

The Phoenix Flier

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The Yarm Preparatory School Newsletter

NEW SCHOOL YEAR SPECIAL EDITION

A message from Mr Sawyer

Welcome to the first edition of the Phoenix Flier for the academic year 2022/23! It is a special moment when the children flood through the gates on the first morning of school. The buildings burst soon into life after the quieter months of the holidays as the sounds of laughter, purposeful learning and new year greetings abound. The sight of friends reconnecting and new pupils being welcomed by their 'buddies' and teachers is confirmation of the inclusive and supportive community we aspire to be. The start of the year is also a time when emotions often run high; a heady mix of excitement, anticipation and in some cases worry. Feeling this way is natural and as adults we experience very similar emotions, despite having left our pupil days behind us. Learning to reflect on our emotions by naming and accepting them is key for our wellbeing. Here at Yarm Prep we have a range of strategies to support our pupils' wellbeing and we believe that it is the key to a successful school life. We are also a Tooled Up School and all families have access to this brilliant range of resources. If you are new to Tooled Up, set up your account using the following code: YPS1103. It is a great way to support mental health, wellbeing, resilience and academic achievement this coming year and beyond.

As you can see from the image, our development project is well underway. At this present time a retaining wall is being constructed that will maintain the integrity of the current buildings. Over sixty deep (13m) reinforced concrete piles are being formed in the next few weeks prior to excavation works and the laying of the foundations of the new building. If you want to see how far we have come you can view the images from our time-lapse camera here. Exciting times!

Bill Sawyer

Head's Challenge: How many squares are on a chessboard?

Photo of the Week: The building works are starting to pick up speed on the Prep site, as highlighted by Mr Evans' image.



Start of term reminders

A few pointers and reminders as the new school year gets underway...

Come in wearing PE/Games kit

A reminder to all pupils in Years 3-6 to come in wearing PE/Games kit on the days they have PE, Games or a sporting club.

Parent Handbooks

You can access the parent handbooks on the school website [by clicking here](#). At various points over the coming weeks, we will post some reminders and key pieces of information from the handbook.

Parents' Information Evenings

Our annual PIE events give all parents the opportunity to find out about the school year ahead, our expectations and the curriculum, as well as provide an opportunity to meet your child's new Form Teacher. These take place next week as follows:

MONDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER—6pm - Pre-Prep Parents' Information Evening (Studio Hall)

TUESDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER—6pm - Y3/4 Parents' Information Evening (Hall)

WEDNESDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER—6pm - Y5/6 Parents' Information Evening (Hall)

New Families Social Event

A final reminder to **NEW families** that the Yarm Preparatory School Social Committee (YPSSC) are hosting a New Families Social Event next Friday (9th September), in the Pre-Prep Garden between 4-5.30pm. [Please click here if you are a new family and wish to attend](#).

Clubs and Activities

All pupils will come home on Friday with a sticker in their pupil diaries with details of the clubs and activities they have been allocated. Please check these with your child ahead of the following week. **ALL CLUBS begin from Monday 5th September** (unless the sticker says otherwise). Lesson 6 activities for Years 3-6 will commence from Monday 12th September.

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.

If you need to book a place for your child in after school care but have missed the form deadline, please contact Mr Stone (gns@yarmschool.org).

Music lessons

If your child is in Years 3-6 and is interested in taking part in individual peripatetic music lessons, [please fill in this form and Mr Gooding will get back to you](#).

The answer to the Head's Challenge from last time was: A chess piece (knight).

Welcome to our new staff!

We have a few new faces joining the team at the Prep School this term. Do say hello if you see them!



Mr Simon Frank
5F, Maths Lead



Mrs Emma Simpson
5K (Maternity cover)



Mrs Rachel Trewitt
Curriculum and Teaching Assistant



Miss Jennifer Dixon
Curriculum and Teaching Assistant



Mrs Sylvia Taylor
After School Care Supervisor

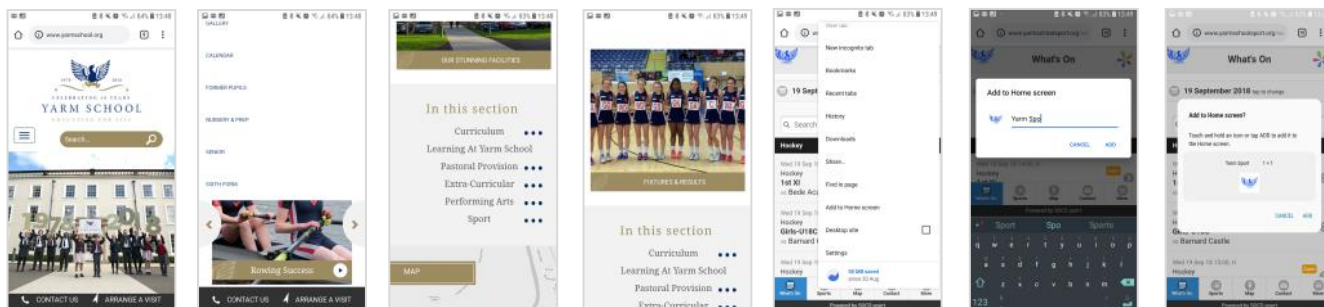


Mrs Karen Connelly
Year 2 Curriculum and Teaching Assistant

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:



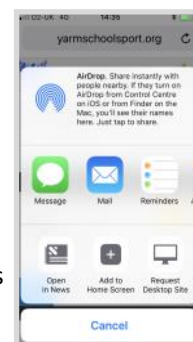
1. Access the Yarm School website via the browser on your device.
2. Click on 'Senior School' at the top of the page.
3. Click on 'Sport' which appears down the left-hand side.
4. Click on 'Fixtures and Results'.
5. In the top-right corner of the browser, click on the three dots, then click on 'Add to Home screen'.
6. Give the link a name.
7. Add to your phone home screen.

FOR APPLE DEVICES:

Follow steps 1-4 above, then:

5) At the bottom of your phones screen drag your finger up and you have a square and arrow icon (photo left) and if you click this you can then see the icon that says 'Add to home screen'. Click this.

6) Congratulations! You are all set and on your phone screen you should see the Yarm School logo which is now your very own shortcut to team sheets etc.



Years 3 - 6 - Collection arrangements - Autumn 2022

**After School Care
Collection Gate
(Until 5pm)**

End of School (3.45pm) - supervised Year Group pick up zones

**After School Clubs
Collection on
Playground
(4.45pm)**



Key Dates

SEPTEMBER

Mon 6	Clubs begin <u>Pre-Prep</u> Parents' Information Evening (6pm)
Tue 7	<u>Y3/4</u> Parents' Information Evening (6pm)
Wed 8	<u>Y5/6</u> Parents' Information Evening (6pm)
Fri 10	YPSSC New Families Gathering (4pm, Pre-Prep Garden)
Mon 12	Activities commence Prep Safety Week Y3 swimming begins (Arkwright/Brunel only)
Tue 13	Year 4 trip to Yorkshire Sculpture Park (5pm return)
Wed 14	Year 2 trip to Harlow Carr Farm
Thu 15	YPSSC (4pm, Learning Skills room) Y6 NSPCC Stay Safe Workshops
Fri 16	Early finishes today for EYFS and Pre-Prep (3pm and 3.15pm respectively) U11 Hockey v St Peters (2pm, Prep Astro) U10 Hockey v St Peters (2pm, Prep Astro)
Wed 21	Y5 Robinwood residential departs
Fri 23	Y5 return from Robinwood (5pm) U11 Hockey v Red House (away; 2pm start) U10 Hockey v Durham (home; 2pm start) YPSSC Wine Tasting (7pm, PAA)
Sat 24	Open Morning (9am-12noon) U10 Clegg Cup Rugby (9am-2pm; Barnard Castle)
Mon 26	6W trip to Boggle Hole (5pm return)
Tue 27	6L trip to Boggle Hole (5pm return) U8 Hockey/Rugby workshop with Dame Allan's (away, 2.15pm start, 4.15pm return)
Wed 28	TBC Maths Information Event for Y3 parents 6H trip to Boggle Hole (5pm return) School Council (1pm)
Thu 29	6G trip to Boggle Hole (5pm return) U9 Rugby & Hockey v Dame Allan's

(away; 2pm start, 4.20pm return)

Fri 30

U10 Hockey v Dame Allan's (home; 2pm start)

U10 Rugby v Dame Allan's (home; 2pm start)

U11 Rugby v Durham (home; 2pm start)

OCTOBER

Mon 3

Year 3 walk to Yarm,

Year 1 trip to Hartlepool Art Gallery

Wed 5

HMC Rugby (venue tbc)

Thu 6

YPSSC (4pm; Learning Skills room)

Y3/4 Poetry Competition

U9 Girls' Hockey v Queen Mary's

(away; 2pm start)

Nursery visit to Yarm Library

Fri 7

Y5/6 Poetry Competition

Harvest assemblies

Nursery visit to Yarm Library

U10/11 Rugby v Cundall Manor

(away; 2pm start, 4.30pm return)

Newcastle Eagles Basketball trip

(5.30pm depart, 10.30pm return)

Sat 8

Teesside Team Chess Championships

(Prep Hall; 9.30am-2.30pm)

Mon 10

Parents' Evening (4-6pm)

Tue 11

Parents' Evening (4-6pm)

Wed 12

Prep Informal Concert

(Prep Hall; 4pm)

U10/11 Girls' Tag Rugby v Dame Allan's

(away; 2.45pm start, 5.15pm return)

Reception trip to Ormesby Hall

Bring it on! Engineering Fair (TBC)

Thu 13

Pre-Prep Halloween Discos

Nursery visit to Yarm Library

U9 Yarm Invitation Rugby and Hockey Festivals

(11.30am-3pm)

Fri 14**Half-term begins (after school)**

School Diwali celebrations

[You can find the Yarm Schoolcalendar by clicking here.](#)