



# The Phoenix Flier

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## The Yarm Preparatory School Newsletter

### A message from Mr Sawyer

**H**appy New Year to all members of our school community and a warm welcome to the start of the Spring Term. It has been a real pleasure to see the children return this week full of enthusiasm for the adventures ahead of them. To fire up our brains and kick off in the usual way, all pupils earned points for their respective houses in the annual general knowledge competition on the first day of term. See the full report later in this edition of the Flier. Assemblies and form time sessions this week have centred around approaching our new termly targets with an ambitious growth mindset. We have discussed how it is important to challenge our brains, believe in our abilities and approach mistakes as part of the learning process. Research has shown that if you believe in yourself, and do not think that your ability is fixed, your brain is more likely to spark and grow when mistakes are made. Please encourage your child to set their targets for this term and note them on the 'learning goals' page in their prep diary.

It is my pleasure to inform you of new members of staff who join the team this term. Mrs Sylvia Taylor will be assisting Miss Jeffries with After School Care each day, Miss Alex Salas-Davison will be working in the Prep School Office on a Wednesday each week and Mr Mike Trubshaw will be joining our Games and PE team every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. I am sure you will join me in welcoming them all to the staff team and have every confidence that we will benefit a great deal from their experience and support.

*Bill Sawyer*

### Head's Challenge:

You are a cyclist in a cross-country race. Just before the crossing finish line, you overtake the person in second place. In what place did you finish?

### Photo of the Week:

Our annual Reindeer Run for Teesside Hospice, just before the end of last term, raised over £2000! Well done to all of the children who took part, and thank you to those of you who donated.





## PE and Games News

On Thursday 16th December the entire Prep School took part in the annual Reindeer Run organised by the YPSCC. This brought to an end the PE department's sporting challenge which was called 'Rock n Roll to the North Pole'.

As always the children threw themselves into this and every child in school did their bit running and walking over 2500 miles over the last 2 weeks of term and on the Reindeer run they surpassed the total to the delight of Year 6 and Mr Sawyer who brought the challenge to a close.

It was fantastic to see that the school raise over £2000 for Teesside Hospice during the Reindeer Run so many thanks to the families that donated and children who did such a sterling job.

In games this term the emphasis shifts and the boys begin their hockey and football term and the girls netball. In PE the children will begin their half term playing basketball. With winter upon us it is always a good idea to pack layers for the children to wear in games lessons, after school practices and fixtures alike.

It was fantastic to get back to some sort of normality and the vast majority of fixtures took place as planned last term with all children involved. I am sure the children will once again throw themselves into this busy term as well.

All fixtures for Year 3 and above can be found on the School website and timings and venues to assist with your planning. Fixtures begin next week for U10 and U11s. Please make a note of any away fixtures your child might be involved in with later pick up times for example. Spectators are welcome at matches and it is always lovely to have some support on our travels and closer to home.

*Team PE*



## End of Term Assembly

**Rugby colours** – Rorke Anderson, Freddie Birkin, Will Foster, Luke Palmer, Theo Scott, Jaydon Zhang, Kit Foster, Wilf White, George Howlett.

**Hockey Colours** – Lily Cook, Rosie Cook, Charlie English, Charlotte Fenwick, Isobel Gardner, Monica Pallent Home, Claudia Patrick, Edie Redhead-Sweeney, Emma Scott, Anushri Wadehra, Immie Mulgrew.

**Chess Colours** - Jacob Bandeira, Edie Redhead-Sweeney, Alfie McBain, Thomas Pritchard, Felicia Jude.

**Art Stars** – Harry Gwynne-Jones, Chris Isukapatla, Felicia Jude, Nethuki Mudduwa, Effie Peacock, Orson Stocken.

### OVERALL House Rugby –

1<sup>st</sup> – Arkwright

2<sup>nd</sup> – Telford; 3<sup>rd</sup> – Brunel; 4<sup>th</sup> – Stephenson.

### OVERALL House Hockey –

=1<sup>st</sup> – Brunel and Telford

3<sup>rd</sup> – Stephenson; 4<sup>th</sup> – Arkwright.

### House Points -

1<sup>st</sup> – Stephenson 3187

2<sup>nd</sup> – Brunel 2955; 3<sup>rd</sup> – Telford 2938; 4<sup>th</sup> – Arkwright 2769.

### OVERALL HOUSE LEADERBOARD:

4<sup>th</sup> Stephenson - 450

3<sup>rd</sup> Telford - 462.5

2<sup>nd</sup> Arkwright - 475

1<sup>st</sup> Brunel - 512.5

### Form and House Captains—Spring

	Captain	Vice-Captain
3B	Olivia Clark	Angus Ferguson
3R	Amaya Sanghera	Benjamin Hankinson
3W	Fathe Chahal	Rosa Williams
4J	Miles Page	Lolwa Soliman
4N	Kaira Nalawade	Kamesh Kuvelker
4W	Jacob Bell	Laurel Goodall
5H	Dora Bonner	Fenwick Mitchell
5K	Wilf Sawyer	Olivia Jolly
5W	Beatrix Allcock	Joe Williamson
6G	Namitha Naveen	Eva Thompson
6L	Effie Peacock	Taha Ammar
6P	Zach Benson	Tabi Brown
Arkwright	Daisy Ashworth	Rorke Anderson
Brunel	Elizabeth Adams	Wilf White
Stephenson	Waleed Ahsan	Nethuki Mudduwa
Telford	Jaydon Zhang	Lily Cook

## 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](http://www.tooledupeducation.com) site. If you have a question, why not submit it? All questions are treated anonymously and we promise we will answer.

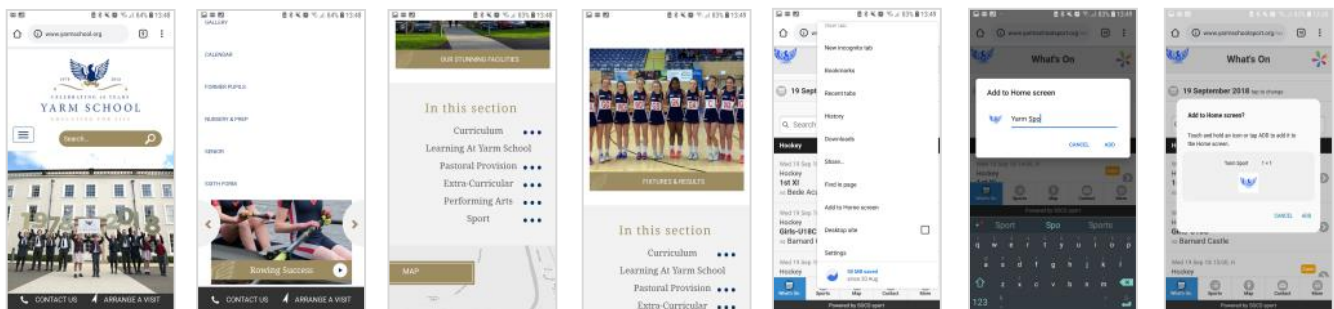
**A quick reminder** As a parent at a Tooled Up school, you have full unlimited access to the Tooled Up library. If you have not created your account yet, click [here to register for an account](http://www.tooledupeducation.com). It takes less than 2 minutes to enter your details and unique school PIN: 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*

### 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 screen'. | 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:

- At the bottom of your phone's screen, drag your finger up and you will 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.
- 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.

### Parent Curriculum Information Site

<http://bit.ly/yarmpreparents>

Just to highlight this site again, please check for some recent additions including maths overviews, reading event slides, etc. If there is anything else you deem useful that you would like us to include, please let us know.



## Year 6 Physics Show with Dr Craig

During the final week of last term, Year 6 were delighted to welcome Dr Craig from the Senior School Science Department.

He did a presentation about all physics. We really enjoyed seeing all the interesting experiments including when a marshmallow grew larger and then smaller when all the air was sucked out of it and put back into it, when it was placed into a vacuum jar. We also learned how many atoms are in a grain of sand, and that the weight of the air on our bodies is the equivalent weight of five cars - it is called atmospheric pressure.

We really enjoyed seeing Dr Craig's presentation and cannot wait to be taught by him at the Senior School when we go.

*Edie RS., Namitha N., Claudia P. and Yingying L.*



## House General Knowledge Quiz

The first house competition of 2022 has been won by Stephenson, who scooped their first ever success in the House General Knowledge Quiz by the tightest of margins.

The red house clinched the victory by less than one point from perennial challengers Brunel, whose average score per pupil was 134.15 compared to Stephenson's 135.09. Last year's winners, Arkwright, were also close behind in 3rd with an average score of 133.13, while Telford brought up the rear with a valiant team average of 129.40.

There were some incredibly consistent scores across all year groups and houses this year, which was all the more impressive considering how hard the questions were compared to previous years. Well done to all of the children who took part. Regardless of your personal score, they all count towards your house score.

### Overall House General Knowledge Quiz results:

**1st—STEPHENSON 135.09 points average**

**2nd—Brunel 134.15**

**3rd—Arkwright 133.13**

**4th—Telford 129.40**

The top scorers in each year group are invited to come along to try out for the school quiz teams, who take part in the National Schools Quiz Competition. Yarm has a very good track record in this competition, including runners-up nationally in 2021 along with four finals appearances since 2015.

### Top scorers in each year group:

**Year 3—** Jack A., Olivia T., Imogen C., Rosa W., Annalise D.

**Year 4—** Benjamin F., Erin G., Hannah C., Satoshi Y., Niall E., Harry H.

**Year 5—** Marawan S., Auden A., Dora B., Samuel E., Seth T., Matthew R. Arvind K.

**Year 6—** Aisling T., Thomas P., Theo S., Waleed A., Ella F.

*Mr Stone*

### Previous Winners:

**2021—** Arkwright

**2020—** Brunel

**2019—** Brunel

**2018—** Arkwright

**2017 –** Brunel

**2016—** Brunel

**2015—** Brunel

### After School Care

After School Care is supervised by Miss Emma Jeffries Mrs Sylvia Taylor. 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.**

*Mr Stone*



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's needed. This guide focuses on one issue of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SETTING UP NEW DEVICES FOR CHILDREN

At Christmas, millions of lucky children will be excitedly ripping the wrapping off new phones, tablets, computers or consoles. However, in the rush to let young ones enjoy their shiny gadgets, many parents neglect to set these devices up safely – increasing the chances of children going online and stumbling across adult content, making expensive downloads or installing unsuitable apps. A little time configuring the device properly can save a lot of anguish later. Here are our top tips to ensure that a dream gift on Christmas morning doesn't turn into a nightmare by New Year.

## PASSCODES FOR IPHONE/IPAD

If your child's getting their own iPhone or iPad, you can set parental controls that make it difficult for them to access inappropriate content or download expensive apps. Once the device is set up, go to the Settings app and tap Screen Time, then select Use Screen Time Passcode and enter a passcode. Keep it to yourself so your child can't switch the protection off.

## SCREEN TIME SETTINGS ON IPHONE/IPAD

Once you've set a Screen Time Passcode, you can adjust various safety settings. You could, for example, only allow communication with people from the Contacts app, place restrictions on App Store purchases and apply age limits to movies, music and web content. There are many more protective options available within the Screen Time settings section.

## FAMILY LINK FOR ANDROID

Parents can manage Android phones and tablets, as well as Google Chromebooks, through Google's Family Link app. This gives your child some independence (and their own Google account) but lets parents monitor which apps are being used, set limits on content and ensure that parental permission is required to install apps. Look for Family Link in the Google Play Store.

## ADD A CHILD TO FAMILY LINK

The easiest way to add a child's device to Family Link is to set it up with its own Google account. It's a good idea to create this before they use their new phone, tablet or Chromebook. Once they're logged in, open the Family Link app on your phone, press '+' in the top right and add a new family member using their Google account details. Then follow the on-screen instructions.

## FAMILY SHARING ON A MAC

Families using a Mac get similar screen time options to iPhone and iPad users. Again, if you're setting up a Mac for a child, make yourself the main admin and add them as a user. This is handled through Apple's Family Sharing service, which not only allows you to put controls on child accounts but share apps and other purchases with them too. Search 'family sharing' at <https://support.apple.com>.

## Meet Our Expert

Barry Collins has been a technology journalist and editor for more than 20 years, working for titles such as the *Sunday Times*, *Which?*, *PC Pro* and *Computeractive*. He's appeared regularly as a technology pundit on television and radio, including on *Newsnight*, *Radio 5 Live* and *ITV News at Ten*. He has two children and writes regularly about internet safety issues.



## SET AN ADMIN ON PCS

On Windows PCs and laptops, it's important not to let your child share a general user account or be the main admin on the device. If you're booting up a new family PC or a child's own device, set it up using your own account details and you'll become the admin by default. Then set up children with their own separate account: Settings > Accounts > Family & Other Users > Add Other User.

## SET WINDOWS LIMITS

Once your child's account has been created, a parent admin can go back into the Family & Other Users menu and apply limits to it. These include restricting screen time, the type of games and apps that can be installed, web filters and more. Microsoft also includes reporting tools which, for example, can email you with a weekly summary of your child's activity on the device.

## TREAT AN XBOX LIKE A PC

The same control settings you use for a PC can be used to apply parental controls on an Xbox. Again, once your child is signed into the Xbox with their own account, you can then monitor and regulate their activity from a PC or web browser. Microsoft's dashboard allows you to manage voice communication through the console: so you can limit who can contact your child, for example.

## INSTALL XBOX FAMILY SETTINGS

If you don't have a PC, but your child does have an Xbox, it might be easier to use the Xbox Family Settings app for iPhone or Android. Here, you can restrict console screen time (particularly handy if the console is in a bedroom), restrict communication and monitor the types of game being played. There's also a feature where you can allocate spending money for games or in-game purchases.

## PLAYSTATION PARENTAL CONTROLS

With parental controls for the PS5, you'll need a PlayStation Network account (as the 'family manager') and the child will need their own account, which they should sign in with on the console. This all needs to be set up in advance, so you might want to do it before the big day. Go to [PlayStation.com](http://PlayStation.com) and search 'family account' for instructions.

## DISCUSS IT WITH YOUR CHILD

If you're planning to implement any kind of restriction or protection settings on your child's new device, we'd recommend having a discussion with your young one first about what these controls do, and what they are for. If you try to impose parental controls surreptitiously or with no advance warning, don't be surprised if your child tries to find a way around them.

## STAY VIGILANT

It's important to remember that none of these methods is 100% foolproof. Nobody will ever invent flawless filters or parental controls – not least because what's unacceptable to some parents is perfectly acceptable to others. So although devices' parental controls will help to keep your child safe online, they work best side by side with good old-fashioned parental vigilance.



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## Key Dates

### JANUARY

<b>Mon 10</b>	Sustainability Week Clubs and activities commence
<b>Fri 14</b>	U10/11 Football v GSAL (away; times tbc) U11 Netball v Red House (home; 2pm)
<b>Sat 15</b>	Prep Open Morning (9am-12noon)
<b>Tue 18</b>	U8 Netball Workshop with Queen Mary's (away; 2pm start, 4.15pm return) Dr Forshaw Egyptians talk with Year 4
<b>Wed 19</b>	School Council (1pm)
<b>Thu 20</b>	U9 Netball v Queen Mary's (away; 1pm start)
<b>Fri 21</b>	U10/11 Hockey v Cundall Manor (away; 2pm depart, 3pm start, 5pm return) U10/11 Netball v Queen Mary's (home; 2pm start) U11 Girls' County Hockey Tournament (Norton; 2pm start, 4.15pm return)
<b>Mon 24</b>	House Chess—Matchday 1
<b>Tue 25</b>	<b>POSTPONED</b> Primary Schools Singing Day U8 Netball/Football v St Peters (away; 2.15pm start, 4.30pm return)
<b>Wed 26</b>	Maths Information Event (Prep Hall; 4pm) House Chess—Matchday 2
<b>Fri 28</b>	U10 Netball v Barnard Castle (home; 2.15pm start) U11 Netball v Barnard Castle (away; 2pm start, 4.30pm return)
<b>Mon 31</b>	Activities Carousel 3 begins (Y4-6 only) Chinese New Year Week House Chess—Matchday 3

### FEBRUARY

<b>Tue 1</b>	<b>Chinese New Year</b> Curiosity Emporium (Library; 1pm)
<b>Thu 3</b>	HMC Cross-Country (Barlborough Hall; 5pm return)

<b>Fri 4</b>	U10/11 Hockey v Pocklington (away; 2pm start, 4.45pm return) U10/11 Netball v Pocklington (home; 2pm start)
<b>Mon 7</b>	Internet Safety Workshop <b>POSTPONED</b> Brunel House Duty Internet Safety Week
<b>Wed 9</b>	VMT Parents' Evening (Senior School) Internet Safety talk for parents (4pm; Prep Hall)
<b>Thu 10</b>	Year 3 trip to Centre for Life (all day) U9 Hockey v Dame Allan's (away; 2pm start, 4.30pm return)
<b>Fri 11</b>	U11 St Peters and GSAL Netball fixtures (home; 2.15pm start) U10 St Peters and GSAL Netball fixtures (away; 2.15pm start, 5pm return) U11 Stephenson 7s Rugby (away; 1.30pm start, 5.15pm return) U10/11 Football v GSAL (away; 2pm start, 5pm return)

**The answer to the Head's Challenge from last time was: R (for Rudolph).**

### Weekly certificates

	Values	Endeavour
<b>3B</b>	Elliott E.	Thomas M.
<b>3R</b>	Max J.	Zara M.
<b>3W</b>	Isla R.	Martha L.
<b>4J</b>	Trisha K.	Harry H.
<b>4N</b>	Kadi A.	Xinhao W.
<b>4W</b>	Rex W.	Sylvia D.
<b>5H</b>	Nona D.	Udham C.
<b>5K</b>	Emma A.	Amelie K.
<b>5W</b>	William M.	Miguel RM.
<b>6G</b>	Thomas P.	Sofie M.
<b>6L</b>	William F.	Monica PH.
<b>6P</b>	Daniel H.	Tabi B.