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Friday 19th June 2026

Dear parent/carer,

World Cup Day!

World Cup Fever has hit the school today! Thank you to Mr Gargiulo and Mr Sellers for organising the tournament! I wonder which nation will emerge victorious?

Year 5/6 Cricket Success in Richmond

Congratulations to the players who represented the school in the North Yorkshire Cricket Finals in Richmond on Wednesday. The team won their first three games in the morning and one game in the afternoon, meaning they came second in their group. They went on to play the team who came second in the other group and came out victorious. This means they have qualified for the Yorkshire Finals – an absolutely amazing achievement. The top three teams from North, South, East and West Yorkshire will compete to see who is the greatest school team in Yorkshire. We will all be cheering on Dunnington when they compete on the 29th June at Hunslet Nelson Cricket Club!

Thanks as always to the parents and Mr Gargiulo for transporting and supporting the children, and thanks to the children for embodying our school values throughout the day.

Mosque Visits

It was great to have the whole school visit the Mosque in York this week. Previously, we have found that children have struggled to retain knowledge about World Faiths, such as Islam, so we were keen to make the learning more hands on and concrete. We also think it is so important to grasp opportunities to widen the children's cultural experiences. The children in every year group represented the school fantastically, asking brilliant questions. They enjoyed telling me about what they had learned when they returned to school. Thank you to the Imam and everyone from the York Mosque and Islamic Centre for welcoming us so warmly.

Rainbow Run for Candlelighters

Don't forget to sign up for the Rainbow Run for Candlelighters by Wednesday 24th June if you want your child to take part. Please use this Google Form to sign up:

<https://forms.gle/sX4sEQa6zbZDbxi38>

We are blown away that £423 has already been raised for Candlelighters via our Just Giving Page <https://www.justgiving.com/page/clare-thompson-2026> – thank you so much for your generosity.

Growing and learning together to be the best that we can be, in an environment based on Christian Values



After the event, Mrs Rowntree has arranged for Candlelighters to come in to deliver an assembly and present a cheque to celebrate all the money that has been raised.

Year 4/5 PE Mrs Pilkington's Class

As Year 4 have now enjoyed their final swimming lesson, our normal PE session will return to a Friday. From now until the end of term, all children in Mrs Pilkington's Year 4/5 class should come to school in their **PE kit** on a **Thursday** (as usual) and **Friday**. The children have been reminded of this in class, but we would be grateful if you could please support us by ensuring they come dressed appropriately on these days. Thank you for your continued support.

School lunch – Tuesday 23rd June

School lunch on Tuesday had been changed to a grab bag with either a ham or cheese sandwich as our catering company are not able to provide a cook. Please order in advance if you are able.

Year 5 Residential Trip: Boggle Hole Adventures

Written by Mrs Pilkington



Year 5 returned from our residential trip with huge smiles, tired eyes and a wonderful collection of memories to share. From the moment we set off, the children embraced every part of the experience with enthusiasm, resilience and a brilliant sense of humour. The coach journey was filled with excitement, and the children treated the staff to a musical medley of pop, musical theatre and Christmas songs! It was an unusual but highly entertaining combination and certainly set the tone for the adventure ahead!

On arrival at Boggle Hole YHA, after thanking our driver and waving goodbye, we carried all of our bags down to the site and met our YHA leader, Tom. After a picnic lunch, the children were eager to get started on their first mini adventure. Our first activity, the Seashore Safari, gave everyone the opportunity to learn about the fascinating creatures found along the coastline and how to identify different species. We discussed the importance of careful handling and what not to touch, then set off exploring. A few soggy feet were soon forgotten as everyone became fascinated by the environment and its inhabitants. Along the way, we also discovered some incredible fossils. Despite

the weather forecast, we were blessed with blue skies, which made the experience even more special.

Afterwards, the children collected their bags and headed off to settle into their rooms. There was a lovely sense of excitement as everyone made themselves at home for the next two nights before we went down for our evening meal. Night one finished with our much-anticipated Pirate Party. The children made exceptional efforts with their costumes and accessories, and they threw themselves into pirate-themed party games with great energy. The tug of war was incredibly competitive, and the dance-off provided plenty of laughter, especially when the staff demonstrated some very amusing moves. Pass the cannon ball, using a water balloon, brought real joy and gave the children an excellent chance to practise their throwing, catching and dropping skills.

On the first evening, everyone settled wonderfully and supported one another beautifully. Sleep came eventually, although there were a few early-wakers in anticipation of breakfast! Some were up, dressed and ready to go by 6:00am, but after gentle encouragement to enjoy a little longer in bed, we all made our way to breakfast ready to fuel ourselves for the day ahead.

Day two began with our Forest Explorers session, where the children used the environment creatively. They enjoyed natural weaving, building Boggle mansions, sculpting Boggle friends, making mini rafts and creating potions in the giant mud kitchen. It was fantastic to see their imagination, teamwork and problem-solving in action.

After a picnic lunch, we set off along the clifftop path, climbing the steps up and out of Boggle Hole cove before walking across to Robin Hood's Bay. Along the way, we experienced what felt like every season imaginable: sun, wind, rain, hail and then more sun! The children learnt about the history and geography of the local area during a scavenger hunt tour of Robin Hood's Bay, discovering fascinating features such as the signalling windows and hearing stories about the village and its inhabitants. A particular highlight was the children's own sweet-smuggling challenge, which required them to avoid being caught by the adults. They smuggled successfully, so everyone had a sweet in hand by the time we reached the top of our walk. We also visited the local sweet and fossil shop and enjoyed treats on the way back. Thanks to the tide, we were able to walk the return journey along the beach, which made for a memorable finish to the afternoon.

After our evening meal, where the teachers managed to entertain everyone with squirty cream for pudding, our evening entertainment was around the fire pit. There was lots of singing, chanting, toasting marshmallows and drinking hot chocolate. After such a busy day, everyone was ready for bed and we had an even earlier night than on the first evening. Following final goodnight checks, the children were settled and some were already fast asleep.

Our final morning began with another round of singing as we celebrated a birthday at breakfast. We then packed up our luggage before enjoying our final activity session, which focused on teamwork and communication. The children took part in lighthouse building, lifeboat skis, phonetic alphabet phones, samphire flags and an explosion grid game. Tom, Mrs Pilkington, Mrs Lockwood and Mr Thompson then had great fun creating a storm using water, ice and wind to see which lighthouse would withstand the stormiest weather.

After thanking Tom and saying our goodbyes, the children tackled the walk back up the hill to the coach with humour and peer support. The return journey was much quieter as everyone was tired from all the fun, but the bus was filled with conversations about favourite activities and many heartfelt comments of, "I wish we could have stayed longer." Thank you, parents, for your support, time and organisation, which helped make the trip the success it truly was. Mrs Pilkington, Mrs Lockwood and Mr Thompson were in complete agreement that it was a fantastic residential

Thank you so much to the children for being so wonderful and to the grown-ups who had time away from their families to be with our children. It was wonderful to hear how much everyone loved it.



Dates for your diary

New dates will be added in bold each week

June 2026	
Film Night	Friday 19 th June
Year 6 residential – Low Mill	Monday 22 nd June – Wednesday 24 th June
EYFS Pirate Day	Friday 26 th June
July 2026	
Transition morning – children spend time in their new classes.	Wednesday 1 st July 2026
Rainbow Run – Raising money for Candlelighters	Friday 3 rd July (change of date)
Summer Fair	Friday 3 rd July @ 3:15pm
Sports Day – KS2am, KS1pm	Wednesday 8 th July (reserve date Wednesday 15 th July)
Transition morning – children spend time in their new classes	Thursday 9 th July
EYFS and Key Stage 1 Bake Sale – Raising money for Oscars	Thursday 9 th July
Reports out to parents	Friday 10 th July
KS2 production dress rehearsal	Friday 10 th July
KS2 production	Monday 13 th July – 1:30pm – Year 3 and 4 Monday 13 th July – 6pm – Year 3 and 4 Tuesday 14 th July – 1:30pm – year 5 and 6 Tuesday 14 th July – 6pm – year 5 and 6
Year 6 Leavers Assembly and Tea	Thursday 16 th July – 1:30pm
School Disco	Thursday 16th July Wednesday 15th July EYFS and KS1 – 5pm – 6pm KS2 6:15pm – 7:15pm

Leavers' Service in St Nicholas Church (no parents)	Friday 17 th July – 10am
Last day of the summer term	Friday 17 th July
Disaggregated Inset Day – no children in school	Monday 20 th July

Best wishes,

Clare Thompson

Attachments/ links:
York Families Newsletter

SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB

OVER THE RAINBOW
PRESCHOOL AND CLUB OF NICHOLK CLUB

Contact Us: otrmanager@overtherainbowyork.co.uk Church Lane, Dunnington, YO19 5QG

MONDAY 20TH JULY

Forest School - make a name badge

- Lego Challenges
- World Jump Day!**
 - Sack race
 - Skipping games
 - Long jump, high jump, triple jump

TUESDAY 21ST JULY

- Balloon Volleyball
- Paper Aeroplane Competition
- Art and Craft Workshop - led by Canvas Cafe Art Club**
Extra charge: £2.50
- Biscuit decorating

WEDNESDAY 22ND JULY

Sports Day!

- Cricket
- Athletics
- Tennis
- Golf
- Football
- Design a football shirt

KEY INFO

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We are open for children aged 2-11.

The cost per day is:
£37 per full day (7.30am-5.30pm)
£34 per 'school hours day' (8.45am-3.15pm)

This includes all activities unless stated otherwise and a morning and afternoon snack.

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THURSDAY 23RD JULY

Trip to the Nature Reserve

- Pond Dipping
- Picnic in the Woods
- Den building
- Nature Bingo

FRIDAY 24TH JULY

International Self Care Day

- Pamper Morning:
 - Foot Spa
 - Natural face masks
- Yoga/Pilates session
- Smoothie making
- Mindfulness Colouring

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MONDAY 27TH JULY

Forest School - natural weaving frames

Slushie making

Flower suncatchers

Frisbee Golf



TUESDAY 28TH JULY

World Conservation Day
Decorate a plant pot
Plant a pollinator to take home

Art and Craft Workshop - led by Canvas Cafe Art Club
Extra charge: £2.50

Obstacle course



WEDNESDAY 29TH JULY

International Tiger Day

Tiger Art

Camouflage games



The Tiger Who Came to Tea
Tea Party



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THURSDAY 30TH JULY

International Day of Friendship

Cross the River team game

Friendship bracelets

Build a den/shelter in teams

Robin's Nest team game



FRIDAY 31ST JULY

Pirate Day

Make Treasure Chests
Pirate face painting

Walk the Plank game
Treasure Hunt
Shark Island game



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MONDAY 3RD AUGUST

Forest School - whittle a stick

Cake decorating

Paper Flower craft

Make a key-ring



TUESDAY 4TH AUGUST

North, South, East and West game
Lego Challenges

Art and Craft Workshop - led by Canvas Cafe Art Club
Extra charge: £2.50

Limbo Competition



WEDNESDAY 5TH AUGUST

Special Visitor: Circus Stu!
Extra charge : £8

A range of Circus Skills available all day

Mocktails
Face painting



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THURSDAY 6TH AUGUST

Make Fairy peg dolls
Balloon tennis

Capoeira Brazilian Martial Art class - led by Emily
Extra charge: £2

Make fairy houses



FRIDAY 7TH AUGUST

Top Secret Spy Day

Invisible Ink messages

Spy gadgets - rearview glasses

Code Breaker Challenge

Laser maze



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MONDAY 10TH AUGUST

Andy Goldsworthy inspired natural art
Paper orb making



World Lion Day
Paper plate lions
Feed the Lion game

TUESDAY 11TH AUGUST

Make smoothies



Bingo Fun!
Bubble socks



Parachute games

WEDNESDAY 12TH AUGUST

World Elephant Day

Make Elmer the elephant
Bake rainbow muffins



Large games on the field
Elephant memory games

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THURSDAY 13TH AUGUST

World Calligraphy Day
Make a name plaque
Giant outdoor Jenga

Capoeira Brazilian Martial Art class - led by Emily



Extra charge: £2
Japanese watercolour plates

FRIDAY 14TH AUGUST

World Honey Bee Day



Make a beeswax wrap
Honey cake baking

OTR's Got Talent

Rehearsals
Show



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MONDAY 17TH AUGUST

Bouncy Obstacle Course
Extra charge: **£3.50**

Forest School - make a natural photo frame or snail



Make and serve your own Afternoon Tea

TUESDAY 18TH AUGUST

Bouncy Obstacle Course
Extra charge: **£3.50**



Cricket

Art and Craft Workshop - led by Canvas Cafe Art
Extra charge: **£2.50**



WEDNESDAY 19TH AUGUST

Bouncy Obstacle Course
Extra charge: **£3.50**

World Photography Day
Take and print your own photo
Make a photo frame



Bake hedgehog bread

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THURSDAY 20TH AUGUST

K-Pop Demon Hunters Day
Train like a hero -
Bouncy Obstacle Course
Extra charge: **£3.50**

Design custom concert outfits
Demon Scavenger Hunt
K-Pop choreography



FRIDAY 21ST AUGUST

Animal Safari/Meet the Pets

Make your own rock pet

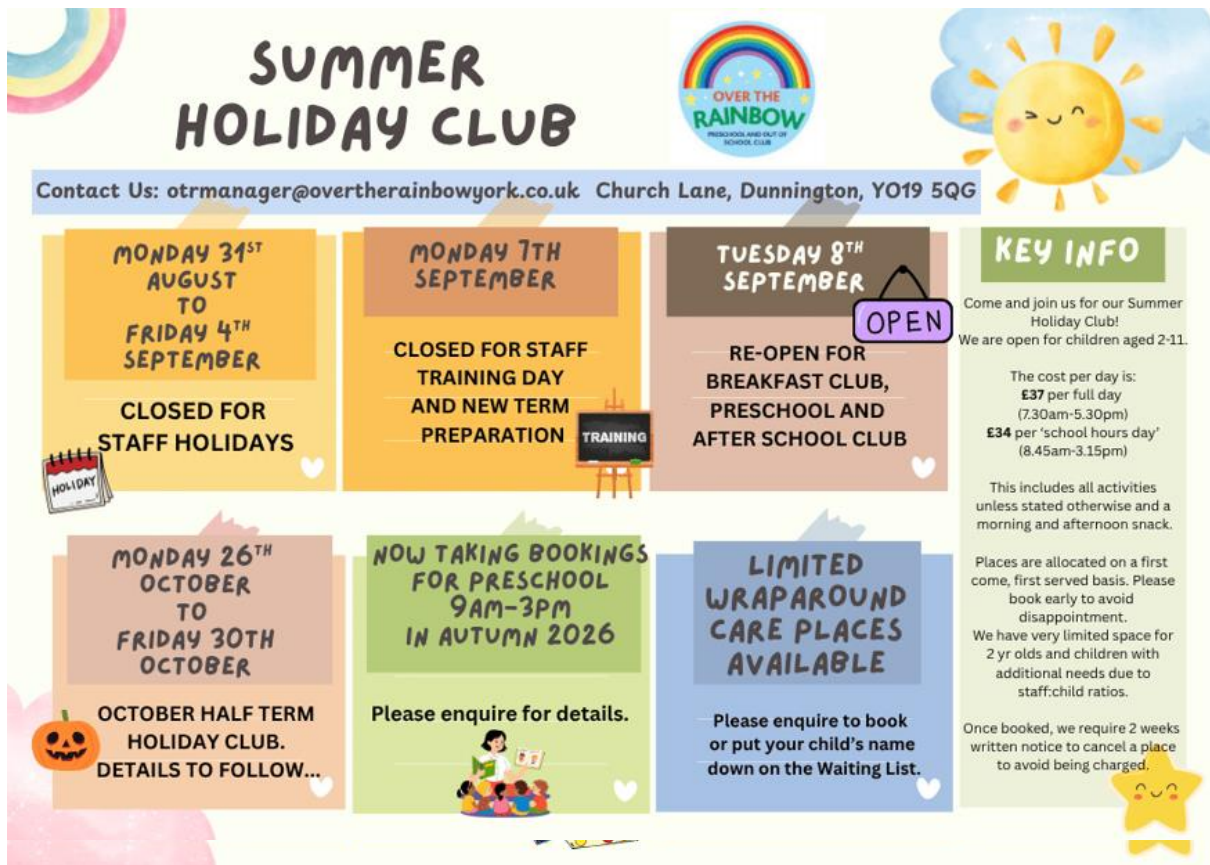


Rainbow kebabs

Movie Afternoon

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MONDAY 31ST AUGUST TO FRIDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER

CLOSED FOR STAFF HOLIDAYS



MONDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER

CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING DAY AND NEW TERM PREPARATION



TUESDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER

RE-OPEN FOR BREAKFAST CLUB, PRESCHOOL AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

OPEN

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MONDAY 26TH OCTOBER TO FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER

OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB. DETAILS TO FOLLOW...



NOW TAKING BOOKINGS FOR PRESCHOOL 9AM-3PM IN AUTUMN 2026

Please enquire for details.



LIMITED WRAPAROUND CARE PLACES AVAILABLE

Please enquire to book or put your child's name down on the Waiting List.



HOLIDAY CLUB 27TH-31ST JULY

HERO ACADEMY

AT ST NICHOLAS CHURCH DUNNINGTON

SEARCH 'HERO ACADEMY' ON EVENTBRITE TO BOOK

9.30 - 12.30 EACH DAY

SUGGESTED DONATION OF £10 PER CHILD FOR THE WHOLE WEEK

AGES 5 TO 10

THE CHURCHES OF PARISH EAST YORK

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