



# The Phoenix Flier

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## The Yarm Preparatory School Newsletter

### A message from Mr Sawyer

Welcome to the new half-term and this week's Phoenix Flier. It has been excellent to see the pupils return full of vim and vigour after the recent break. There has certainly been a great deal going on both inside the classroom and beyond since Monday. Our temporary kitchen dining operations are in place and the Sodexo catering team and Estates staff have done a marvellous job to ensure that it is very much business as usual with regards to our school catering. An army marches on its stomach, so we are hugely grateful for the efforts they have gone to. Wednesday saw Arkwright House coordinate a successful charity day and raise a superb amount for WaterAid. Throwing wet sponges at teachers certainly proved popular!! More importantly though, the charity day allowed our boys and girls to have the experience of collaborating to organise such an event. There was great teamwork in evidence and much enjoyment had by all. A variety of outings have also taken place this week too, the sporting calendar looks as full as ever and our Year 2 pupils enjoyed a transition morning in Year 3 to prepare them for next academic year. We have launched once more - all systems go!

Next Monday sees the start of a legacy project that our School Captains and Year 6 pupils are engaged in. Their target is to install and stock a reconditioned telephone box on the playground which will become a used book exchange for pupils. To launch this endeavour we invite all pupils to wear home clothes on Monday and bring any suitable second hand books (no more than 3) with them that can go into the book exchange. Please see your emails for further details.

*Bill Sawyer*

### Head's Challenge:

What flattens all mountains, wipes out all species, destroys every building, and turns everything into pieces?



### Photo of the Week:

To see how we celebrated the Platinum Jubilee, turn to page 3.

## Tooled Up Education

We hope you all enjoyed the half-term break! We've been busy updating some of our 'summer fun' resources for 2022. If you'd like some help planning things to do for your children over the coming months, check out [our round up of the best kids' clubs and adventure days](#). We've also gathered together some ideas for informative, exhilarating and educational day trip ideas for tweens and teens. [Check it out](#) now!

Also, a quick reminder that between now and the end of June, we are offering **five live webinars**, free and exclusive to our Tooled Up community. There's something for everyone! [Book your place on any of the following now:](#)

**June 16th, 7.15pm BST - Being a 'Tooled Up Dad'.** Join Paul Pomroy (CEO of McDonalds) and Dr Weston for a light-hearted discussion about fatherhood.

**June 20th, 7.30pm BST, How to Feed Your Family Well and Save Money.** Join Dr Weston and Claire Gillies, founder of meal planning and cookery tuition company, Delicious and Real, for some top tips on making your food budget go further, whilst keeping your family happy and well fed.

**June 22nd, 7.30pm BST - Tooled Up Transitions.** As transitions to new schools loom closer, Dr Weston will whizz through some of the best evidence-based tips to support children as they move on to their next educational stage.

**June 27th, 8pm BST - Ask Dr Weston and adolescent psychiatrist Dr Anna Conway-Morris** any questions you have about parenting, mental health or neurodiversity. £5 per attendee will be donated to the DEC's Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal.

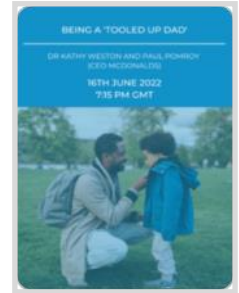
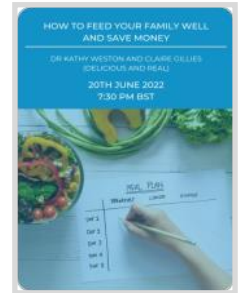
**June 30th, 7.30pm BST - Teen Party Planning and Problem Parties.** Criminal defence lawyer, Harriett Mather, joins Dr Weston to share some top tips on how both teens and parents can enjoy post exam festivities safely.

The Tooled Up library is already packed with almost 350 evidence-based resources, including interviews with over 80 leading experts from around the world. But, it's your library and we want to know how else we can help you? What new resources would you like to see? Which ones do you love? What could we do better? We always value your feedback and want to ensure that we are giving you the resources that you need. Email us at [research@tooledupeducation.com](mailto:research@tooledupeducation.com) to let us know how we are doing!

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**

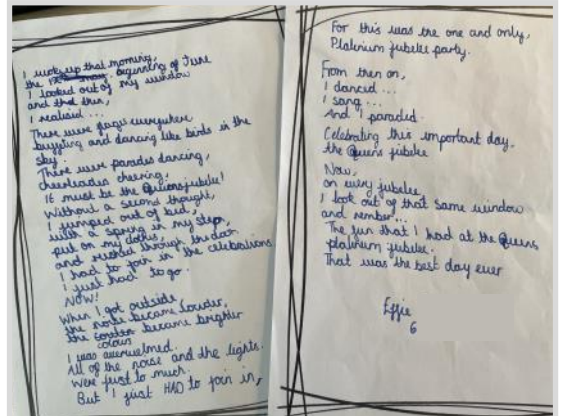
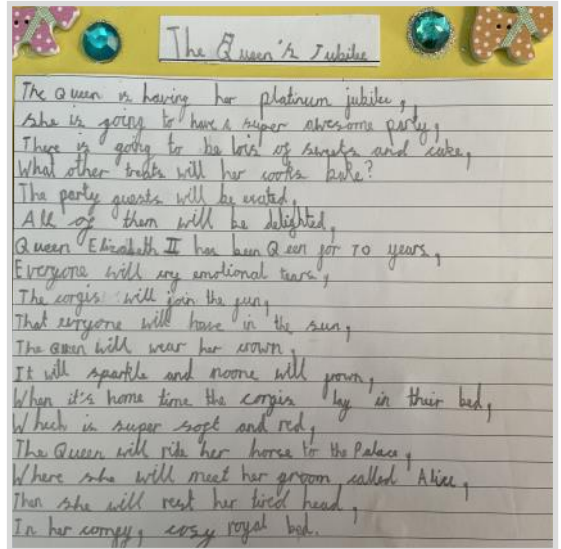




# Platinum Jubilee



Congratulations to our Jubilee Poetry Competition winners, Effie (Y6) and Lizzie (Y2).





## Year 6 Lakes residential

A memory of the Lakes trip for me is ghyll scrambling. We had to be responsible, safe and ambitious in everything we did. One of the things we did was jump off the side of a small waterfall into deep water. It was thrilling!

*Daisy A.*

On the lakes trip I experienced many enjoyable moments, but my favourite has to be rock climbing. I had to be resourceful and make my way to the top with guidance from the instructors and my peers.

*Lily C.*

During the trip to the Lake District, I enjoyed doing rock climbing because it required you to be resourceful and ambitious to get to the top. However, you also have to be safe!

*Thomas P.*

The best part of the Lakes was Ghyll Scrambling because I found it really enjoyable, but also challenging. Everyone showed compassion to one another by helping each



other to climb up the rocks.

*Edie R-S.*

Edie and I were kind in canoeing when we tried to get Charlotte and Effie out of the reeds where they were stuck. A funny memory was when the instructors nearly forgot about me TWICE in High Ropes.

*Claudia P.*



## Yarm Prep Baccalaureate

We have seen some marvellous completed projects recently, as children in Years 3-6 continue to work hard on their Prep Baccalaureate. Pupils have until Friday 1st July to hand in (or email) their completed projects and Baccalaureate booklet to Mr Stone.

### My Budget Meal

Step 1 : Gather the ingredients .



The first thing I had to do to make my budget meal was go to Lidl and select my ingredients . I was making a curry sauce so I needed : 1 large tomato which cost 37 p , a can of kidney beans which cost 30p , some red and wild rice which was 55p and for dessert I made chocolate pudding and that cost 29p I also bought a 23p bottle of lemonade . The total cost of all of the ingredients, the pudding and the drink was £1.74 so it turned out I was

under my target of £2.

Step 2 : Preparing the main

I made my budget meal by first chopping a large vine tomato into little pieces ,next I opened a can of kidney beans and drained them of their water , then I poured some rice bran oil into the pan with the tomatoes and turned the hob on and stirred them for a bit, after a while I added the kidney beans to the pan and stirred a bit more , while I did this I put the rice in the microwave for two minutes following the instructions on the packet very carefully , finally I added some stock cube ground fenugreek , fenugreek leaves , coriander , turmeric and mild curry powder and mixed it in . Then I served it and ate it with some lemonade and it was delicious !



### 1. Species on the brink of extinction

Almost 8,000 species of fish, amphibian, mammal, reptile and bird are officially categorised as globally threatened, and over 9,600 tree species are in danger of extinction. And those are just the species we know about.

Given the vast number of life forms that remain unidentified, it's a race against time to find out exactly what biological riches are out there, and to protect them, before they are lost forever.

### Top 4 endangered animals!

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### Compassionate:

For my compassionate project, I made some open when envelopes for my best Friend, Claudia.

It is basically an envelope which has a time/ event written on it (eg. You are angry at everything). Inside, there is a gift and a piece of advice/ kind words (eg. You are amazing!).



I got the idea on pinterest and decided to make one of my own. I made 16 envelopes and they each have a small gift, like a keyring or a sweet, inside them as well as some writing. Each piece of writing has a small triangle at the top, that says pull me.

They are all in a different colour so that if one piece of writing falls out, you can find which one it belongs to. All of the small gifts have something to do with the writing or question.

To make the envelopes, I had to cut a square piece of paper and fold it in half both ways. Then I folded each corner except one into the middle. Next, I sellotaped the three corners together and cut off the remaining one. That is how I made the triangles.

I had to find lots of different things to write on the front of the envelopes. I hope that she never needs to use them, but if she does then they are there for her.

Quorn cottage pie

gnocchi

I wanted to have a meat free week, not only because I wanted to help the planet, but I wanted to experience what it is like to be vegetarian. Frankly, I don't think I could have managed another week! However I found some veggie meals that I like. My favourite was the spaghetti bolognese and we may have this as a mid week meal.



Two weeks before the end of the Christmas term, I had Covid 19. One of the things I wanted to do was to give my friends some Christmas cards. So, after homeschooling, I used Scratch to make animated Christmas Cards. I created the storyline myself as well as coding them. The first one I made was good, however I felt I could make improvements. In my second one you could really see the difference. (note these animations have sound).



First card



Second card

**Changing Me** This half term all the children from Nursery - Year 6 will be exploring the Changing Me topic from our Jigsaw PSHE curriculum. They will be discussing how their bodies grow and change in an age appropriate way. Please note that teachers will be using correct terminology for body parts.



## PE and Games News

The final week of the half term was as busy as always. On Tuesday the Year 3 children hosted Dame Allan's and were lovely hosts throughout. They worked on their fielding, bowling, batting and played two different types of games. Thursday saw our fantastic Jubilee event and the Year 5s loved playing against the staff in tennis and cricket! It was also great to see the Jubilee scavenger hunt including all of the children. Their crown looked fabulous!

*Mrs Redhead-Sweeney*





## News this week



### 1 Minute Maths App

Great news! White Rose have launched a maths app, suitable for Reception to Year 3, to support the development of fluent numbers skills and increase confidence. All in easy one-minute chunks!

The app is free and there is no need to set up an account. More information can be found here <https://whiterosemaths.com/1-minute-maths>

*Mrs Speight and Mrs Pawluk (Maths Leads)*

### Year 5 Sustainable Crafts

Arkwright have been busy this week decorating Orcadian shells. They took time to plan out and visualise their designs and then brought these to life using both acrylic and brush pens.

*Mrs Hart*



### Commonwealth Games

Congratulations to Jake D., who has been asked to be a part of the baton change in Middlesbrough for the forthcoming Commonwealth Games, which takes place in Birmingham in July.

*Mr Stone*



### Parent Curriculum Information Site

<http://bit.ly/yarmprepparents>

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.

*Mrs Pawluk*

### After School Care

After School Care is supervised by Miss Emma Jeffries and 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.

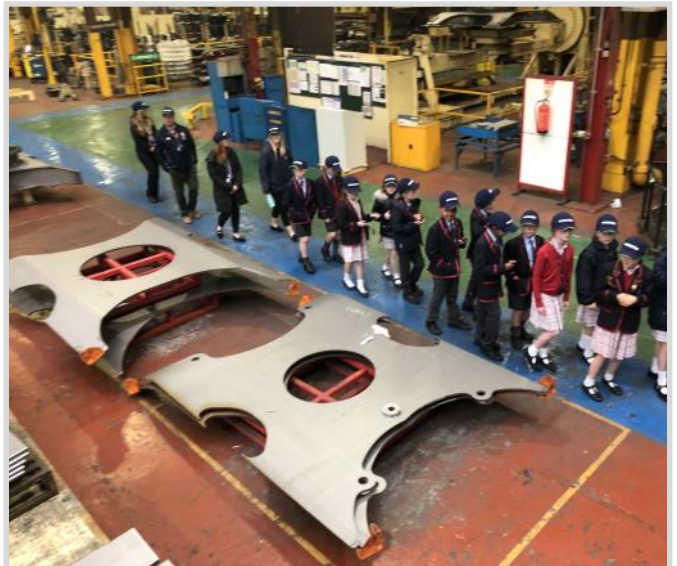
**Please note the phone number for after school care: 01642 792584.**

**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*

### Year 5 trip to Komatsu

Year 5 visited the Komatsu factory in Birtley this week!





## News this week

### Year 6 Arkwright Enterprise

On the 6th of June Year 6 Stephenson Enterprise Activity was given a presentation by Mr Chahal on his flat roof company, Tapered Plus Limited. He told us about how his career started off and all of his successes and mistakes over the years. He told us all the challenges you have to overcome and face if you are a business owner.

One of the things he told us is if you start off making a business when you are 30 you have 4 times greater the chance of being a success. He advised that you should try and have some experience in a large company first so you learn how your boss overcomes their problems before you become the boss of your own business.



He also said that when you are tired you make mistakes more easily, so you should always be focussed and concentrate. Mr Chahal also said that in the first couple of years in the business you will probably have to put most of the money you earn into expanding it so you are effectively the least paid person in your business. It was fascinating hearing what he said about being an entrepreneur and we all learnt so much during his talk.

*Ewan G. and Ewan P.*

### Arkwright Charity Day

Well done to everyone—in particular to Arkwright—for raising an incredible £714.70 for Wateraid on Wednesday. This was Arkwright's charity day, organised brilliantly by their Year



6 members.

*Mr Grundmann*





## Summer Fair—Friday 24th June

We are delighted to announce the full return of our annual Summer Fair, taking place this year on Friday 24th June (2-5pm) with the theme this year being 'Platinum Party'.

The Social Committee and the Year 6 pupils are already planning on making it a fantastic event for all, with a range of stalls and games for all ages aimed at raising money for YPSSC projects.

Holding the event on a Friday proved to be very popular with the children prior to COVID, and the success was repeated last year (albeit without parents). As such we want to make the fair open to all children in the school community as well as their parents, many of whom would usually have other commitments over the course of a weekend. While this takes place during a school day, the impact on your child's education will be minimal.

We would like to draw your attention to a few logistical matters regarding the fair.

It will be a **non-uniform day**. **Children to come in uniform and change after the school photo!**

**Lunch** will take place as normal.

**School will finish at the usual times** - 3.30pm for Pre-Prep and 3.45pm for Prep.

**Pre-Prep children** can be collected from 2.30pm to come to the fair.

Although the school day finishes at the usual time, parents of Pre-Prep children are welcome to collect early and bring their children to the fair.

**Years 3-6 will need to bring some money.** £10 max in change should be plenty to have a go at the variety of games and activities taking place! This will be collected by form teachers for safekeeping during morning registration and handed out prior to the fair. All proceeds go to the YPSSC and the many projects they support the school with. We will not be using tokens this year, which we did last year.

**The fair will be fully supervised.**

Teachers will be present supervising those children at the fair from 2pm. From pick-up onwards we would love parents to come along and join the fun too!

**Pick up, after school care and buses will run as normal.** Pick up from after school care from 4pm will be from the Pre-Prep.

**Year 6 will be expected to stay until 5.30pm.** A letter has gone out to Year 6 parents with full details.

**There will be no after school clubs on this date.** Gymnastics, drama and digital leaders will not be taking place.

Further details will follow in the

**BUY SUMMER FAIR  
RAFFLE TICKETS BY  
CLICKING HERE!**



YPSSC presents...

# Platinum Party Summer Fair

Friday, 24th June 2022 2-5pm

@ Yarm Prep School

Parents and grown ups £2 - Children enter free

DJ - Fun filled stalls - Hamper raffle - Books stalls - Face painting  
Year 6 stalls - Lucky jars - Tombola - Preloved uniform - Food and drinks  
Climbing wall - Petting zoo - **And much much more!!**

Raffle tickets available to buy online now and on the day.  
£2 a ticket... for your chance to win one of the Royally Good Hampers 👑

YARM SCHOOL

Social Committee



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 of many issues 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 CROSS-PLATFORM SHARING OF INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Creepy characters like Slender Man or Huggy Wuggy. Dangerous online challenges. Songs or videos that aren't suitable for youngsters. When things like these begin trending online, it can be difficult to prevent children accidentally stumbling across them – especially if they use a range of platforms, like online games, social media, streaming sites or messaging apps. A trend can originate in one online space and rapidly spread to other platforms or via chat apps. The frightening Huggy Wuggy character, for instance, first emerged as part of a game on Steam; now there are parody songs on TikTok, videos on YouTube and more than 45,000 results for #huggywuggy on Instagram.

## UNSUITABLE VIDEOS AND IMAGES

Anyone can upload footage to a video-sharing platform, which has resulted in clips that appear age-appropriate but actually aren't so innocent. The audience for Peppa Pig, for instance, is very young – but there have been reports of Peppa cartoons with extreme violence spliced into them. Likewise, footage of the razor-toothed game character Huggy Wuggy has been inserted into numerous child-friendly videos (even on YouTube Kids), scaring many young viewers.

## INAPPROPRIATE LANGUAGE

On a similar theme, there is always the possibility that user-uploaded video content could include language which really isn't suitable for children. The on-screen imagery may look child friendly, but if your child is wearing headphones, then you'll remain unaware of what is being said: some videos have featured songs containing explicit language or characters graphically describing violence.

## COPIES OF LIVE STREAMS

Social media and messaging apps can inadvertently spread extremely harmful content very quickly. Footage of violent attacks (such as the recent Buffalo supermarket shootings) can often be viewed on multiple platforms as people start to share the video. Moderators try to react swiftly to remove upsetting content, but the rate at which it goes viral makes it difficult to prevent the spread completely.

## ACCIDENTAL EXPOSURE

Even if your child doesn't have access to social media platforms or video-streaming platforms (where the majority of issues arise), they might still use messaging apps to communicate with family and friends. There is always going to be a risk, therefore, of them seeing something which isn't child friendly: either shared by one of their peers or sent accidentally by a relative.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### USE SAFETY FEATURES

Enable safety settings like Google SafeSearch and the optional restrictions on video-sharing platforms like YouTube. Whenever possible, stick to YouTube Kids for young children, as the software will help to filter out unsuitable content. Remember that filters aren't always enough to block all inappropriate material – especially when child-friendly videos have been edited maliciously.

### LESS IS BEST

Manage the number of online platforms your child has access to, based on their age and maturity. Just because their friends use a certain game or app, it doesn't mean your child must have it too. Follow the age guidelines for games and apps, and check regularly that privacy settings are in place.

### KEEP IT COMMUNAL

Encourage your child to stay in a communal family space when they're watching videos or playing online games on their devices – without headphones, if possible. This will make it far easier for you to keep one eye (and ear) on what they are seeing and hearing while they're online.

### AVOID FAN-MADE CONTENT

If your child watches cartoons and shows on YouTube, spend time with them making a playlist of videos that you're comfortable with them watching. Always source videos from official channels, as opposed to fan-made content: you can never be completely confident about material that another user has created or uploaded.

### REACT CALMLY

If you hear or see anything unsuitable on your child's device, calmly ask them to turn off the game or video in question. Explain that they haven't done anything wrong, but that you didn't like what you saw or heard and you would much rather they watched or played something else instead.

### SUPPORT AND REASSURE

Remind your child regularly that anyone can post anything online – and that not everything online is real. If your child is sent something that scares or worries them, ask them to show you. Watch it alone (to avoid unnerving them further), then praise them for coming to you and talk about what upset them. Recommend a break from their device to do something which helps them feel calm and happy.

## Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant at BCyberAware, who has developed anti-bullying and cyber-safety workshops and policies for schools in Australia and the UK. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government, comparing the internet use and sexting behaviours of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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Yarm School's production of Beauty and the Beast is kindly sponsored by  
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Yarm School proudly presents



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Wednesday 29th June - Saturday 2nd July, 7.30pm

Adults £12.00, Children £8.00

To book tickets: 01642 792587 or [www.thepaaonline.org](http://www.thepaaonline.org)

Director  
Liam Gilbert

Musical Directors  
Katie Staggs & Andrew McIntrye

Choreographer  
Jess Dunkley

Producer  
David Boddy

Music by  
Alan Menken

Lyrics by  
Howard Ashman & Tim Rice

Book by  
Linda Woolverton

Originally Directed by Robert Jess Roth

Originally Produced by Disney Theatrical Productions

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International

All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI

[www.mtishows.co.uk](http://www.mtishows.co.uk)



## Key Dates

### JUNE

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|---------------|--|
| <b>Fri 10</b> | Dance Showcase (details below)   |
| <b>Sat 11</b> | Teesside Individual Chess Championships<br>(Prep Hall; 9.30am-2.30pm)  |
| <b>Mon 13</b> | <b>School Captains Day</b><br>Y4 Good Work assembly<br>Year 3 swimming finishes today  |
| <b>Tue 14</b> | Y4 trip to Rainton Meadows<br>HMC Tennis<br>(Dame Allan's; 3.45pm return)  |
| <b>Wed 15</b> | Prep Induction Day   |
| <b>Thu 16</b> | Prep Summer Concert<br>(Prep Hall; 4pm)<br>Y6 Good Work assembly<br>Welcome to Reception Evening<br>(Studio Hall; 7pm)                                     |
| <b>Fri 17</b> | HMC Cricket<br>(Woodhouse Grove; 4pm return)<br>U10/11 Girls' Cricket Festival<br>(home; 1.30pm start, 3.45 finish)<br>Bring Dads to School Day (Pre-Prep) |
| <b>Mon 20</b> | <b>PRIDE WEEK</b>  |
| <b>Tue 21</b> | Nursery Sports Afternoon<br>(Pre-Prep; 1pm)<br>Y3 York Residential—Zoom for parents (5pm)  |
| <b>Wed 22</b> | Y2 to Y3 Transition Event for parents<br>(Prep Hall; 4pm)  |
| <b>Thu 23</b> | National Schools Quiz Final<br>(London; 7pm return)<br>HMC Girls' Cricket<br>(St Peter's; times tbc)   |
| <b>Fri 24</b> | <b>Whole school photograph</b><br><b>SUMMER FAIR (2-5pm)</b>   |
| <b>Mon 27</b> | Last carousel activities of the year   |
| <b>Tue 28</b> | Open Afternoon<br>2-6pm; details to follow)  |

Nursery Musical Showcase

(Studio Hall; 9.30am)

**Wed 29**

Pre-Prep Sports Morning

(Prep Astro; 9-11.30am)

Y3 Good work assembly

Parents v Y6 Pupils sports

(Prep Astro; 5-6.30pm)

**Thu 30**

Y3 York residential departs

**Fri 1****All clubs and activities finish today for the term**

Y3 return from York

**Year 6 Sleep Out for Shelter**

(Prep Astro; 5pm-9am Saturday morning)

The answer to the Head's Challenge from  
last time was: A pineapple

### Weekly certificates

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| <b>3B</b> | Holly B.    | Henry S.    |
| <b>3R</b> | Benjamin H. | Evelyn W.   |
| <b>3W</b> | Rory F.     | Alia M.     |
| <b>4J</b> | Eric P-F.   | Thea S.     |
| <b>4N</b> | Kamesh K.   | Harrison C. |
| <b>4W</b> | Alice S.    | Will B.     |
| <b>5H</b> | Maisy V.    | Navina M.   |
| <b>5K</b> | Thomas F.   | Louisa P.   |
| <b>5W</b> | Sumi K.     | Felicity L. |
| <b>6G</b> | -           | -           |
| <b>6L</b> | -           | -           |
| <b>6P</b> | -           | -           |