

The Phoenix Flier

The Yarm Preparatory School Newsletter

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A message from Mr Sawyer

The School fell silent at 11am today as part of our annual Remembrance service. It is always a moving sight to see hundreds of children and staff bow their heads in respect and pause for two minutes on the playground, a space that is normally full of raucous laughter and much movement. Those still and quiet moments allowed us to consider the wider meaning of service and sacrifice. These aspects of remembrance were addressed by Major Robson earlier during assembly and provided valuable reflections for us all. We thank Major Robson for her powerful message and Jodie from the Senior School who played The Last Post so well as part of the service.

Looking ahead in our calendar, we are excited about our annual Anti-Bullying week which starts on Monday. There are a range of engaging assemblies, PSHE lessons and workshops with an anti-bullying message planned. They will allow us to define bullying correctly, identify support strategies and discuss all manners of issues on the subject. It is only by addressing such topics that we can give our pupils the knowledge to identify bullying of all kinds. It should have no place in any school, team or organisation. It must be challenged.

Bill Sawyer

Head's Challenge:

What English word has three consecutive double letters?

Photo of the Week:

We have a STEAM special this week, with four pages of wonderful work to share with you.



Tooled Up Education

It's children's book week - the perfect opportunity for us to remind you of all the amazing [book lists](#) you can find in the Tooled Up resource library! We create these lists to help you decide on suitable, specific, or simply fantastic reads for your child without having to scour the internet or a bookshop.

Are you looking for books to support your child's mental health? Then check out our extensive [list](#) which is broken down into different mental health and wellbeing categories. Did you know that reading fiction is associated with building children's empathy skills? Visit our [list](#) of reads which cultivate kindness. How about books that [help prepare for a new sibling](#) or texts that [teach children where babies come from](#)?

Books are one of the most effective ways to encourage children to celebrate diversity. It's crucial that young people read about brave and confident characters from a range of backgrounds and settings. Our book lists are a great starting point and we would recommend that you encourage your children to read books which celebrate [racial diversity](#), feature [all kinds of families](#) and represent [disabilities and neurodevelopmental differences](#).

Here are some more of our top picks:

[Books that Feature Strong Female Characters](#)

[Books for Enquiring Minds: Encouraging Children to Think Philosophically](#)

[Books to Help Children and Young People Learn about Money](#)

[20 Poetry Books for All Ages](#)

[Books to Help Normalise Mistakes](#)

Do you think we're missing a book list on a critical topic? Please don't hesitate to get in touch and let us know, by emailing research@tooledupeducation.com.

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

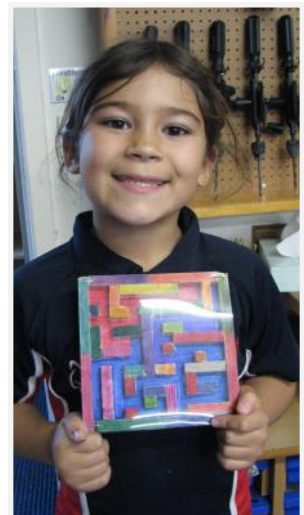
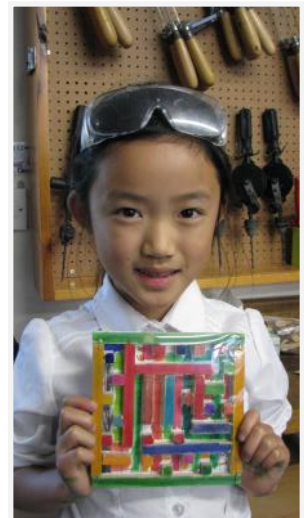


STEAM SPECIAL —F1 in Schools

Every Thursday, Miss Ward and a group of children get together in their Formula 1 teams to design and create a new Formula 1 car, before testing them on a special track. Do we have the new Adrian Newey at school?



STEAM SPECIAL —Year 3 Amazing Mazes!

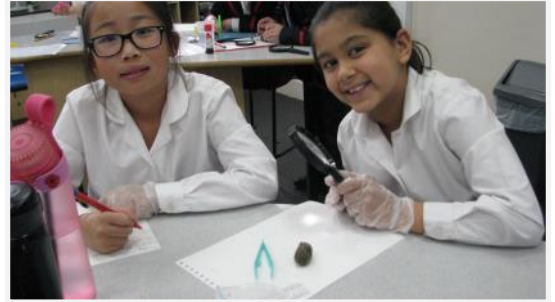


Year 3 have been designing and making their own amazing mazes in DT! Have a look at some of their wonderful creations! Well done Year 3!

Miss Ward

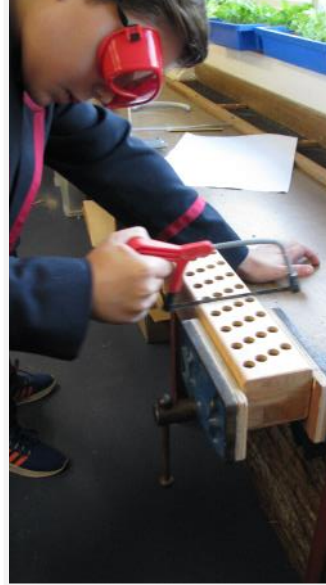


STEAM SPECIAL —Year 4 Owl Pellets



This week in science Year 4 dissected owl pellets to investigate life cycles.

STEAM SPECIAL—Year 5 Bug Hotels

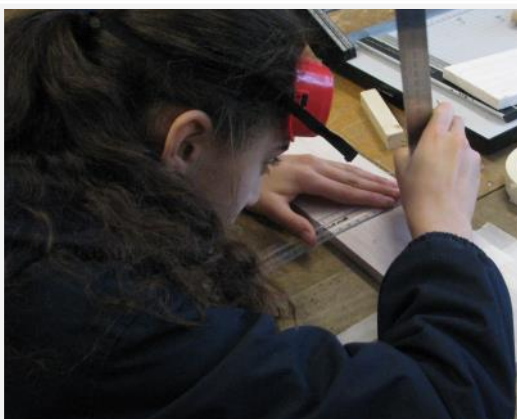


Join Year 5 as they work through the design and build phases of their bug hotels!

We look forward to sharing their finished work with you in the coming weeks.

Great work so far, Year 5!

Miss Ward



STEAM SPECIAL—Year 4 Italian

During their Monday carousel activity session, Year 4 Stephenson have been making pasta with Pippa from the kitchen. Bene!



Year 6 Homework

I am a passionate supporter of Liverpool so for my birthday, my parents gave me the challenge of building Liverpool's stadium (Anfield) out of Lego.

It took me a while to make it, but during the half-term holidays I finally managed to finish it. I am really happy with the appearance of my model of Anfield and I hope I can make more Lego like this in the future.

I also hope to one day visit Anfield to watch Liverpool play 'the beautiful game'!

Arvind K. 6G



Stephenson Charity Day

Our thanks for all of you who have supported Stephenson's charity day this week. The children raised an incredible **£539.35** for Age UK Teesside! Well done everyone!

Stephenson staff



PE and Games News

Under 11 Rugby

A breezy and bright afternoon welcomed our friends from Barnard Castle. Across both pitches all boys performed admirably and within the spirit of the game. Barnard Castle's strong running proved a difficult challenge for Yarm but as the game progressed I was impressed with their resilience. As Yarm found their confidence building they were able to apply some pressure to Barnard Castle line but their strong defence held. 2 tries in the second half meant Yarm could leave the pitch with their heads held high taking many positives from the game. Well done to all involved.

Mr Underwood

Under 8 Hockey

On Tuesday the 8th of November, all of the Year 3 girls went to Cundall Manor school to play a hockey fixture. We all split into four different groups and played fun games against each other. The games we played were piggy in the middle (hockey version), through the gates, a mini hockey match and then through the ladder and score a goal. We all had a really fun time and the girls from Cundall are really nice.

Harriet A.

Under 10 Rugby

The U10 boys travelled to a sunny, but wintery Barnard Castle on Friday afternoon. The boys continued where they left off before half term, demonstrating that they are continuing to develop their understanding of the game. Everyone ran with the ball well, and were all starting to create more scoring opportunities through their supporting running and link up play. There were many great tries scored and crunching tackles made. Well done everyone involved.

Mr Simpson

Under 9 Rugby Festival

On what turned out to be a lovely October day. The U9 boys enjoyed a wonderful rugby festival at Green Lane. All morning the boys enjoyed playing against old and new friends from different schools adhering to the core values of rugby at all times. It was a pleasure to watch the boys grow in confidence and support each other against tough opposition. Well done to everyone involved.

Mr Underwood



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.

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](#).

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).

Flu Immunisation Programme

The School Aged Immunisation Service will be coming onto School on Thursday 1st December 2022 to administer the nasal flu spray to children from Reception to Year 6.

If you would like your child to receive this vaccination, please provide consent using the link below no later than Thursday 24th November 2022.

<https://www.hdftsais.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

School Code: HD111771

Many thanks for your continued support.

Mrs Wheatley

Former Pupils News

Former Pupil Parents - Christmas Drinks

We are privileged that many of our Former Pupils now send their children to Yarm and would love for you to come along to our FP Christmas Drinks event.

Join us in the Princess Alexandra Auditorium Lounge Bar for drinks on **Saturday, 17th December from 7:30pm until 11:30pm**.

You are invited to arrive at the School from 7:30pm. Upon arrival, you can enjoy a complimentary welcome drink (prosecco, lager or a soft drink) while delicious light bites prepared by our outstanding Chef will be available in the Atrium. Our bar will be in full service, allowing you to purchase

drinks of your choice until around 11pm.

The event is open to all former pupils so please share the invitation with friends from your time at Yarm.

If you are interested in attending please complete the form: <https://bit.ly/FPdrinks22>.

The form will close Friday 9th December 2022.

Mrs Craig



Anti-Bullying Week

Monday 14th—Friday 18th November

Anti-Bullying Week is coordinated in England and Wales by the Anti-Bullying Alliance and this year has the theme of *Reach Out*. The theme came about following consultation with teachers and pupils by the Anti-Bullying Alliance, who wanted a theme that empowered them to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes.

As a school, we use Anti-Bullying Week to remind everyone what bullying is, how we deal with it and whether it's in school, at home, in the community or online, we should reach out and show each other the support we need.

Mr Stone

My Child's Art

Parents of children who submitted artwork to My Child's Art, the portal is now live. The 10% early bird discount expires on Sunday 6th November. You can order by either logging in to www.mychildsart.co.uk/order where the username is Yarm and the password is vQH8VN2f.

Tempest photographs

Tempest individual and sibling photographs will be taking place on Wednesday 23rd November. We ask that all children wear school uniform on this day. If they have a PE or games

lesson, or a sporting club, please allow them to bring this kit with them in a bag and we will arrange for changing to take place during break time and lunch.

There is an opportunity for siblings to have a photo taken together too. This is to take place from 8.15am in the Prep Hall and is for Prep and Pre-Prep siblings only (not Senior School siblings sadly, due to time constraints). I would ask that any parents requesting such a photo to please email me by return. Parents do not need to be present and Pre-Prep children will be brought to and from the hall by our staff. I would be grateful for all responses by Friday 18th November. Due to time constraints on the day we cannot accept requests after this time.

Mr Stone

Poetry Club

In our poetry activity this week we created colourful firework and bonfire themed shape poems. The children worked extremely hard and with great creative flair.



Mrs Hart

IMPORTANT—Parent Portal

We have recently switched to a new management information system called iSAMS. As part of this transition, the Parent Portal that you will have previously accessed via the Yarm MIS (if your child was in the School last year and previously), will no longer be used. Instead, we will be using the iSAMS Parent Portal going forward which will enable you to view remotely the academic information relating to your child via a secure login.

In addition to school reports, the portal will enable you to view the core information held on our system relating to your contact details, making it easier for you to update this important information as and when it alters. For obvious reasons, it is important that we hold accurate and up to date information regarding your child and it is essential that you provide a valid mobile telephone number and email address as a point of contact **for each contact**.

A shared email can't be used on the new system, therefore please email a second email address and for a respective contact to Pre-Prep georgina.banham@yarmschool.org or Prep louise.white@yarmschool.org.

Key Dates:

- Registration email release to parents **Monday 21st November**, time for any issues to be resolved 21-25

November

- Reception to Year 6 Autumn Term Reports released to the Parent Portal **Monday 5th December 4pm**

You will not be sent paper copies of reports so it is important that you have completed the portal registration and login process **prior** to the report release date to try and prevent any delay in report availability. Please keep the log on details in a safe place for future reference.

Mrs Pawluk

Children in Need

Be Spotacular! - Friday 18th November

As always we are supporting the BBC Children in Need appeal this year. We are inviting every child to come to school wearing **one** spotty item of clothing along with the rest of the their school uniform! We would like each child to bring in £1 to do this, with all monies raised going to the good causes supported by Children in Need.

Mr Stone

Christmas Appeal—Little Sprouts

This year, more than ever, families in our community are worrying about the cost of heating their homes during the winter. We are once again collaborating with **Little Sprouts** to support the most vulnerable in our area. In the run up to Christmas we are collecting children's slippers and blankets/throws.

The slippers can be new or pre-loved that are still in good condition. So as to ensure a range of sizes, we suggest donating a size close to those of your children.

Both new and pre-loved blankets are extremely useful. If you have extra blankets/throws in your cupboards which go unused please consider donating them to a family. The perfect way to reuse and recycle and give the gift of warmth this Christmas. Please just ensure that they are clean or freshly laundered. Maybe you also know some keen knitters who would be interested in making some for this worthwhile cause.

We will start collecting the items in December, so please hold on to them until then!

Thank you in advance for your kindness.

Mrs Sawyer

Year 6 Arkwright Dance

To watch the brilliant dance routine put together by Year 6 Arkwrightians and Miss Whitehouse, during their Monday carousel activity, [please click here!](#)

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 apps which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about BEREAL

BeReal is the latest trending social media app. The concept is that people see others in their authentic day-to-day lives, sharing candid photos without editing or applying filters. Each day at a random time, users are simultaneously notified to take a picture of what they're doing at that exact moment. The two-minute window to submit an image means there's no time to select a particularly glamorous or exciting activity. BeReal shares two pictures: a selfie, and an image of the immediate surroundings. Users can only view and react to their friends' photos once they upload their own.

AGE-RATING
13+
from the
App Store &
Google Play

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

CONTINUOUS NOTIFICATIONS

Like any social media app, BeReal's developers want users to be on it regularly and scrolling for long periods. BeReal only sends one notification to post a picture each day, but there are other alerts for events such as mentions, comments, friend requests and reactions to your photo. This can cause young users to feel pressure to open the app and respond, distracting them from other activities.

CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS

When someone signs up to BeReal, it highlights anyone in their phone's contacts list who already has the app – so users can connect with friends, or invite others from their contacts. The 'Discovery' feed, meanwhile, shows posts from strangers and gives users the option to add them as friends, too. This means your child could potentially connect with – and communicate with – a stranger.

PUBLIC SHARING

As well as sharing posts with friends in the moment, the app also allows posts to be shared publicly and public content to be viewed. Before a user can see this public content, they must post their own photo first. Unfortunately, there currently seems to be a lack of moderation on the content that's being uploaded, so a young user could be exposed to posts which aren't suitable for their age.

EASY LOCATION

BeReal's default setting is to share the exact location of where a post was sent from. Given that images are usually shared within the two-minute window, anyone your child is friends with on the app will know exactly where they are (or at least, where they were two minutes earlier). As we've noted, this could include strangers who are intending to use this geographical information for malicious purposes.

VISIBLE PERSONAL DATA

As with any other form of social media, it's important that your child doesn't share too much personal information on their profile. BeReal allows for a photo, full name, approximate location and a short bio. It's safest to make sure that your child's profile doesn't display anything which could identify where they go to school or exactly where they live.

REPUTATIONAL DAMAGE

What your child says and does online – their digital footprint – shapes the way that other people see them. It's essential that young people understand that when they post something online, they are giving the app in question the right to do whatever they wish with that image or content, including sharing it elsewhere. This form of permission is explicitly referenced in BeReal's terms of use.

Advice for Parents & Carers

LIMIT NOTIFICATIONS

BeReal offers the option to turn off individual types of notification. Doing this will significantly reduce the number of times your child is tempted to open the app by incoming comments, uploads, friend requests and so on. Ironically, it will allow them to actually 'be real' by being present in the moment and their current environment as opposed to being engrossed on social media.

STOP AND THINK

BeReal's goal is for users to be authentic with friends, removing the pressure of that flawless photo or perfectly worded post. It's still vital, though, that children stop and think rather than uploading something risky just to meet the two-minute deadline. Point out to them what kind of information strangers could extract from an image: school crests, street names or local landmarks, for example.

KEEP IT AMONG FRIENDS

Remind your child why adding strangers to their contacts isn't a good idea, and advise them to decline any friend requests from people they don't know in real life. If something your child sees on BeReal makes them feel uncomfortable, they can report it by clicking on the three dots in the top right. The reporting tool allows them to state the reason that they're flagging up the post.

CREATE A SAFE PROFILE

Remind your child to use an avatar as their profile pic (as opposed to a photo of themselves) and use a nickname or just their first name, not their full name. Any information they add to their bio (which is optional) should be kept vague, and personal details should remain private. It's also worth turning off the geolocation feature either through the device's settings or in BeReal itself.

Meet Our Expert

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



Sources: <https://be.real/en/privacy> | <https://be.real/en/terms>
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Key Dates

NOVEMBER

Mon 14	<p>***NEW EVENT*** Netball Cup v South Hunsley (away; 2.30pm start, 5pm return)</p> <p>Activities Carousel 2 begins for Y4-6</p>
Tue 15	<p>HMC Chess (QEGS; 8am depart, 5pm return; Y5/6 teams)</p> <p>Year 4 trip to Durham Oriental Museum</p> <p>U8 Hockey & Rugby v Ashville (away; 2.15pm start, 5pm return)</p>
Wed 16	Prep Informal Concert (4-5pm; Prep Hall)
Thu 17	<p>U9 Rugby v Durham (away; 2pm start, 4.30pm return)</p> <p>Small ensembles concert (7-8.15pm; Yarm Parish Church)</p>
Fri 18	<p>Children in Need Day</p> <p>U10/11 Rugby v Birkdale & Bronte (away; 2pm start, 5.15pm return)</p> <p>U10/11 Hockey v Queen Mary's (home; 2pm start)</p>
Mon 21	ABRSM examinations week
Tue 22	<p>***NEW EVENT*** Dr Forshaw talk to Year 4</p> <p>U8 Rugby v Cundall Manor (home; 2pm start)</p>
Wed 23	<p>***RESCHEDULED*** Tempest photographs</p> <p>Y6 Senior Taster Afternoon (3-6.30pm; Senior School)</p>
Thu 24	<p>Year 3 Good Work assembly</p> <p>Curiosity Emporium</p> <p>U9 Hockey v DCSF (away; 2pm start, 4.45pm return)</p>
Fri 25	HMC Sports event (Prep School)
Sat 26	Prep Ball (PAA; 7pm-Midnight)

[You can find the Yarm School calendar by clicking here](#)

Solution to previous Head's Challenge:

History



YPSSC PreLoved Uniform



We have a huge and varied stock of preloved uniform available.

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Hats
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From Nursery through to Year 6.

Prices start from £1!

If you are looking to add to your uniform wardrobe or simply want a few spares, visit our website www.ypssc.co.uk or scan the QR code below to complete a stock check/order form.

All clean and reusable donations of outgrown uniform are welcome too- just bag them up and either pass them on to a committee member or drop them off at Prep reception.



Thank you!

Celebration Assembly

	Values	Endeavour
3B	Jana A.	Monty B.
3H	Dara J.	Scarlett Y.
4G	Lottie L.	Bella M.
4J	Olivia T.	Felicity S.
4N	Henry S.	Kaden G.
5F	Violet F.	Kavan S.
5H	Ollie B.	Trisha K.
5K	Pradyoth K.	Amelia C.
6G	Rehan K.	Jessica F.
6H	Bea M.	Joe W.
6L	Ben W.	Darcey-Rue R.
6W	Fenwick M.	James C.

Head Teacher Awards:

Y4—Emily Q., Manha A., Leo S., Jack M.

Y6—Udham C., Bea G., Dora B., Harlowe B., Pippa J.