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## The Newsletter of Yarm Pre-Prep

Mrs Speight's message ...

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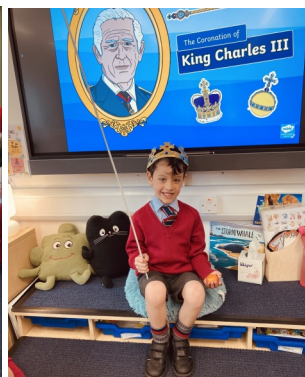
The children embraced our first ever Poetry Competition yesterday with their usual enthusiasm and it was a lovely opportunity for all of our pupils to learn and recite their chosen poems. I thoroughly enjoyed hearing the children in the Studio Hall and was particularly impressed with their intonation, actions and clarity. My congratulations to all of our children for working so hard to participate in this activity and demonstrate their first steps into the world of public speaking. Mr Pengilly mentioned today, following our Poetry Competition that in just over five months, our current Y2 children would learn and recite another poem for National Poetry Day at the Prep School. In Nursery, the children have been preparing for the Coronation by creating vases, making crowns and decorating biscuits. The Year 1 pupils also enjoyed this activity and demonstrated thinking of others by creating me a yummy biscuit which was delicious, thank you! As I write this, I am thinking about the forthcoming Open Morning and Open Event for our Year 2s and their families to visit the Prep School. Where has the time gone? Have another wonderful relaxing, long weekend

Warmest wishes,

*Joanne Speight*



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## Coronation Crafts

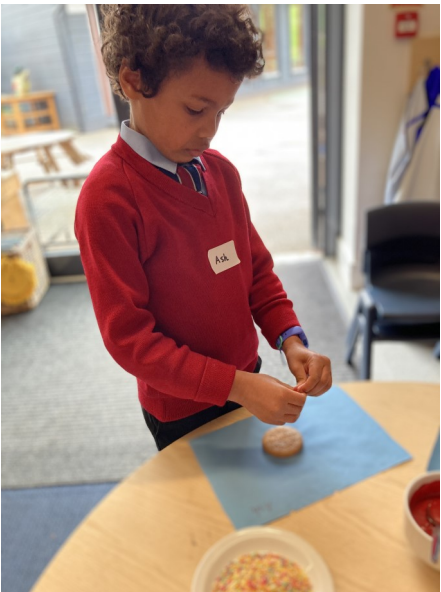
The children in Reception have been feeling jubilant as they prepared for this weekend's big royal celebration. Bunting, biscuits, portraits and invitations were all created to celebrate His Majesty's Coronation.





### Celebrating King Charles III

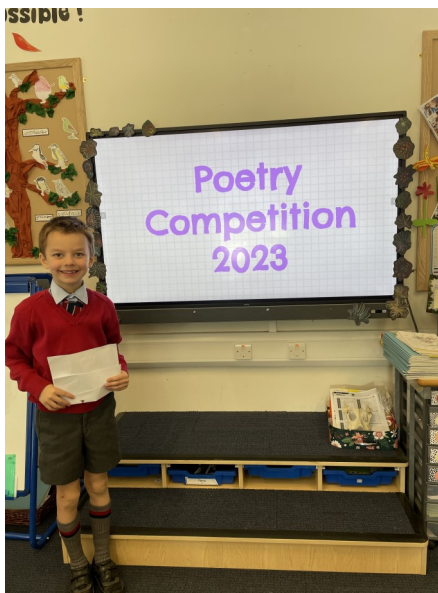
The Year One children have been learning a little more about our new King. They thoroughly enjoyed taking part in our version of the Coronation Ceremony in advance of the big day this weekend. Having learned that King Charles is passionate about the natural world and gardening, we have planted radishes in his honour. We also got into the party spirit with some delicious celebratory biscuits.





## Perfect Poetry

The Year 2 team were blown away by the outstanding poetry performances in class on Wednesday. Year 2 pupils battled it out for the chance to compete in Thursday's final, demonstrating confidence, maturity and poise.





## Welsh Cakes

Inspired by the Year 2 children, the Nursery children made their own Welsh cakes on Wednesday. They carefully measured out the ingredients and took turns mixing and rolling the dough.





## Sixth Teesside Chess Megafinal Report

Sunday 30th April 2023

The Sixth Teesside Megafinal was a fabulous success. We sold out of places a week and a half before the first pawns were pushed.

We were delighted to welcome 150 eager young chess players from all over the North East (and some from even further away) to the magnificent Princess Alexandra Auditorium at Yarm School.

As usual, our Prep. School players were out in force and it was great to see them testing their skills against chess players from a whole range of other schools and chess clubs.

**Dara J** and **Jayden W** shared second place in the big Under-8 section but **Scarlett Y** went one better to take the trophy for the Best Girl. **Zoyaa S** was the second highest-placed girl.

The **Under-10** section was the largest of all and it featured tough battles from start to finish. **Henry S** was our best player on the day, sharing third place, just behind the eventual winners.

**Monty V N** did very well to share second place in the **Under-12** section and **Nikita S** was the second-highest place girl.

It was a fabulous celebration of chess and we are now looking forward to seeing how well our young stars do at the Gigafinal.

For a full set of results please go to: <https://cscteesside.blogspot.com/2023/05/the-sixth-teesside-megafinal-results.html>

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the day such a great success.

*Sean Marsh (Yarm Prep. School's Chess Coach)*







### Pre-Prep and Prep School Open Morning

Our next open morning is on Saturday 13th May from 9am-12pm. Please do let friends and family know. Booking is essential via the Yarm School website.

<https://www.yarmschool.org/admissions/open-events/prep-open-morning-may/>

### Summer Holiday School

Monday 17th July—  
Friday 4th August

The booking form will be emailed out by Mr Simpson four weeks prior to holiday school.



### Dates For Your Diary

#### May

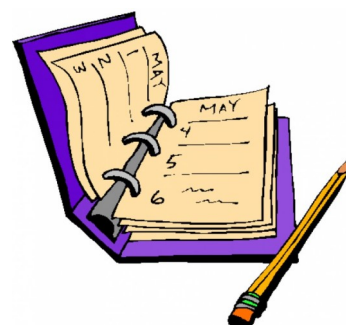
- Monday 8th —Bank Holiday
- Tuesday 16th—Year 2 trip to Edinburgh
- Thursday 18th—Year 2 trip to Souter Lighthouse
- Thursday 25th—Reception trip to Hullabaloo
- Thursday 25th —break up for half term
- Friday 26th —School closed

#### June

- Monday 5th—Pupils return to school
- Wednesday 14th—Induction Day
- Thursday 15th—Welcome to Reception evening for N2 parents 7pm
- Friday 16th—Bring your Dads/Grandads to school
- Wednesday 21st—Reception trip to RSPB Saltholme
- Wednesday 21st—Nursery sports afternoon
- Friday 23rd—Summer fair 2pm, more details to follow
- Wednesday 28th—Pre-Prep Sports Morning 9am

#### July

- Monday 3rd—Pre-Prep Celebration (PAA) 5pm
- Thursday 6th—Nursery End of Year Celebration for N2 children 2pm, more details to follow
- Friday 7th—School finishes at 12 noon (no after school care)





## Stars Live—16th July

For the first time together, we will see amazing musical performances from your favourite TV Stars, LIVE on stage!

Ben and Holly will sing some of their favourite songs with help from the magical Nanny Plum.

The PJ Masks heroes, fresh from a new adventure, will show the kids that they can be a hero too!

And last but not least, we have a very special performance from My Little Pony that will get every ponies hooves stomping.

<https://www.thepaaonline.org/whats-on/hasbro-stars-live-on-stage/>



## Paul Young—Behind the Lens—27th May

Paul Young broke into the big time 40 years ago when No Parlez went to number one and spawned iconic hits like Wherever I Lay My Hat (That's My Home).

More success followed with the number one album The Secret of Association and the worldwide hit Everytime You Go Away, not forgetting an appearance at Live Aid and more.

Paul sustained that success – while having fun in his tex-mex band, Los Pacaminos.

Now, on the 40th anniversary of No Parlez, he's releasing a remarkable new record and publishing his extraordinary memoir; both called Behind The Lens.

He's touring the UK, too, where he'll meet fans, sing hits and tell stories about his incredible career.

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