



School Newsletter 600

Values – Care – Achievement

Friday 17 July 2026

Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parents and Carers,



What a week it has been! Our Enrichment Week has, as always, been delivered brilliantly across the school. This week really does enhance and enrich our students' experiences both within the curriculum and beyond, and I wanted to share some of the wonderful activities that have taken place.

Our Year 7 students have had the chance to go on the residential, forging new friendships and developing new skills as they settle into secondary school life. Year 8 have been experiencing London and really being exposed to culture, with both sporting and artistic pursuits on offer. They have also focused on a language day in MFL and developing problem-solving skills in maths, broadening their horizons in so many ways.

Year 9 have also been testing their problem-solving skills during their visit to York Maze, whilst being immersed in Industry Day and sport-related activities. This combination of learning experiences gives our students a real flavour of what lies ahead. Year 10, fresh back from work experience, have been treated to a trip to Alton Towers and have examined citizenship whilst developing IT skills—a wonderful way to reflect on their experiences in the world of work.

Our Year 12 students are currently out on work experience, gaining invaluable insights and experience as they progress towards their futures beyond Archbishop Holgate's.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our staff for their dedication and commitment in planning and delivering such a wealth of activities throughout Enrichment Week. The time, energy and thought that goes into creating these opportunities for our students is commendable, and it is through their hard work that we are able to ensure Enrichment Week allows all to thrive. Our students have fully engaged with every opportunity presented to them, and it has been wonderful to see them embrace new challenges and experiences.

As we now close for the summer break, I would like to wish you all a restful holiday, full of time for family and friends. I hope our students take time to relax, recharge and enjoy some well-deserved time away from their studies. I look forward to welcoming our students and staff back in September, ready for another exciting year at Archbishop Holgate's.

With best wishes,

Lucie Pond, Headteacher

Staff Farewells

As ever, at this time of year, we say goodbye to valued colleagues who, for various reasons, are leaving the school. Whilst these members of staff will be missed we also look forward to new staff joining the school in September.

A very special mention must go to those colleagues who have served the school so well and we wish them all the very best for the future: Mrs Appleyard, Mr Appleyard, Mr Arthur, Mr Avery, Mr Bryan, Mrs Calvert, Mr Chilvers, Mrs Christian, Mrs De Lashley, Mr Green-Harding, Miss Holmes, Mr Jenner, Mr Lund, Miss McIlveen, Miss Parry, Miss Walker, Mr Walters and Miss Woolerton.

Term Dates 2026-2027

Autumn Term 2026

Staff Training Day	- 7 Sept 2026 (School closed to students)
Y7, 11 & 12 students return	- 8 Sept 2026
All year groups return	- 9 Sept 2026
Half Term	- 26-30 Oct 2026 (inclusive)
Students return	- 2 Nov 2026
Staff Training Day	- 13 Nov 2026 (School closed to students)
Staff Training Day	- 4 Dec 2026 (School closed to students)
Term Ends	- 18 Dec 2026

Spring Term 2027

Staff Training Day	- 4 Jan 2027 (School closed to students)
Students return	- 5 Jan 2027
Half Term	- 8-12 Feb 2027 (inclusive)
Students return	- 15 Feb 2027
Term Ends	- 19 Mar 2027

Summer Term 2027

Students return	- 5 Apr 2027
May Bank Holiday	- 3 May 2027
Half Term	- 31 May-4 Jun 2027 (inclusive)
Students return	- 7 Jun 2027
Term Ends	- 23 Jul 2027

Upcoming Events

Thu 13 Aug	A Level Results Day
Thu 20 Aug	GCSE Results Day
Mon 7 Sept	Training Day (school closed to students)
Tue 8 Sept	Y7, 11 & 12 return to school
Wed 9 Sept	All year groups return to school



This Week's School News

Horizon trip to Whitby

Horizons enjoyed a wonderful day by the sea on our Whitby cultural trip this week. Students listened to Mr Stevens' dramatic rendition of Dracula in the grounds of Whitby Abbey, hunted for sea glass on the beach, enjoyed chips and ice cream, and played cricket on the sand. Throughout the day, they demonstrated kindness, camaraderie and respect for one another, proving themselves to be superb ambassadors for AHS.

Senior Soul Band

Our Senior Soul Band have been invited to perform at the Barbican before and during the interval of the New York Brass Band and Hyde Family Jam concert on Friday 7 August. There are still tickets available if families would like to book.

<https://www.yorkbarbican.co.uk/whats-on/new-york-brass-band-hyde-family-jam/>



Ex-student - ABBA Performance

Maggie Wakeling, an ex-AHS student, appeared on the Channel 4 programme 'Your Song' recently where she sang her original song 'The Cure' and has just graduated from LIPA Music College.

She is performing at York Minster on 1 August as part of the ABBA Ignite Concerts. (There is a special discount code for AHS families - see poster attached.)



Pathfinder News

Follow the link for the Summer edition of the Pathfinder Newsletter with the latest updates from across the Trust - <https://pathfinder.academy/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/Pathfinder-Newsletter-Summer-2026.pdf>



PLEASE SHARE: If you would like to share students' achievements and events in the community, please email jssissons@ahs.pmat.academy. It's always nice to celebrate our school community.

AHS Feedback

We welcome all feedback and thank all parents for their valuable contributions. If you have a query or simply an observation about the school please complete the form online.



Social Media

Follow our Facebook page to keep up to date with the latest news and events!

WEEK 1			WEEK 2		
MONDAY Chicken Korma Vegetable Tikka Masala (v) Served with Steamed Wholegrain Rice Apple Crumble & Custard	TUESDAY Oven Baked Pork Sausages Vegan Pork Sausages (v) Served with Creamy Mashed Potato Steamed Syrup Sponge & Custard	WEDNESDAY Roast Joint of Beef Vegetable Hot-Pot (v) Served with Roast Potatoes Yorkshire Pudding Lemon Drizzle Cake & Cream	MONDAY MEAT FREE MONDAY Macaroni Cheese topped with a Herby Crust Roasted Vegetable & Tomato Pasta (v) Served with Steamed Broccoli & Cauliflower	TUESDAY Homemade Creamy Chicken & Sweetcorn Pie Vegan Vegetable & Pesto Pie (v) Served with Oven Baked Curly Fries Rice Pudding & Jam Sauce	WEDNESDAY Roast Gammon Vegetable Bake (v) Served with Roast Potatoes Yorkshire Pudding Chocolate & Raspberry Mousse
WEEK 3			WEEK 4		
THURSDAY Homemade Minced Beef & Onion Pie Vegetable Pie (v) Served with Oven Baked Potato Wedges Jam Roly-Poly & Custard	FRIDAY Freshly Battered Fish Vegetarian Quiche (v) Served with Chips Mushy Peas Curry Sauce Chocolate Sponge & Chocolate Sauce	MONDAY Gammon & Pineapple Cheese & Onion Quiche (v) Served with Oven Baked Herby Diced Potatoes Oaty Pear Crumble & Custard	TUESDAY Honey, Soy & Ginger Sticky Chicken Vegan Vegetable Enchiladas (v) Served with Dirty Rice Jam Sponge & Custard	WEDNESDAY Roast Pork Vegetable Kiev (v) Served with Roast Potatoes Yorkshire Pudding Apple Pie & Cream	THURSDAY Beef Lasagne Oven Roasted Vegetable Lasagne (v) Served with Garlic Bread Pineapple Upside Down Cake & Custard
		FRIDAY All served with a selection of seasonal vegetables. Fresh fruit, cakes & yoghurts are available everyday in the main canteen. Fresh sandwiches, jacket potatoes & a hot snack option are available from our grab and go counters.	FRIDAY Freshly Battered Fish Veggie Nuggets (v) Served with Chips Mushy Peas Curry Sauce Chocolate Sponge & Chocolate Sauce	FRIDAY Freshly Battered Fish Vegetable Burger in a Bun (v) Served with Chips Mushy Peas Curry Sauce Chocolate Orange Marble Cake & Custard	FRIDAY All served with a selection of seasonal vegetables. Fresh fruit, cakes & yoghurts are available everyday in the main canteen. Fresh sandwiches, jacket potatoes and a hot snack option are available from our grab and go counters.



Autism Support for Parents from the Specialist Teaching Team for Autism Wednesdays Autumn 2026



Weekly Parent/Carer Afternoon Drop-in Sessions at SEND Central

In-person drop-in support, Wednesday afternoons, 1.30-2.30 p.m. at SEND Central, Clifton Green Primary School, YO30 6JA.

No need to book, just come along and meet a Specialist teacher and a Specialist TA from the Autism Team and other parents to discuss general issues and concerns, find information and look at some useful resources.

Wednesday 9th September 1.30 - 2.30 p.m.
 Wednesday 16th September 1.30 - 2.30 p.m.
 Wednesday 23rd September 1.30 - 2.30 p.m.
 Wednesday 30th September 1.30 - 2.30 p.m.
 Wednesday 7th October 1.30 - 2.30 p.m.
 Wednesday 14th October 1.30 - 2.30 p.m.

Half term

Wednesday 4th November 1.30 - 2.30 p.m.
 Wednesday 11th November 1.30 - 2.30 p.m.
 Wednesday 18th November 1.30 - 2.30 p.m.

No parent drop-in on 24th November

Wednesday 2nd December 1.30 - 2.30 p.m.
 Wednesday 9th December 1.30 - 2.30 p.m.

Fortnightly Morning Phone line Sessions

To book a 20-minute phone line call, please

- email parentcarerautismsupport@york.gov.uk
- give your name
- supply a contact telephone number for us to call you on.

We will send you a time slot for your 20-minute call.

Wednesday 16th September 9 a.m. -12 noon
 Wednesday 30th September 9 a.m. -12 noon
 Wednesday 14th October 9 a.m. -12 noon

Half term

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 Wednesday 18th November 9 a.m. -12 noon
 Wednesday 2nd December 9 a.m. -12 noon

This is an admin email address, and we are unable to forward or respond to queries via this email. Bookings close the Thursday before the session.

If we receive a high volume of requests, we may need to allocate spaces on the session on a first come, first served basis.

Physical Education Department

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Sixth Form Sports Day

Y12 students finished off their Enrichment Week with an old school sports day last week. They took part in Interhouse Danish Longball, inter form Old School races, Inter Form Tug of War and finished with a form fuddle and Enrichment week Quiz. The weather was hot a sunny and the students were amazing. Good luck with your Work Experience this week and see you all in September.



Trampolining Success

Last weekend, Elijah Topliss and Oliver Matthewson competed in the British Gymnastics Phoenix Floor and Vault Competition in Sheffield and both had a great competition. Congratulations both of you!

U16 category

Floor - Elijah and Oliver joint 1st place

Vault - Elijah 1st and Oliver 2nd

Overall - Elijah 1st and Oliver 2nd



Enrichment Week

We have had a fantastic Sport Enrichment Week. Y8, 9 and 10 took part in a wide range of activities with both school staff and external providers.

The brilliant York Knights ran rugby sessions in the sunshine with all year groups. Krav Maga came in to run self defence session with the Y10 girls. Students were also offered a free session at their academy. They run sessions for 5 to 15s - Children's Classes on Fridays <https://kravmaga-academy.co.uk/childrens-self-defence/>, as well as Families and Adults sessions on Mondays <https://kravmaga-academy.co.uk/class/krav-maga-york-real-self-defence-at-melbourne-centre/>. For more information please email: info@kravmaga-academy.co.uk.

Speedkix offered zorbing, archery and Speed Kix competitions and Active Futures were in doing Nerf wars in the Sports Hall. This, along with footgolf, just dance glow, cricket, tennis and danish longball, everyone has had a very busy and active week.

Well done to both staff and students for all your fantastic efforts.





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16TH JULY • 30TH JULY

VENUE: ST PETER'S SCHOOL, YORK

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YORK GIRLS!

Pathfinder News

SUMMER 2026

The latest updates from across the Trust



With the summer holidays almost upon us, it is an opportunity to celebrate our achievements, recognise how the children have grown over the past year and look forward to the opportunities that lie ahead. It is also the perfect time to thank you for the continued support you have shown our schools and the wider Pathfinder community.

This has been another year of which we can all be immensely proud. Across the Trust, our pupils have continued to achieve, our staff have gone above and beyond, and our schools have continued to grow from strength to strength.

We have celebrated a number of highly successful external inspections this year, reflecting the high standards and strong values that underpin our work every day. These achievements would not have been possible without the dedication, expertise and passion of our staff. Through our redeveloped career pathways programme and the launch of the Pathfinder Leadership Academy last September, we have further strengthened our commitment

to supporting colleagues to develop, grow and lead across the Trust. It has also been wonderful to see national recognition for the exceptional outcomes achieved by disadvantaged pupils at Archbishop Holgate's and Clifton with Rawcliffe, reinforcing our belief that every child, regardless of background, deserves the opportunity to flourish and succeed.

This year, we were delighted to welcome Applefields School and Hensall Community Primary School into the Pathfinder family, and we are now looking forward to Great Ouseburn Primary School joining in September as our Trust continues to grow across York and North Yorkshire.

Looking ahead to next year, we are looking forward to further embedding our inclusion work across schools and launching BEACON, our new Trust-wide commitment to providing guidance, support and wider opportunities for children, young people and families, see page 14 for a sneak peek.

Finally, I would like to thank every member of our school communities for making this such a successful year. I hope you all enjoy a well-earned summer break with family and friends, and I look forward to another exciting year together in September.

Andrew Daly | Chief Executive Officer

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Pathfinder Sporting Champions

What an incredible year of sports it has been, with children of all ages across our primary schools enjoying a wide range of activities and competitions. This continues to enhance each school's PE curriculum, increasing opportunities for children to be active and enjoy collaborations and competitions with other schools.

Across every single competition this year, our young athletes have blown us away - not just with their skills, but with their incredible character. Win or lose, the children have consistently demonstrated the true spirit of sportsmanship, showing outstanding teamwork and positive attitudes as well as displaying remarkable resilience and energy. We couldn't be prouder of how they have represented their schools this year.

Football

Back in early autumn, different teams from across Key Stage 2 played fixtures against other schools in their 'zone', with the winning teams in different categories progressing to the finals, held this term. It was great to see over 100 children taking part in each of the two finals, showing superb football skills and teamwork.

Cross Country

Our Key Stage 2 runners certainly showed incredible energy and determination as they tackled the course on the huge field at Archbishop Holgate's for this year's cross country competitions. Cheered on all the way by a fantastic crowd of supportive spectators, every runner gave their absolute best performance and finished the course.

It has been fantastic to see so many schools represented at our other competitions which include multi-skills, dodgeball, basketball and netball. We are grateful to the amazing team of Student Sports Leaders from Archbishop Holgate's for giving their time after school to help run the competitions.



In-school Events

As well as the collaborative events and competitions, our PE specialist has led bespoke 'Active Days' in individual schools with activities such as boxercise and fitness. Over two hundred children across our schools have been trained as 'Playleaders', giving them the skills to organise and lead activities for younger children at playtimes and creating safe, fun and inclusive playgrounds. A highlight of the year was our virtual Danceathon where over 2,300 children across the Trust performed a shared dance routine to each other remotely.

League Tables

Football	
Year 3/4 Mixed A Team	Clifton with Rawcliffe
Year 3/4 Mixed B Team	Clifton with Rawcliffe
Year 3/4 Mixed C Team	New Earswick
Year 5/6 Mixed Team	St Lawrence's
Year 5/6 Girls Team	Badger Hill
Year 5/6 Boys team	Hempland

Multiskills	
Year 1/2	Poppleton Road
Year 3/4	Rufforth

Dodgeball	
Year 1/2	Huntington
Year 3/4	Rufforth
Year 5/6	Rufforth

Basketball/Netball	
Year 3/4 (BB)	Hempland
Year 5/6 (NB)	Clifton with Rawcliffe

Cross Country		
Year 3/4	Girls	Boys
1st	Hempland	Hempland
2nd	Poppleton Road	Rufforth
3rd	Rufforth	Hempland
Year 5/6	Girls	Boys
1st	Rufforth	Clifton with Rawcliffe
2nd	Clifton with Rawcliffe	Hempland
3rd	Poppleton Road	Rufforth



Pathfinder new school rebuilding projects on track



The summer holidays are bringing some exciting developments to Tang Hall and Hempland school rebuilding projects which are both progressing well and remain on track under their new contractors.

The first phase of Tang Hall Primary School's new build project was successfully completed following remodelling works carried out during the May half term holiday. The current school, which dates back to the 1920s, no longer meets the needs of pupils, staff or the local community and is being completely rebuilt under the government's School Rebuilding Programme.

The remodelling works enabled all pupils and staff to successfully settle into new classrooms and office spaces on one half of the site before the end

of the summer term. This important milestone has allowed demolition of part of the existing school to begin over the summer holidays, making way for the construction of the new purpose-built facilities.

The new school, due to be completed in winter 2027, will provide modern classrooms, staff facilities, a nursery, library, offices, kitchen, hall and significantly enhanced outdoor spaces, creating a high-quality learning environment for current and future generations of pupils. The project resumed earlier

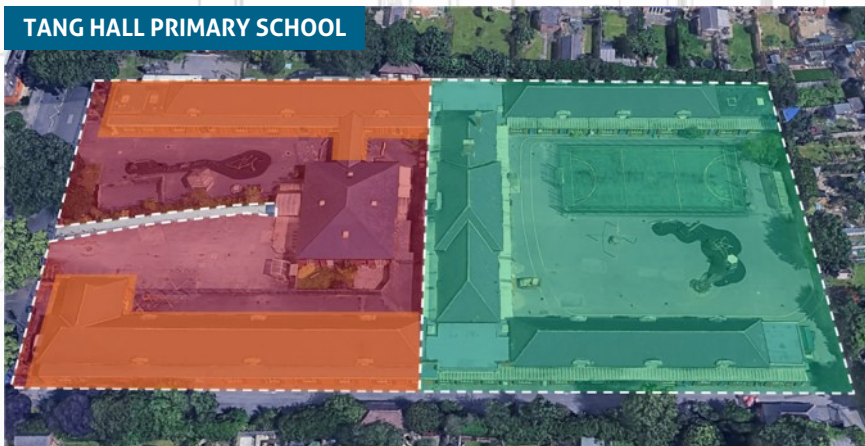
this year after Tilbury Douglas was appointed by the Department for Education to take over as the main contractor following the collapse of ISG Construction in September 2024.

Meanwhile, good progress is being made at Hempland Primary School, where work has continued to move forward since Morgan Sindall Construction took over the project. Like Tang Hall, Hempland's rebuild was also affected by the collapse of ISG Construction. Building work was already underway, with significant progress having been made before work on site came to a halt, including the completion of the concrete foundations and steel frame of the new two-storey building.

Since resuming on site, Morgan Sindall have been completing essential groundworks, installing drainage and preparing for the next stages of construction to begin. Due for completion by autumn 2027, the new school will provide modern high-quality facilities for pupils, staff and the wider community.

We are delighted that work on both projects is progressing well and would like to thank our pupils, staff and families for their continued patience and support as we work to deliver these exciting new schools.

TANG HALL PRIMARY SCHOOL



The green area shows the part of the school now occupied by pupils and staff. Demolition of the buildings in red will begin during the summer holidays to create space for the next phase of construction.

News from our schools



ACOMB PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our Year 4 students have been busy getting creative to help add some colour to our local community! The children recently took part in an exciting art workshop with local mural artist Tom Jackson and our local ward councillors, working together to design a brand-new look for an electrical box in Holgate.

This fantastic initiative is part of a wider local ward project funded by our ward councillors to smarten up our streets. We are delighted to be involved, and several other local schools have also been taking part, designing their own boxes to spread colour all across the area! During our workshop, the children looked closely

at the special landmarks and key features of Acomb and York. They used what they learned to create some fantastic collage designs and brilliant prints. Mr Jackson was incredibly impressed by how hard the



children worked and the amazing ideas they came up with. He took all of our students' artwork away and combined their ideas into one bold final design. This has been painted onto the Holgate electrical box, turning a plain street object into a bright piece of art for the whole neighbourhood to enjoy.

The children were wonderfully engaged throughout the session and should be very proud of their hard work. Keep an eye out for our school's finished mural - and the other school designs - next time you are out walking!



Applefields School York

We are delighted to share the news that we have been awarded a grant from the Great Yorkshire Build. We are now looking forward to using this to develop and enhance our learning environments in school.

June has been a whirlwind of smiles, music, and unforgettable memories at Applefields. We started the festivities with our highly anticipated 'Playground Proms'. The British weather forced us into the hall, but the rain certainly didn't dampen our spirits! The atmosphere was electric. One of our staff described it as 'the best experience she has had in 12 years of teaching'. The impact was remarkable; a student in one of our autism classes spent the next two afternoons eagerly asking for more

music. We hear you loud and clear; we must, and will, do more of this!

The excitement continued when our students celebrated International Day of Play, embracing the power of fun and friendship. Meanwhile, a group of our students headed out to the Girls Wellbeing Festival at Dalby Forest, enjoying a beautiful day of nature, fun activities, and relaxation.

To round off an incredible fortnight, we hosted the highlight of the social calendar: the Applefields Prom. It was a truly spectacular evening, filled with glamour, dancing, and laughter. An amazing effort was made by our incredible staff team, who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make it a magical night our students will cherish forever. Since



then, we have also attended Satellite Proms with Millthorpe and Manor, and these have also been great successes.

A recent event in school has been the popular Grow £1, where students design activities within a budget, plan their spend, and try to make a profit. The three ideas that generated the most money were proudly taken forward to our annual Summer Fair, and the whole day generated funds for our school charity.

Thank you to everyone for making these events possible and filling our school with such vibrant energy!

News from our schools



Archbishop Holgate's School

A Church of England Academy Founded 1546

Archbishop Holgate's has been presented with the Young Carers in Schools award for its work supporting young carers with their education. The award is part of the Young Carers in School programme run by charities The Children's Society and Carers Trust. The programme provides primary and secondary schools across England with step-by-step guidance for teachers, leaders and non teaching staff to gain the practical tools they need to help young carers. The school's young carers lead, Samantha Stead, said: "Receiving the Young Carers in Schools Award is a momentous milestone for us. Young carers often face invisible barriers to their education, balancing homework and exams with the emotional and physical demands of supporting a

loved one. Our goal has always been to ensure that no young person has to choose between their education and their family."

Archbishop Holgate's won the award by demonstrating how it supports young carers. This includes dedicated homework clubs and accessible drop-in sessions. By working in close partnership with the York Carers Centre, the school actively gathers the insights and voices of identified young carers to directly shape and improve its in school support systems. The school also prioritises staff development, equipping them with the tools to recognise early signs of young carers and ensuring every student receives the timely, targeted support they deserve.



Headteacher, Lucie Pond, said: "Our young carers show remarkable resilience, compassion and maturity every day. This recognition celebrates not only the work of our staff, but the incredible young people we are privileged to support."



Badger Hill PRIMARY SCHOOL

We have had a busy and fun summer term at Badger Hill! As always, the last term of the year is jam packed with lots of different events and experiences. Our sporting



achievements continue as our wonderful Year 5 and 6 girls took the title of Pathfinder Champions! They worked so hard as a team and we were very proud of them! They also wore our fabulous new kits which were kindly sponsored by Gate and Bar (a local firm).

Our Year 6 class took part in the Play House Project - this is part of our partnership work with the Theatre Royal. They have worked hard over the last half term rehearsing a play called 'Little Criminals'. We performed at the Theatre Royal last Tuesday in front of another local school and also our parents. The children embraced the challenge and were magnificent.

Our choir has been super busy this



half term as well. They took part in our annual outing to the Make Music Day at York St John University as part of our ongoing work with the Richard Shephard Foundation. We were able to take part in a Japanese drumming workshop and an interactive performance from students at Birmingham University. This is an event which the children thoroughly enjoyed!

A final treat for the whole school is a Summer Party from York Mix Radio! What a lovely way to end the year with a summer party!



Barlow CE Primary School

Part of the White Rose Federation - One family, branching out together

Class 3 at Barlow Primary School recently traded their usual classroom for a morning of high-tech innovation at the Skylark Centre, diving into the brilliant LEGO SPIKE workshop hosted by Drax Power Station. To say it was a hit would be an understatement - the room was buzzing, and the adults had just as much fun as the kids!

The adventure began with hands on building. Using specialised LEGO SPIKE equipment, the children brought their own robot concepts to life. Next, our young inventors connected their creations to laptops, writing code to make their designs move and manipulate objects. Once the code was locked in, the real



test began. Students faced a series of clever challenges, programming their robots to hit precise targets and return to base. Without even realising it, Class 3 put an incredible amount of practical maths, design technology, and teamwork into action.

Our students absolutely loved it: "This was awesome - my robot was so cool. I managed to hit the lines and make it turn as I wanted it to", Freya. "Our robot looked like an F1 car, it was ace. We got it to the lines and back... We did have to keep editing what we put in though", Heidi.

Heidi is spot on - that continuous editing is exactly what real-world engineers do every day! We look forward to continuing our wonderful



partnership with Drax Power Station and the Skylark Centre next year. Who knows? The next great tech pioneer might be in our classroom right now!



Burton Salmon CP School

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Classes 1, 2, and 3 rolled up their sleeves for an immersive pottery workshop with Jasmine Pottery Studios. The school was alive with the earthy scent of wet clay and the buzzing energy of young artists hard at work.

Our youngest creators in Class 1 dived headfirst into the tactile world of pottery, practising their pinching and smoothing skills. Their mission? To create vibrant, textured clay ladybugs. The results were absolutely charming, with each pupil adding unique spots and personalities to their miniature garden critters.

Meanwhile, Class 2 and Class 3 took on a more abstract challenge. They have been deeply researching the iconic British artist Henry Moore, studying how he used smooth,

organic shapes and pierced holes to redefine modern art. The workshop gave them the perfect opportunity to bring their research to life, sculpting incredible maquettes that captured Moore's famous flowing lines.

Class 3 had a special edge for the project, having recently gone on an inspiring field trip to the Yorkshire Sculpture Park. Seeing Moore's monumental bronzes framed by the open landscape gave them a first hand understanding of how art interacts with space. They channelled this real-world inspiration directly into their clay work, showing remarkable maturity in their designs.



News from our schools



Chapel Haddlesey CE School

Part of the White Rose Federation - One family, branching out together



After several years of incredible dedication, collaborative planning, and tireless fundraising from our entire school community of a fantastic PTA, families and staff, we are absolutely thrilled to announce that construction has officially begun on our brand-new forest school area!

We are kicking off this exciting build with the centrepiece of outdoor learning: a purpose-built fire pit. A fire pit is much more than a place to gather; it is a powerful educational

tool that offers immense benefits for our children's holistic development. Under expert guidance, pupils learn the vital physics of fire building and, crucially, how to respect, evaluate, and manage real-world risks safely. Gathering around a fire encourages communication, storytelling, and team-building, boosting mental health and confidence. From understanding combustion and ecosystems to exploring history through traditional cooking, it brings classroom lessons to life.

Our final push to get this project over the finish line was our recent Father's Day Hot Dog and Lemonade Afternoon. To say it was a scorcher would be an understatement! Despite the British summer delivering blazing temperatures of over 30°C, the

turnout was phenomenal. Families braved the heatwave to support the cause, proving that nothing stops our school community when we have a goal in sight (though the ice-cold lemonade certainly helped!). We are incredibly proud of and profoundly grateful for every single person who has baked, donated, volunteered, or attended an event over the last few years. This amazing new provision wouldn't exist without your unwavering support.



Hensall Community Primary School

Part of the White Rose Federation - One family, branching out together

Hensall Primary School is excited to have officially joined Pathfinder after working collaboratively since October 2023! This exciting new chapter marks a monumental milestone for our school community, opening up a wealth of fantastic opportunities for collaboration, growth and shared success. We are incredibly proud to be part of the Pathfinder family and look forward to a bright, inspiring future working together to enrich the lives and education of all children.

This year's annual White Rose Federation Sports Day took place under beautiful skies at Hensall Primary School. The event brought together communities and young athletes from across our federation for a memorable day of celebration. From the very first race, it was

amazing to witness the brilliant effort, unwavering determination and genuine encouragement that the children displayed throughout every single event. What truly set this afternoon apart was not just the individual drive to win, but the sense of community that resonated across the entire field. Students showed tremendous support and empathy, offering congratulations not only to their own classmates but to peers from other schools as well. After a series of fantastic track and field events, the final points were carefully tallied. Congratulations go out

to Hensall for taking the top spot, and a huge well done to Burton Salmon, Chapel Haddlesey, and Barlow for their incredible performances.

Over the past months, students across the federation have demonstrated growth, resilience and a passion for physical activity. Thank you to the entire White Rose Federation community for making the day an unforgettable celebration of youth sport, teamwork and achievement!



News from our schools



The summer term at Clifton with Rawcliffe has been packed with educational visits, sporting opportunities, creative experiences, and community partnerships.

Learning beyond the classroom remained a key focus with Early Years pupils visiting Clifton Library and Flamingo Land, while Year 1 explored Clifton Church and FS1 welcomed The Purple Pig Farm into school. Year 2 visited York Mosque to deepen their understanding of different faiths, and Year 4 had an Ancient Egyptian Workshop. Upper KS2 pupils visited Vue Cinema, while Year 5 and 6 enjoyed a Countryside Day. The Year 6 residential at Newby Wiske was a brilliant opportunity to develop independence and teamwork through outdoor activities. Music, drama, and

the arts flourished across the school with the Drama Club delighting audiences with performances from Fred and Jill's Hysterical, Historical Adventure at the Rawcliffe Carnival. Across the curriculum, pupils demonstrated fantastic creativity through art projects, performances, and topic-based learning, showcasing their talents in school and beyond.

Sport and enrichment also remained a major strength. Pupils benefited from specialist coaching through partnerships with York City FC, Dynamo Cricket, and York Tennis Club, with girls enjoying dedicated football and cricket programmes. In competitive sport, both boys' football teams and the girls' football team reached the quarter-finals of the



Primary Cup. Pupils also achieved medal-winning performances at the Pathfinder Cross Country Finals, and Year 6 showed great sportsmanship at the Brownlee Foundation event. With a wide range of extra-curricular clubs, transition events, and fundraising, it has been another memorable term with every child encouraged to thrive.

An exceptional term like this is only possible thanks to the dedication of our school community. We extend our thanks to our fantastic staff for their tireless efforts, to our parents for their continued support, and to our governors for their invaluable commitment to the school.



Hempland Primary School

This year at Hempland, a key focus of our Personal Development curriculum has been raising aspirations, broadening horizons and helping every child to understand the wealth of opportunities available to them in the future.

Through an ambitious programme of careers education and visitor engagement, we have welcomed a diverse range of professionals into school to share their experiences, skills and career journeys. These encounters have enabled our pupils to gain valuable insights into the world of work while making meaningful connections between their learning and future possibilities.

From emergency service professionals to experts working across healthcare, technology and the

creative industries, our visitors have provided children with authentic and inspiring experiences. By hearing first hand accounts of different career pathways, pupils have developed a greater understanding of the skills, qualities and determination required to succeed in a range of professions. Each year group explored a different sector of the working world. Through themes such as environmental careers, medicine, enterprise and leadership, pupils build their knowledge and aspirations year upon year. This progressive approach is helping our children to understand that success can take many forms and that there are multiple pathways available to achieve their goals. By bringing learning to life through meaningful encounters with



professionals and role models, we are hoping to equip our children with the knowledge, inspiration and self-belief needed to thrive in their future.

As a school community, we are incredibly grateful to the parents, carers and local professionals who have given their time to support us. Their contributions are helping to shape the aspirations of the next generation and ensuring that every child at Hempland is encouraged to dream big, embrace opportunity and believe in their potential.

News from our schools



Heworth

Church of England Primary School

As the school year comes to a close, it is wonderful to reflect on the incredible successes we have shared across our community. The summer term has been no exception, filled with vibrant experiences, deep community spirit, and memorable adventures for all our pupils.

Our school community has shown outstanding courageous advocacy this term by uniting in support of the Candlelighters charity. Driven by a shared determination to make a difference, students, staff, and families have stood together in the support of beating childhood cancers, a cause very close to the school's heart at the moment. Through various initiatives and community events, we have raised more than £2000 for the

cause. This incredible achievement reflects how our school community actively lives out its values by championing voices and causes that need our support.

In other news, our Year 6 pupils swapped York for London in May when they embarked as tourists in our capital city. The children fully immersed themselves in the hustle and bustle that can only be found in London, taking the city's vibrant energy entirely in their stride. A particular highlight of their adventure was a detailed, hands-on exploration of the historic Tower of London,



where they walked in the footsteps of royalty and prisoners alike, marvelling at the spectacular Crown Jewels. To top off their adventure, the group boarded a scenic cruise along the River Thames, which offered them a magnificent, front-row view of London's most iconic landmarks from a completely fresh perspective.



Huntington

PRIMARY ACADEMY

The Huntington school community recently came together for a special fundraising challenge to support Year 3 pupil Seb, who was diagnosed with a brain tumour last summer. Seb responded well to a successful surgery and continues to make excellent progress on his journey to

Leeds Half Marathon in May and is preparing to take on the Great North Run to raise awareness of childhood brain tumours and raise vital funds for the L52 Paediatric Neurology Ward at Leeds Children's Hospital.

To support Seb and his family, all pupils were invited to take part in a mile-long run or walk around the school playground. By combining the joint efforts of every class, the school successfully covered the equivalent distance of a half marathon. The school community successfully raised £600, with all funds going directly to the Leeds Hospitals Charity, an

recovery. The school-wide event was part of a larger mission inspired by Seb's dad who completed the

organisation that supports NHS staff in providing outstanding care. These donations will help fund life-saving equipment, innovative treatments, vital research, and important home comforts for patients when they need it most.

We welcomed families into school for our annual Global Gala, which once again proved to be a truly wonderful and vibrant community event. The school was transformed into a spectacular global art gallery, showcasing an incredible array of artwork produced by the children. Each year group drew inspiration from diverse artists from all around the world, resulting in a stunning display of creativity and cultural exploration. It was fantastic to see so many parents and carers browsing the exhibitions and celebrating the children's hard work while enjoying some refreshments.

We were also delighted to invite Refugee Action York into school, who shared valuable information and resources with our school community.





Malton School

A Specialist Science School



As part of the school's Personal Development Activities, students took part in the European Space Agency (ESA) Astro Pi Challenge. This is a worldwide project, which enables students to write their own computer program to run on the International Space Station (ISS).

The teams had to write a program which would run for 10 minutes and gather data to calculate the speed at which the ISS is travelling. Using Python (a versatile and beginner friendly programming language), the program needed to obtain data from either the ISS computer sensors or its camera, which would then help them capture its orientation and motion as it orbits the earth. It then used this information to calculate the speed of the ISS in kilometres per second.

Our budding programmers started work in September, using their iPad devices to refine, test and rewrite their scripts between then and the February submission date. Having submitted their entries, they had a two month wait to find out if their code had been successful.

Two of the teams reached the final stage known as 'Flight Status'; something achieved by only 404 teams across the whole of Europe and Canada. As well as their program being run on the ISS and receiving images taken whilst it was running, the teams took part in a

livestream Q&A with European Space Agency astronaut, Pablo Alvarez Fernandez. Mr Simkins who worked with the students' resilience in fixing problems, finding out why aspects of their coding wasn't working as well as their determination to have their program run on the ISS.



New Earswick Primary School

No one can quite believe a year has been and gone. New Earswick has gone from strength to strength and we have been blown away by the support from our children and community. The children have taken part in so many events, trips and activities including one of our parents volunteering to come in and deliver a STEM lesson on bridge building which led to the children designing and making their own and then testing whether it would hold up to a given weight.

Our Eco Warriors have been out and about recycling and coming up with different ways that they can help



with the school's sustainability plan and Year 6 have been raising money during their Enterprise Week where they reached a total of over £200 during their Enterprise Day which the whole school took part in.

A particular highlight were the chicks in our Reception Class. I don't think there was a member of staff in New Earswick that didn't come for a look at the chicks and we are pleased to hear that they are now nearly fully grown and having a wonderful time on their farm.

Our Year 6s have had a super



year and have represented school really well on trips out. As they move on to their secondary schools, we wish them every success for their future.



News from our schools



Poppleton Road Primary School

What an absolutely incredible summer term it has been - one bursting with learning, laughter,



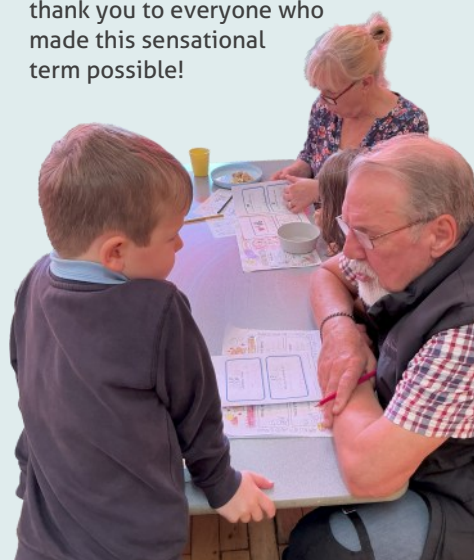
their new classes! Back in June, our school spirit truly shone during a spectacular Community Week that brought our core values of community and belonging to life. The children opened their hearts and classrooms to welcome an array of wonderful local groups for shared experiences, including inspiring community choirs, the Makaton charity, our cherished grandparents, and our fantastic local PCSOs and police. It was a heart warming celebration that beautifully proved how connected, inclusive and supportive our school family truly is!

Adding to the magic of the term, our Year 5 pupils recently embarked on their highly anticipated annual trip to London! For many of our children, this was their first time experiencing the buzz of the capital, making it an

immense enjoyment and exciting next steps as our children proudly prepare for

unforgettable milestone filled with a mind-boggling visit to the Science Museum, a lovely lunch right near Buckingham Palace and a super river boat tour down the Thames.

Our children lived out our school values perfectly, representing us with brilliant manners and boundless enthusiasm. We are incredibly proud of them and want to say a massive thank you to everyone who made this sensational term possible!



Rufforth Primary School

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What a truly fantastic Sports Week we have had, brimming with energy, teamwork, and wonderful new experiences for all the children! Throughout the week, our pupils worked tremendously well together, beginning with a spectacular Sports Day. It was inspiring to see them collaborate, cheer each other on, and support one another, embodying the true spirit of sportsmanship.

This year, the children had some exciting opportunities to develop new skills and discover new ways to stay active. Back by popular demand, our pupils took to the trampettes, finding a brilliant blend of fun and high energy physical activity. In contrast, they also explored the mindfulness and flexibility of yoga, learning

valuable techniques to focus both their minds and bodies. Adding to the excitement of the week, we were absolutely delighted to welcome our local

MP, Luke Charters, to the school. He spent time meeting the children, watching some of our activities, and seeing first hand the incredible spirit and talent we have within our school. It was a wonderful opportunity for our pupils to share their experiences and showcase our school community.

Beyond the sporting field, we recently hosted our Fathers' Day Afternoon Tea, and what a heart warming success it was! It was a joy to welcome so many dads, grandads, uncles, and family members into school. The children were incredibly proud to sit down and share their hard work over a delicious spread of tea and cake. Thank you to everyone who joined us and made it such a memorable afternoon.



The excitement doesn't stop as we head towards the end of term! Behind the scenes, Key Stage 2 children are working incredibly hard rehearsing for their highly anticipated end of year show, Peter Pan The Musical. The school is alive with the sound of music, acting, and enthusiasm. We cannot wait to see their hard work come to life on stage very soon - you are all in for a spectacular treat!

As always, we extend a massive thank you to our staff, parents, and pupils for making these events so successful.

News from our schools



St Barnabas CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

The summer term at St Barnabas has been full of exciting opportunities; building community; forging new partnerships, and contributing to our local area.

Our Year 1/2 children collaborated with Tom Jackson of Wood Street Walls to design artwork for the utility box near our school. Children enjoyed learning about colour and pattern, keeping our neighbourhood as the focus. It is wonderful to see this vibrant addition to our local streets!

We were absolutely delighted to be invited to the National Railway Museum (NRM) for Michael Morpurgo Celebration Day as part of York Festival of Ideas. Our Year 3/4 children had the unforgettable experience of meeting Michael

Morpurgo and listening to his nationally streamed story time session in person from the railway carriage in the NRM. A selection of our children were interviewed by BBC Look North and the event appeared on the local evening news. It was wonderful to see the pride our pupils had in our school and how well they represented us.

Staff and children from St Barnabas have been working on a community project led by Ousewem to develop a new riverside trail and curriculum materials using the river as a thread through different subjects. As a school sited right by the Ouse, this is an important part of our identity and we look forward to the trail going live. Our school council will be visiting one



of the new 'frame the view' points.

Also on our doorstep is the York Central development, one of the largest brownfield regeneration projects in England. We enjoyed partnering with SISK for community week in the spring term, and this term they have provided first aid training workshops for all our KS2 pupils. We have also maintained our relationship with Musical Connections, with our Year 1/2 pupils sharing an afternoon of music with local older people.

It is wonderful to see our pupils deepening their connection to the neighbourhood and making a genuine difference to those around them.



St Lawrence's CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

No one at St Lawrence's can quite believe a year has passed; it has gone so quickly! We have filled this term with sporting events, trips, visitors in and celebration days that really sum up the spirit of St Lawrence's.

Our youngest children have visited the farm this term and enjoyed being

outdoors and looking at the animals. They also visited Howsham Mill, a lovely yearly event, where they took part in making wheels and axles as part of their DT project. They also experienced what it is like to be a

police officer when we were visited by the PCSOs who brought uniforms to try on and spoke about all the work they do in the community. The highlight was the police car!

Our older children have also been busy! As part of their Black Death topic, Year 6 visited the Merchant Adventurer's Hall where they took part in activities that helped them to understand what it was like in York at that time - this led to some excellent writing! Year 5 and 6 also produced some stop motion animation films which were amazing,



and also took part in the Brownlee Triathlon.

The whole school celebrated how diverse we are in our Diversity Day. This is a joyous occasion where the children celebrate who they are and educate each other on their culture and traditions. It reminds us how fantastic it is to be in a community where everyone is accepted.

We will shortly be saying goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 children and wish them all the very best as they continue on their journey. As Afaf in Year 6 said: "St Lawrence's is a school of comfort and hope. This school willingly opens their arms for you, no matter who you are, where you are from and whatever you can do. This school loves everybody the same way. They water the buds to make them bloom, and they try their best to adapt how the flower blossoms. I used to be quiet, withdrawn and not really social; looking at me now you won't believe I was the same person as before! Everyone in this school helped me spread my wings."



News from our schools



Tang Hall Primary School

Our Tang Hall children continue to be STARS as we reach the end of the academic year. Our school values of Strength, Trust, Aspiration, Respect and Social Responsibility have been demonstrated in abundance this term.

The Year 5 children



activities such as high ropes, abseiling and canoeing as well as making magical memories by the campfire. They were also commended by the staff for being the most impeccably behaved students on the site.

Year 3 have consolidated their learning about the Stone Age with an immersive trip to Murton Park. Activities included grinding their own flour, weaving, hunting with spears and creating clay models while discovering what life was like in the Stone Age.

Exciting visits to school have included some of the builders from the Tilbury Douglas Construction Team who visited our Early Years children in their newly renovated classrooms. We all enjoyed a celebration with the

demonstrated all of our school values during their residential at PGL Dearne Valley. They participated in



Playground Proms who brought an inclusive classical music experience to our children and perhaps inspired some professional musicians of the future.

Finally, staying with the theme of inspiration, we were visited by a six time World champion and an Olympic champion, Jonny Brownlee, who presented one of our Year 6 pupils with a brand-new bike for showing such strength and aspiration in the Brownlee Triathlon. A fantastic way to almost round off the year!



Welburn COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

We have had an exceptionally busy term at Welburn! We have enjoyed plenty of visits, including a residential, a Shakespeare workshop at Merchant Adventurers and a trip to Whitby Abbey, to name a few.

We are enjoying the benefits of working with our local community. Eco Council have been busy with their beehive at Bulmer Church, we have started our visits to the Dementia Forward group in the village hall each week and we have visited Castle Howard, whose estate the school sits within.

We were fortunate to receive a grant from the Howardian Hills which has funded our school allotment. It is currently thriving, thanks to the attentions of our Gardening Club and

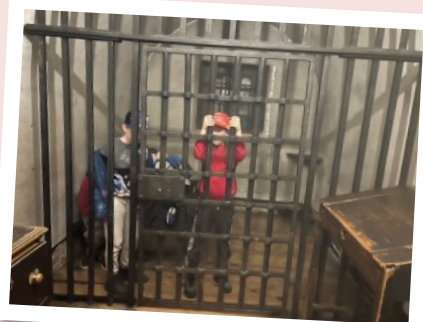
having many successes within the Malton Sports Partnership, including winning the recent dodgeball tournament.

Academically, the children have faced many statutory assessments this term, showcasing determination, resilience and all of the values encompassed in our 'Welburn Way'. We are extremely proud of them all.

We have appointed a new Head of School, Ben Bolton, who will join us in September. Ben will be the Year 5 and 6 teacher and also take on the day-to-day responsibility of the school. Ben is a very talented and knowledgeable teacher, and we look forward to welcoming him to school. I know he is excited to be joining us. As the term closes we are looking

we are excited to enter our vegetables and flowers to the village fair this summer. Pupils continue to excel at sport,

forward to the Summer Fair and a whole school celebratory trip to Dalby - we are hoping that the weather holds out!



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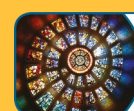


Job	Teaching Assistant level 2
School	Rufforth Primary School
Details	Grade 4 Level 1 £25,878 per annum reduced pro-rata. 19 hours per week 3 days a week 8.30am to 3.20pm Term Time Only Required September 2026
Closes	Friday 17th July at 09.00am

Job	School Cleaner
School	Applefields School
Details	Grade 2: Level 1-4 (£25,878) (York Living Wage) Pro rata to £8,977 (15 hours) Part Time (15 Hours) Term Time Only (39 weeks) Plus Annual Leave 5.6 weeks Required As soon as possible
Closes	Thursday 6th August at 11.55pm

Job	Office Manager
School	Heworth CE Primary School
Details	Grade 6 Level 1 Full time equivalent starting salary £28,394 reduced pro rata. Monday to Friday from 8.30am to 4pm. 35 hours per week. Term time only plus 2 weeks. Permanent Required September 2026
Closes	Monday 27th July at 09.00am

Job	School Assistant (Ascent Provision)
School	Archbishop Holgate's School
Details	Grade 4 (currently £19,495 pa, this is the pro rata salary) Permanent, Part Time (32.5 hpw), Term Time Only
Closes	Wednesday 5th August at 08.00am



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Job	Site Supervisor
School	Archbishop Holgate's School
Details	Grade 5 (£26,748-£27,935 this is the full time salary) Full Year, Part Time—24hpw (Additional hours will be considered for the right candidate) Required as soon as possible
Closes	Wednesday 5th August at 08.00am

Job	Learning Mentor
School	Archbishop Holgate's School
Details	Grade 6 (£28,394 pa) Permanent, Term Time Only Full Time (or Part Time would be considered for the right candidate) Required from September
Closes	Wednesday 5th August at 08.00am

Job	Supply Teaching Assistant Level 2
School	Applefields School
Details	Grade 4 (Level 1-4) £13.45 – £13.68 GBP per hour plus holiday pay. Supply/Casual
Closes	N/A

Job	Exam Invigilator
School	Malton School
Details	£13.45 per hour. Casual Contract.
Closes	N/A

