year 5/6 class of 28 with Mrs Sweeting
- 5/6R - a Year 5/6 class of 28 with Mrs Ryding

Please be assured that teachers will continue to work closely together to deliver an exciting, relevant curriculum for all pupils. Your child(ren) will be sent home with a letter on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July informing you which child your class will be in for the next academic year.

With regards to my role supporting Dringhouses, from September I will only be at Dringhouses for two afternoons each week to support the next phase of their transition. I have very much enjoyed working alongside the school but will certainly look forward to being at Wigginton more next year.

*Mr Paul Laycock*  
Headteacher

## Open Day

On the afternoon of Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 features a central logo for Wigginton School with a duck illustration. It is surrounded by six circular images: two children eating, a group of children in blue uniforms, children in a classroom, two boys with a red tray of food, and children in green vests by a pond. The text is centered and includes the date and time of the event.

**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](mailto: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.

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- OFSTED 2023**

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## Fabulous School Summer Fair

What an amazing day Saturday was! Our summer fair was truly spectacular, from fabulous performances throughout to incredible stalls and games, with tasty treats on offer too! We were also very fortunate with the weather this year, which I'm sure contributed to it being one of our busiest ever fairs!



A huge thank you to everyone involved: our performers, stall runners, co-ordinators and in particular, the ever-impressive PTA for the many months of organisation leading up to the big day and on the day itself. It really shows how lucky we are to be part of this fantastic community!

We will let you know how much was raised in the near future but we are incredibly grateful that we are able to put this money to good use in supporting the special opportunities and experiences it allows us to provide. Once again, thank you everyone.

# Lunchtimes Update

We had a visit from our local MP, Luke Charters, before half term. In a short assembly he told the children a bit about this work as an MP then he joined the whole school outside for an extra playtime where he could see first hand our fantastic OPAL provision. To say he was impressed was an understatement! The children loved showing him everything they play with and telling him how much they enjoy lunchtimes.



A key part of our OPAL provision is our whole school assemblies, which we have approximately twice a half term. These have a structure to them which we know as ‘CINI’ - **Celebrate, Inform, Negotiate and Innovate**.

**Celebrate** - this is where we share and praise all the great play that happens, often through photos of the children playing (which the children love seeing!)

**Inform** - a chance to introduce new areas, equipment or items or general reminders

**Negotiate** - the children and I work together to come up with ways to use items, ways in which they will benefit from playing with them and dos and don'ts in order to keep everyone safe. As we have been doing this for a while now, the children are excellent at this and becoming real experts in risk benefit analysis! (see below for a couple of examples)

**Innovate** - an opportunity to look at new ways of playing with things or how to improve key aspects of play.

New items are only put outside for use by the children once an assembly has happened so that everyone knows how to use them safely and appropriately. Two members of our fantastic play team also join our OPAL assemblies to assist with ideas and questions.

**Negotiate**



How can we use these safely?

- Only to be used for building/creating
- Don't use them as swords
- Don't flick or throw balls
- Don't stand on them
- Try not to snap them
- Don't wave them around

Construction sticks

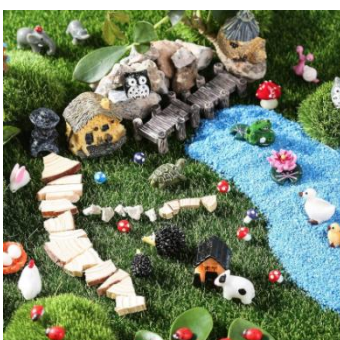
**Negotiate**



How can we use these safely?

- Not for standing on
- Roll on them to move them
- Make sure you're in space
- Roll on them on your stomach
- Great for construction

Larger barrels



One of the **next projects** we'd like to start is making a fairy garden around the bottom of a tree. If anyone has any small items that would be useful for this, we'd be very grateful for them. They can be dropped off in the box near the office. Thank you.

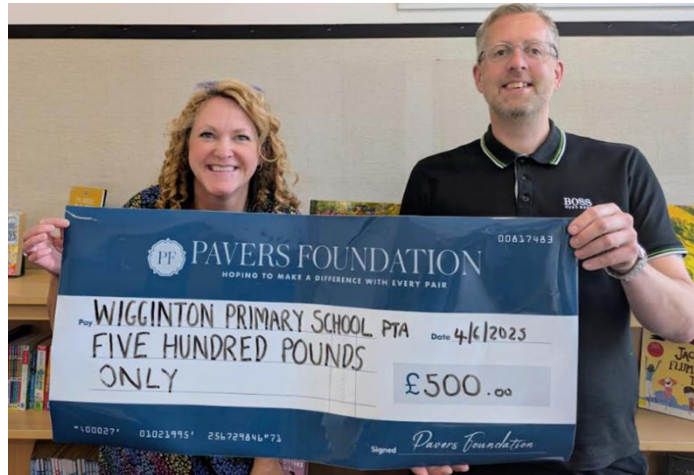


## Library Update

### Library Grant

We are delighted to have received a grant of £500 from Pavers Foundation to continue the redevelopment of our library.

We will be purchasing a range of books - including lots of new graphic novels - as well as some new seating to make it a more comfortable space to spend time. Thank you to Sally Cox for all your help with achieving this grant. We look forward to receiving all the new library books and furnishings!



### Update.....New library resources already arrived!

Here are some of our librarians enjoying the new library books and furnishings that we have purchased with the Pavers grant. All children will be able to borrow the new books and relax on the beanbags in their visit this week. Happy reading!



### Parent Workshop: Mental Health and Wellbeing

On Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> 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!

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2025 is #CleanAirDay, the UK's biggest air pollution campaign. Even though we can't see it, air pollution impacts our health whatever age we are. Children are particularly at risk from air pollution, as their immune systems, lungs and brains are still developing. Improving air quality not only benefits our physical health and the environment but can also protect our mental and brain health.



On Clean Air Day (Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June) we encourage parents, children and staff to walk, cycle or scoot to school if possible (or walk part of the journey from a nearby location).

Let's 'Kick the Habit' of idling!



## Smartphone Free Schools

You may have seen recently articles related to schools becoming a smartphone free zone. Schools can often be dealing with issues that have arisen on smartphones and there increasing research into the benefit of children not having access to smartphones. If you have concerns or would like to find out more, here is an article from Barnardos:



<https://www.barnardos.org.uk/blog/keeping-your-child-safe-their-smartphone>

As a school we require any pupil who brings a phone into school to drop it off in the office before school starts and collect it at the end of the day. They are securely stored. Pupils just need to remember to turn them off before they leave them.

We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2024/25 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.



With around 70 young people competing in local inter-school competitions this year, we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

**A special thanks to:** School staff that give time to organize and run events, OPAL leaders for increasing the amount of physical activity during the day, PTA for new equipment, parents for supporting competitions and lastly to the children that always give 100% to sport in school.

We look forward to applying once again in 2026! Mrs Goff, PE Lead

**Reminder!**



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

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

As the warm sunshine arrives, 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.



**Training Day** A reminder that Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June is a training day and school is closed to pupils.



## SPORTS DESK



Last week, our Y5/6 football teams competed in the York Primary Cup semi-finals. The **Y5/6 girls** played a hard-fought match against Clifton with Rawcliffe and were sadly beaten 1-0 in a very close game. We were very proud of all our girls for the season they have had, winning the Chris Ellis Cup earlier in the season and representing York City FC in the Premier League Primary Stars Qualifiers in Hull. We hope our Y6s continue to play at secondary school and look forward to more success with our Year 5s next year.

Our **Y5/6 boys** teams had an equally tough match versus Lakeside School. On a small pitch, both teams struggle to create clear openings and even after extra time, the game finished 0-0. Fortunately, we were able to win the shootout in sudden death, meaning the Y5/6 team have reached the final for the second season in a row! Congratulations, boys. We look forward to the final and will arrange this as soon as the other semi-final is completed.

We are still looking to arrange the Y3/4 boys and girls semi-finals and will update you as soon as these are confirmed.

### 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.

# Coming up.....

Day	Date	Time	Event	Details on Website?
Fri	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-Wed	16 to 18 June		Yorkshire Dales Residential Year 6 pupils	<a href="https://...y56-daales-residential-june-2025/">https://...y56-daales-residential-june-2025/</a>
Fri	20 June		EYFS Trip to Stockeld Park	Class Pages <a href="https://.../reception-pupils/">https://.../reception-pupils/</a>
Mon-Wed	23 to 25 June		Yorkshire Dales Residential Year 5 pupils	<a href="https://...y56-daales-residential-june-2025/">https://...y56-daales-residential-june-2025/</a>
Thurs	26 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	27 June		<b>Staff Training Day- School closed to pupils</b>	<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	
Mon	14 July	pm	Y6 Crucial Crew Visit	Class Pages <a href="https://...year-6-class/">https://...year-6-class/</a>
Mon	14 July	5pm	Y6 Performance for families	Class Pages <a href="https://...year-6-class/">https://...year-6-class/</a>
Tues	15 July	End of day	Pupil Annual Reports to be issued	
Wed	16 July	6pm	Y6 Performance for families	Class Pages <a href="https://...year-6-class/">https://...year-6-class/</a>
Thurs	17 July	All day	Y6 Leavers Trip to York Maze	Class Pages <a href="https://...year-6-class/">https://...year-6-class/</a>

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	<b>School Finishes at normal time for Summer Holidays</b>		
<b><i>New academic year starts on Tues 2 September 2025</i></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>		

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



**HOMESTEAD PARK**

**FESTIVAL**  
5-6 JULY

\* SATURDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> & SUNDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> 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

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 WILD  
 RELIEF PLUS

**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.

## ALL VENUES

### YORK

ARCHBISHOP HOLGATE'S SECONDARY (E S)  
COPMANTHORPE PRIMARY (E)  
HEADLANDS PRIMARY (E)  
HUNTINGTON SECONDARY (E F)  
MANOR SECONDARY (E F)

### EASINGWOLD

OUTWOOD ACADEMY SECONDARY (E)

### HARROGATE & KNARESBOROUGH

ASPIN PARK ACADEMY (E)  
HARROGATE LADIES' COLLEGE (E S)  
ROSSETT SPORTS CENTRE (E F)

### WAKEFIELD

QUEEN ELIZABETH GRAMMAR SCHOOL (QEGS) (E S)

### LEEDS

BRAMHOPE PRIMARY SCHOOL (E)

### EAST YORKSHIRE

POCKLINGTON SCHOOL (E F S)  
TRANBY (E)

### KIPPAX

BRIGSHAW HIGH SCHOOL (E F)

FLEXIBLE BOOKING OPTIONS,  
CHILD CARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED,  
OFSTED REGISTERED

OPEN ALL SUMMER  
AGES 5-11 FROM 8AM-5:30PM,  
(FLEXIBLE DROP OFF AND PICK UP)

DBS CHECKED COACHING STAFF  
AGE SPECIFIC GROUPS  
TRAINED, FUN & PASSIONATE COACHES

BOOK INDIVIDUAL DAYS OR FULL  
WEEKS, INSURANCE OPTIONS INCREASE  
YOUR PLANS CHANGE

LOCAL FAMILIES CHOOSE TOTAL SPORTS  
EVERY SCHOOL HOLIDAY, CHECK OUR 5\*  
GOOGLE REVIEWS!!

#### VENUE KEY:

E - ENERGY PROGRAMME  
F - FOOTBALL CAMPS  
S - SWIMMING DAYS



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PRIMARY**

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50+ ACTIVITIES EVERY SINGLE WEEK, 2 CHOICES EVERY HOUR!!

YOUR CHILDREN RULE THEIR DAYS WITH TOTAL SPORTS!!

PERFECT FOR BOYS & GIRLS OF ALL INTERESTS.

FOR EXAMPLE YOU COULD CHOOSE BETWEEN DODGEBALL OR DEN BUILDING,  
NERF OR CRAFTS, SWIMMING OR BASKETBALL, SILENT DISCO OR CAPTURE THE  
FLAG...THE CHOICE IS YOURS!! CHILDREN IN SPECIFIC AGE GROUPS, LED BY  
QUALIFIED, PASSIONATE, DBS CHECKED COACHES!!!

SWIMMING RUNNING ON SET DAYS AT SET VENUES - CHECK OUR WEBSITE!!

SPECIAL THEME DAYS & WEEKS WITH TEAM TUESDAYS,  
WET WEDNESDAYS, PARTY THURSDAYS,  
SCIENCE WEEKS, MUSIC WEEKS &  
MUCH MUCH MORE!!



CHECK OUR WEBSITE  
TO SEE WHEN OUR  
WOW EQUIPMENT  
IS AT YOUR  
VENUE!!

DID YOU KNOW??  
TOTAL SPORTS WORKS IN OVER  
45 SCHOOLS EVERY WEEK,  
DELIVERING PE TO 10,000+  
CHILDREN!!



## FOOTBALL CAMPS!!

OUR DEDICATED FOOTBALL CAMPS WILL ALSO RUN AT SET VENUES,  
YOUR CHILDREN WILL LOVE THEIR FOOTBALL DAYS WITH OUR FA  
QUALIFIED COACHES- SEE VENUE KEY ON BACK

OUR FOOTBALL CAMPS ARE PERFECT FOR CHILDREN OF ALL ABILITIES  
AND CLUBS, WITH A VARIETY OF SKILLS & DRILLS, CHALLENGES,  
GAMES AND PLENTY OF TOURNAMENTS!!

DEDICATED FOOTBALL CAMPS FOR FOOTBALL MAD CHILDREN  
RUNNING THROUGHOUT SUMMER

FOOTBALL TIMINGS & DAYS DIFFER TO ENERGY-PLEASE SEE WEBSITE

### TIMINGS & IMPORTANT INFO!

- STANDARD DAY - 9AM - 4PM
- EXTENDED MORNING - 8AM - 9AM
- EXTENDED EVENING - 4PM - 5:30PM

CHILD CARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED, INSURANCE OPTION  
AVAILABLE, BOOK SINGLE DAYS OR FULL WEEKS!!