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YARM SCHOOL  
EDUCATING FOR LIFE

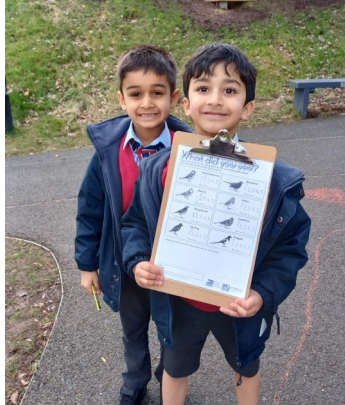
## The Newsletter of Yarm Pre-Prep

Mrs Speight's message ...

**Number 411**  
**26th January 2024**

Thanks to all who ensured our Open Morning was a resounding success. As always, thank you to the staff and pupil guides who impressed so many families. There were many comments about the passion and enthusiasm of staff and pupils alike which was so evident to our visitors as they toured. The wonderful facilities, the new Prep Hall and lovely lunch prepared by Pippa and the Sodexo catering team added to the superb, ambient atmosphere. The Nursery children have enjoyed sorting out shells and painting with their hands. When indoors, many children have loved being hairdressers and the Nursery staff have experienced wonderful blow dries! The Year 1 pupils have enjoyed their visit to Middlesbrough College and wrote the most detailed accounts of what to pack on their next holiday. I was most impressed with their knowledge of the necessities required when travelling abroad. The Reception children have worked hard with their phonics and loved learning the digraph 'oi' (two letters together which make one sound) I wonder whether they can remember any words containing oi? The children in Year 2 have been learning about money and as consolidation it would be lovely if they could visit the shops for some practical experience. Have a wonderful relaxing weekend, the nights are certainly getting lighter. Warmest wishes...

*Jeanne Speight* Follow me on X: @YarmPrePrep 





### Flying High

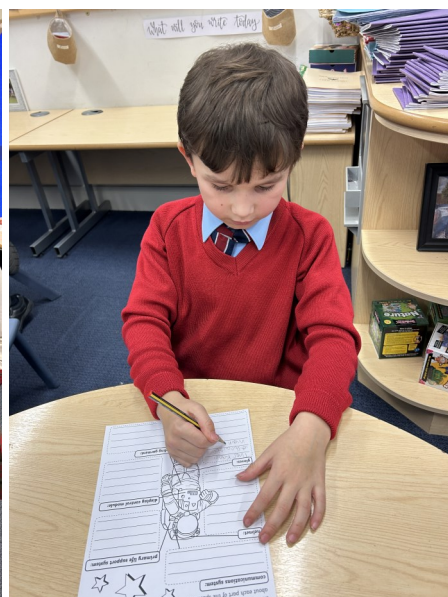
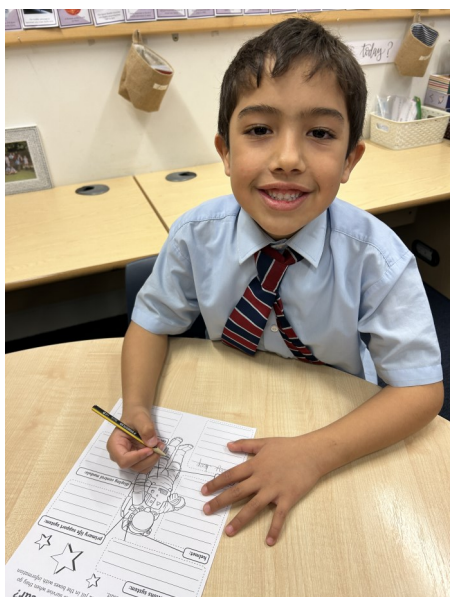
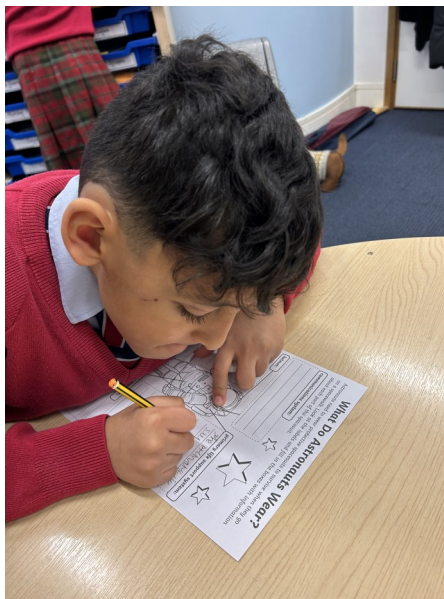
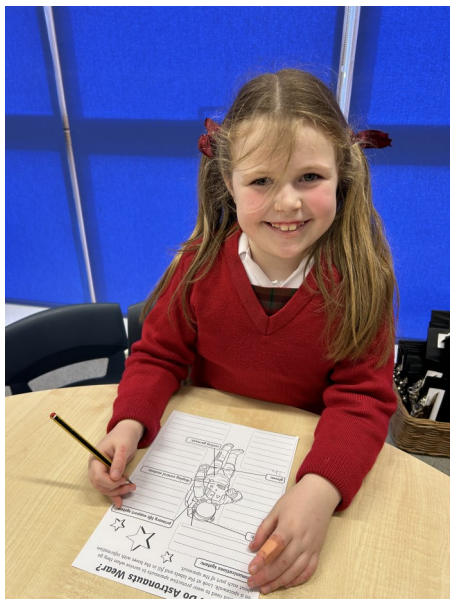
The Year 1 children had a wonderful trip to Middlesbrough College to visit their plane fuselage. The children were greeted at a check in desk for boarding, then onto the plane to watch the cabin crew lead a safety briefing. We all watched a pilot and first officer fly a plane for take off and when the plane was at a cruising altitude everyone was served drinks and snacks from the refreshment trolley.





## Astronauts

The Year 2 children have been reading 'The Spacesuit'. They have enjoyed learning about the different parts of a spacesuit and how they protect an astronaut in space.





## Exciting Activities

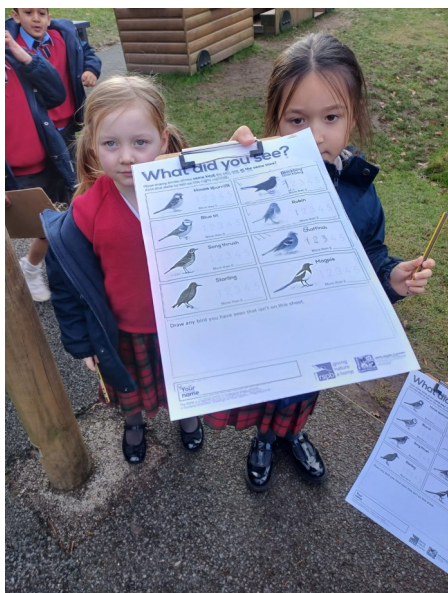
The children have thoroughly enjoyed their learning in Nursery. There have been too many activities to list. Here are a selection of photos to showcase what we have been doing.





## Brilliant Birds

As part of the RSPB Big Bird Watch, the children in Reception have been hunting for feathered friends around the Pre Prep garden. How many birds will you spot in your garden this weekend?







### Reporting Absence

If your child is absent from school for any reason (including medical appointments) you must inform Mrs Banham in the school office. She can then inform the class teacher and ensure that the absence is recorded correctly.

WORLD  
**BOOK  
DAY**

We will be celebrating world book day on Thursday 7th March. All children in Pre-Prep are invited to come into school dressed as their favourite story book character.

### Holiday School 2024

#### **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 each holiday school.

### Lateness

Please be reminded that the school day starts **promptly at 8.35am** each morning. If your child arrives after 8.35am then they will receive a late mark. Your cooperation with this is much appreciated.

### You can find the Yarm School

### Calendar by clicking here



### Prep New Build Open House

'Open house' visits for parents and pupils have been arranged to tour the facilities (between 4pm and 4.15pm) in groups on the following dates:

Tue 30/1 - Year 3

Weds 31/1 - Pre-Prep

Thurs 1/2 - Pre-Prep

Thu 8/2 - Year 4

Wed 28/2 - Year 6

Fri 1/3 - Year 5

Wed 13/3 - Former Prep pupils currently in Senior School and parents

*Mr Stone*



### Pre-Prep Sports Uniform Changes

Dear Parents,

I wanted to let you know that we have made a change to the Pre-Prep sports uniform.

This change has come following feedback from Parents with regards to the white kit not being very practical for small children to keep clean and that it is not that easy to launder to keep the white coloured top and collar from running.

The current white PE kit (comprising the Polo shirt with the coloured collar and white sports shorts) is being replaced with a unisex navy blue games top and unisex navy blue sports shorts. These are available now to order on the Perry uniform website and can be worn with white socks.

If your child is moving into Year 3 next academic year please purchase the Games kit required for Year 3 via the Perry website.

The white kit your child currently has is still fine to be worn or until they have grown out of it.

However, I have been made aware from Perry's that although you can order the new Navy blue games top now, due to supply issues, it will not be delivered to you until February.

**As with any new kit this will need to be embroidered with your child's initials on to make things easier for all.** As you will be aware Perry's does not offer this service. Once you have received the new kit please bring this to the uniform showroom and we will arrange for it to be embroidered (at the usual cost of £4.00 per item currently). Please note that this can take up to three weeks until we get the items back.

Please feel free to contact the Uniform showroom if you have any questions or would like to make an appointment for your child to come and try on the new kit.

Kind regards

Lesley Porter

Uniform Showroom Manager

[uniformshop@yarmschool.org](mailto:uniformshop@yarmschool.org) or tel 01642 792588





**Yarm School Choral Society, Festival Chorus and Yarm Senior and Prep School Choirs  
accompanied by the world famous Black Dyke Band present:**

**SATURDAY  
23rd MARCH  
2024  
at 7pm**

*The best brass band  
in the world*  
**SIR ELTON JOHN**

*Each new generation of  
fleet-fingered cornet and  
euphonium virtuosos add  
another layer of  
jaw-dropping achievement*  
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George Frideric Handel's  
**MESSIAH**

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*...Virtuosity of this order  
takes the breath away*  
**THE TORONTO STAR**

*The set of the Festival  
(Glastonbury 2017)*  
**THE GUARDIAN**



**BLACK  
DYKE  
BAND**

Tickets are £15/£10 and are available from [www.thepaaonline.org](http://www.thepaaonline.org)  
or by calling the box office on (01642) 792587



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Tickets already selling for our collaboration with the world famous Black Dyke Band. The choir is made up of prep school choristers, members of senior school choir, Yarm School Choral Society and a community chorus. If any parents have sung the Messiah and would like to get involved, it's not too late. Please get in touch with Katie Staggs ([kels@yarmschool.org](mailto:kels@yarmschool.org)) for further information.

It is going to be incredible!

Please come and hear our very special performance of Handel's Messiah.

LIVE MUSIC FROM THE COUNTERFEIT CELTS

**YSA PRESENTS**

**ST. PATRICK'S  
DAY**



**CELEBRATION**

**FRIDAY 15TH MARCH, 7-11PM**

LIVE MUSIC - FOOD - DRINK

THE BASEMENT BAR, THE PAA

 PRINCESS ALEXANDRA  
AUDITORIUM

YARM SCHOOL PROUDLY PRESENTS AN AMATEUR  
PRODUCTION OF

RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN'S

*Cinderella*  
ENCHANTED VERSION



MUSIC BY RICHARD RODGERS  
BOOK & LYRICS BY OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN II

WEDNESDAY 31ST JANUARY - SATURDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 2024  
7.30PM

THE PRINCESS ALEXANDRA AUDITORIUM, YARM SCHOOL

ADULTS £15.00 CHILDREN £8.00

TO BOOK TICKETS CALL 01642 792587 OR VISIT [WWW.THEPAAONLINE.ORG](http://WWW.THEPAAONLINE.ORG)

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