



School Newsletter 601

Values – Care – Achievement

Friday 11 September 2026

Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parents and Carers,



Welcome back to what promises to be another exciting year at Archbishop Holgate's. It has been wonderful to see our school community return with such enthusiasm, optimism and positive energy. To all our students, we are delighted to welcome you to the next chapter of your educational journey. It has also been lovely to

hear stories of students' summer adventures being shared with friends and staff.

I would like to extend my thanks to parents and carers for the exceptional support you have provided in preparing your children for the year ahead. Standards of uniform and equipment have been extremely high, demonstrating your commitment to ensuring that every student arrives ready to engage fully in their learning. This strong partnership between home and school remains fundamental to our continued success.

This week, I had the pleasure of addressing all students during our Act of Collective Worship. Drawing inspiration from the solar eclipse, I encouraged our young people to shine brightly throughout the year. The theme focused on fresh starts and the many exciting opportunities that lie ahead.

I spoke to students about the importance of the choices they make: choosing to make the most of every lesson, setting high expectations for themselves and looking beyond the classroom to embrace everything school life has to offer. This might involve joining a club, representing the school in a competition, trying a new sport, making music, taking on a leadership role or volunteering to support others. There truly is something for everyone.

These opportunities beyond the classroom are incredibly valuable. They are the moments in which confidence grows, friendships deepen and talents are discovered and developed.

We have made a superb start to the year, and I am genuinely excited to see where this journey takes us. The commitment, energy and positivity evident throughout our school community gives me great confidence in everything we can achieve together.

With best wishes,
Lucie Pond, Headteacher

Upcoming Events

Wed 16 Sept	Y11 Study Skills Evening
Thu 17 Sept	School Photographs - Y7/8/9/10/12
Fri 18 Sept	School Photographs - Y11/13
Mon 21 Sept	Y10 GCSE Information Evening
Wed 14 Oct	Open Evening

Attendance in Secondary School

We invite parents and carers to view the DfE video with tips for how parents can support with [good attendance in Secondary School](#).

Term Dates 2026 -2027

Autumn Term 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

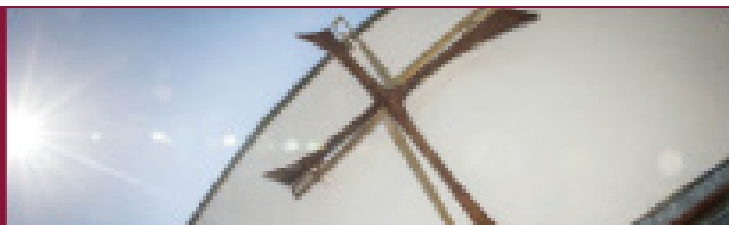
Students return	- 5 Apr 2027
May Bank Holiday	- 3 May 2027
Half Term	- 31 May-4 Jun 2027 (inclusive)
Students return	- 7 Jun 2027
Term Ends	- 23 Jul 2027

MAIN SCHOOL OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 14 October, 6.00pm
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This Week's School News



AHS School Show 2027

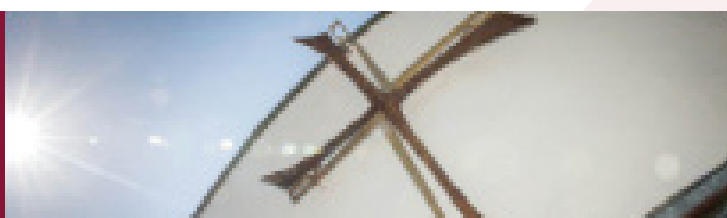
The countdown for the AHS school show has begun! From a list of potential 10, the AHS school show will be revealed at lunchtime on Thursday 17 September. The show will take place w/c 8 March 2027 and audition information will be available at the reveal and on Google Classroom.

School Car Park

A polite reminder to parent/carers - to ensure safety please do not drop off/pick up students in the school car park. Please drop off/pick up before and after school by the Badger Hill shops.

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.

This Week's Sixth Form News



Message from Miss Gavin, Assistant Head: Director of Sixth Form

We were delighted to welcome our new Year 12 cohort to Archbishop Holgate's Sixth Form this week and are really proud of the start they have made to their first week as AHS Sixth formers. Students have made their enrichment choices which will start from next Wednesday and seem excited to take part in new activities ranging from sport to taking part in the traitors.

We are very much looking forward to what they can all achieve in the year ahead on the back of some brilliant Year 11 results. We also welcomed back our Year 13's after a successful summer of results for them and it's been great to hear their tales of the work experience they completed at the end of Year 12. We encourage all sixth form parents/carers to make sure they have access to Class Charts as this is where most communication will take place during the school week. Please contact the school if you do not have access to your Class Charts code.

We also have a few places available left on the Malaysia trip so please get in contact with Mr McPaul (cmcpaul@ahs.pmat.academy) if you want to find out more about this exciting opportunity.

Finally, we are encouraging our students to get organised this year, they will not be receiving a school planner like they would've done in main school. They can however still purchase an academic planner from the Sixth Form office for just £2.

We cannot wait for the year ahead for our Sixth Formers!

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!

School Menu - Monday 14 September

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
MEAT FREE MONDAY Macaroni Cheese topped with a Herby Crust Roasted Vegetable & Tomato Pasta (v) <i>Served with Garlic Bread</i> Eve's Pudding & Custard	Homemade Creamy Chicken & Sweetcorn Pie Vegan Vegetable & Pesto Pie (v) <i>Served with Oven Baked Curly Fries</i> Rice Pudding & Jam Sauce	Roast Gammon Vegetable Bake (v) <i>Served with Roast Potatoes Yorkshire Pudding</i> Chocolate & Raspberry Mousse
THURSDAY	FRIDAY	All served with a selection of seasonal vegetables. Fresh fruit, cakes and 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.
Minced Beef Bolognese Vegan Mince Bolognese (v) <i>Served with Spaghetti</i> Peach Cobbler & Custard	Freshly Battered Fish Vegetable Burger in a Bun (v) <i>Served with Chips Mushy Peas Curry Sauce</i> Chocolate Orange Marble Cake & Custard	



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York SEND Youth Forum

Are you a young person aged 7 - 25 with a special educational need or disability (SEND)?

Have your say and make a difference!

The SEND Youth Forum meets fortnightly at SEND Central to:

- Take part in fun activities, discussions and events
- Meet other young people with SEND
- Help improve SEND services York
- Share their views and ideas



Autumn term 2026

16:30 - 17:30

09/09 07/10 04/11 02/12

23/09 21/10 18/11 16/12

We also have meetings online
24/09
22/10
18:00 - 19:00 26/11



Get involved by emailing
 ✉ Jointpartnership@york.gov.uk
 🌐 www.yorksend.org
 /get-involved/send-youth-forum

#JulyAugust26

Newsletter

York Inspirational Kids



As August is about to leave us the rain has returned but what a beautiful summer we have had. We've had some lovely days out and our holiday clubs have had lots of fun and laughter. As school is around the corner we have lots of activities planned for all our different groups. If you have any suggestions for future events please let us know. Please also book for our Conference next month. See further details inside the newsletter..



The 15th of August was our birthday party celebrating 15 fantastic years of York Inspirational kids. Thank you everyone that attended, you all sure know how to party!!

York Inspirational Kids

July/August 2026



Clubs

0-5 Drop In

Our 0-5 years drop in sessions are a great opportunity to meet other like-minded parents whilst your little ones play and explore. Completely free and no prebooking needed - donations welcome for tea and coffee.

7th Oct, 4th Nov & 2nd Dec

Weekly

YIKs All About Autism provides evening and holiday clubs for autistic children and young people living in York.

Mondays = 4:30-6:30 = 4-8yrs

Tuesdays = 4:30-6:30 = 8-10yrs

Wednesdays = 4:30-6:30 = 10-12yrs

Fridays = 5:50-7:30 = 13-18yrs

Post 16s

Thursdays 6:30-8pm

£3 pp at Send Central - unless stated otherwise. 50p per snack

Welcome back! - 10th Sept

Kite Making- 17th Sept

Employability - 24th Sept

New beginnings - 1 Oct

Saturday Club

Every 2 weeks at 10.30 til 12 noon.

£3 per child and 50p per snack -

Donations towards drinks for Parents/Carers. Siblings Welcome

Welcome back! - 12th Sept

Lego Building - 26th Sept

Scratch art key rings - 8th Oct

Halloween - 24th Oct

Pub Club

We will have 2 members of staff in attendance. Please bring a PA/parent if needed.
7-8pm

Cross Keys - 29th Sept

Pear Tree Farm - 27th Oct

Email events@yiks.co.uk for more information

Welcome back! - 8th Sept
Scratch art key rings - 22nd

Sept

Clay Animals - 6th Oct

Biscuit decorating - 20th Oct

Links

SIBs

YIKs SIBs club is for siblings of disabled and autistic children. It gives them an opportunity to be with other young people in a similar situation, talk about their week and their challenges, as well as providing them with fun activities. SIBs runs fortnightly on a Tuesday evening 6:45pm - 8pm (term-time only). Siblings aged 8+ only. £3.00 per child (50p per snack)

YIKs Parent/Carer Groups

Chat & Create

Day Dates

Walk & Talk

Night Owls



To restart in October

Family Bowling

Join us at family bowling.
£8.20pp pay on the day
Tenpin, Clifton Moor

15th Sept & 13th Oct

& Breathe..

Pop along to our parent support group anytime between 9.30-11am to discuss all your SEND needs. Every Thursday term time only.

Email events@yiks.co.uk for more information



Snow Ball

A BLACK TIE EVENT

PRESENTED BY
YORK INSPIRATIONAL KIDS CIC

21
NOV

YORK RACECOURSE

6:30
PM

WIN
PRIZES



LIVE
MUSIC

RSVP - events@yiks.co.uk

<https://buytickets.at/yorkinspirationalkidscic/2009358>



Cidney



HI I'M CIDNEY. I CURRENTLY WORK WITH SOME OF THE CHILDREN AT THEIR GROUPS BUT WILL ALSO BE HELPING WITH FUNDRAISING. IF YOU'D LIKE TO BE PART OF MY FUNDRAISING TEAM PLEASE EMAIL ME EVENTS@YIKS.CO.UK - IT WOULD BE GREAT TO HAVE YOU ON BOARD!



YORK INSPIRATIONAL KIDS



5K INFLATABLE CHALLENGE

Get ready for a day of excitement and adventure as the Inflatable 5K arrives in York. Packed with giant inflatable obstacles, slides and tunnels, this event is perfect if you're looking for a fun run with a difference, whilst raising funds for York Inspirational Kids.

- ☒ 5K OF INFLATABLE CHALLENGES
- ☒ FUNDRAISING FOR A GREAT CAUSE

26 Sept 2026

BOOK YOUR PLACE



events@yiks.co.uk



JOIN US FOR

STORY MAKING WORKSHOPS

Design your own character and explore their options as you create their adventures

Tuesdays from 9 June 2026 for 6 weeks

Venue:- SEND Central, YO30 6JA

For KS 2 & 3 children struggling to attend school

In conjunction with the students of YSJU



NEW DATES STARTING SEPTEMBER
BOOK NOW! Email info@yiks.co.uk
to register your young person



25 BOTTLES NEEDED

DONATIONS NEEDED

ARE YOU A LOCAL BUSINESS LOOKING TO DONATE LOCALLY?

COULD YOUR BUSINESS SPONSOR THIS OR DONATE ONE OR TWO BOTTLES? PLEASE GET IN TOUCH IF YOU CAN HELP!

email: info@yiks.co.uk

Charity Ball 21 Nov 2026
at York Racecourse



Champagne/Prosecco



Charity Ball Sponsorship

£50 - Half page advert
£100 - Full page advert
£250 - Full page advert + 2 tickets for the ball + your logo on the large screen on the night
Sat 21 Nov 2026 at York Racecourse



More info events@yiks.co.uk

LEARN MORE

Sponsorship opportunities

Monetary donations

York Inspirational Kids CIC

YIKs Parent Support

PARENT/CARER SUPPORT LINE

We are pleased to launch our confidential telephone support service, available to parents/carers of children with SEND looking for support and signposting.

Monday Mornings 9.30 am-11.30am
Term time only
Slots of up to 20 minutes are available.

To Book a slot please email ruth.appleby@yiks.co.uk with your name and contact telephone number by 5 pm Thursday and you will be sent a time slot for the following Monday.
Slots will be given on a first-come first-serve basis.

YIKs Peer Mentoring Service

What is Peer Mentoring?

Peer mentoring involves people using their own life experiences to share understanding, and promote improved well-being with others. It's about sharing knowledge, experience and practical help with each other, to improve emotional and mental health, while creating a sense of belonging. Having a child/children with any form of SEND can be lonely, isolating, and leave us feeling like we are losing a little of ourselves. YIKs Peer Mentoring aims to help you change this.

Peer Mentoring at YIKs

At YIKs, we understand that being a parent carer can be a lonely, isolating and overwhelming place at times, which is why we are very excited to be able to expand the level of parent support we can now offer.

Amy and her team of peer mentors are available to meet for 6 sessions and provide signposting, support and a listening ear.

What Next?

If you would like to register for Peer Mentoring then please email ruth.appleby@yiks.co.uk for a registration form. Once completed, return the form to Ruth.

NEED HELP WITH YOUR CHILD'S EHCP ?

ARE YOU STRUGGLING TO UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU NEED TO DO OR ARE YOU TRYING TO APPLY AND UNSURE OF THE PROCESS? IN THE FIRST INSTANCE EMAIL

EHCP@YIKS.CO.UK

Pay as you feel. Suggested donation £10 for in person appointments



YORK INSPIRATIONAL KIDS CIC
IN CONJUNCTION WITH
JORKVIK TALKING THERAPIES

COUNSELLING SUPPORT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 11+

4 counselling spaces available for children aged 11+ who may benefit from emotional wellbeing support

Counselling may help with:

- Anxiety or worries
- Low mood
- Friendship or school difficulties
- Emotional regulation
- Building confidence and self-esteem

Support includes:

- ✓ Initial assessment to understand the young person's needs
- ✓ Ongoing counselling sessions available
- ✓ Monitoring and reviewing progress
- ✓ Helping young people develop healthy coping strategies

PILOT GROUP OF 6 SESSIONS EACH £25PP PER SESSION

Registered with:
BACP
National Counselling & Psychotherapy Society (NCPS)

To register your interest please email

Jo@jorkviktalkingtherapies.co.uk
for an initial assessment





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YIKS CONFERENCE

28 SEPTEMBER 2026 | 9.30-3PM

REGISTER NOW

[HTTPS://WWW.TICKETTAILOR.COM/EVENTS/YORKINSPIRATIONALKIDSCIC/2304878](https://www.tickettailor.com/events/yorkinspirationalkids/cic/2304878)

Thank you from everyone
at York Inspirational
Kids!

OUR SCHOOLS ARE RECRUITING



Support Staff Vacancies

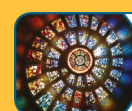
For details and to apply, visit our [website](#) or scan the QR code



Job	Teacher of Maths
School	Archbishop Holgate's School
Details	Mainscale /UPS Full Time Permanent Required from: January 2027
Closes	Monday 28 September at 8.00am

Job	Cleaning Assistant
School	Archbishop Holgate's School
Details	Currently £13.45 per hour Full Year, 20 hours per week Monday-Friday, 3.30-7.30pm Salary paid monthly over 12 equal payments Required from: September 2026
Closes	N/A

Job	Attendance Administrator
School	Archbishop Holgate's School
Details	Grade 5 (£23,698 – this is the pro rata salary) Full Time (37 hpw, Mon-Fri, 8.00am-4.00pm) Term Time Only Permanent Required: As soon as possible
Closes	Monday 28 September at 8.00am



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Support Staff Vacancies

For details and to apply, visit our [website](#) or scan the QR code

Job	General Teaching Assistant – SEN
School	The White Rose Federation Hensall Community Primary School
Details	Contract Type: Permanent, Part Time Grade: NJC Grade C, Pay point 4 plus SEN allowance—£27,606 pro Rata Salary Term Time only Required from October 2026 or sooner
Closes	Tuesday 22nd September at midday

Job	General Teaching Assistant – SEN
School	The White Rose Federation Barlow C of E Primary School
Details	Grade: NJC—Grade C, Pay point 4 plus SEN allowance £27,606 pro rata. Term Time only Contract Type: Permanent, Part Time Required from November 2026
Closes	Monday 21st September at midday.

Job	Teaching Assistant SEN (afternoons) & After School Club Leader
School	The White Rose Federation Burton Salmon Community School
Details	MSA. 12:00-1:00pm, 2 hrs pay point 3 £25,949, pro rata to hours and term time only. Teaching Assistant, 5 hrs (1.00pm-3.30pm 2 days, NJC scale pay point 4, £26,016 FTE , pro rata to hours and term time only working, After School Club Leader, 5 hrs (3.30pm—6.00pm, 2 days), pay point 6 to 9, £26,846 to £28,153 FTE, pro rata to hours and term time only working. Contract Type: Permanent, Part-Time. Required from October 2026
Closes	Monday 21st September at midday.



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Support Staff Vacancies

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Job	Supply Teaching Assistant Level 2
School	Applefields School – York
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

Job	General Teaching Assistant EYFS/Year 1
School	The White Rose Federation Hensall Community Primary School
Details	Permanent, Part Time Term Time only Grade: NJC—Grade C, Pay point 4 Required from November 2026 or sooner.
Closes	Friday 25th September at midday

