



Wigginton Primary School



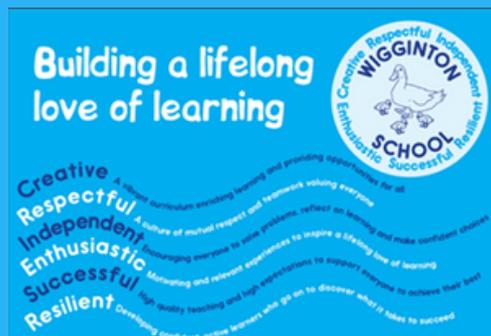
Mr Laycock's Message

Happy New Year! We hope you had a lovely Christmas holiday, and that you enjoyed the Christmas performances. The children did so well and it was great to see such talent on show! Thank you to the staff for all their hard work in creating these.

The children have returned enthusiastically and we are looking forward to a new half term full of exciting topics and developing more talents.

Congratulations to **Rowntree**, who were the team point winners last half term. As a reward, they will be having a non-uniform day on **Friday, 23rd January**.

This half term we are focusing on independence. Adults in school will be rewarding children with stickers whenever



a child demonstrates progress with this. Children are given a team point for each sticker. Throughout the year, there are stickers for each school value - get collecting!

Scooter Safety

Please can we ask that scooters and bikes are not ridden on school premises. We have had accidents previously and do not want this to happen again! Also, please do not let children play on the equipment during pick up and drop off times. Thank you.

Upcoming Events

Thursday 15th Jan
Wild West Theme
Day School Lunch

Tuesday 20th Jan
Poetry Competition
for Shortlisted
Entries

Friday 23rd Jan
House Point Winners
Rowntree Non-uniform
Day!
Final day to pay for Yr
5/6 Ripon Trip

Friday 30th Jan
Year 3&4 Leeds City
Museum Visit &
Egyptian Workshop



We'd like to say a huge 'thank you' to everyone who supported the School Council 'Pop-Up Christmas shop' last month. Special thanks go to the school councillors who worked very hard. They made £151.60 profit which will be shared between the school council's chosen charities: the RSPCA and the British Heart Foundation.



Sports Desk

Having qualified for the York Football Finals through their league fixtures, our football teams got to compete against the best teams across the city. In the morning, our Y5/6 boys team and Y5/6 girls team played brilliantly, qualifying for the National League Trust's regional competition to be held in the new year where they will be competing with the best school teams in the North East. In the afternoon, our Y3/4 boys team played superbly and won their tournament playing against a very competitive field. What an achievement! Well done everyone and thank you to the adults for your support!

Going to school every day can help your child experience new things.

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



Attendance is a real strength at Wigginton Primary School. We very much aim to make sure that children are enjoying school, having lots of fun in the curriculum and during playtimes, and are keen to be here. We certainly understand that it is inevitable that children will be ill from time to time. As a school we monitor attendance carefully and we are required to track if children are falling into the 'persistent absentee' category. This means that their attendance has fallen below 90%. Each term, we are expected to let families know if this is the case for their child or if they are close to 90%. Our aim is to work with families to support attendance and address any issues that be a barrier. 10 sessions of unauthorised absence however, is likely to lead to a fixed penalty notice, issued by the Local Authority.

WIGGINTON PRIMARY PTA

Parents Page



FUNDRAISING TOTAL: DECEMBER 2025

£1046



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YOU



Lunchtimes Update

Welcome Back!

We have started the new year with a very exciting OPAL initiative - we are introducing 10 OPAL Champions to support our play at lunchtimes! In last week's assembly, I introduced these roles to the children. Some of the responsibilities include -

- Help lead celebrate parts of assemblies
- Help hand out certificates
- Help new children find out about OPAL
- Help sort donations
- Take photos on the OPAL ipad
- Help with short surveys
- Check the broken loose parts bins
- Help develop projects
- Make signs or posters
- Talk to the play team about how to help

If any child from Year 2 or above is interested in applying to become an OPAL Champion, they will need to fill in an application form (this can be done with support from an adult if needed) and return it to Mrs Ackrel by 9am on Thursday 22nd January. Forms are available to collect every morning except Fridays from 3/4Fr. The successful applicants will be announced in the next OPAL assembly later this month. Good luck!

Before the holidays we were fortunate to receive 2 donations of items we can use for OPAL lunchtimes - one from Wickes and one from Haxby DIY. The children were shown these items in last week's assembly and were very impressed! Thank you very much to both organisations for their support. We have also had a section of tubing and some builders bags donated which will be going outside for the children to play with soon! Again, thank you very much for these donations. If anyone has any more of these they can donate, we would be very grateful!



Extracurricular Clubs

Most of our extracurricular clubs start this week. If you have yet to book your child on to a club there is a timetable below so that you can see what is available. Please see the school website for details of how to book or contact the school office.

School Clubs Timetable: Spring 1 2026

Day	Club Name	Open to	Run by	Times	Start date	End date	Cost?	Application Details
Monday	KS1 & 2 Girls Only Football	Yr1-6	York City Football Club	3:15pm to 4:15pm	12th January	9th February	£27.50(for 5 weeks)	Letter on clubs section of school website
Monday	Kids With Bricks	Yr2-6	Mrs Flude & Kids With Bricks	3.15pm to 4.15pm	12th January	9th February	£23.95 (for 5 weeks)	Letter on clubs section of school website
Tuesday	KS1 & 2 Mixed Football	Yr1-6	York City Football Club	3:15pm to 4:15pm	13th January	10th February	£27.50 (for 5 weeks)	Letter on clubs section of website
Wednesday	Singstars	Yr2 to 6	Mrs Jessa Liversidge	3:15pm to 4:15pm	14 January	11th February	None	Letter on clubs section of website
Wednesday	Total Energy	Yr1-3	Total Sports	3:20pm to 4:20pm	14th January	11th February	£27.50 for 5 weeks	Letter on clubs section of website
Thursday	Total Energy	Yr4-6	Total Sports	3:20pm to 4:20pm	15th January	12th February	£27.50 for 5 weeks	Letter on clubs section of the website
Thursday	STEM Club	Yr3-4	Mrs Partington & Miss Delamere	3:15pm to 4:15pm	5th February	12th March	£20 for 5 weeks	Letter to follow

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.



Wild West



JOIN
US FOR
LUNCH!

THURSDAY
15th
January



Haxby Easter Egg Sculpture Trail

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EGGSPLORE YORK & HAXBY

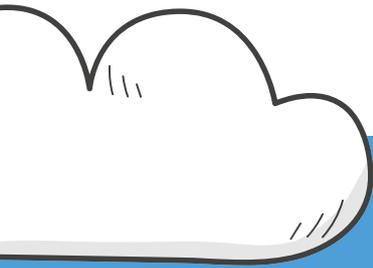
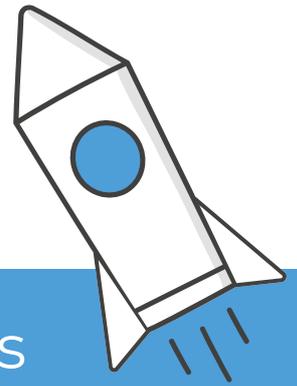
Design a sculpture competition!!

Could you design one of our Easter egg sculptures for our Easter trail in 2026 and for a chance to win great prizes?

Find out more at York Mumbler!



<https://yorkmumbler.co.uk/school-holidays/easter-york/discover-eggsplore-york-haxby/>



The CAYP Webinar Series

Tuesday 13th January
8:00-9:00pm

Big Feelings and Big Reactions: Making Sense of Your Child's Behaviour

With Consultant Clinical Psychologist
Dr Daniel Weisberg

This session is going to look at what's really behind the behaviours you might be seeing, from outbursts and shutdowns to school avoidance. We'll explore factors like anxiety, sensory overload and burnout.

Dr Weisberg will share practical strategies to support co-regulation, manage big feelings and handle meltdown moments.

We will also cover how these difficulties affect school and how to work with schools to advocate for your child. You'll leave with clear, useful approaches to reduce conflict and strengthen connection, with the chance to submit questions in advance.

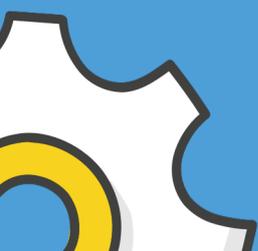
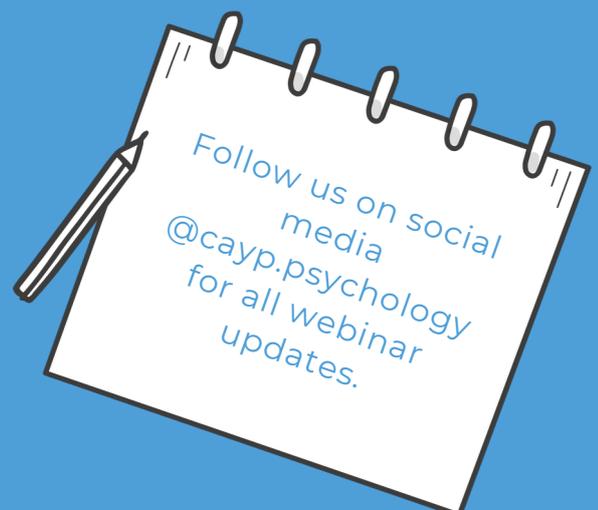
Overview:

- Meltdowns vs. tantrums
- Understanding what behaviours are communicating Transitions and triggers Co-regulation, big feelings and managing meltdown moments Anxiety, burnout and sensory overwhelm Practical strategies for home and school When to seek professional support

Who can join:

This session is primarily for parents and carers of primary and high school aged-children, but anyone working with children is welcome to attend.

Click [here](#) to book your place.





About Dr Daniel Weisberg

Dr Daniel Weisberg is a Consultant Clinical Psychologist and the Managing Director of CAYP Psychology, an award-winning psychological healthcare service for Children, Adolescents, and Young People across the UK and online. Daniel has over a decade of experience working in NHS children’s services and specialises in paediatric neuropsychology.

Daniel completed his PhD in children’s emotional development and later trained as a Clinical Psychologist at the University of Manchester. His work has contributed to national and international research into child development, rare genetic and developmental differences, and paediatric neuropsychology. Daniel’s psychological knowledge and understanding has been shared in social, local and national media. He founded CAYP Psychology in 2016 to ensure that children and families can access timely, high-quality independent psychological healthcare. CAYP has since grown into a team of over 100 clinicians, across 40 UK-wide clinics and online.

About CAYP Psychology

CAYP Psychology (pronounced “cape”) is an independent, clinical psychology-led service offering expert therapy and assessments for children and young people aged 0–18 (or up to 25 for autism assessments). We support a wide range of emotional, behavioural, developmental, and learning needs, and provide outstanding specialist assessments for autism, ADHD, dyslexia, and intellectual disabilities.

We work closely with both schools and parents, and our reports are frequently used in EHCP applications and education tribunals. With nearly 100 highly qualified clinicians across more than 40 UK locations and online, we are proud to deliver thoughtful, values-driven support for children, families, and schools.

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KIDS' ART EXHIBITION

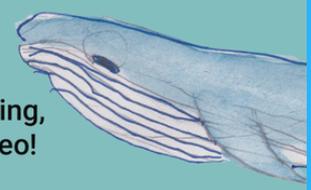
Are you 5 to 11 years old?
Do you like creating art?



Join YorKAOS!

Tues 17th - Sat 21st February @ SPARK*

Workshops running daily



1. Create one amazing drawing, painting, collage, computer art, photo or video!
2. Take your art to an explore library at York Centre, Acomb, Clifton, Tang Hall, Dringhouses or Haxby & Wigginton from Saturday 17th January
3. Bring your friends and family to see your amazing art at SPARK*



www.yorkaos.art

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Sir Jack Lyons Concert Hall
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We want YOU to join our new children's choir - The MEGaphonics! Weekly rehearsals in a fabulous professional concert hall, singing a variety of repertoire with a very accessible and welcoming approach. Can't wait to see you there!



Scan the QR code for more information and to sign up!

Coming Up!

Day	Date	Time	Event	Details
Thursday	15 th January	Lunchtime	Wild West Theme day	
Tuesday	20 th January	4pm - 5pm	Poetry Competition for Finalists	Letter to selected pupils
Friday	23 rd January	5pm	Final day for payment & consent Y5/6 Ripon Museums Visit	Year 5/6 Class Page
Friday	23 rd January	All Day	Non-Uniform Day for Rowntree (blue)	
Friday	30 th January	9am - 3.30pm	Y3/4 Leeds City Museum Trip	Year 3/4 Class Page
Wednesday	4 th February	9am - 3.20pm	Y5/6 Ripon Museums Vist	Year 5/6 Class Page
Friday	13 th February	School Hours	Opal Non-Uniform Day	
Friday	13 th February	3.15pm	School Closes for Half-term	
Monday	23 rd February	8.45am	School Opens for Spring 2	