



Newsletter 15

Monday 12th May 2025

Welcome to the fifteenth newsletter of this academic year. We will publish a newsletter every other week on Monday afternoons (the next newsletter will be published on 2nd June).

national curriculum tests

National Testing

Our **Year 6** pupils will be completing their SATS this week. They have been working hard in preparation for this and we know they will do their very best during the tests. It is important that they get a good night's sleep each night and we will be providing a special breakfast during the week too so that they are energised (*Year 6 parents don't forget to register your child for these breakfasts, more information can be found here: <https://www.wiggintonprimary.co.uk/year-56-classes/>*)

You may have heard that there is no statutory requirement for schools to deliver and report the **Year 2** SATS tests from this year. We will still do the tests with the children but without the official, formal testing arrangements. We hope that this means that Year 2 pupils do not feel anxious about them. The tests will take place in June.

Year 1 pupils will also have their phonics screening after half term. Again, the children will be prepared for this and will show off their sounding out and blending skills! We know how much reading they do at home and this all helps them to be confident with the real and alien words.

Year 4 pupils are also tested on their times table knowledge during June. They have 5 seconds for each of the 25 questions randomly selected. Being the TT Rockstars that they are, I'm sure they'll be practising ready to perform!

It is not only these year groups who will be completing tests as we have our own assessments towards the end of the school year throughout the school. This is simply so we can see how much the children have learnt during the year and what their next steps will be.

Please Remember.....

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.

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.

'Angels of Hope' (A Viborg UNESCO Creative City of Media Arts Initiative)

Draw with Denmark started during the Covid pandemic in 2021 and moved from a Danish charity event to a UNESCO Global campaign focused around creative and positive messages of hope. Draw with Denmark has involved children and young people in 45 countries and in cities from all continents across the world, and has released a very special magic along with thousands of drawings. The programme has caught the imagination and featured on BBC News and BBC Look North. There have been exhibitions, involving drawings by children in York schools, at the National Gallery in Copenhagen, and at the UNESCO Creative Cities' Annual Conference in Braga, Portugal and in Cali, at the UNESCO Conference in Paris, and in Wuhan, in China and in York.



From 2025 the focus for 'Draw with Denmark' will be 'Angels of Hope' and [REACH](#) (York's Cultural Education Partnership) is inviting children and young people in York to take part in this global drawing campaign! Children and young people are being asked to create drawings of Angels that will send messages of hope around the world. There are 20 drawing challenges and children can take part by creating a drawing, collage, painting, or animation (e.g. GIF) analogically or digitally.

Drawing challenges

VIBORG CITY OF MEDIA ARTS
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1. Draw what an angel looks like to you.
2. Draw an angel that symbolizes something important in your life.
3. Draw an angel watching over you.
4. Draw an angel flying over the city or your house, releasing HOPE everywhere.
5. Draw an angel blowing away bad dreams.
6. Draw an angel who protects or comforts you.
7. Draw an angel who brings peace to the world.
8. Draw an angel who helps especially you. What should this angel be able to do?
9. Draw an angel who judges something or someone.
10. Draw an angel who is your best friend.
11. Draw what you would ask an angel for if you met one.
12. Draw how you can be angels for each other.
13. Draw a flock of angels carrying hope forward.
14. Draw the wildest angel.
15. Draw an angel that carries good memories.
16. Draw an angel of love.
17. Draw the angel of hope embracing the world.
18. Draw an angel who watches over you at night.
19. Draw an angel or several that can dissolve anxiety, fear and pain.
20. Draw an angel as a superhero.

NOTICE: When it says "draw" it could be drawing, painting, water color, illustration, graphic work by hand or digitally. It could also be a small animation, stop motion or gif...

The Danish campaign is running from now until the 15th October 2025 and you can send children's drawings into school and we will ensure these are forwarded by half term in the Autumn term. We hope you decide to encourage some of your children and young people to join the 'Angels of Hope' campaign so that we can help send messages of hope around the world.

Fundraising for school



Collection 4 Clothes+

clothes, toys, bric-a-brac & more!

We have a donation point in school for numerous items, as well as clothing. The items will be collected on a regular basis from school. Initially, the container for donations will be based near the school office.

The following things can be donated:

- clothes
- handbags
- small bric-a-brac items
- shoes
- soft toys
- books

Please note: school uniform, CDs and DVDs can NOT be donated.

From each collection, we collect 40p per kg for clothes and 20p per kg for bric-a-brac/ books.

The money collected will support events in school such as visitors, resources and other experiences for your child. If the container is full, please bring your items back when it is empty, ready for the next collection.

For more information about the organisation involved please click this link:
<https://www.collection4clothes.co.uk/about-us>



The Pupil Premium

Did you know that there are **many more benefits** to the Pupil Premium other than free school meals?

- ✓ Additional school funding to support learning
- ✓ Support with the cost of educational visits and residentials
- ✓ Support with uniform costs
- ✓ Free school milk
- ✓ Free school meals beyond year 2

If parent/carers of children receive one of the qualifying benefits listed below, school may benefit from additional funding called the **Pupil Premium**. This enables the school to provide further support in school and beyond.

Qualifying benefits include:

- Income support
- Income based Jobseekers' Allowance
- Income related Employment & Support Allowance

You may also be entitled if you receive Universal Credit or Child Tax Credits.

All applications must be made via the City of York Council website. If you think you may be eligible, you will need to visit www.york.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals. If you are unable to access this or would like support with this, please contact the school office for assistance.



PTA

The **PTA Summer Fair** is being held on Saturday 14 June 2025 on the school playing fields. All are welcome to attend from 1pm onwards. We are grateful for support from event sponsors WR Builders and Smiths of York.

Bromwich Butchers are returning with their fabulous BBQ, we have an ice cream van and a bar serving a variety of non alcoholic and alcoholic drinks and snacks. Why not enjoy a cake and coffee while watching Flying Ducks, Elevate Dance, Singstars and demonstrations from Matt Fiddes martial arts?

We have inflatables, fun craft activities and games to enjoy. Year 6 are running some great stalls. At the end of the fair we will be drawing the grand raffle with some fabulous prizes to win. Everyone is welcome and we hope to see you there.

How can you help?

Please share our poster on social media or maybe print one off and put up in your window or workplace or social club. Let your family, friends and neighbours know about the fair and invite them along!

We are looking for donations of filled jars for our epic jam jar tombola - a donation point will be set up in school reception. Please ensure all confectionary is in date and sealed. We respectfully request no nut items.

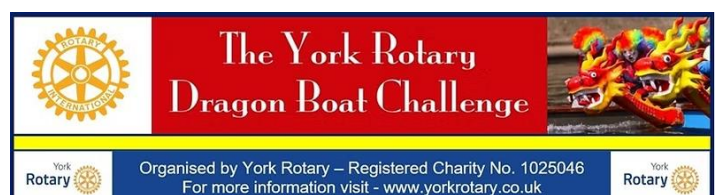
We are also appealing for filled bottles for our bottle luck game. This can be bottles of alcohol, bubble bath, soft drinks, sauces.... As long as it is sealed and in date it can be used. Again the drop off point is reception. Adults only to drop off any alcohol please.

The grand raffle this year is being sponsored by Ellerker Properties. Raffle books will be heading home shortly. The top prize is £100 cash and we have many more wonderful prizes donated by our community businesses. If your workplace or business would like to offer a prize for the raffle please do get in touch.

Lastly in next few weeks we will be appealing for volunteers to help at the fair. If you can only spare an hour it all helps. We need help with set up, throughout the fair and set down. The fair is reliant on volunteer help. The PTA are a very small team that can't manage it all and games/crafts will have to be close if we can't source the people power to run them. Drop a message to our Facebook page, pop an email to us or speak to your class rep to see how you can get involved.

Finally the **PTA wish to show their support to our friends at The Wonder Years** whom host the breakfast/after school clubs that many of the schools pupils attend. **Staff from TWY are rowing the dragon boat race** to raise money for charity in tribute to their wonderful manager and friend Brydie, who sadly passed way earlier this year. If you wish to support their fundraising efforts you can donate via their just giving page. Good luck to the team!

https://yorkrotary.enthuse.com/pf/the-flow-rowers?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZWQCMTEAAR5RhHh_u4pa0_6wYj2vaLQGwJpC4DVWNIaHNYYTq15MfNyuvsWtHR1PPvXCzdA_aem_-3deH0AJehUSiywX7sc-oQ



Obstacle CourseATHON

Reception had a lot of fun last Tuesday doing their obstacle courseATHON to fundraise for their outside classroom. Every child completed it at least once and they had to work as a team to make sure there was always someone on the course. Some children stayed on the course for over 40 minutes!

A huge thank you to everyone who has already contributed to our Amazon Wishlist. We now have some lovely new resources for our outside area which we know the children will love. We still have a few items left on our list if there is anybody else would like to contribute:

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1HF1UWWZU2NW?ref_=wl_share



VE Day

Year 3 enjoyed finding out about VE Day last week.

They especially enjoyed the jelly and ice cream!



SPORTS DESK

Congratulations to our Y3/4 boys football team, who beat Copmanthorpe Primary School 5-0 in the cup two weeks ago. It was a fantastic performance and a very well-deserved victory.

Tomorrow they face the challenge of Dunnington Primary School in the quarter final!

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 7th July

Reception & KS1 Sports Day: 1:15 - 3pm Tuesday 8th 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.

School Governance

The Teaching and Learning Committee at Wigginton Primary

In addition to our Full Governing Board meetings, we also have two key sub committees - the Teaching and Learning ('T&L') Committee and the Finance Committee. In the table below, our chair of the T&L Committee has outlined what is typically covered in the meetings so that parents and carers can find out more about what the governors do.

Throughout each meeting, the school leadership team will answer questions posed by the governors to evidence how the best possible education is being provided for each child. Governors are also able to offer constructive support and challenge wherever necessary.

<p>Pupil Data Review</p> <p>We spend most of our time in the meetings reviewing the 'pupil data'. The staff leadership team collect, analyse and monitor data for every child in the school and this data is then given to the committee for review. Everything is completely anonymous, so no child is discussed by name or is identifiable by the governors (as it's not necessary for us to know any names in order to carry out our roles effectively). We always look in detail at the attainment and progress data for reading, writing and maths for every year group.</p>	<p>Safeguarding</p> <p>This very important area is on the agenda of every meeting; we regularly discuss our safeguarding provision and ensure that we are up to date with current legislation and best practice.</p> <p>If there are any safeguarding issues, these are discussed and, more importantly, we discuss and decide whether we need to alter and improve our practice so that the same issue does not arise again.</p>
<p>Subject Leader Presentations</p> <p>We invite a different member of the teaching staff to visit and present at our T&L meetings (on a subject for which they are the subject lead). This is always really worthwhile as it allows the governors to find out much more about how a particular subject is taught in school.</p>	<p>Quality of Teaching</p> <p>The governors are also responsible for monitoring and evaluating the quality of teaching and the impact of this on pupil progress and achievement. As with the pupil data, this is all discussed anonymously.</p>
<p>Policy Reviews</p> <p>We regularly review, amend and approve any policies that are specifically relevant to Teaching and Learning (there are many!).</p>	<p>After the Meetings</p> <p>The minutes of the meetings are later written, approved by all members and then submitted to the Full Governing Body. This ensures that all governors, not just those who are on the T&L committee, are aware of what has been discussed.</p>
<p><i>More information about the governing board can be found on the website under the 'Governors' section, as well as in subsequent newsletters.</i></p>	

Coming up.....

Day	Date	Time	Event	Details on Website?
Fri	16, 23 May; 6, 13, 20 June; 4 July		Y3/4 Swimming lessons for pupils who have registered to attend	Class Pages https://...year-3-class/ https://...y45-classes/
Mon-Fri	12 to 16 May		Y6 SATs Week (incl Y6 Breakfast- consent form and email to follow)	
Wed	21 May	5pm	Parents/ Carers Information Meeting for Y5 and Y6 Residentials	https://...y56-dales-residential-june-2025/
Mon-Fri	26 to 30 May		Half Term Holiday (Pupils finish at normal times on Friday 23 May & return to school for Summer 2 2025 half term on Monday 2 June 2025)	
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	https://...y56-dales-residential-june-2025/
Fri	20 June		EYFS Trip to Stockeld Park	Class Pages https://.../reception-pupils/
Mon-Wed	23 to 25 June		Yorkshire Dales Residential Year 5 pupils	https://...y56-dales-residential-june-2025/
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		Staff Training Day- School closed to pupils	https://www.wiggintonprimary.co.uk/holiday-dates-training-days/
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	as	Y6 Crucial Crew Visit	To follow
Tues	15 July	End of day	Pupil Annual Reports to be issued	

Thurs	17 July	All day	Y6 Leavers Trip to York Maze	To follow
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



INFLATABLE RUN



CHARITY CHALLENGE
FOR OSCAR'S PAEDIATRIC BRAIN TUMOUR CHARITY

Inflatable 5k
 Harwood House
 or Leeds



TAKE ON BRAIN TUMOURS TOGETHER

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

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