



Little Phoenix



The Newsletter of Yarm Pre-Prep

Mrs Speight's message ...

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A very warm welcome back to all of our children and their families. It was lovely to see our Reception children in their uniforms, walking into Pre-Prep with such enthusiasm and independence on their first day. They all looked so grown up and I know that many of our parents shed a tear of joy and pride. In fact, the children throughout Pre-Prep have settled into their new classes and routines beautifully. I am most impressed with how well they have been lining up, listening in class and following our 'high fives'. They clearly have high aspirations and expectations of themselves. I am certain you will agree that by demonstrating our school value of 'ambitious,' they are setting the scene for further learning and fun. Thinking of others has also been extremely evident as the children have ensured all of our new starters have been made to feel most welcome, it's as if they have been with us forever! Have the most wonderful relaxing weekend and good luck to those parents who are running the Great North Run, the weather looks to be very warm for it. Thank you also for all of the support and donations I have received for participating, they are very much appreciated. The children loved throwing wet sponges at me and I am sure you will have heard all about it!

Warmest wishes,

Jeanne Speight



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Nursery

We have welcomed many new children as well as seeing lots of familiar faces back for their second year in Nursery. The children have been listening to stories, singing Nursery Rhymes and exploring the indoor and outdoor environments.



Welcome to Reception

The Reception children have enjoyed exploring their new space, settling into daily routines and making friends. Well done on your first full week of Reception!



Mix It

To introduce our 'Mix It' topic, the children in Year 1 enjoyed sharing their special objects. We talked about their colours and why they are so precious to us.



Dinosaur Eggs

Dinosaur eggs were discovered in the Pre-Prep sandpit. Our Year 2 palaeontologists worked carefully to excavate the dinosaurs within.



Summer Holiday School





Pre-Prep Early Finish—Friday 15th September

Due to the Senior School Prize Giving, Nursery and Pre-Prep will have a slightly earlier finish time of 2.30pm on Friday 15th September. After School Care/clubs will be on as normal for those children who need this or those with siblings in the Prep/Senior School.

Holiday School 2023-24

Autumn

Monday 23rd—Friday 27th October

Christmas

Monday 18th—Thursday 21st December

Easter

Tuesday 2nd—Friday 5th April

Summer

Monday 15th July—Friday 2nd August

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



2023/24 Calendar

Autumn Term 2023	
Pupils Return	Thursday 31 st August 2023
Half Term Begins	Friday 20 th October 2023 (after school)
Pupils Return	Monday 6 th November 2023
Finish	Friday 15 th December 2023 (after school)
Spring Term 2024	
Pupils Return	Thursday 4 th January 2024
Half Term Begins	Thursday 15 th February 2024
INSET	Friday 16 th February 2024
Pupils Return	Monday 26 th February 2024
Finish	Thursday 28 th March 2024 (after school)
Summer Term 2024	
Pupils Return	Thursday 18 th April 2024
Bank Holiday	Monday 6 th May 2024
Half Term Begins	Thursday 23 rd May 2024 (after school)
Pupils Return	Monday 3 rd June 2024
Finish	Thursday 4 th July 2024 (12 noon finish)

MESSAGE TO PARENTS

The schools Capital Development Manager, Mr Alan Hodgson, would like to reassure the school community that Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) has not been used for the construction of any of its school buildings; Nursery, Pre Prep, Preparatory and Senior school sites.

YSA PRESENTS

BINGO & BURRITOS



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FRIDAY 6TH OCTOBER

7PM - 11PM

BASEMENT BAR

TICKETS £25 VIA CLASSLIST

25

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DRINKS

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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!

Reporting Absence

If your child is absent from school you must inform Mrs Banham in the school office before 9am. She can then inform the class teacher and ensure that the absence is recorded correctly.

Pre-Prep and Prep School Open Morning

Our next Prep School Open Morning is on Saturday 30th September from 9am—12pm. Please do let friends and family know. Booking is essential via the Yarm School website.

Uniform Labelling

Please be reminded that all items of uniform must be clearly labelled with your child's full name.

Book bags and backpacks should be embroidered and named in the space provided. P.E. kits should also be embroidered with your child's initials. We ask for full cooperation from parents with regard to the clear labelling of uniforms.



You can find the Yarm School Calendar by clicking here



Adventures in the surf and on the turf

Our Prep Winter Ball, organised by the YPSSC, has been a long standing event in our calendar for many years. It is always a wonderful community affair which, aside from giving everyone there a brilliant evening, raises valuable money for local causes through the charity auction and raffle. Last year was no different and through the generosity of our community a significant sum was donated to the David Ashwell Foundation. The range of auction lots garnered healthy bids from those present, the 'Surf nTurf Adventure' being a particular highlight which was eventually secured by a combined bid from Don Axtell, Joe Fraser, David Baggaley, Dean Tate, Alistair Burnett, Ash Vaughan and Anthony Fiske.

Last weekend saw the realisation of this experience as David Baggaley took to the local trails and waves in true adventurous spirit under the guidance of Head of Prep, Bill Sawyer. Clear skies and moderate surf allowed for a good morning session during which time David made excellent progress popping up on and riding numerous waves. He even managed to demonstrate his skills to the Fraser family who came down to lend their encouragement and support! Heading in from the water there was a quick change of attire before bounding along the Saltburn cliffs towards Skinningrove for a 10km loop which afforded fabulous views of the local area. On our return, a well deserved lunch of fish chips and a 'cold one' went down a treat. Well done to David and thank you again to all who bid for the 'Surf n Turf Adventure'.



Capital Development Update

We returned from the summer break to see the evident progress of our Prep Development project over the summer. This new facility will deliver first rate accommodation which will include a new performance venue, library and flexible learning facilities, kitchens and dining space, alongside three classrooms and a reception area.

As you can see from the photos a great deal has been achieved in recent weeks. The target date for completion of the build and being able to use the new facility remains the second half of this term. We are pushing hard to make this a reality but will not be able to adopt the building until such time that it is safe and ready to do so.





Hello from the YPSSC

(Yarm Prep School Social Committee)

The YPSSC is made up and run by parent volunteers, like a PTA, our function is to provide a social network for the whole school community and raise funds for the children and local charities.



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Dates for the diary – tickets available via Classlist
Friday 8th September *New Families Welcome Event*
Friday 29th September *Oktoberfest @ PAA*
Saturday 25th November *Winter Ball*

Coffee mornings

A chance to relax and meet other parents and catch up with what events are coming up

Thursday 21st September 9-11am

Thursday 12th October 9-11am

Wednesday 15th November 9-11am

Monday 11th December 9-11am

Drinks evening

Thursday 12th October 7.30-9.30pm

**@ The Keys, 65 High Street Yarm
TS15 9BH**

Class reps

Each class has a parent rep who is a great 'go to'. Your class rep can be found on the Classlist app.

PreLoved Uniform

As an Eco School we are very keen on preloved uniform and have a good and varied stock. Just drop us a message on the app and we'll see what we have. Donations are ALWAYS welcome- we can find homes for clean items in good condition