



The Phoenix Flier

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The Yarm Preparatory School Newsletter

A message from Mr Sawyer

A warm welcome to the start of another academic year in the life of Yarm Preparatory School. It is a pleasure to be writing to you all at the end of the first full week. It very much feels like we are up and running for the term and, as you will see from the pages in this edition of the Phoenix Flier, there is lots happening across School already! It has been wonderful to see the boys and girls embrace every school day once again and nothing short of brilliant to feel the hum of purposeful learning return. I have genuinely been so impressed with how well all our pupils have taken to their new routines and classes. I must also mention our new pupils across School, they are settling in well and should be proud of the way they have started life here.

It was lovely to see many parents in school this week at our Parent Information Evenings. I hope that the new routines and expectations for your child's year group were made clear and you had the opportunity to meet your child's Form Teacher and other parents. Do check your emails for a copy of the information slides and rest assured that if you need help understanding any of the routines or procedures you can ask any member of staff. We are here to help and no question or query is too small.

I believe that we are all the better for being back at School and we can all look forward with excitement to a super term ahead. We are in this together and it's going to be great fun!

Bill Sawyer

Head's Challenge: What does an Island and the letter T have in common?

Photo of the Week:

Each week we share a photo from a recent school event that we feel encapsulates everything Yarm School is about. This week we travel back in time to our Summer Holiday School, which was blessed by the return of days out and fine weather!



Welcome to Year 3!



Tooled Up Education

Do you have any burning parenting questions? Did you know that Dr Weston will answer any parenting question that you ask? Have a peek at this week's parenting question on the front page of the [Tooled Up Education](#) site. If you have a question, why not submit it? All questions are treated anonymously and we promise we will answer.

A quick reminder As a parent at a Tooled Up school, you have full unlimited access to the Tooled Up library. If you have not created your account yet, click [here to register for an account](#). It takes less than 2 minutes to enter your details and unique school PIN: YPSII03 and if you need assistance, we are always happy to help at support@tooledupeducation.com. If you already have an account and you have forgotten your password, then simply click on any of the resource links above, click "Lost your password" and follow the instructions.

Dr Kathy Weston

4W enjoying the library!



Summer Holiday School



6G Class Reader

6G are reading the book 'Maybe' and have produce an amazing wall display based on it.



SCHOOL FINISHES EARLY—FRIDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER

Please note that the Prep and Pre-Prep will be finishing early next Friday (17th) due to the Senior School Prize Giving.

Pre-Prep finishes at 3pm

Prep finishes at 3.15pm

After school clubs and after school care will run as normal for those who have booked and confirmed places.

PE and Games News



Childhood Immunisation Team

The Childhood Immunisation Team are responsible for delivering all school-aged vaccinations, including



yearly flu, HPV, school-aged boosters and more. For more information on vaccinations, preparing for vaccines, completing their online form and more, or to contact the Childhood Immunisation Team directly, [please follow their Facebook page.](#)

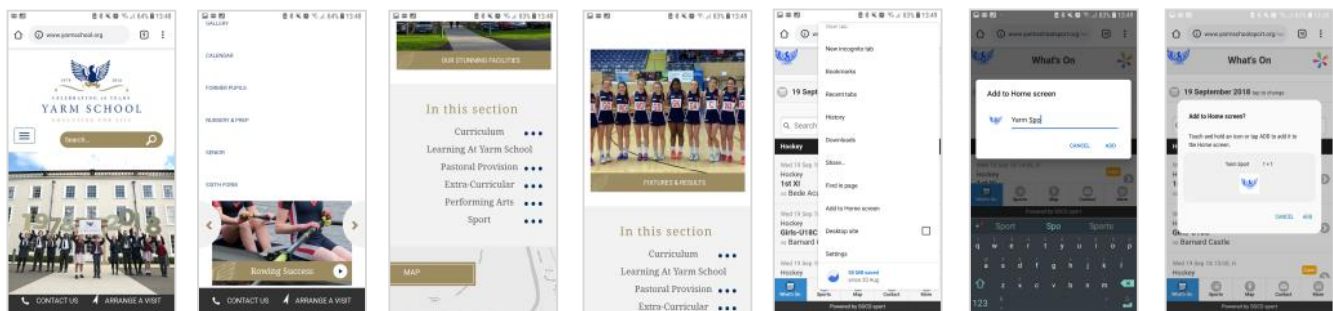
Mrs Wheatley



How to set up Fixtures Pro on your Smartphone

It's how to find details of sports fixtures and team line-ups for the Prep School. It is also very easy to set up on your Apple or Android device. Please follow these instructions.

FOR ANDROID DEVICES:



1. Access the Yarm School website via the browser on your device.

2. Click on 'Senior School' at the top of the page.

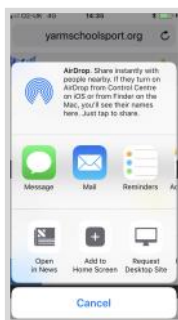
3. Click on 'Sport' which appears down the left-hand side.

4. Click on 'Fixtures and Results'.

5. In the top-right corner of the browser, click on the three dots, then click on 'Add to Home

6. Give the link a name.

7. Add to your phone home screen.



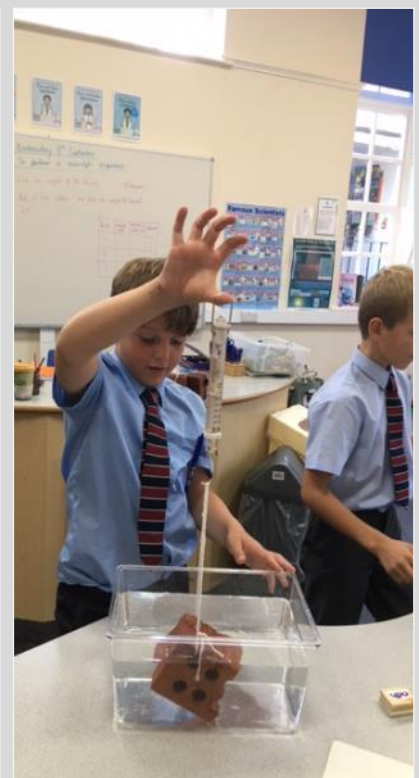
FOR APPLE DEVICES:

Follow steps 1-4 above, then:

5) At the bottom of your phones screen drag your finger up and you have a square and arrow icon (photo left) and if you click this you can then see the icon that says 'Add to home screen'. Click this.

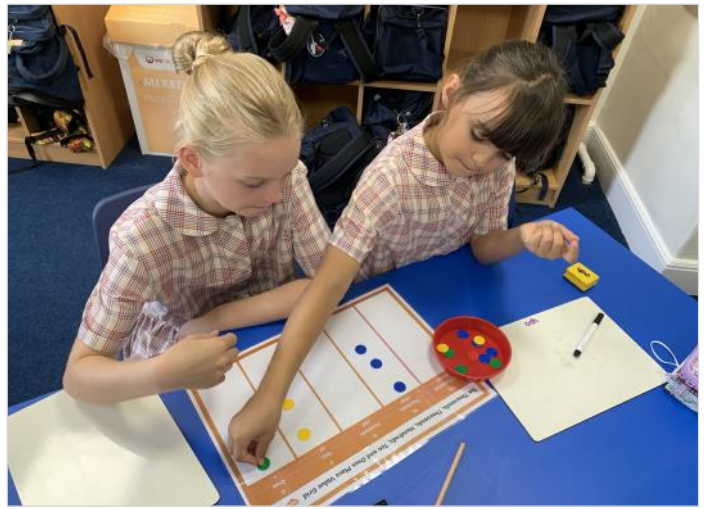
6) Congratulations! You are all set and on your phone screen you should see the Yarm School logo which is now your very own shortcut to team sheets etc.

6P Science



5W Growth Mindset

5W have been working on their growth mindsets in maths this week. They created a learning pit poster to think of ways they can overcome challenges. They used their growth mindsets when working through some questions on place value.



At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one issue of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

BACK TO SCHOOL

Online Safety Tips for Children

Wow, it's September already! The month when autumn officially starts and ... oh yeah, the beginning of a new school year. Every cloud has a silver lining though! Another term means new friends to make, different stuff to learn, fresh online trends to jump on and exciting new games to play on your phone, computer or console. We've compiled a list of our top tips to ensure that – whether you're going online to chat, research things or just have fun – you can do it safely.

Be cautious with your profile

Be careful not to give out too much info on your social media or gaming profiles. Details like your full name, address or school's name could all help strangers to actually find you offline. A trusted adult can help you make your profiles private – so only your family and actual friends can contact you.

Lock your devices

Taking your phone or tablet to school? Turn password protection on. It keeps your private info safe and stops anyone accessing your device without permission. Passwords should be memorable to you – but difficult for anyone else to guess. Get a trusted adult to write it down in case you forget it!

Be smart with screen time

Too much screen time, especially just before bed, can affect your quality of sleep. Losing sleep, or not sleeping well enough, messes with your concentration and energy levels. Try muting notifications so you don't get pinged late at night: you'll feel fresher and more focused the next day.

Know how to deal with bullies

Sadly there are people online who enjoy picking on other users. If you ever feel like you're being bullied online – by anyone, not just someone from school – talk to a trusted adult about it. Together, you can discuss possible steps, such as blocking or reporting the person who's targeting you.

Manage online relationships wisely

Most people in a relationship chat to their partner online. Just be mindful that once you send a pic or message (even if it's private), you no longer control who else might see it. Messaging someone you've never actually met – and who might not be who they say – is definitely best avoided.

React well to inappropriate content

When you're researching something online, there's always a chance of finding content that makes you feel uncomfortable or upset. If this happens, you can report it as inappropriate and (hopefully) get it taken down. Tell a trusted adult what happened: they'll help you decide what to do next.

Report offensive in-game chat

If you game online with your mates, you'll know things can get competitive and heated on the in-game chat. Playing against people you don't know (especially if they're older) raises the risk of offensive comments and even threats. Our advice? Find out how to block or mute those bad losers.

Learn to spot fake news

If you're looking into a topic for homework or a project, be careful not to get taken in by fake news: content that's deliberately created to mislead people. Check the story with credible sources, like the BBC or Sky News. Trust your instincts, too – if it seems too unbelievable to be true, it's probably fake.

Keep it 'real' with online friends

Everyone enjoys adding friends and followers on social media. It's important, though, that the people you interact with online really are your friends. If they're just random people you've connected with to increase your contacts, you don't know if they could be trolls or bullies (or worse).



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Individual Music Lessons

It's not too late to apply for individual instrumental or singing lessons in Prep. In fact, you can apply at any time of the year.

Instrumental lessons are an optional extra. They are one-to-one sessions with an instrumental or vocal specialist and take place mainly in curriculum time. Children therefore come out of a curriculum subject for half an hour each week. The lesson times are rotated, so that children do not keep missing the same curriculum subject.

The cost of tuition is £167.50 per suite of ten lessons, payable in advance, directly to the specialist teacher. There is a notice period for withdrawal from lessons, outlined in an agreement sent out by the teacher at the commencement of tuition.

Should you wish your child to begin learning an instrument, please follow this link <http://bit.ly/yarmprepmusiclessons> and complete the online form. Your child will then automatically be put on a list and you will be contacted when a vacancy occurs.

In the meantime, should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Mr Gooding, Prep Music Coordinator, at rg@yarmschool.org.

Mr Gooding

Parent Handbook

You can find out Prep School Parent Handbook by clicking [on the link here](#). It is also accessible via the 'Parent' section of our school website.

The handbook is a live, working document. As things change in school, these will be reflected in the handbook. We will endeavour to share these updates through the pages of the Flier every week, but always check the handbook first if you have any immediate queries.

Pupil appearance in school

Please note the following points from the Parent Handbook regarding the appearance of your children in school.

- **Hair** should be kept clear of the face, clean and tidy, neatly cut or shaped and of natural colour. Extreme styles, very short hair or streaked hair / obvious highlights or hair products (wax, gel etc.) are not acceptable. Long hair should be tied back with a suitable small fastener, school scrunchie or hair band.

Hair bands (school style) may also be appropriate for shorter hair.

- **Nail varnish**, whilst not a hazard, does not look smart with school uniform and we ask that girls remove nail varnish before coming to school. We set much store by the appearance of our pupils and seek to maintain these high standards. Parents will be informed if pupils digress from these guidelines and will be expected to take action to remedy the situation.
- **The wearing of jewellery is not permitted.** The wearing of earrings and ear studs is not permitted for safety reasons. Please avoid ear piercing which will necessitate the wearing of ear studs at school. Children will be asked to ensure any ear piercings are taken out as soon as possible. It is recommended and expected that any ear piercings take place in the school holidays, not during term time.

After School Care

We offer late supervision for pupils between 4.30pm and 6.00pm for those children who are not able to be collected by 4.30pm. After School Care is supervised by Miss Emma Jeffries and Prep School staff. A register is taken and a modest charge is made for this facility. A drink and snack are provided for pupils who attend.

The care costs are as follows: 4.30-5.00pm - £2; 5.00-5.30pm - £3 (in addition to previous charge); 5.30-6.00pm - £3 (in addition to previous charge). Children involved in clubs until 5pm, children involved in fixtures and children whose siblings are involved in Prep School clubs and activities are not charged until these activities have finished.

Please note the phone number for after school care: 01642 792584. It would help us enormously, if you are running late after 5pm, that you could contact this number to let us know your estimated time of arrival.

House Captains—Autumn 2020

	Captain	Vice-Captain
Arkwright	Jacob B.	Charlotte F.
Brunel	James R.	Emily E.
Stephenson	Wilf D.	Edie RS.
Telford	Rosie C.	Jude T.

Parent Curriculum Information Site

<http://bit.ly/yarmprepparents>

The new parent curriculum information site will contain overviews and guidance booklets for English and mathematics, in addition to other links and curriculum details. It will be updated regularly so do keep checking back!

Key Dates for the Autumn Term

Key dates and updated calendar information appears here each week. Please also check the calendar page of our school website.

SEPTEMBER

Mon 13	Clubs and activities begin Activities Carousel 1 begins (Y3-6) Brunel House Duty
Wed 15	Year 5 trip to Robinwood departs (9am)
Thu 16	YPSSC (4pm; Learning Skills room)
Fri 17	Year 5 return from Robinwood (time tbc)
	SCHOOL FINISHES EARLY (3pm—Pre-Prep; 3.15pm—Prep) U11 Girls' Hockey v St Olaves (Away; 2pm start, 5pm return)
Mon 20	Prep Safety Week Stephenson House Duty
Tue 21	6L trip to Boggle Hole (5pm return) Year 2 trip to Harlow Carr Farm Y3 Maths Information Event (4-5pm) Y3 Sports Workshop with Clifton (Home; 2.15pm start)
Wed 22	6P trip to Boggle Hole (5pm return)
Thu 23	6G trip to Boggle Hole (5pm return)
Fri 24	YPSSC Wine Tasting Evening (7-10pm; PAA) U11 Rugby/Hockey v St Olaves (Home; 2pm start)
Sat 25	OPEN MORNING (9am-12noon)

Yarm Prep Baccalaureate

Every year, each child in Years 3-6 are given the opportunity to complete the Yarm Prep Baccalaureate. Based around the six School Values, the YPB sets the children a number of year group-specific challenges. Once they have completed six of these for each value, as well as a project highlighting how they have demonstrated the value, the children are presented with their Prep Baccalaureate badge.

It is a massive achievement to complete the YPB and it gives me great pleasure to announce that the following children have managed to do just this!

Year 5—Emily E., Claudia P.

Well done to these children and the seven others who completed it, and also to everyone else who completed tasks and tackled projects this year. Keep an eye out for the new booklets coming out in the next few days!

Mr Stone

Form Captains

	Values	Endeavour
3B	Thomas M.	Holly B.
3R	Max J.	Lottie L.
3W	Dax C.	Isla R.
4J	Francesca F.	Niall E.
4N	Aphelia S.	Ollie B.
4W	Phoenix E.	Heidi K.
5H	Nona D.	Maisy V.
5K	Jessica F.	Arvind K.
5W	Dorothy W.	Miguel RM.
6G	Aisling T.	Lily C.
6L	Ben P.	Yuhe T.
6P	Eleanor W.	Wilf D.

Term Dates

Autumn Term 2021—Thursday 2nd September—Friday 17th December (after school)

Half-Term—Friday 15th October (after school) - Sunday 31st October

Spring Term 2022—Wednesday 5th January—Friday 1st April (after school)

Half-Term—Thursday 17th February (after school) - Sunday 27th February

Summer Term 2022—Monday 25th April—Thursday 7th July (after school)

Half-Term—Thursday 26th May (after school) - Sunday 5th June