

# The Phoenix Flier

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## The Yarm Preparatory School Newsletter

### A message from Mr Sawyer

**W**elcome to another edition of the Phoenix Flier which brings you in on the action of a week at Yarm Prep School. It has been Anti-Bullying Week across the UK and a great opportunity for us to reflect as a school on what bullying is and how to respond when it occurs. I am grateful to the staff who have led lessons and assemblies on this important topic. One doesn't have to look too far in wider society to see bullying of all forms in organisations and institutions. All schools therefore need to tackle the issue and give every child a toolkit to be able to identify and deal with bullying when it occurs. Do explore the articles in the Flier this week and see the links to Dr Kathy Weston's resources on online bullying.

Wednesday afternoon saw our first informal concert in nearly two years take place at the Prep School. It was wonderful to hear live music being played once more by our pupils in front of an audience. The pupils as always really embraced this valuable opportunity and displayed much talent and composure. It was an emotional experience for many and we look forward to giving more children the opportunity to perform at our next informal concert. Many thanks to Mr Gooding and our VMT's who helped to prepare the children so well and to all the staff who ensured the event ran smoothly. In a few weeks we will be coming together for our Christmas celebration - *A Festival of Carols*. We do hope that you will be able to join us for what should be a very memorable event in our calendar. An email with booking details has been sent to all families today.

*Bill Sawyer*

### Head's Challenge:

Using six matches or pencils can you make four triangles with equal sides?

### Photo of the Week:

Year 3 took a trip to Captain Cook's Birthplace Museum last week. More images inside.



## Tooled Up Education

Our first ever Mental Health Education week is coming to a close and we've enjoyed every second of it. Thanks to all of you who have attended our exclusive webinars, with leading experts from the world of mental health. We hope you found them useful and interesting! If you missed any of our evening events and want to catch up, keep your eye on the [Tooled Up library](#) as we'll be publishing some recordings and notes soon.

We've more webinars coming up soon, exclusively for the Tooled Up community. Join Dr Weston on 25th November at 8pm, for an evening discussion with Claire Harvey, who will be sharing evidence relating to mental health for LGBTQ+ teens and discussing what needs to happen at home and school to ensure that teens have good self-esteem and a great support network. On 13th December, we will be speaking to Dr Joy Rosenberg, from Oxford Audiology Solutions, about building resilience in children who are Deaf, something that several of our families have asked us about. [Book your free places now!](#)

You are probably aware that it's anti-bullying week. If you have children with their own digital devices, now might be a good time to revisit our [podcast with Professor William Pickett and Professor Wendy Craig on cyberbullying](#). It's packed full of actionable tips parents can use when talking to children about digital literacy, which can lower the risk of being bullied, or bullying, online.

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](mailto: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*

### **Term Dates 2021-22**

**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



### **Parent Curriculum Information Site**

<http://bit.ly/yarmpreparents>

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!

## Anti-Bullying Week

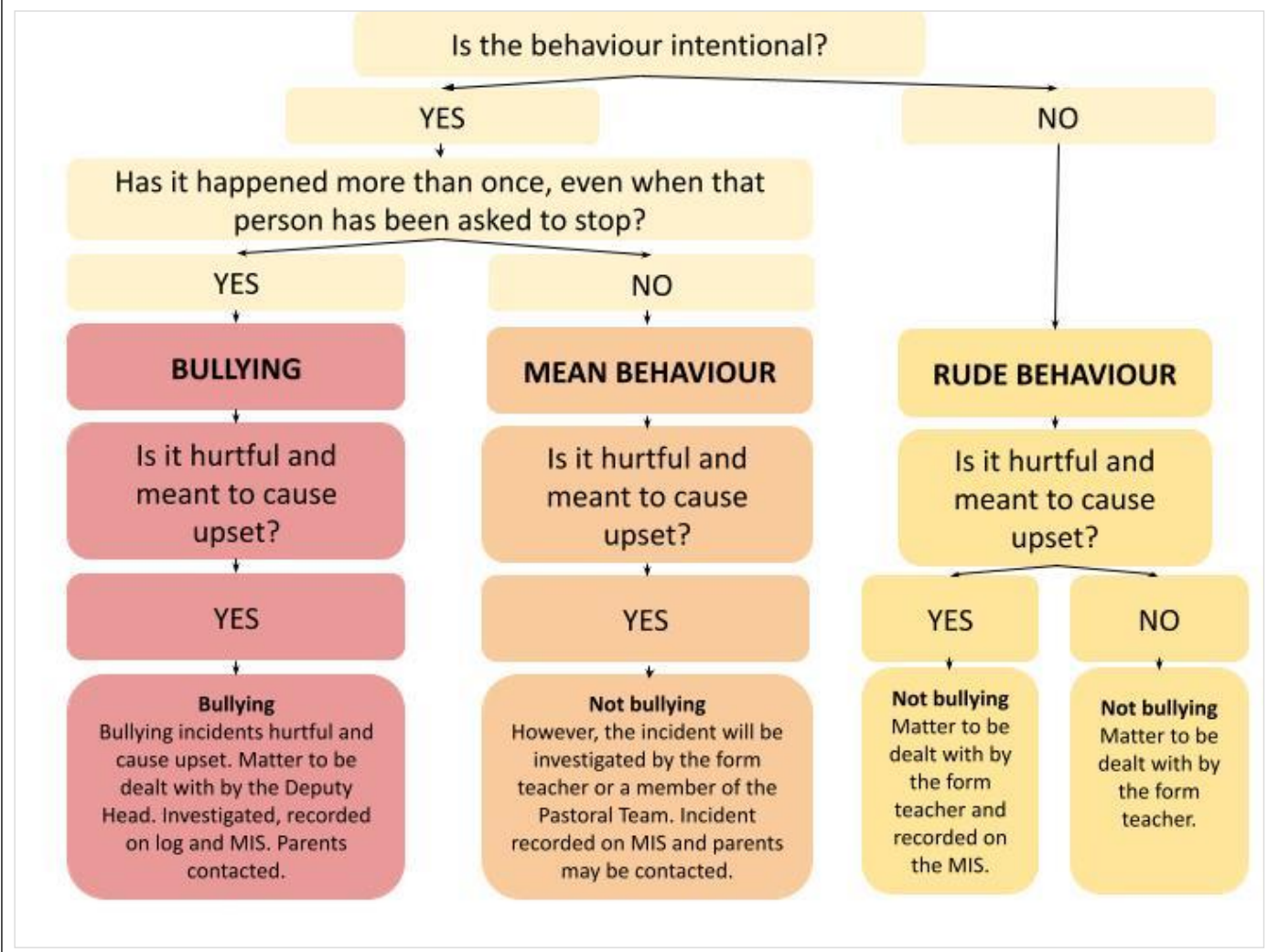
This week has been Anti-Bullying Week, a national event that explores issues surrounding bullying.

This year the focus is on spreading kindness through the theme of 'One Kind Word'. The *Anti-Bullying Alliance* have developed a call to action, focusing on the following four points we are encouraging the children to do:

- Ask if someone is OK.
- One kind word can be a turning point. It can change someone's day.
- One kind word leads to another.



We have been exploring kindness, 'One Kind Word' and what bullying is during assemblies, form times and PSHE lessons. We have also been exploring what bullying is by using the chart below, which distinguishes between rude, mean and bullying behaviour. The flowchart uses the key features of bullying to help distinguish when a behaviour is bullying and uses the dialogue we use with the children and we encourage the children to use too. The chart forms part of our Anti-Bullying Policy, [which you can view here](#).





## Anti-Bullying Week

5W acted out a scene all about bullying and we looked at ways we could stop and prevent bullying from happening!



### Year 5 After School Care

Arvind spent some time in after school care recently helping Middlesbrough fans (such as Miss Jeffries!) find out about new manager, Chris Wilder.

**WHO IS HE?**

Middlesbrough FC sacked Neil Warnock and appointed former Sheffield United manager Chris Wilder. He was born on the 23rd of September 1967 and is 5 foot 11 inches (1.8m) and use to play as a right-back.

**INTERESTING FACTS**

1. He started his coaching career with Alfreton Town in 2001.
2. He has got promoted 2 times with Sheffield United.
3. He has managed Halifax Town, Oxford United, Northampton Town, Sheffield United and now Middlesbrough.



## 6G Pinhole Viewers



### After School Care

After School Care is supervised by Miss Emma Jeffries and Prep School staff. 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. **If you are collecting from the Pre-Prep please access the Studio Hall by following the path from the new car park.** 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.

Mr Stone

### Festival of Carols

We look forward to inviting parents to our *Festival of Carols* on Thursday 9th December. So we can ensure lots of congregational carol singing, we will be putting on two performances on the same afternoon, with limited capacity in each. Please note, the Festival of Carols will be slightly different to our usual Carol Service, but will be brilliant to bring the school together!



## Year 6 homework

Some wonderful homework this week from Year 6, including poetry, science projects and optical illusions!

### What is the human eye?

Outside of human eye (front view)



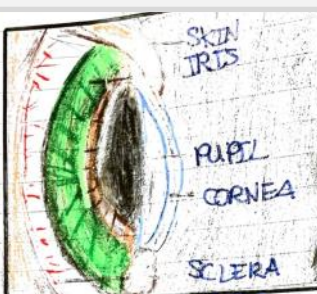
The human eye is an organ that can react to light in loads of different circumstances. As a very conscious sense organ the human eye allows vision for humans. The rod and cone cells (the two

types of photoreceptor cells) in the retina allow conscious light perception and vision, including colour differentiation and the perception of depth. The human eye can distinguish around ten million colours.

### What is the cause for the need for glasses?

Wearing glasses may be caused by weak focusing power of the eyeball being too small. Another condition that can cause people to need glasses is "astigmatism".

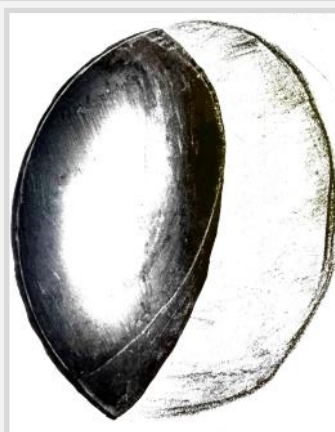
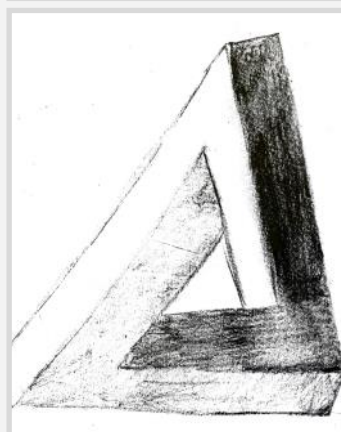
This occurs when part of the eye is irregularly shaped. People with myopia, hyperopia or astigmatism can use glasses or contact lenses to see better.



Outside parts of the eye (side view)

### How can glasses or contact lenses help?

Glasses or contact lenses correct vision because they allow the eye to focus light in the right spot on the retina - the spot that produces the clearest image. Because everyone's eyes are different a pair of glasses that makes one person see wonderfully may look terrible blurry to someone else.



O: to write an acrostic poem about the Victorian

Victoria was crowned Queen in 1837 when she was 18 years old.

India had Queen Victoria as their Empress.

Cholera was a common disease in the Victorian times.

Thomas Telford invented/designed a bridge in 1790.

Over 60 years, Queen Victoria ruled over Britain.

Robert Peel established the London Metropolitan Police Force.

Invention of the spinning Jenny in 1764.

Arkwright invented the spinning frame in 1769.

Newton-Isaac Newton - died in 1727.

Stephenson invented the steam locomotive in 1814.

IG: To write a poem in the style of Rupert Brooke and in the form of 'These I have loved'

These I have Loved

These I have loved:  
 Warmth of the duvet covers and the softness of my pillows;  
 Mum's homemade pancake with a rich cheddar sauce;  
 Water with melted marshmallows crackling toasty warm by the fire;  
 When rain slowly trickles down the window drop by drop;  
 As we stay in cosy and mellow watching a film covered in fluffy blankets;  
 Family's kind kisses for elegant sweet dreams and are there to hold your hand for torturous nightmares;  
 And the feeling of safety and love as I sleep generously,  
 Laughter flowing through the air as I talk at with my friends about adventurous stories;  
 How I feel like I'm as free as a lion living my life normally;  
 My brother's rosy blushed cheeks as he wakes with a smile;  
 Cuddles with Dad as I feel the rough beard rub against my dimpled cheeks;  
 Mum's lovely warm gentle smile and the generosity she has for me;  
 The sweet major fur of a dog as I stroke it softly as she snuggles up beside me;  
 Fish and chip Friday's with a crispy batter and moisture cod;  
 The vinegar scent smothered over the chunky chips;  
 Family walks with the leaves crunching beneath me;  
 Collecting a hot chocolate on the way with the layered velvety creaminess resting on my tongue.  
 All these have been my love's.



## Crazy Crafts

Year3 have made these poppies today to wear with pride during Remembrance last week.



## Telford Dance activity

Telford had an amazing first dance lesson during their Monday Carousel activity! Everyone got stuck in and gave 100%!





## PE and Games



These are some of the quotes from our hockey matches against Pocklington:

Year 5: We all played well and had fun, We really enjoyed it, we also enjoyed the cookies and juice! Gabby scored a super goal too!

*Louisa & Willow*

Year 6: My favourite bit was scoring the first and only goal!

*Effie P.*

I liked being a goalkeeper and saving my first goal!

*Lucia C.*

I liked scoring two goals (and winning)!

*Sofie M.*

I really enjoyed being goalkeeper today and I think that a score of 3-3 is excellent as they beat us 4-0 at the HMC!

*Edie RS.*

I think we played really well and we really enjoyed it!

*Isabelle G.*





## Year 3 Trip to Captain Cook's Birthplace





## 4J Charitable Work

4J have been filling shoe boxes with goodies this week to send to charitable causes as part of their homework menu.

I chose to give it to The Mind Shop in Yarm High Street and it included a note book, two bags of chocolate coins, a pencil case, some coloured pens and pencils, an Alien game, some mini note books for a pocket, soap, shampoo, deodorant and a diary. The lady in the shop was very pleased and I am happy to have given something to charity just before Christmas time.

George P.



## WEEK OF THANKS

From the 13th December and throughout the final week of term, we will be collecting items of food again for the local charity Sprouts in support of their Christmas Campaign. We are asking for items that can be put towards Christmas hampers for local families over the festive period. As such, we welcome all donations during the last week of term that can be put towards a Christmas dinner. The closing date for donations is Thursday 16th December.



## Stephenson Charity Day



# Vision25

Registered Charity No. 1185333

Well done to everyone who took part in the Stephenson House Charity Day a fortnight ago. An incredible total of £488.14 was raised by the children! Well done!

*The Stephenson House Staff*

## YPSSC News

### Christmas Cards

We hope you have all had the opportunity to view your child(ren)'s fabulous artwork on the My Child's Art parent portal. To access the artwork, please visit <https://mychildsart.co.uk/order/parent-portal/login/>, enter the username Yarm and password r6JH8fLV and then search your child(ren)'s name(s). There are lots of wonderful gift items available to purchase and all orders placed through the parent portal will earn 20% Commission for the YPSSC, which will then feed back to the children through YPSSC funded events and activities. My Child's Art have informed us that the last date to order for guaranteed delivery before Christmas is Wednesday 8th December, although the order portal will remain open until the end of December.

### Prep Ball

We cannot believe that it is less than 2 weeks until the YPSSC Studio 54 themed Charity Ball! We hope you are looking forward to it as much as we are! Ticket sales will be closing soon, so be sure not to miss out and get your tickets using the link: <https://ypssc.co.uk/>

Raffle tickets are not limited to only those attending the ball. If you cannot attend the ball, but have a winning raffle ticket, we will be sure to get your prize to you. Raffle tickets can be purchased using the following link: <https://www.cognitoforms.com/YPSSC1/YPSSC2021STUDIO54THEMEDBALLRAFFLE>

Many thanks

YPSSC





YPSSC PRESENTS  
A THROWBACK TO THE ERA THAT STARTED IT ALL



# STUDIO 54 THEMED BALL

SATURDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 2021

**TICKETS £45**

THE PRINCESS  
ALEXANDRA AUDITORIUM

DOORS OPEN AT 19:00 • DRINKS RECEPTION  
DRESS TO IMPRESS • OPTIONAL 70s

LIMOS HOME AT MIDNIGHT  
AMERICAN INSPIRED FOOD

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT [WWW.YPSSC.CO.UK](http://WWW.YPSSC.CO.UK)

RAISING FUNDS FOR CHILDREN'S CANCER NORTH





What children need to know about

# ONLINE BULLYING



## What is online bullying?

ONLINE BULLYING – ALSO KNOWN AS CYBERBULLYING – IS BULLYING THAT TAKES PLACE ON THE INTERNET OR VIA ELECTRONIC DEVICES AND MOBILE PHONES. IT CAN INCLUDE:

1. SENDING SOMEONE MEAN OR THREATENING EMAILS, DIRECT MESSAGES OR TEXT MESSAGES
2. HACKING INTO SOMEONE'S ONLINE ACCOUNT
3. BEING RUDE OR MEAN TO SOMEONE WHEN PLAYING ONLINE GAMES
4. POSTING PRIVATE OR EMBARRASSING PHOTOS ONLINE OR SENDING THEM TO OTHERS
5. CREATING FAKE SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS THAT MOCK SOMEONE OR TRICK THEM
6. EXCLUDING SOMEONE FROM AN ONLINE CONVERSATION OR BLOCKING THEM FOR NO REASON



## BE KIND ONLINE

BEFORE PRESSING 'SEND' ON COMMENTS, ASK YOURSELF THESE 3 QUESTIONS...

1. WHY AM I POSTING THIS?
2. WOULD I SAY THIS IN REAL LIFE?
3. HOW WOULD I FEEL IF SOMEBODY SAID THIS TO ME?



**National  
Online  
Safety**

**#WakeUpWednesday**



## Why does it happen?

GOING ONLINE MAKES IT EASIER FOR PEOPLE TO SAY AND DO THINGS THEY PROBABLY WOULDN'T DO FACE TO FACE. ONLINE BULLIES DON'T GET TO SEE THEIR VICTIMS' REACTIONS IN REAL LIFE, SO THIS CAN COOON THEM FROM THE REAL DAMAGE THAT THEY ARE DOING. QUITE OFTEN, PEOPLE BULLY BECAUSE THEY ARE GOING THROUGH SOMETHING DIFFICULT THEMSELVES AND TAKING IT OUT ON OTHERS IS THE ONLY WAY THEY KNOW HOW TO GET CONTROL OF THEIR OWN EMOTIONS.

## How does it feel to be bullied?

BEING BULLIED CAN IMPACT ON YOUR SELF-ESTEEM, CONFIDENCE AND SOCIAL SKILLS. BECAUSE IT HAPPENS ON YOUR PHONE, TABLET OR COMPUTER, IT CAN FEEL LIKE YOU ARE UNDER THREAT EVEN WHEN YOU'RE IN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT, SUCH AS YOUR BEDROOM. DON'T FORGET...IT IS NOT YOUR FAULT IF YOU'RE BEING BULLIED.



## Am I an online bully?

SOMETIMES IT ISN'T OBVIOUS THAT WHAT YOU ARE DOING IS WRONG, BUT IF YOU USE DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY TO UPSET, ANGER OR EMBARRASS SOMEONE ON PURPOSE, THIS MEANS YOU'RE INVOLVED IN ONLINE BULLYING. IT MIGHT BE AS SIMPLE AS 'LIKING' A MEAN POST, LAUGHING AT AN ONLINE VIDEO, OR SPREADING A RUMOUR, BUT THE PERSON BEING BULLIED COULD FEEL LIKE THEY ARE BEING GANGED UP ON. THINK ABOUT HOW IT WOULD MAKE YOU FEEL IF IT HAPPENED TO YOU. EVERYONE CAN MAKE MISTAKES, BUT IT'S IMPORTANT TO LEARN FROM THEM – GO BACK AND DELETE ANY UPSETTING OR NASTY POSTS, TWEETS OR COMMENTS YOU'VE WRITTEN.

## Who do I tell?

YOU DON'T HAVE TO DEAL WITH THE BULLYING ON YOUR OWN. TALK TO AN ADULT THAT YOU TRUST – A PARENT, GUARDIAN, OR TEACHER. MOST WEBSITES, SOCIAL MEDIA WEBSITES AND ONLINE GAMES OR MOBILE APPS LET YOU REPORT AND BLOCK PEOPLE WHO ARE BOTHERING YOU. YOU COULD ALSO CONTACT CHILDLINE (WWW.CHILDLINE.ORG.UK), WHERE A TRAINED COUNSELLOR WILL LISTEN TO ANYTHING THAT'S WORRYING YOU – YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE TO GIVE YOUR NAME.



## How do I prove it?

WHEN CYBERBULLYING HAPPENS, IT IS IMPORTANT TO DOCUMENT AND REPORT THE BEHAVIOUR, SO IT CAN BE ADDRESSED – RECORD THE DATES AND TIMES WHEN CYBERBULLYING HAS OCCURRED, AND SAVE AND PRINT SCREENSHOTS, EMAILS, AND TEXT MESSAGES.



## How can I stay safe?

MAKE SURE YOUR PRIVACY SETTINGS ARE SET SO THAT ONLY PEOPLE YOU KNOW AND TRUST CAN SEE WHAT YOU POST. NEVER GIVE OUT PERSONAL INFORMATION ONLINE, SUCH AS IN PUBLIC PROFILES, CHAT ROOMS OR BLOGS, AND AVOID FURTHER COMMUNICATION WITH THOSE SENDING THE MESSAGES. KEEP AWARE OF FAKE PROFILES AND INTERNET USERS PRETENDING TO BE SOMEONE THAT THEY ARE NOT.





## Key Dates

### NOVEMBER

<b>Sat 20</b>	Senior School Christmas Craft Fair (9am-4pm)
<b>Mon 22</b>	Brunel house duty ABRSM examination week Reports released to parents 4W Oriental Museum workshop
<b>Tue 23</b>	4J oriental Museum workshop 4N Oriental Museum workshop ***NEW*** U8 Hockey/Rugby workshops with Ashville (home; 2pm start)
<b>Wed 24</b>	Y3/4 Poetry Competition ***NEW*** Y6 Senior Taster Event (3-6pm; Senior School)
<b>Thu 25</b>	YPSSC (4pm) U9 Rugby v Choristers (away; 2pm start, 4.30pm return) U9 Hockey v Choristers (home; 2pm start)
<b>Fri 26</b>	U10/11 Hockey v Durham Choristers (away; 2pm start, 4.45pm return) U11 Rugby v Durham Choristers (home; 2pm start)
<b>Sat 27</b>	Prep Ball (PAA; 7pm-Midnight)
<b>Mon 29</b>	EYFS/Prep Parents' Evenings (4-6pm)
<b>Tue 30</b>	EYFS/Prep Parents' Evenings (4-6pm) No STEAM, Netball, Hockey, Journalling or Creative Writing clubs today

### DECEMBER

<b>Wed 1</b>	Y5/6 Poetry Competition
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## Awards:

### Head Teacher Awards:

**Year 3**—Martha L., Jack M.

**Year 5**—Charlie M., Joe W., Ciara W.

**Year 6**—Will F. (3).

**Librarians:** Rorke A., Kit F., Ella F., Zara W., Lily C., Libby S., Lucia C., Yingying L., Taha A., George H., Tabitha B., Nethuki M., Claudia P., Edie RS., Effie P., Yuhe T.

## Peer Mentor of the Week

**Name:** Effie

**Friends:** I have lots of brilliant friends.

**My best mentor:** Probably my parents because they inspire me with my music.

**Favourite TV show:** Blue Peter

**Favourite fruit:** Pears

**Favourite subject:** It's hard to choose! Games, history and art.

**When I am older...** I would like to be a music teacher.

Effie is nominated this week for spending a lot of time helping some Year 4 children sort out of a problem. One child told me "She is so kind and helpful."



**The answer to the Head's Challenge from last time was:** Wolverhampton

## Weekly certificates

	Values	Endeavour
<b>3B</b>	Jack A.	Henry S.
<b>3R</b>	Rory B.	Max J.
<b>3W</b>	Bella M.	Rory F.
<b>4J</b>	Trisha K.	Tallulah M.
<b>4N</b>	Avik B.	Vedh A.
<b>4W</b>	Can S.	Sylvia D.
<b>5H</b>	Akansha M.	Nona D.
<b>5K</b>	Wilf S.	Henry P.
<b>5W</b>	Sumi K.	Charlie M.
<b>6G</b>	Sofie M.	Orson S.
<b>6L</b>	Anushri W.	Elizabeth A.
<b>6P</b>	Neev S.	Harry G-J.

## Christmas Holiday School

Christmas Holiday School will run from Monday 20th—Wednesday 22nd December 2021. Further details will follow in the next few weeks.

*Miss Whitehouse*



Year	Monday 20/12	Tuesday 21/12	Wednesday 22/12
<b>EYFS/Pre-Prep</b>	Cinema	Festive Farm at Newham Grange	Panto at PAA
<b>Prep</b>	Cinema	Beamish	Panto at PAA