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Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Dear parent/carer,

### Rainbow Run for Candlelighters

We are really looking forward to our Rainbow Run for Candlelighters and have been blown away by the fundraising response already – the fact that £860 has been raised before the race has even taken place is testament to how much the charity means to the whole community.

We have had to move the run to the last week of term as the company providing the t-shirts, sunglasses and paints have been hit with unprecedented demand and are therefore not able to provide us with these in time for the original date. We intend for the race now to be on the afternoon of the 15<sup>th</sup> July, unless we have to use this for sports day, in which case it will be on the morning of the 16<sup>th</sup>.

We set the deadline for signing up to participate for Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. As a few people have signed up since, we will try to order some extra packs today at 2pm – please do not sign up after this time.

<https://forms.gle/sX4sEQa6zbZDbxi38>

We are really looking forward to sharing our final fundraising total after the event.

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/clare-thompson-2026>



### York School Choral Festival

Well done to our school choir, led by Mrs Oldfield, who did us proud at York's Choral Festival yesterday. They attended musical workshops, learned a song in sign language and performed with such confidence and joy on the stage. Thank you so much to Mrs Oldfield for all her hard work organising the event, to Mrs Cathcart who attended with the children and to our parent helpers. The children were absolutely buzzing when they got back!



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**Year 1 - Making lemonade on a hot day!**

In our English lessons we have been learning about explanation and instruction texts.

On Thursday, with the temperature rising, we decided to make fresh homemade lemonade to help to cool us down.

We talked about the bossy verbs we would be doing when making the lemonade and what order we needed to do it in.

The children loved the fresh and zingy taste of the lemonade and even had seconds!

If you would like to make your own, then here is the recipe we used:

- 3 lemons
- 3 to 4 tablespoons of caster sugar
- 2 litres of water
- (Mint and ice optional)



### RSE lessons w/b 29<sup>th</sup> June 2026

A reminder that children in year 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be having lessons on the Jigsaw unit “Changing Me” next week, which involves relationship and sex education. All lessons will be delivered in year groups.

### Extra PE Session - EYFS

Once again, we have managed to get an extra PE slot with our PE Specialist, Mr Sellars, so that the children can practise for Sports Day. Please could EYFS come in PE Kit on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July as well as Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. Thank you.

**Water Safety during Hot Weather – please talk to your children about water safety during this hot weather: during hot periods the risk of drowning can increase in children and young people.**

### Whenever you are around water:



**STOP AND THINK**

Take time to assess your surroundings.  
Look for the dangers and always research local signs and advice.

**STAY TOGETHER**

When around water always go with friends or family.  
Swim at a lifeguarded venue.



### In an emergency:



**CALL 999**

If you are at the coast, call 999 and ask for the Coastguard.  
Don't enter the water to rescue.



**FLOAT**

Fall in or become tired – stay calm, float on your back and call for help.  
Throw something that floats to somebody that has fallen in.



**SUMMER FAIR**  
**FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JULY**

**DONATIONS NEEDED!**

**WE ARE GETTING READY FOR OUR SUMMER FAIR AND WOULD LOVE YOUR HELP!**

**WE ARE KINDLY ASKING FOR DONATIONS OF:**

**TEDDIES & SOFT TOYS**

**BOTTLES**  
**(E.G. WINE, SOFT DRINKS, TOILETRIES)**

**CHOCOLATE & SWEETS**

**PLEASE BRING DONATIONS TO SCHOOL BY WEDNESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY**  
**THESE WILL BE USED FOR STALLS, PRIZES, AND GAMES TO HELP MAKE OUR FAIR A SUCCESS!**

Dates for your diary

New dates will be added in bold each week

June 2026	
EYFS Pirate Day	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June
July 2026	
<b>RSE lessons to be taught in year groups in KS2 throughout the week</b>	<b>w/c Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2026</b>
Transition morning – children spend time in their new classes.	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2026
Summer Fair	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July @ 3:15pm

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Sports Day – KS2am, KS1pm	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July (reserve date Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July)
Transition morning – children spend time in their new classes	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July
EYFS and Key Stage 1 Bake Sale – Raising money for Oscars	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July
Reports out to parents	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July
KS2 production dress rehearsal	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July
KS2 production	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July – 1:30pm – Year 3 and 4 Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July – 6pm – Year 3 and 4 Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July – 1:30pm – year 5 and 6 Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July – 6pm – year 5 and 6
Rainbow Run – Raising money for Candlelighters	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July – during the school day
Year 6 Leavers Assembly and Tea	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July – 1:30pm
School Disco	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July EYFS and KS1 – 5pm – 6pm KS2 6:15pm – 7:15pm
Leavers' Service in St Nicholas Church (no parents)	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July – 10am
Last day of the summer term	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July
Disaggregated Inset Day – no children in school	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July

Best wishes,

Clare Thompson

**Attachments/ links:**

- **Parent Carer Form Newsletter**
- **What's happening at SEND Central** <https://www.yorksend.org/parents/send-central/4>

**New  
Light**  
learning



# Understanding Stress & Anxiety in Children & Young People

Free Online Workshop  
Tuesday 7th July  
12:00-1:00 pm

This supportive session will help parents and carers better understand stress and anxiety in children and young people, including common signs, emotional overwhelm and practical ways to help.



# Creative Writing Together

Our Creative Writing Together programme facilitates children, parents and carers to co-construct creative writing, with a focus on writing from different perspectives.

From our successful pilot programmes, we know that children and parents writing together has a positive impact on relationships, mental health, and enjoyment of writing.

“It helped us to connect in a different, and very productive, way.”

Penny, parent participant



The programmes will run from 3.30-5pm. Provisional programme start dates are:

**Haxby & Wigginton Library**  
Wednesday 30th September

**Acomb Explore Library**  
Tuesday 19th January

**Clifton Explore Library**  
Tuesday 6th April

## Want to be involved?

Do you have a child aged between 7 and 16? We are seeking expressions of interest from parents and children to participate in our programmes, which will take place after school in York libraries in autumn, spring and summer terms 2026-2027.

## What's involved?

- Our programmes are completely FREE
- Each programme has 8 workshops
- Workshops will be run by experienced authors and teachers
- We provide all resources and refreshments free of charge
- The programmes are part of a cutting-edge research project
- You have the option to explore AI for creative writing

## Want to find out more?

The project is run by York St John University, Goldsmiths University of London, and the University of Leeds. Our programmes will run in York and London.

To express an interest in the York programme, please email Professor Tom Dobson:  
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