

The Phoenix Flier

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The Yarm Preparatory School Newsletter

A message from Mr Sawyer

This week has seen the excitement of clubs and activities commencing across School. The extra-curricular side of school life provides such a wealth of important opportunities for our pupils to collaborate and forge new interests. We wholeheartedly believe that through embracing a broad spectrum of pursuits the boys and girls develop a web of transferable skills that will help them in the future, in school life and beyond. The incredible achievements of Emma Radacanu at the US Open are testament to the benefits of not specialising in one area too soon and her early experimentation in a range of sports and activities mirrors that of Roger Federer before he focused on tennis and achieved so much in his career.

It is not just in the sporting arena that exposure in many areas reaps rewards later on. A recent study into the most successful innovators at 3M demonstrated that the best inventors were often not specialists by any stretch. They were generalists who explored a range of different fields in their research. Not specialising too early brings many benefits: the ability to think creatively, apply strategic thought to difficult problems, learn vital collaborative working skills and develop a wide appreciation of others and different pursuits. In essence, it develops a well rounded individual and is lots of fun! Do encourage and support your children to explore and engage with what is on offer this term in the extra-curricular side of school life.

Bill Sawyer

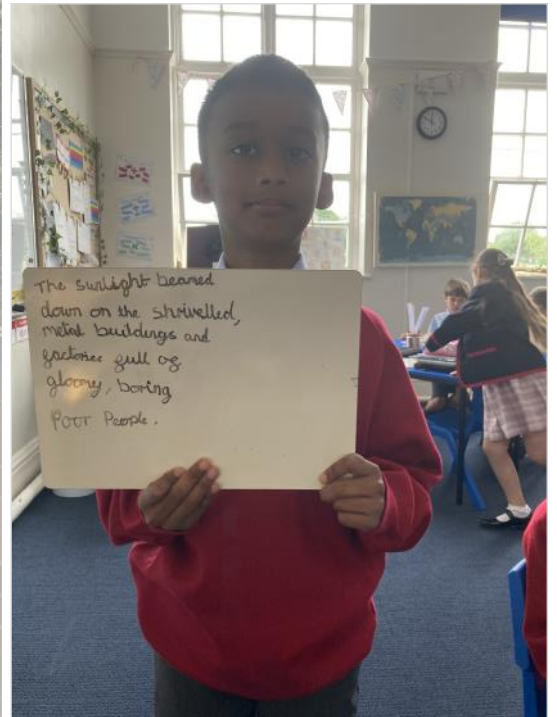
Head's Challenge: If it took 6 people 9 hours to build a barn, how long would it take 12 people to build the same barn?

Photo of the Week:

Some fascinating (yet rather disgusting) scientific studies were taking place in Year 4 this week. See inside to find out more.



Welcome to Year 4!



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

6G Homework

Tearing through the sky, lightning illuminated the inky black sea. At the bow, the mermaid figurehead watched the disaster unfold. Quickly, the waves started to engulf the sodden deck. When the cabins were consumed with water, all would be lost. Creaking like a floorboard the mast began to tremble. Terrified about what would happen, the captain stood bravely at the bow of the boat waiting for his end.

Roaring, the sea tossed and turned the boat like it was weightless. In the middle of the boat, the cowering crew huddled together and said their prayers as the boat began to tilt up. Determined, the captain hung onto the rail for dear life. Like it was made out of dried spaghetti the ancient mast snapped and came crashing down into the murky depths. Slowly, the ship was consumed by the wide mouth of the sea.

Ewan P.

Beef stew and Pavlova

While making this two course meal, these are some of the challenges I faced: collecting the egg whites for the Pavlova, mashing the potatoes and chopping the Shallots.

Here are some pictures:

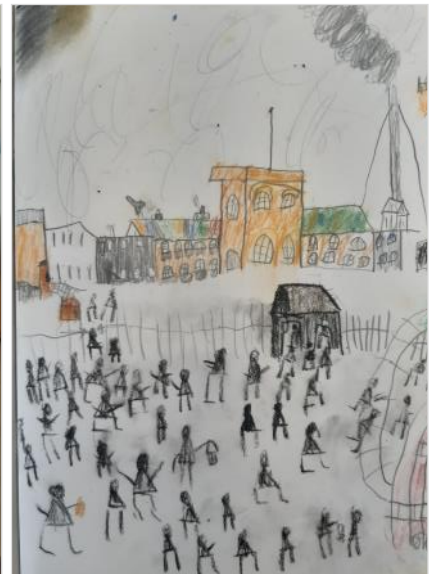
Everyone enjoyed my meal and gave it a big thumbs up! I hope to make things like this more often because it was great fun.

Thomas P.



Year 3 Art

Some of the wonderful work by Year 3, recreating 'Going to Work' by L.S. Lowry.



Harvest collection—Friday 8th October

This harvest at Prep School, will be collecting donations to support Little Sprouts Foodbank. Sprouts Community Food Charity is dedicated to improving the health and wellbeing of our community and we're keen to help! We will be welcoming donations of non-perishable food items during harvest week beginning Monday 4th October. Please bring your donations to the Y3/4 entrance. Thank you in advance for your help and support!



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



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.](#)



First session is free

Junior Training
U10-U15s

Tuesday
5:30-6:30pm
@ Yarm School

Wednesday
5:30-6:30pm
@ Yarm School

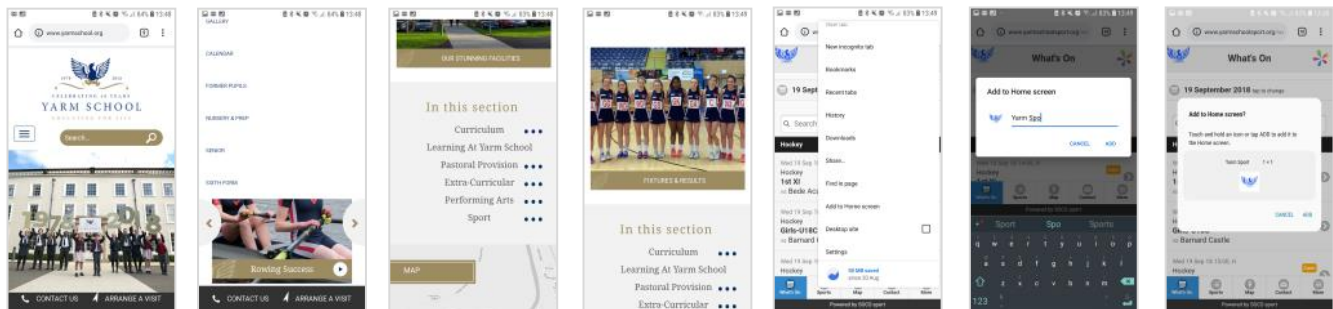
Thursday
5:30-6:30pm
@ Macmillan Academy

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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:



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| 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. |
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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.

Darkroom Photography Activity

Our new Y6 Darkroom Activity started this week. We will spend the next few weeks learning about different traditional photographic processes, making pinhole cameras, using classic SLR cameras, developing and printing our own black and white photographs.

This week we started by taking portraits using a pre-war camera, before moving onto cyanotypes. Cyanotype is one of the earliest photographic techniques, invented in 1842. We made pictograms of leaves and feathers, before developing them.

Mr Gooding



Year 4 Science

Year 4 have been looking at how the digestive system works!



5W Spellings

5W have been working on their weekly spellings by matching up the word with its definition and then creating descriptive sentences.



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

What parents need to know about

NETFLIX

18+
The account holder must be 18 or older.



Launched in 1997, Netflix is now one of the world's leading online streaming services, providing users with unlimited access to a huge selection of TV shows and films. It's available on any internet-connected device that supports the Netflix app, from smart TVs and games consoles to tablets and smartphones, and is becoming increasingly popular with a younger audience. This is unsurprising given consumer attitudes are changing more towards video-on-demand (VoD) services. That's why we've created this guide to help parents and carers understand exactly what Netflix is about.

Inappropriate content

Netflix hosts and produces content for all ages. It has a wide variety of films and TV programmes for young children, teens and adults and its extensive catalogue can provide hours of entertainment. Children can search for almost anything but if they share the same account as an adult, it can also open them up to viewing material that is adult themed or inappropriate. Netflix doesn't check who's watching so children could access films or TV shows that contain violence, nudity or foul language.



Risk of hacking

With millions of users in over 190 countries, Netflix is often targeted by hackers and phishing scams which try to illicit usernames and passwords to gain access to accounts. If successful, hackers can steal payment details or try to sell your data on the dark web, providing others with the opportunity to profit. Given Netflix doesn't provide 2-factor authentication, it's important to ensure your login details remain secure.



Binge-watching

With the ability to access Netflix on almost any device, it can be easy to fall into 'binge-watching' TV series, with users finding it difficult to turn it off without knowing what happens next. The autoplay function also means that the next episode usually plays within seconds of the last ending and the Netflix algorithms mean that recommended programmes are very often similar to those you've just watched. This can easily lead to spending hours in front of the TV through the day or staying up through the night, potentially affecting sleep, mood and the ability to concentrate the next day.



Screen addiction

In addition to binge-watching, the fact that Netflix is available on almost any device with an internet connection means that parents may find it difficult to prize children away from a screen. With a huge collection of children's TV programmes and the latest film titles, children could start watching on the TV, continue on the tablet and finish on their games console. Increased screen time means that they may spend less time learning, playing outside, find it difficult to sleep or communicate less with family and friends.



Netflix party

Netflix Party is a free extension on Google Chrome that gives users the ability to watch a film or TV show online simultaneously with friends or family in different locations. It also provides the ability to chat to each other during the stream. Users can create a party and send a link to people they want to invite however the link can be copied and distributed further, meaning children could potentially be open to a group chat with people they don't know. It should be noted that Netflix Party isn't an official Netflix product and needs to be downloaded separately to the app.



Safety tips for parents & carers

Create a Netflix Kids experience profile

One of the biggest advantages of Netflix is the ability to control what content your children can watch. Setting up a Netflix Kids experience profile means that children only have access to TV shows and movies which have been carefully selected for kids. The look and feel of the app is simpler and children can't access any account settings.



Set maturity ratings & block content

If your child is a little older, parents can create a separate profile to their own and set a maturity rating that means children will see only TV shows and movies that fit that rating. The three categories of rating for the UK are kids (all, U, PG), teens (12, Guidance, Teen) and adult (15, 18, mature, adult). You can also block specific TV shows and movies from individual profiles which means they don't show up in the browse or search results.



Have an open & honest conversation

Parents can review the TV shows and films that have been watched on each profile under their account. If your child seems upset or shocked by something they have seen or if you are concerned about anything they've viewed, try to talk to them about it and have an open and honest conversation to help understand any concerns.



Switch off autoplay

Netflix has two autoplay features that can be switched on and off across different accounts and takes effect across all devices. Parents can disable the ability for consecutive episodes to play automatically and for previews to play when browsing. Both can help to limit the amount of time children spend on the app.



Lock your profile

It's important to keep your own account secure so that children can't freely switch between profiles and potentially access more adult-themed content or change access levels. Parents can set up a Profile Lock PIN which means only they can access their own Netflix account.



Set screen time limits

Although switching off autoplay will help to stem programmes playing continuously, children can just as easily choose to play the next episode themselves. Whilst Netflix has no options to help limit viewing time, many devices now allow parents to set screen time restrictions, so you can switch off the app automatically when you think they've had enough.



Meet our expert

Pete Badh is a writer with over 10+ years in research and analysis. Working within a specialist area for West Yorkshire Police, Pete has contributed work which has been pivotal in successfully winning high profile cases in court as well as writing as a subject matter expert for industry handbooks.



Create a strong password & always log out.

Given that Netflix doesn't use 2-factor authentication, the need for a unique username and strong password is even more important. Try to use a different password to ones you've used before and use a mixture of numbers, letters (uppercase and lowercase) and symbols, with a minimum of 8 characters. Always log out when not using your account so that if your device is lost or stolen, your account remains inaccessible.



SOURCES: <https://www.netflix.com> | <https://help.netflix.com/en/node/264> | https://www.ofcom.org.uk/...data/assets/pdf_file/0023/190616/children-media-use-attitudes-2019-report.pdf

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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.

- **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.

Second-hand Uniform

As part of our ongoing initiatives to encourage sustainability, we offer a second hand uniform service; good quality, second hand uniform items are available to purchase from the Uniform Showroom which is located on the Senior School site. If you wish to sell/donate good quality uniform you no longer require, please drop items at the Uniform Showroom or phone Lesley Porter, Showroom Manager, for more information on 01642 792588. Second hand Nursery, Pre-Prep and Prep School uniform can also be donated to the YPSSC and sold to raise funds for the Prep School. Please contact the Prep School Committee for more information: ypssc@hotmail.co.uk

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.

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 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)
Mon 27	1S trip to Foxglove Covert
Tue 28	U8 Hockey workshop with Queen Mary's (away; 4.30pm return)
Wed 29	School Council (1pm)

OCTOBER

Fri 1	U10 Rugby/Hockey v Dame Allan's (home; 2pm start, 3.45pm finish) U11 Rugby v Pocklington (home; 2pm start, 3.45pm finish)
Mon 4	1N trip to Foxglove Covert

Peer Mentor of the Week

Name: Monica

Friends: I think it is important to have lots of friends. I have different friends for different things, like my football friends, my "friends friends" and my work friends.

My best mentor: My sister Tilly (sometimes!) can be annoying but she also helps me and explains how to do things when I am stuck.

Favourite TV show: Family Reunion

Favourite fruit: Pears

Favourite subject: PE

When I am older... I want to be a teacher. I love helping younger children.



The answer to the Head's Challenge from last time was:
They are both in the middle of water.

Weekly certificates

	Values	Endeavour
3B	Annalise D.	Leo S.
3R	Max J.	Meadow E.
3W	Dax C.	Fathe C.
4J	Niall E.	Samuel I.
4N	Alex P.	Ronav G.
4W	Amelia C.	Laurel G.
5H	Pippa J.	Nikita S.
5K	Amelie K.	Sonny F.
5W	Joe W.	William M.
6G	Tobias H.	Eva T.
6L	Monica P-H.	William F.
6P	Rosie C.	Daniel H.

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