

The Phoenix Flier

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The Yarm Preparatory School Newsletter

A message from Mr Sawyer

Welcome to this week's edition of the Phoenix Flier! It has been a fabulous final full week of term in which we have enjoyed welcoming many parents and guests to school to share in the lives of our pupils. Last Friday's Summer Fair was a huge success and an event that brought families from across the school together for much fun and entertainment. Congratulations to the YPSSC and the Year 6 pupils for their endeavours and thanks to all staff involved who made the event run so smoothly. On Tuesday this week it was the turn of our pupils in Years 3-6 to showcase their learning with their parents at our Open Afternoon. There was a wonderful buzz around the school and it was a pleasure to see how proud our pupils were to share their books and project work.

To round up a full sporting calendar for our Year 6 pupils we invited their parents to school on Wednesday evening for some fun and competitive action. Throughout the evening there were some cracking moments of sporting triumph as the pupils set out to upstage their parents. Admirable sporting etiquette was displayed throughout and everyone left smiling and well fed after a fine barbeque spread. Thank you to all those who attended and for the staff who helped to oversee proceedings.

Bill Sawyer

Head's Challenge:

I am a horse without legs and a body, I jump but never run. What kind of a horse am I?

Photo of the Week:

All the fun of the Summer Fair in this week's edition, as we look back to last Friday.



Tooled Up Education

The holidays are just around the corner for many of our schools but your access to Tooled Up isn't going anywhere. Our library of resources is still there to support all of the families in our schools over the summer break. Last June, we had 250 resources in the library. A year on, thanks in part to your many requests, we have almost 450 evidence-based articles, tip sheets, activities, podcasts, videos and webinars for you to browse through.

Summer Fun

A quick reminder that we have plenty of holiday inspiration in our [list of summer activities](#) for young people of all ages. Whether your child is interested in a music, dance or sport camp, a taster of university life, or a STEM experience, there is something for everyone. Be quick though. Lots of the activities are filling up and some have imminent booking deadlines, so take a look now to make sure that you don't miss out! You might also like to take a peek at our list of [Quirky Activities for Tweens and Teens](#) – our top 10 informative, exhilarating and educational ideas to entertain and inspire your children this summer and read our article on things you can do to avoid the '[summer slide](#)'.

If you are visiting warmer climes (or in fact anywhere with a pool or on the coast), make sure that you check out our [water safety and drowning prevention fact sheet](#) before you go. We've also created some useful [pre-holiday](#) and packing checklists, designed to encourage independence in your [children](#) and [teens](#).

The summer also provides the perfect opportunity to cultivate our children's aspirations. Engage them in some holiday reading with books from any of our 25 [book lists](#), expand their curiosity with our [science resources](#), get them [moving](#) with our sporting ideas, broaden their thinking with some [philosophical questions](#) and nudge them to [be kind](#). And, if you ever hear the familiar refrain, 'I'm bored', see how many of our [100 ideas](#) they can complete.

Tooled Up Webinars

We still have more expert webinars for you, before the summer truly begins. You are welcome to join us on July 5th where Dr Sophie Nesbitt will be discussing the impact of eating disorders on siblings and how best to support them. The following evening (July 6th), Rob Lightfoot from the National Association for Able Children in Education will be talking with Dr Weston about the perils of perfectionism. [Book your free tickets now!](#)

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 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: YPS1103 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



Pre-Holiday Family Checklist



2022 Summer Activities for Children & Teens



Summer Holiday Packing Checklist for Children



Summer Holiday Packing Checklist for Teens



Avoiding the Summer Slide



Water Safety and Drowning Prevention



100 Sports for Children and Teens to Try



10 Quirky Activities for Teens and Tweens this Summer



100 Things to Suggest if Your Child Complains They Are Bored

Summer Fair



The fair was an excellent event with many enjoyable activities, and tasty foods but my favourite thing I did has to be the climbing wall.

Lily C.

The Summer Fair was great; my favourite part was the refreshments, which included fizzy drinks and ice cream!

Thomas P.

All the Year 6's worked very hard to provide a heavily enjoyable experience for all pupils, teachers and parents. And with the schools help I think the Summer Fair was a huge success.

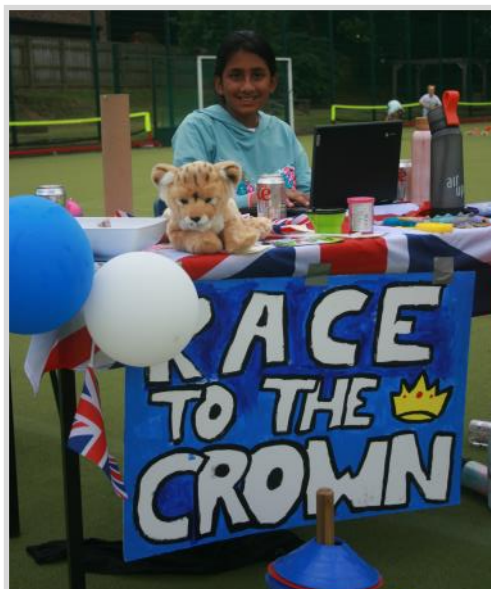
Ella F.

Everyone worked so hard on their stalls, and we all worked well as a team. It was fantastic to see the fair being so well supported; there was something for everyone.

Ewan G.

I enjoyed working as a team to help provide a happy and fun environment for all the children.

Sofie M.





Thank you to the Yarm Preparatory School Social Committee for making the Summer Fair such a roaring success.

Well done and thank you too to all of the Year 6 children for making the fair so special with their excellent and eclectic range of stalls. We would also like to thank our brilliant enterprise mentors from the Sixth Form and Miss Rhodes, for their unstinting help and support in planning and supporting the Year 6 children with their stalls.

The winning three teams in the Year 6 Enterprise Competition are:

Yarmy Army with Royal Bowl (Chris, Wilf W., Anushri, Charlie, Luke and mentor Will);

The Royal Guards with Platinum Prize (Emily, Khushee, Ben P., Theo, Libby, Aisling and mentor Zara);

Platinum Ducks; Hook a Royal Duck (Ewan G., Edie, Jingjing, Wilf D. Emma, Daniel and mentor Belle).

The winning teams were invited to a special lunch this week.

Mr Stone



PE and Games News

HMC Girls' Cricket

In the first match against Ashville the girls performed well and Lucia took a wicket in her over, bowling the girl clean out. Rosie finished with super figures of 1 run from her 6 balls which was our best in that match. Eleanor and Lily batted really well, scoring 22 from their two overs. This meant our team won 256 runs to 234.

This victory meant the girls went straight through to the Final Four. In the semi-final they faced Dame Allan's, losing narrowly despite a superb final over from Yuhe, giving only 2 runs away in the power play. This meant St Peter's was our final game, a 3rd v 4th match, as they had also lost their semi-final against RGS. We played very well but the opposition had one player who batted superbly in their final over, scoring a whopping 20 from the six balls. As this was the final over everything doubled in a power play so this score of 40 took them out of reach of our batters. Zara and Eleanor batted well, as did Edie and Anushri adding boundaries, but it wasn't enough on the day. The girls learnt a lot in their three fixtures and finished 4th out of eight schools in attendance.

Anushri was voted Player of the Match on two occasions and Yuhe received the honour in the third game. This was the final fixture of the year and my last one with the girls. They have been a wonderful bunch to coach and I will miss them next year as they move on.

Mrs Redhead-Sweeney



Knockout Chess

The famous Yarm Preparatory School Knockout Tournament finally returned to action, for the first time since 2019. A different version of the event happened last year, but COVID restrictions meant that the tournament was in year groups instead of being across the whole school.

90 children signed up for this year's competition and after several weeks of tough games we reached the big final between Miles and Can. The tournament has been going since 1994 and we cannot recall a previous time when two Year 4 players had contested the final. However, as we already know from our wonderful HMC success from earlier this year, the Year 4s are very strong this year and they have proved to be more than a match for the older children. This was proved in the semi-finals, when Can beat Waleed and Miles defeated Alfie; both victims are amongst our finest Year 6 players! The final certainly lived up to expectations. A large crowd gathered for the entertainment and the two players arrived on great form and ready for action.

Can, playing as white, started with some solid developing moves. Miles, looking for an early advantage, made an early queen sortie which netted him an early advantage in material. Meanwhile, Can castled, to make his king safe. Miles had to try and consolidate the position so his extra material would tell in the endgame. However, with his king one move away from safety, he was hit by a big tactic by Can; using a discovered check, he was able to win a rook from Miles. This gave Can a winning advantage, but he still had to prevent Miles from fighting back with a last-ditch attempt to change the course of the game. Can kept his cool when most players would have wilted under the pressure and he finished off with a very efficient checkmate.

Can is the new champion and Miles is the runner-up! Both players deserve great credit for their magnificent efforts over the course of an exceptional year. Will they both be back in the KO final next year, or will a new challenger emerge? Find out next year!

Mr Marsh

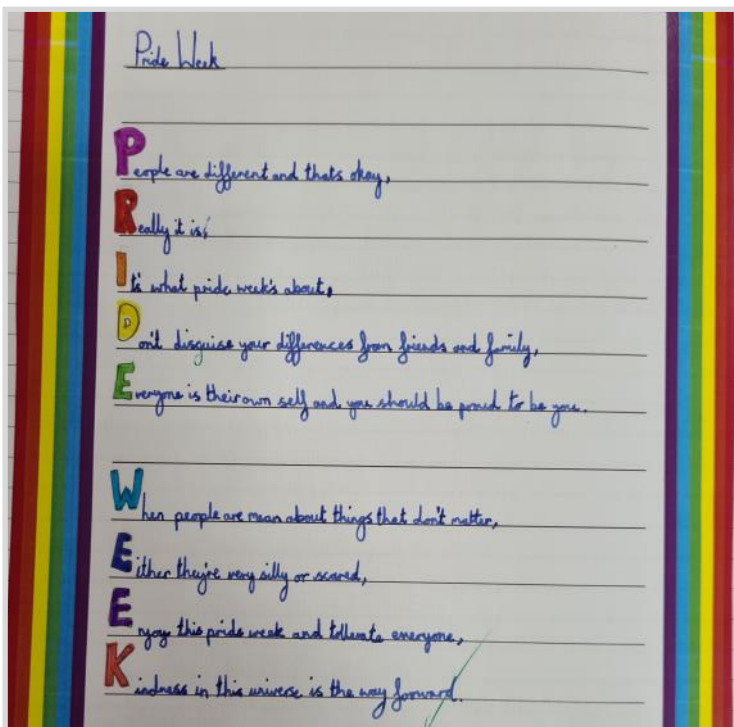


Pride Week

It was fantastic to celebrate all things Pride related last week in school. As a new group established this year (EDI) to recognise equality, diversity and inclusion, we felt it was time to talk about Pride and what it means in our society. Children learnt about being an ally to the community and being supportive. The children were wonderful throughout the week, writing poems, singing songs, creating tree art as well as painting some beautiful rainbow themed pictures.

It really was a super celebration of diversity and inclusivity!

Mrs Redhead-Sweeney



News this week

The Last Week of Term at the Prep

Next to some events, you will be asked to confirm attendance by completing the [events attendance form](#). This is one single form, covering all of the key events. Please do take some time to fill in the form in conjunction with reading this letter, as it helps us significantly with event planning.

Saturday 2nd July

Year 6 Sleep Out for Shelter -

Children can be collected from 8am and no later than 9am on the Saturday morning.



Tees Valley Wildlife Art Project - A new event taking place at the Senior School from 10am-3pm, where **Year 6** children will be invited to come along. Children are encouraged to keep an eye on their Google Classrooms for further details this week, as places are limited and will be given on a first come, first serve basis.

Monday 4th July

ABRSM examinations week - Some children are involved in music exams on this day and on Tuesday.

Tuesday 5th July

Prep Prize Giving - All children will be participating in this event, commencing at 5.45pm in the Princess Alexandra Auditorium and last around one hour. This is a ticketed event, with details sent out last week. **If you have not yet booked tickets, please click here.** The closing date for ticket requests is **Thursday 23rd June**.

Wednesday 6th July

Prep Sports Day - Commencing at 9.30am at Middlesbrough Sports Village, our annual Sports Day for **Years 3-6** returns, with all of the children participating in all of the organised events! House points will be up for grabs still and we invite parents to spectate around the outer ring of the stadium. The event will finish at approximately 12.30pm. All of the children will be participating in every event, with the emphasis on participation and having fun. Please ensure your child comes in their house-coloured PE top. All children must bring a bottle of water too. Snacks and packed lunches will be provided by school.

Children will return to school afterwards and can be collected at the normal times.

Lost property assembly - We will have a clear out of the lost property cupboards and hope to reunite some items with their rightful owners. Please may we ask parents to have a good root around at home and, if you find any uniform that does not belong to your child, send it in for the assembly.

Y6 Leavers Party - Parents of Year 6 children will be hearing

more about this in the coming days! If you have not heard anything by Friday 17th June, please let Mr Stone know.

Thursday 7th July

Water Run for the Mustard Seed Project

Our final fundraising event of the school year. Every child in the school will be taking part in our inaugural Water Run, so a change of top and a towel are advised! **We only ask that families**

make a donation to the Mustard Seed Project, which can be done via our Just Giving page for the event by clicking here.

Please note: we know water is a precious resource so we will not be using large quantities of it. Staff will be using water pistols and sponges, while there will be a sprinkler at the end too.



End of term - no after school care - Term ends at 11.30am for EYFS, 11.45am for Years 1-2 and 12noon for Years 3-6. There is no after school care so we ask all parents to collect their children at the correct time please.

Friday 8th July

Don't come to school!

Monday 18th July - Friday 5th August

Summer Holiday School - Mr Simpson will be sending further details and the booking form in the coming days.

Parent Curriculum Info 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.

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

News this week

Term Dates 2022-23

Autumn 2022

Thursday 1st September—Wednesday 14th December 2022

Half-term: Saturday 15th— Sunday 30th October inclusive

Spring 2023

Thursday 5th January—Friday 31st March 2023

Half-term: Friday 17th—Sunday 26th February inclusive

Summer 2023

Thursday 20th April— Friday 7th July 2023

Half-term: Saturday 27th May—Sunday 4th June inclusive

Please keep checking the Phoenix Flier for any changes.

National Schools Quiz Finals

It was a case of *so near, so far* for our intrepid quiz teams, who took part in the National Schools General Knowledge Quiz Final on Monday. Despite leading going into the final round, Yarm Team 2 (comprising of Thomas P., Samuel E., Hannah C. and Annalise D.) were pipped at the post by just 20 points by Devonshire House Prep from London, who scored 1825 points.



Team 1, made up of Aisling T., Marawan S., Benjamin F. and Olivia T., got off to a sluggish start but some strong middle rounds put them also into contention going into the final five questions. In the end, they finished an impressive 5th on 1645 points, ensuring Yarm become the first school ever to have two teams finishing in the top five of the competition.

The runners-up spot by Team 2 also sets a Yarm record as our highest-ever finishing position in the full quiz (where teams are represented by one pupil from Years 3-6). Thomas also recorded the highest individual score of the day out of any of the competitors in the final.

Overall, it has been a fantastic competition and all of the children who took part should be extremely proud of their efforts. It bodes well for Yarm to—finally—claim the national crown in the coming years based on the strength in depth of the pupil's general knowledge.

Mr Stone

Year 6 Stephenson Enterprise

Enterprise Sweet Challenge

On Monday 27th June, the Year 6 pupils of Stephenson brought in their own homemade sweets. Our task was to make a new sweet to be added to Willy Wonka's chocolate factory. After bringing in our sweets we had to explain the 4P's of the marketing mix for our sweet (product, price, place and promotion). We then went around the room tasting everyone's sweets. They were all creative and delicious, everyone received very positive feedback. Overall it was a fun, tasty afternoon and everyone left on a 'sugar high'!

Ewan G., Ewan P. and Waleed A.



Year 5 RE

In RE this week the children have spent their final lesson handwriting a sincere 'thank you' letter to someone in their life that has supported them and been there for them this year. It was lovely to see them taking time to think through their reasons and then put pen to paper. We even had a letter written in Arabic. Well done 5H for taking part in such a heart warming lesson with real enthusiasm.

Mrs Redhead-Sweeney



The answer to the Head's Challenge from
last time was:
0001=8+8+8+88+888


TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE


Click here for tickets

Ticket price: £60

Yarm school pupil Katherine Henley's EPQ project presents:

MASQUERADE

AUTUMN CHARITY BALL & DINNER

Black tie or party wear with a fabulous mask



In support of Parkinson's UK

What's included in the ball?

Welcome drink
3 course meal
Coffees and chocolates

During the ball:

A raffle and auction where you will get the chance to win some fantastic prizes. The night will end with a DJ and you can dance the night away!

The night will be hosted by broadcaster and journalist Claire McCollum who is also a Parkinson's Ambassador.

Friday 9th September 2022

Judges Country House Hotel, Kirklevington

My name is Katherine Henley and I am a Lower Sixth student currently studying my A levels which are Maths, Business and Textiles. In addition many of us are undertaking an EPQ. This is an Extended Project Qualification which can range from an essay to an artefact. I have decided to host a charity ball. My Grandad suffered with Parkinson's for 12 years and my family and I have been involved in fundraising for their charity, Parkinson's UK. Parkinson's disease is a condition in which parts of the brain become progressively damaged over many years. Main symptoms include involuntary shaking of particular parts of the body, slow movement and stiff and inflexible muscles. Someone suffering with Parkinson's can also experience a wide range of other physical and psychological symptoms. There is currently no cure, treatments are available to help reduce main symptoms and maintain quality of life for as long as possible. In the UK, around 145,000 people are living with Parkinson's. With all of this in mind, I will be fundraising for Parkinson's UK. The ball will take place on the 9th of September at Judges Country House Hotel, Kirklevington and is open to all parents across the school and teachers.

[TICKETS ABILABLE TO PURCHASE BY CLICKING HERE!](#)

THE PAA

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NEXT WEEK ...

Catch Us If You Can

Catch Us If You Can, is a 1960's variety show covering all your favourite artists, paying special tribute to The Beatles & The Rolling Stones.

Be prepared to sing and dance along to some of your favourite tracks from the likes of The Kinks, The Who, The Beach Boys, Lulu, Roy Orbison, Bob Dylan, Spencer Davis Group plus many, many more.

Catch Us If You Can perform completely 'live' is certain to get those toes tapping and hearts singing!

Friday 8th July 2022, 7:30pm

[Book Online Here](#)



COMING SOON...

Supreme Queen

Now one of the most recognisable Tribute bands in the world, SUPREME QUEEN continue to take things to a whole different level, with their homage to the halcyon days of one of the planet's greatest ever rock bands.

Simply, a stage show designed to provide the most memorable of evenings for Queen's millions of fans worldwide.

Friday 15th July 2022, 7:30pm

[Book Online Here](#)



COMING SOON ...

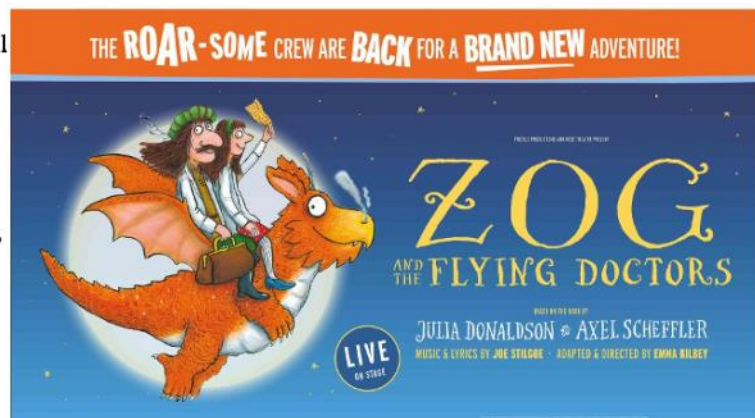
Zog and the Flying Doctors

Zog, super keen student turned air-ambulance, still lands with a crash-bang-thump. Together with his Flying Doctor crew, Princess Pearl and Sir Gadabout, they tend to a sunburnt mermaid, a unicorn with one too many horns and a lion with the flu. However, Pearl's uncle, the King, has other ideas about whether princesses should be doctors, and she's soon locked up in the castle back in a crown and a silly frilly dress!

Most suitable for ages 3+ but all ages welcome.

Tuesday 19th - Thursday 21st July 2022

[Book Online Here](#)



At National Online Safety we believe in empowering parents, carers and educators with the information they need to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. Please visit [nationalonlinesafety.com](https://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

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What you need to know about... WEBCAMS

What are they? 'Webcams'

Most commonly found embedded in laptop screens and smartphones, webcams are tiny video/still cameras designed to let you participate in video calls on services such as Skype and Zoom. They have become hugely popular since the start of the coronavirus pandemic, allowing homeworkers to chat with remote colleagues and helping friends and families stay in touch. However, there are many security and privacy risks associated with webcams that owners should be aware of.

Know the Risks

Hackers

Webcams are a prime target for hackers as they give attackers a highly intrusive eye into the victim's home. There have been several high-profile breaches where integrated laptop webcams or dedicated webcams have been targeted.

Malware

Malware often targets webcams, secretly giving hackers access to your computer's webcam without any visible signs that the camera is switched on. Such malware can arrive in email attachments or by clicking on rogue links on websites, and it can often install itself in the background without the user being alerted.

Access to strangers

Children can be naïve to the dangers of allowing strangers to access the computer's webcam. They may click through warning messages that grant access to the camera or they may willingly share the camera with people they meet online who are pretending to be children.

Blackmail

Webcams can be used for blackmail, even when the webcam itself hasn't been hacked. Fraudsters will claim to have webcam footage or stills of the victim whilst naked or accessing pornography and threaten to post such footage on social media or send it to employers if the victim fails to pay up. The fraudsters normally don't have any footage at all, but the threat is often enough.

Look out for...

The indicator light

It can be difficult to tell if your webcam has been compromised or is secretly capturing footage. If the little indicator light (normally green) next to the webcam is lit when you don't expect it to be, this could be a sign.

Camera permissions

Check the camera permissions on your computer to ensure no rogue or unnecessary apps have been granted access to the camera. Switch off any apps that don't need access to the camera. If you never use the webcam, you can bar all access to the webcam. Better still, cover it when not in use.

Unexpected saved folders

Another telltale sign of a webcam compromise is folders containing videos or photos taken by your webcam appearing on your computer. Malware will often save videos/photos on your machine before attempting to upload them to the hackers, who will then use them for blackmail purposes. Check your Photos and Videos folders occasionally for any unexpected files.

User Safety Tips

Explain the dangers to children

Talk to your children about the dangers of talking with strangers via webcam and tell them not to accept any video chat requests from people they don't know in real life. Keep computers in family rooms, so that children can't covertly use the webcam in their bedrooms.

Refuse & report

Do not pay anyone claiming to have captured embarrassing webcam footage of you. It's highly likely they don't have footage in the first place, and even if they do, paying them may encourage them to demand more money. Report the matter to the police and keep a record of any evidence you can.

Unplug webcams & update firewalls

Unplug external (USB) webcams when they're not in use. Make sure your computer is running up-to-date security software and that the firewall is switched on. This can thwart attempts to access your webcam remotely.

Our Expert Barry Collins



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 BBC Newsnight, Radio 5 Live and the ITV News at Ten. He has two children and has written regularly about internet safety issues over the years.

Key Dates

JULY

Fri 1	All clubs and activities finish today for the term Year 6 Sleep Out for Shelter (Prep Astro; 5pm-9am Saturday morning)
Sat 2	Tees Valley Wildlife Art Project (Senior School)
Mon 4	Pre-Prep Celebration (PAA; 5pm) ***NEW DATE*** ABRSM examinations
Tue 5	Prep Prize Giving (PAA; 5pm)
Wed 6	Prep Sports Day (Middlesbrough Sports Village; 10am-12pm) Lost property assembly Nursery (N2) Celebration (Studio Hall; 2pm)
Thu 7	Water Run for The Mustard Seed Project End of year assemblies End of term at 12 noon No after school care today
Mon 18	Summer Holiday School begins

AUGUST

Fri 5 Summer Holiday School concludes

SEPTEMBER

Thu 1	New school term begins
Fri 2	YPSSC New Families event (details tbc)
Mon 5	Pre-Prep Parents' Information Evening (7pm) Whole school photograph
Tue 6	Y3/4 Parents' Information Evening (7pm) Individual photographs
Wed 7	Y5/6 Parents' Information Evening (7pm)
Mon 12	Clubs and activities commence Year 3 swimming commences Prep Safety Week
Wed 14	Year 2 trip to Harlow Carr
Fri 15	Senior School Prize Giving

U11 Girls' Hockey v St Peters (away; 2pm start)

U10 Girls' Hockey v St Peters (home; 2pm start)

Sat 17 Stokesley Show

Tue 20 U8 Rugby & Hockey v Dame Allan's
(away; 2pm start, 4.30pm return)

Wed 21 Year 5 Robinwood residential

Thu 22 U9 Hockey & Rugby v Dame Allan's
(away; 2pm start, 4.30pm return)

PLEASE NOTE: Event dates listed from September onwards are *provisional*, but will be added to the Yarm School calendar during the first week of the summer holidays. [You can find the calendar by clicking here.](#)

Weekly certificates

	Values	Endeavour
3B	Jack A.	Livvie C.
3R	Alice W.	Manha A.
3W	Jack M.	Martha L.
4J	Satoshi Y.	Harrison W.
4N	Zara P.	Annika S.
4W	Phoenix E.	Rex W.
5H	Imogen P.	Samuel E.
5K	Emma A.	Jessica F.
5W	Harriet B.	William A.
6G	Aisling T.	Ewan G.
6L	Theo S.	Elizabeth A.
6P	Immie M.	Kit F.

Head Teacher Awards:

Year 3: Livvie C., Jack M.

Year 6: Yuhe T., Freddie B., Charlotte F., Effie P.

Bronze Music Award: Akansha M.