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Friday 13th June 2025

Dear parent/ carer,

You may have read reports in the local press and on social media about an attempted abduction at Lakeside Primary School earlier this week. This is a timely reminder to ensure that all children are closely supervised at the beginning and end of the school day. If for some reason you are unable to come into the playground to collect your child, please ensure you are stood by the gates to meet them – not further down the street. Please also ensure you let us know if someone else is picking up your child – we will not let them go home with anyone other than those on our lists.

Safeguarding is our most important responsibility and central to everything we do – if you ever witness anything unusual or anything that makes you feel uncomfortable, please do let us know as soon as you are able – no concern is too small.

OPAL – Resource Gathering

Thank you for anyone who was able to bring in resources this week.

Next week we are collecting:

Small world items for imaginative play including:

- **Wooden trains and train track**
- **Plastic or wooden animals/dinosaurs/people**
- **Any matchbox/hot wheel style cars**
- **Old buttons**
- **Fabric bunting**
- **Wooden houses/buildings – small**
- **Small terracotta plant pots**
- **Small wooden or plastic trees/road signs/traffic lights**

Please can items be dropped off with Mrs Priest in the KS1 playground anytime during the allocated week. Thank you

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Spirituality Day – plea for newspapers and old magazines

As part of our whole school 'Values Day' next Thursday, we will be working in houses to create some collages and artwork. If you have any old magazines or newspaper for the children to cut up, that would be very welcome! Please send them in with your child next week. Thank you.

Year 3 and 4 trip to Creswell Craggs



Year 3 and 4 had a fantastic day at Creswell Craggs this week; both classes really impressed the leaders with their amazing general knowledge and super attitude. Thank you for representing the school so well!

Science Day

You may recall that in the last week before half term we had a Science Day. The theme of the event was "Bridges." Each class chose a different material or set of materials to make their bridges. For example: Reception used pasta, play dough and unifix cubes, Years 1 and 2 made suspension bridges, Year 3 used art straws and newspapers, Year 4 used marshmallows and cocktail sticks and Years 5 and 6 used string and cardboard to make suspension bridges.

The children all enjoyed the activities and learnt a lot about working together and how to refine and improve their bridges. There was also a huge amount of investigating to find out what worked and what didn't work. Here are some of the bridges that were constructed.



Charlotte Todd- Science Coordinator

House Points

Reminder: Tuke House reward non-uniform day is scheduled for Friday 20th June.

RESPECT



The children in reception know our school values so well that Emily chose to represent them in Lego during provision time.

We know there is a missing letter but what amazing phonics!

We are so pleased the values mean so much to you Emily.

Well done to the children who have been particularly epitomising our values over the last two weeks: Harry, Lawson, Odie, Naomi, Ellie, Melina, Isabella, Holly, Grace, Freddie, Darcey, Daniel, Emily and Fabian – we are really proud of you all!



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More cricketing success

Following their earlier success, children in the year 3 and 4 cricket team competed in Richmond this week. There were 10 teams at the finals who were split in to 2 Groups.

Our Group 1 results were:

1. Won 99-44 (Lealholm)
2. Lost 47-84 (Brompton on Swale)
3. Won 75-67 (Cayton)
4. Lost 45-68 (Whinneybanks)



We didn't make it through to the semis, but the team went out and had lots of fun in the last match for 5th place, which they sadly lost 57-105 ... but 6th in North Yorkshire is a really fab result for Dunnington and the team did brilliantly together!! 😊

The top 2 teams in the final today were the 2 that we lost to in Group 1 ... so we can't complain!

We want to say a HUGE thanks to Mr Sellars – who did a great job coaching - and to any parents who supported us. Thanks also to the wonderful Mrs Scofield who provided photos, such a comprehensive report of the day and is always so willing to support our school sports' teams.

What a wonderful opportunity it was to represent the school and York!

In more cricketing news, players from year 5 competed against Tang Hall in a friendly on Tuesday after school. Not only were they victorious, but they demonstrated such a wonderful sporting attitude. Well done to everyone involved.

Updates from the PTA

Frozen Fridays start today! I am sure lots of you will enjoy an ice cream – it is going to be a scorcher!

On Friday 27th June, there will be a non-uniform day in exchange for bringing in coloured hamper items.

The raffle for the hampers will be drawn at the Summer Fair, which is taking place after school on Friday 4th July.



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Congratulations Henry

Well done to Henry, who came 4th in the under 9s section of the York Delancey UK Kids Chess Challenge Mega final and qualified for the next round.

He's been putting in a lot of practice and everyone is really proud of how well he did!



Summer Holiday Club

We have been sent this from Reverend Kath regarding a holiday club that the church is running in the summer holidays. The details are as follows:

We have plans for a Rural East York holiday club. It will happen in Holtby Village Hall, Monday 21st-Friday 25th July mornings from 9.30am-12.30 on the theme of Shipwreck (Jonah).

We are aiming at Key Stage 2, ages 7-10, but we would love some Junior Leaders (year 6+) and would also welcome some younger children if their parents are able to stay and get involved.

There will be a nominal charge of £10 for the week or any part of it, just to contribute to our costs.

I will release more publicity and formal booking soon, but if you would like your older or younger children to be involved, or you can offer to help could you let me know so we can plan?

Please reply to revkmcbride@gmail.com

Children and Families Worker for the Churches of Rural East York

Do you have a passion for helping young people and their families explore faith? We're looking for someone to share our vision of reaching out to younger generations, who will build relationships, develop activities, lead teams and contribute to our worship across the benefice. Resources, computer and office space is provided at the church, but partial homeworking, and flexibility of hours, are possible. £26.5k pro rata, 12 hours full time equivalent plus pension 5% employer contributions. We are seeking someone who is sympathetic to the Christian faith. For a full role description and other enquiries, please contact Rev Kath McBride revkmcbride@gmail.com 07740 291548 or 01904 489349

Deadline for applications is 5pm on Thursday 10th July 2025

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Dates for your Diary

Term Dates Summer 2025

June 2025	
Year 4 Swimming Lessons	Tuesday mornings
Year 5 Residential	Monday 16th June - Wednesday 18th June
Cricket Finals	Wednesday 18 th June 2025
New Starters and parents visit reception classroom	Wednesday 18th June 2pm – 3pm
Spirituality Day	Thursday 19th June 2025
Tuke House Reward – Non-Uniform Day	Friday 20 th June 2025
Year 6 Residential	Monday 23rd June - Thursday 26th June
New starters stay and play in reception	Tuesday 24th June or Wednesday 25th June 2pm – 3pm
Non uniform day for coloured hamper items	Friday 27th June 2025
Luke Charters (MP) visit year 5 and 6	Rescheduled for September
July 2025	
KS1 Sports Day	Tuesday 1st July 2025 Afternoon
Reports go out to parents	Friday 4th July 2025
PTA Summer Fair	Friday 4th July 2025 3:30pm – 5:00pm
KS2 Sports Day	Tuesday 8th July Afternoon
Choir Concert	Friday 11 th July 2025 4pm
Year 5 and 6 production: Dress Rehearsal Evening performances	Friday 11th July 2025 (PM) Monday 14th July 2025 – 6pm Tuesday 15th July 2025 – 6pm
Music celebration assembly	Tuesday 15th July 2025
Lunchtime picnic – all parents invited to join is for a lunch between 12noon and 1:00pm – school lunch will be a picnic option.	Wednesday 16th July 2025 12noon – 1:00pm
Year 6 Leavers' Assembly and tea party for parents	Thursday 17th July – 1:30pm
PTA Summer Disco	Thursday 17th July 2025
Year 6 Leavers' Service	Friday 18th July 2025 (no parents – whole school attends)
Last Day of the Summer Term	Friday 18th July 2025
Disaggregated Inset Days - no children in school	Monday 21st July 2025 Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

Have a lovely weekend,

With very best wishes,

Clare Thompson

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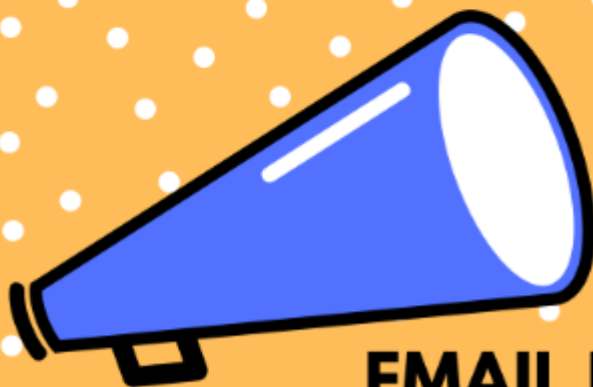
Attachments:

- York Families Newsletter
<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKYC/bulletins/3e460fb>
- What parents and educators need to know about generative AI safety

YOUR VOICE MATTERS

Do you want to share your views with those who can make a difference to the lives of young people with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities?

Join York's new SEND Youth Forum



**EMAIL US TO FIND
OUT MORE**



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🌸 SATURDAY 5TH & SUNDAY 6TH JULY 2025 🌸

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

**This magical event honours the legacy of
generosity and community spirit by reviving the
tradition of family carnivals in Homestead Park**



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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