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Dear parent/ carer,

Thank you to the parents of EYFS children who attended the Anning Class meeting on Wednesday – it was wonderful to see so many of you, to see how proud Mrs Elliott is of the children and to hear about all of the exciting phonics learning to come through the year! It is amazing to watch the children magically grow into readers. The slides are attached to this newsletter and will be added to the school website.

It has been great to have the opportunity to speak to so many parents over the first few weeks of the term. Our door is always open and we are always happy to discuss any questions or concerns you may have and work together to solve them. Thank you for respecting the teachers' right to a work life balance and for sending emails via the school office – this is really appreciated.

This week, the Yorkshire Learning Trust have published an updated Parent Code of Conduct, which I have attached in full and which is summarised in the poster below.



Parent & Carer Code of Conduct

Working together so all children can thrive

We ask all parents and carers to:

- Show respect and courtesy to all staff, pupils and other families.
- Work in partnership with us to support children's learning and wellbeing.
- Raise concerns through the proper channels so they can be resolved fairly.

Unacceptable behaviours include:

- Shouting, swearing, threats or aggression.
- Using racist, sexist or discriminatory language.
- Approaching or disciplining other people's children.
- Making negative or defamatory posts on social media about staff or the school.
- Smoking, vaping, alcohol or dogs on school premises.

This list gives examples and is not intended to cover every possible situation.

Remember: Together we create a safe, respectful, supportive environment for all.



We feel very lucky that the vast majority of communications we have with parents and carers are positive. It is so important that you feel able to talk to us and share concerns; we want you to do this and it is better for everyone if this is done in a respectful and courteous manner.

Please be assured that we never rush into decisions and that we are always trying to do our best for all of the children in the school.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

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RESPECT

We will have a bumper RESPECT edition next week as we haven't had chance to take the photo yet! Well done as always to our wonderful children for setting a super example!

Census Day Menu - Thursday 2nd October

It is school census day next week, on Thursday 2nd October. There will be a special Best of British menu available, where option 1 is Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pudding instead of the Beef Mexican Taco and pudding is a Victoria Sponge Muffin instead of a Chocolate Sponge. Options 2 and 3 remain the same: a cheese sandwich and a tuna jacket potato.

As you may know, the school receives funding to allow any EYFS, year 1 or year 2 child to have free school meals. This funding is calculated from the number of pupils who order a school lunch on the three census days throughout the year so it is really important for our budget that as many children choose a school dinner on these days as possible.

If your child is unsure about trying a school lunch, they are welcome to bring in a packed lunch as well that they can have if they do not enjoy the school lunch.

Thank you for your support.

Harvest

We are looking forward to our harvest services on Tuesday 7th October 2025. As usual, we will be arranging a donation point for York Food Bank in school where children can bring items. If you would like to donate a food item to York Food Bank, they can be brought in during the harvest service week for Mrs Bradley to drop off to a local collection point.

For information on what items are particularly needed, go to York Food Bank website:

<https://york.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

These items are urgently running low:

- Tinned Meat
- Tinned Fruit
- Biscuits
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Tinned Soup
- UHT Milk
- Bottles of Squash

Year 5 and 6 Dance Club

We are so excited that our Year 5 and Year 6 dance club will be performing again at the York Theatre Royal on Tuesday 4th November!

A paper copy of a letter containing information on costumes and the schedule for the day has been given to dance club members.

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There are limited tickets available for this event. Do please book on, as I have been advised that lots have already been purchased! Tickets for our performance can be found here:
<https://www.yorktheatreroyal.co.uk/choose-seats/?EventInstanceId=214401>



Well done to the boys in year 1 who were mascots at York City's game this weekend. They got to walk out with the players before the game and had a wonderful time.

Dates for your Diary

New dates will be added in bold each week

September 2025	
NSPCC Workshops for years 2, 5 and 6	Friday 26 th September 2025
October 2025	
Harvest Service in St Nicholas Church If anyone could help us walk to and from church we would be really appreciative. Please let your child's class teacher know if you are available.	Tuesday 7 th October 2025 KS1 10 am KS2 11 am
Last Day of Autumn 1 for children	Thursday 23 rd October 2025
School Disco	Thursday 23 rd October 2025 – timings TBC
Inset Day – no children in school Break up for half term	Friday 24 th October 2025
November 2025	

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Children return to school	Monday 3 rd November 2025
Individual school photos	Thursday 13 th November 2025
Parent Consultations	Tuesday 18 th November Wednesday 19 th November Thursday 20 th November <i>These will be in person in the school hall. Teachers will be available on 2 of the 3 evenings.</i>
Open Evening for New Starters September 2026	Tuesday 25 th November 4pm – 5pm Please spread the word!
December 2025 2025	
Tree Decorating Assembly	Monday 1 st December 2025
Flu vaccinations	Tuesday 2 nd December 2025
EYFS and KS1 Nativity	Tuesday 9 th December – Dress Rehearsal Performances for parents and carers on Wednesday 10 th December @ 2pm
Christmas Service in St Nicholas Church	Thursday 18 th December 2025 KS1 10 am KS2 11 am
Last day of the Autumn Term	Friday 19 th December 2025

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

With very best wishes,

Clare Thompson

Attachments:

- EYFS Welcome Slides
- Parent Code of Conduct
- York Families' Newsletter
<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKYC/bulletins/3f3c79b>
- CAYP Seminars – Sleep, Screens and Stressed-Out Kids
- Parent Carer Forum Newsletter

For children starting school in
September 2026, we invite families to
come and visit our welcoming school.

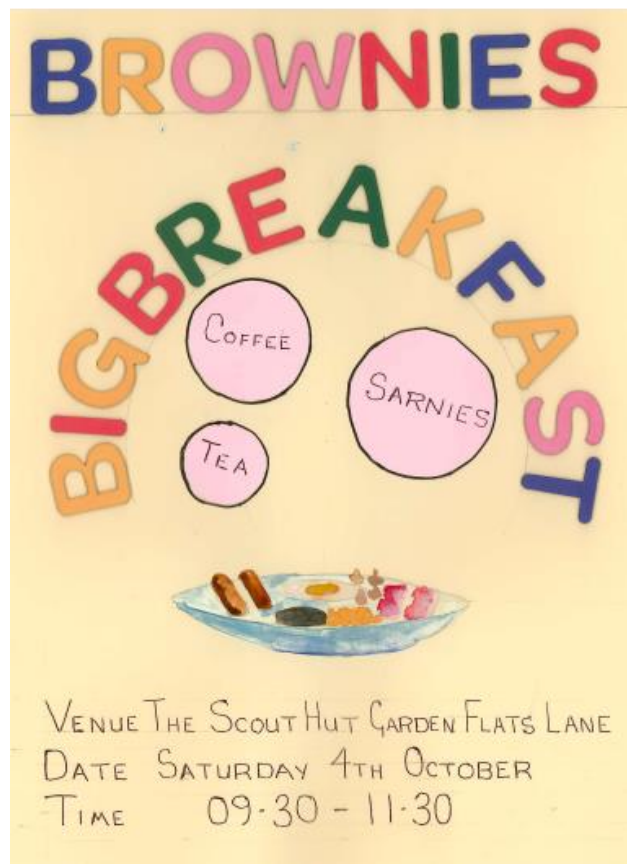
OPEN EVENT



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This will be a drop in event where you will
have the chance to see our EYFS area and to
meet staff and ask questions.

DAY	TIME	
NOV 25	4 - 5PM	Dunnington CE Primary School



Dunnington Brownies are holding a “Big Breakfast” event in the Scout Hut and we’d like to invite everyone to come and buy a breakfast or sandwich!

Signposting Event For Families, Parents and Carers @ York Explore Library - City Centre

11th October
2025
12noon -
3pm



12.30pm Young people's drop-in and LGBTQ+ mental health support
- Sam Armstrong, YorMind

1.00pm Sensory integration awareness and the environment
- Lizzie Huxford OT4ME

1.30pm Dear parents and teachers: This is what I wish you'd known when I was growing up with undiagnosed AuDHD
- Jo McCormick, The Retreat Clinics

2.00pm York Maternity & Neonatal Voices Partnership Introduction
- Helen McConnell, YMVP

2.30pm Introduction to Pave the Way Families in the York area
Helen Caulfield - Pave The Way Families

www.theretreatclinics.org.uk/events/



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At Pocklington Senior School and Sixth Form, every pupil is known, valued and able to flourish. Rooted in a proud history dating back to 1514 yet firmly focused on the future, we provide a balanced, ambitious education that nurtures individual strengths, whether academic, creative or beyond. Our inclusive community ensures pupils achieve excellent results in an environment that is very much a greenhouse, not a hothouse. Come and see for yourself what makes Pocklington so special.



Whole School Open Morning
Saturday 11th October 2025

Pocklington School is a day and boarding school for boys and girls aged 0-18

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