



# The Phoenix Flier

## The Yarm Preparatory School Newsletter

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### A message from Mr Sawyer

Welcome to the Phoenix Flier which gives a flavour of the events and pursuits enjoyed by our pupils in recent days at the Prep School. As you well know school life is full of vibrancy in terms of the diverse range of opportunities and exposures our pupils enjoy. This was something we aimed to capture and preserve this week as we sealed our time capsule. The recent capital development project which saw the Hazel Andrews Building open, presented an ideal occasion in the life of the school to leave future pupils a message from the past. Seizing upon the idea, which was initially offered by Rosa W., last year's School Captains launched a competition for entries from year groups across the school. This year's School Captains readily picked up the baton and this week they completed the project, with Rosa's help, under the guidance of Mr Hodgson our Capital Development Manager.

It is our wish that some of the pupils who are involved in the life of the school today will be invited back to share their memories of school life first hand when the capsule is opened in 2078. I hope that the same breadth and variety of experience is still on offer. Such as our recent Year 6 workshops with the cardio thoracic team from James Cook Hospital during which pupils learnt about the heart and lungs through dissection, inflation (!) and the exploration of a range of devices associated with anaesthesia. Will we still be going on residential trips, engaging in musical and drama performances, holding chess tournaments, fixtures in a multitude of sports and learning in a similar way in the future? It remains to be seen by others, but I am certain that the values we hold dear, the enjoyment we try to ensure is a daily part of school life and the warmth of our community will be looked upon with a smile by future members of our community. Let's hope these features are a regular part of the pupils' lives! Do enjoy this week's edition of the Flier.

*Bill Sawyer*

**Head's Challenge:** The sea is my mother. I have a million brothers. I die when I reach land. What am I?



**Photo of the Week:** Blessed with brilliant weather, Year 4 had a fantastic time in Northumberland last week. Pictures and report inside.



## Year 4 Vindolanda residential

Year 4 had an incredible residential to Vindolanda last week. We spent the first day at Walltown; foraging, fire lighting, den building and making bread (we even made our own butter). We walked to see where the famous sycamore tree once stood and marched along parts of Hadrian's Wall, just like the Romans did. The next day we visited the Roman Army Museum and Vindolanda to learn all about how the Romans lived, we got to see lots of artefacts and spoke to a

real archeologist. On the last day of our trip, the sun was still shining and we made a visit to

Washington Wetlands Centre. The flamingo and otter feeds were definitely a highlight and we found lots of different species whilst pond dipping ! A super trip was had by all.





## Year 6 Heart Workshops

I really enjoyed the heart workshop. I enjoyed the lung group because it was really cool to see the lungs fully inflated.

*Charlie D-B.*

I loved opening the heart and exploring the 4 chambers. Also the anesthetic part was very interesting and it was very fun learning new equipment.

*Kaira N.*

During the workshop I didn't feel really comfortable looking or touching a real heart. But as the workshop continued I began to get more interested in the subject. I still don't completely love it, but I am better than I was before.

*Yasmeen S.*

I found the heart workshop really interesting. At first I was a bit anxious about looking inside my heart and was a bit sceptical of the smell. Soon we were all in our aprons, hats and gloves.

After getting a the kit, we immediately were told to get stuck in and most of us immediately forgot about our fears.

Overall, it was an amazing experience and a lucky opportunity for all of Year 6 .

*Trisha K.*





## PE and Games News

### Under 11 Girls' Cricket

We took 32 girls to Durham to play 4 games of pairs cricket on their astro. With the sun shining it was a wonderful setting and the girls took full advantage. Highlights include; Heidi top scored with 38 facing her 8 balls, which is very impressive indeed! Rebecca found some lovely gaps on the off side, Ellie continued her fine batting this term scoring lots of 6's. Ettie bowled well with 4 dot balls out of her 6 deliveries. Rosa found the boundaries aplenty as did Holly and Daisy. Martha bowled well showing good technique as did Annalise who always has good line and length. Sophia B has a good eye for the ball and batted very well for her team along with bowling 4 dot balls. Bella bowled 3 dot's in her over which helped her team win by just 3 runs. This was the tightest game we had in the afternoon and made for a very exciting finish. All in all it was a fabulous set of fixtures.

*Mrs Redhead-Sweeney*

### Under 10 Boys' Cricket

The U10 boys traveled to Barnard Castle School for their first fixture of the Cricket Season. It was great to see the boys in action and putting all of the skills that they have learnt in lessons into a game. The fielding on show was first rate, with many catches and runouts. The bowling was accurate and the batting strokes were dominant. Both teams came away with wins. Well done everyone!

*Mr Simpson*



## Year 5 London Scrapbooks

Well done to all of our Year 5 children, who completed their London scrapbooks. The scrapbooks, that have become something of a rite of passage for Prep children over the years, give the children the opportunity to reflect on their residential visit to the capital, while showing off their creative flair. They all put so much time and effort into them, both at school and at home!

*Mr Hutchcraft*





## 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.](#)

Mr Gooding

## Summer Key Events

Please note this is an abridged version of the email sent to all parents prior to the start of term. **Please keep an eye on it each week for updates, which will be written in red.**

### Monday 20th May - Y6 Lakes residential

Year 6 depart for the Lake District today. They will return at 7pm on Thursday 23rd May.

### Tuesday 21st May - Y2 Edinburgh trip

Full details of this trip will be sent to parents shortly.

### Thursday 23rd May - Half-term begins (after school)

This is the last school day before half-term. Please note that school is closed on Friday 24th May.

As you will know, the second half of the Summer term is very busy indeed! We will send out key details closer to the time but in the meantime, here are a few dates for your diaries:

- **Monday 3rd June** - Pupils return to school.
- **Friday 7th June** - Dance Showcase (involving Y3-6 dancers).
- **Monday 10th June** - Y3 York residential departs (return on Tuesday 11th June).
- **Wednesday 12th June** - Induction Day for current Year 6 at the Senior School.
- **Thursday 13th June** - Prep Summer concert.
- **Friday 14th June** - Bring Your Dads to School (Pre-Prep).
- **Wednesday 19th June** - Nursery Sports Afternoon.
- **Friday 21st June** - Summer Fair (2-5pm - full details coming in early May).
- **Monday 24th June** - Prep Induction Morning (R-Y5).
- **Tuesday 25th June** - Open Afternoon (Y3-6).
- **Wednesday 26th June** - Pre-Prep Sports Morning; Y6 Pupils v Parents Sports.
- **Friday 28th June** - Prep Sports Day (Middlesbrough Sports Village); All clubs and activities finish today.
- **Monday 1st July** - Pre-Prep Celebration (5pm; PAA).
- **Wednesday 3rd July** - Prep Prize Giving (5.45pm; PAA);

Nursery Celebration (2pm; Studio Hall).

- **Thursday 4th July** - End of term at 12 noon; no after school care.

Thank you as always for your support.

Mr Stone

## Summer Fair

### SAVE THE DATE—FRIDAY 21st JUNE

We are delighted to write with details of our annual **Summer Fair**, taking place on **Friday 21st June (2-5pm)** with the theme this year being 'Olympics'. The Social Committee and the Year 6 pupils are already planning on making it a fantastic event for all, with a range of stalls and games for all ages aimed at raising money for YPSSC projects.

Holding the event on a Friday has proven to be very popular with the children. As such we want to make the fair open to all children in the school community as well as their parents, many of whom would usually have other commitments over the course of a weekend. While this takes place during a school day, the impact on your child's education will be minimal.

We would like to draw your attention to a few logistical matters regarding the fair.

- **It will be a non-uniform day.**

- **Lunch will take place as normal.**

- **School will finish at the usual times** - 3.30pm for Pre-Prep and 3.45pm for Prep.

- **Pre-Prep children can be collected from 2.30pm to come to the fair.** Although the school day finishes at the usual time, parents of Pre-Prep children are welcome to collect early and bring their children to the fair. Pre-Prep will also be given priority to go on the rides between 2.30-3pm. Children who are in Pre-Prep on the day of the fair will also get to enjoy a special show by Tom Rolfe in the morning!

- **All Year 3-6 children will need to bring some money.** £15 max in change/coins (no notes please) should be plenty to have a go at the variety of games and activities taking place! This will be collected by form teachers for safekeeping during morning registration and handed out prior to the fair. All proceeds go to the YPSSC and the many projects they support the school with.

- **Parents of Y3-6 children can buy a rides wristband prior to the event.** There will be a wide range of fairground rides for the children to go on, with a wristband being available to purchase before the fair for £7. The YPSSC will be providing further details in due course.



•Parents of Pre-Prep children can buy a rides wristband prior to the event and collect them on the day at the gate. The wristbands will also be available on the day of the fair for all families.

•The fair will be fully supervised. Teachers will be present supervising those children at the fair from 2pm. From pick-up onwards we would love parents to come along and join the fun too!

•Pick up, after school care and buses will run as normal. Pick up from after school care from 4pm will be from the Pre-Prep.

•Year 6 will be expected to stay until 5.30pm. A letter has gone out to Year 6 parents with full details.

•There will be no after school clubs on this date. Gymnastics, football and drama will not be taking place.

Mr Stone

While the YPSSC have been squirrelling away behind the scenes, our Year 6 children have been busy establishing their own business ventures, aided by the support of their mentors from the Sixth Form. The children will be meeting their mentors every week now in the lead-up to the fair, as they prepare their fair stalls

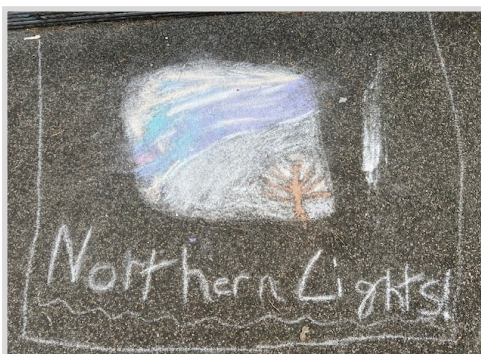
Mr Stone



## Community Spirit

To commemorate the rare and impressive show of Northern Lights recently, Telford created their own interpretative chalk pictures to share with our community.

Mrs Hart



## YPSSC PreLoved Uniform

Nursery, Pre Prep, Prep and Senior Uniform

PE and Games

See Listings on **Classlist** or  
Email Us

[YPSSC@Yarmschool.org](mailto:YPSSC@Yarmschool.org)

Donations of good condition, clean uniform and PE & Games items accepted all year. Kindly bag them and label them with 'YPSSC PreLoved Donations' and drop them at either Pre Prep, Prep or Senior School Reception.

Thank you!!

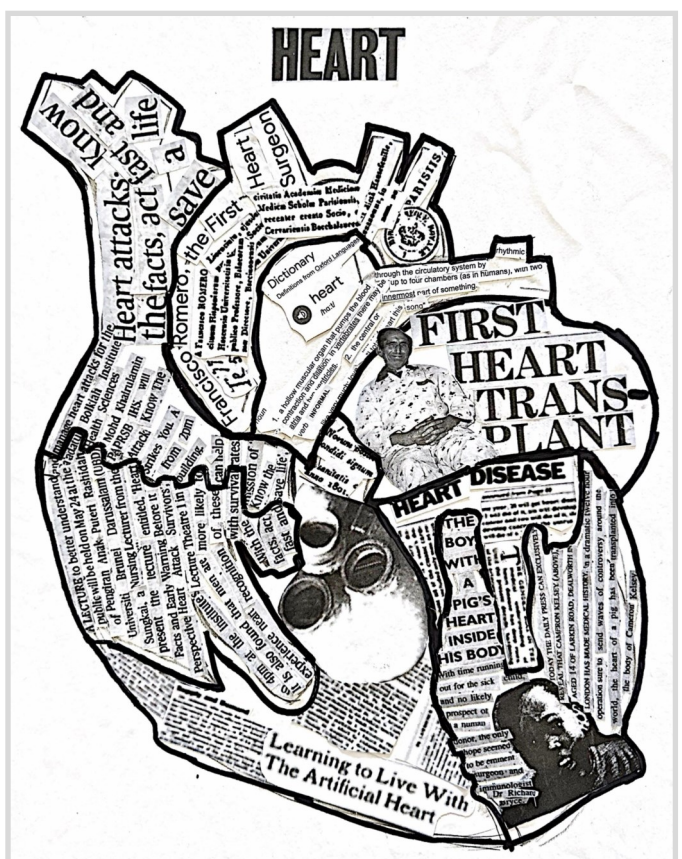
## Charity Run

Ada, Ettie, Annabel and Thomas have signed up to run 5miles for Children's Cancer North, a charity that helped Ada whilst she underwent chemotherapy.

If you would like to sponsor the children, visit this link: <https://childrenscancernorth.enthuse.com/pf/ada-axtell>.

Mrs White

## Art Masterclass





## Tooled Up—Internet Safety

Please see below for some resources shared by Dr Kathy Weston following our webinar. Details of how to sign up for *Tooled Up Education* can be found overleaf.

[Family Digital Values](#)

[Andy Robertson - The Benefits of Gaming](#)

[Cultivating Good Gaming Habits](#)

[How Do Screens Affect Children and Teens?](#)

[Digital Use Parent Pledge Template](#)

[Raising a Detective in the Digital World](#)

Mr Stone

## Coming up at the PAA

### [An Evening with Sir Geoff Hurst – The Farewell](#)

**Tour—Sunday 29th September, 7.45pm**

Sir Geoff Hurst comes to the Princess Alexandra auditorium Yarm on



the September 2024 for one final farewell tour.

VIP Meet and Greet tickets are available.

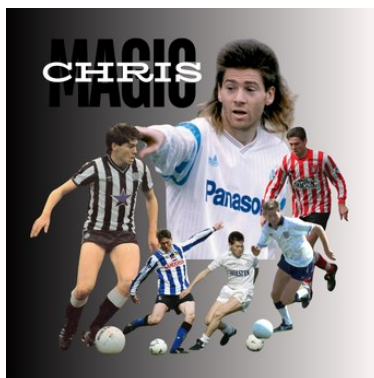
Sir Geoff made his name with club side West Ham United, with whom he made 499 league and cup appearances, scoring 248 goals. He was Player of the Year three times and won the F.A Cup with West Ham in 1964 and the European Cup Winners Cup in 1965. This will be a great event for football fans.

### [An Evening with Football Legend Chris Waddle —](#)

**Friday 18th October, 8pm**

VIP Meet and Greet tickets are available (limited numbers).

Hosted by Richard "Crackers" Cracknell. Join us for an exclusive evening of fun and nostalgia with football legend Chris Waddle.



Chris will share anecdotes from his illustrious 20-year professional career, which lasted from 1978 to 1998, playing for clubs including Newcastle United, Sunderland, Burnley, Sheffield Wednesday, Marseille and Tottenham Hotspur.

### [An Evening with James Haskell—Monday 21st](#)

**October, 7.45pm**

VIP Meet and Greet tickets available.

With 77 England caps to his name, it's safe to say James Haskell



has had a pretty decent rugby career at the very highest level, also turning out for the British and Irish Lions twice.

He now has a number of podcasts, including Good, The Bad and The Rugby, which averages around 150,000 listeners per episode, Radio, his monthly house music show, and Douche, follows James' journey to become a stand-up comedian. As well as appearing on a number of high profile TV shows, including I'm A Celebrity... Get Me Out Of Here!, James is also a bestselling author. He has published two autobiographies, the Sunday Times Bestselling What A Flanker and Ruck Me, alongside numerous bestselling fitness and nutrition books such as Fit, for Fitness, and Fit.

## Arkwright Charity Day

**Wednesday 5th June**

Our house, through special assemblies, is presently working hard to raise the children's awareness of the importance of sleep in all of our lives.

At the beginning of the year, Arkwright looked in detail at the local charity called Zarach, whose mission is to: 'deliver beds and basics to children in poverty and to help families in crisis rise up from surviving to thriving so children can Eat, Sleep and Learn'. Zarach partners with schools to give 'Every Head a Bed'

## Holiday School Dates

**Summer 2024:**

15th July to 2nd August (15 days)

*Mr Simpson will share the booking form after half-term.*

**October 2024:**

21st—25th October (5 days)

**Christmas 2024:**

16th—20th December 2024

**Easter 2025:**

7th—11th April 2025

**Summer 2025:**

14th July—1st August 2025



by supporting families to make every house a home. For more information please visit: <https://zarach.org/about/>.

Arkwright children felt it would be wonderful to embrace this cause and raise enough money to hopefully buy 4 'bed bundles' - £600.

Arkwright's Charity Day on Wednesday 5th June will be a non-uniform day. The theme for your child's home clothes is to wear pyjamas/dressing gown or a 'onesie'. The 'privilege' for coming to school in non-uniform is £1. Form teachers will collect the £1 during morning registration.

On the day, our Year 6 pupils will also run various stalls such as a tombola, "guess the number of sweets in the jar" and various challenges. Therefore, it would be wonderful if your child/children could also bring in small amounts of change e.g. 10p, 20p, 50p and £1 coins (no more than £5 in total) in order to participate in the events. There will be prizes up for grabs!

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact one of us at school.

Please help us to create a real 'Zzzzz' in the area!

Mr Grundmann and the Arkwright team

## Time Capsule

School Captains Day on Tuesday saw the burial of a time capsule outside of the Hazel Andrews Building. The capsule, the idea of Rosa in Year



5, contains a number of school artefacts from the present day, including some homework projects carried out by pupils detailing what they think Yarm School will look like when the capsule is opened. Mr Hodgson and Miss Dodds spoke to the many children gathered about their memories of the Prep School and how it has grown over the years.



The plan is for the time capsule to be opened in 2078—the 100th anniversary of the Prep School—when those children present may well have grandchildren attending Yarm!

Mr Stone

## Year 6 Homework

Year 6 were tasked with making and cooking a soup or stew from a country of their choice for homework recently. This is what Benjamin made.

My chosen stew is Chilli con carne. Though many people think of chilli as its own category, it is technically just a type of stew, with origins from Tex-Mex cuisine. Chilli can be made with meat or vegetables or some of both.

- Gathered ingredients.
- Prepared vegetables (onion and courgette).
- Heated the pan and browned the meat.
- Added the vegetables.
- Added seasoning, spices, tomatoes and beans.
- Stirred well till boiling.
- Covered and let simmer for 40 minutes
- Cook the rice.



Reviews:

Mummy - very tasty chilli con carne. Just the right amount of spices!

Daddy - particularly enjoyed the extra addition of courgette. Great taste.

Benjamin F.

**Parent Curriculum Information Site**

Welcome to the Yarm Preparatory School Parent Curriculum Information Site

The aim of the site is to provide you with the key curriculum information for each step of your child's journey through school. Additionally, there are links to resources and guidance for supporting your child at home.

Please pass on any requests for additional information to your child's form teacher or email Mrs Pawlik and Mrs Spigitt. The site will be regularly updated.

[info@yarmcschool.org](mailto:info@yarmcschool.org) [info@yarmcschool.org](mailto:info@yarmcschool.org)

Please click the images below to take you to each curriculum page or use the menu tab.

<https://bit.ly/yarmcurriculum>

Click here to access the Parent Curriculum Information Site



## Tooled Up Education

This week is **Mental Health Week** so our focus this week is on mental health awareness. But when it comes to mental health, what is that parents need to be aware of?

Let's start with some facts. Adolescence (spanning 9-24 years) is a time of vulnerability to mental health conditions. The World Health Organisation estimates that half of all psychiatric conditions emerge before the age of 14, 75% by the age of 24. Most of these go undetected and untreated.

What can we do? As leading clinical psychologist and author, Dr Lucy Foulkes [argues](#), we can become more literate regarding what mental illness really is and isn't. For example, it's normal to feel nervous before a test or exam, but full-blown panic attacks require clinical attention. It is normal to be anxious about upcoming events but that anxiety should not be stopping us from participating or doing what we normally love and enjoy.

We need to help our children understand that life is full of ups and downs but that there are things we can do to proactively manage daily stressors and strains. This starts with modelling coping within family life. Our [Coping Menu](#) provides a great springboard for family discussion about which activities belong in our personal toolkits. Aligned with this approach is ensuring that we are giving our children an expressive vocabulary that allows them to give words to feelings. Listen to our [podcast](#) with Professor Marc Brackett on this theme. Our booklist on emotional literacy for younger children can help kickstart chats, and for those parenting teens, tuning into our webinars on topics such as [anger](#) or [performance anxiety](#) with clinical psychologist, Dr Anna Colton, will enrich your knowledge.

For all families, exploring the quality of sleep we all get is a great investment in good mental health. Watch back our recent [Q&A](#) with sleep consultants, a [presentation](#) on adolescent sleep by Dr Faith Orchard or put your own family sleep routines under the microscope using our audit [tool](#)!

We want to keep young minds active. We've been working with philosophy charity SAPERE, and we're delighted to invite Toolled Up parents to our upcoming webinar **Experience Philosophy For Children: Monday 20th May, 19:00 BST**. This fascinating and interactive session will introduce what it means to philosophise, with activities and ideas for enquiries you can do at home! Register [here](#).

Lastly, no matter the age of your child, don't forget the importance of play, time outdoors, exercise, fun and simply investing in that connection with your children. All of these activities listed are good for you and good for them!

The Toolled 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](mailto:research@tooledupeducation.com) to let us know how we are doing!

As a parent at a Toolled Up school, you have full unlimited access to the Toolled 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: YPSI103 and if you need assistance, we are always happy to help at [support@tooledupeducation.com](mailto:support@tooledupeducation.com). If you already have an account and you have forgotten your password, click on any of the resource links above, click "Lost your password" and follow the instructions.

*Dr Kathy Weston*

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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 issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [nationalcollege.com](https://nationalcollege.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

# Top Tips for SETTING UP PARENTAL CONTROLS ON NEW DEVICES

In children's eagerness to start enjoying new digital gadgets immediately, it can be easy to overlook setting up the type of parental controls that can help to protect them online. If you don't sort those out from the very start, it can be an uphill battle – technologically and psychologically – to impose such controls later. Here's our rundown of what to look for when setting up the various internet-enabled devices that might be lurking under the tree at this time of year.

## IPHONE

If your child's lucky enough to be getting their own iPhone, parental controls can help avoid issues like screen addiction and unsuitable content. Go into the settings and scroll down to 'Screen Time'. From here you can customise important settings including time limits on using the device, communication restrictions and content blockers. You can also lock your changes behind a passcode.

## ANDROID

With Android devices, Google's Family Link app is your friend. You'll need a Google account – and a separate one for your child, which you should use when first setting up the device. Then, in Family Link on your own device, select 'Add Child' and enter their account details. This lets you specify limits on daily usage, restrict certain apps, block particular content and more.

## PLAYSTATION

You can prep for a PlayStation before it's even unwrapped. At [my.account.sony.com](https://my.account.sony.com), create an account, then go to Account Management > Family Management > Add Family Member to set up your child's account, which you'll use to sign in on the console. You can restrict the age ratings of the games they can play and who they can talk to. On the PS5, you can make exceptions for any games you think are acceptable despite their high age rating.

## IPAD

iPad parental controls are identical to those on iPhones. However, if you've got a shared family iPad and want to ensure your children aren't seeing anything age-inappropriate after you hand them the device, there's a feature called Guided Access (under Settings > Accessibility > Guided Access). With this switched on, young ones can only use the app that's currently open.

## XBOX

The Xbox Family Settings app helps you manage which games your child can play (and when). You'll need to set up the console with your own account and then add a child profile. Make sure your account's password protected, so your child can't alter your choices later. You'll be walked through the functions at setup, but you can also reach them manually via Settings > Account > Family Settings.

## NINTENDO SWITCH

Download the Nintendo Switch Parental Controls app on your phone, and you'll be shown how to link it to the console. Once that's done, you can limit how long your child can play each day, decide what age ratings are permitted and more. You'll also get weekly updates on how often they've used the device. These controls are accessible through the console itself, but the app is usually easier.

## WINDOWS 11 PCS

On Windows 11, account management is key. Set up the device with your own account as the admin. Then go to Settings > Accounts > Family and Other Users and create your child's account (if you've already done this on a previous PC, just log in with those details). Microsoft Family Safety (either the app or the site) then lets you control screen time, what content children can view and more.

## CHROMEBOOKS

Chromebooks' parental controls are managed via the Family Link app. Unlike an Android device, however, you need set up the Chromebook with your own account first, then add your child's. Go to Settings > People > Add Person and input your child's Google account details (or create a new account). Your child can then log in, and you can monitor what they're up to via Family Link.

## MACS

Like iPhones, parental controls for Macs are managed via the Screen Time settings. Again, the crux here is to set yourself up as the administrator before adding any child accounts. In the settings, look for Users & Groups to create your child's account, then – while on their profile – use the screen time options to place any boundaries around apps, usage and who your child can communicate with (and vice versa).

## SMART TVS

Smart TVs typically have their own individual parental controls. One of the most popular brands is Samsung – and on their TVs, you can control the content available to your child. In the Settings menu, under 'Broadcasting', you can lock channels and restrict content by its age rating. Even this isn't foolproof, however: some apps (like YouTube) might still let children access unsuitable material.

## Meet Our Expert

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# CASINO ROYALE

SUMMER BALL 2024

SATURDAY, JUN 15TH

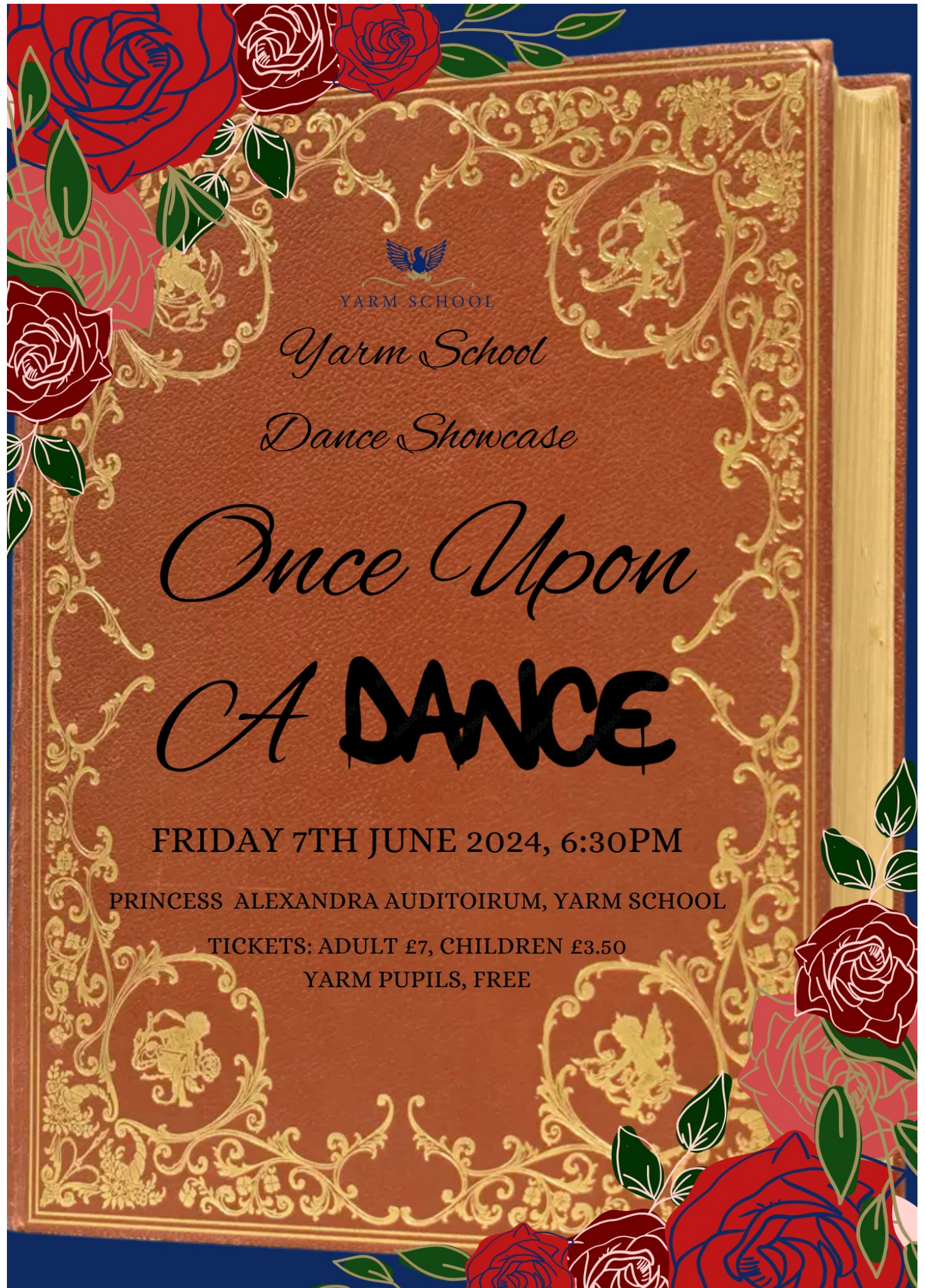
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# Coming Up

**You can find the Yarm School calendar for the Summer Term by clicking here**

## MAY 2024

Mon 20	Year 6 Lakes residential departs
Tue 21	Yarm Clay Day (Partnerships event) Yarm Schools Quiz (Partnerships event) Year 3 Sports Afternoon (Partnerships event) Year 2 trip to Edinburgh
Wed 22	Digital Leaders visit to Yarm Primary
Thu 23	Year 4 Sports Afternoon (Partnerships event) Y6 return from the Lakes (7pm) Half-term begins after school After School Care as usual
Fri 24	School closed

## JUNE 2024

Mon 3	Pupils return Dance Showcase rehearsals (3-5pm)
Tue 4	Year 3 York residential—Zoom for parents (4pm; see previous email from Mrs Jones)
Wed 5	Arkwright Charity Morning Dance Showcase rehearsals (3-5pm)
Thu 6	Dance Showcase rehearsals (2-6pm) Y2/3 Transition Morning (9-11am)
Fri 7	Dance Showcase (6.30pm start; PAA) Northern Schools Athletics (Gateshead Stadium; 11am start, 4.30pm return)
Sat 8	Individual Chess Championships (Prep Hall; 9.30am-2.30pm)
Mon 10	Year 3 York residential departs Yarm STEM Day (with NESF) YPSSC (6pm; Library)
Tue 11	Year 3 return from York (3.45pm) Yarm STEM Day (with NESF) HMC Tennis (at Dame Allan’s; 10.30am start, 4pm return)
Wed 12	Senior School Induction Day for Year 6
Thu 13	Paul Sturgess visit Prep Summer Concert (Prep Hall; 4pm)
Fri 14	HMC Boys’ Cricket (at Woodhouse Grove; 7.30am depart, 9am start, 5pm return) U10/11 Girls’ Cricket v Queen Mary’s (home; 2pm start) Bring Your Dads to School Day (Pre-Prep)
Mon 17	ABRSM examinations week

# Term Dates

## Summer Term 2024

Pupils Return	Monday 3rd June 2024
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Finish	Thursday 4th July 2024 At 12 noon (after school; no after school care)
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## Autumn Term 2024

Preparation Day	Tuesday, 27th August 2024 Wednesday, 28th August 2024 Thursday, 29th August 2024
All pupils return	Friday, 18th October 2024 (after school)
Half term begins	Monday, 4th November 2024
Pupils return	Friday, 13th December 2024 (after school; no after school care)
Term ends	

## Spring Term 2025

Pupils return	Monday, 6th January 2025
Half term begins	Thursday, 20th February 2025 (after school) 21st February 2025
INSET Day Friday	Monday 3rd March 2025
Pupils return	4th April 2025 (after school)
Term ends Friday	

## Summer Term, 2025

Pupils return	Wednesday, 23rd April 2025
Bank Holiday	Monday, 5th May 2025
Half term begins	Thursday, 22nd May 2025 (after school)
Pupils return	Monday, 2nd June 2025
Term ends	Thursday, 3rd July 2025 (after Prize Giving)

# Celebration Assembly

	Values	Endeavour
3H	Edward G.	Harrison V.
3J	Edie T.	Zoyaa S.
3P	Max H.	Hamdan A.
4F	-	-
4J	-	-
4S	-	-
5G	Stan D.	Ben F.
5H	Manha A.	Annabelle M.
5K	Amaya S.	Cooper W.
6H	Rex W.	Florence A.
6L	Amelia C.	Trisha K.
6W	Alice S.	Olivia G.

**Head Teacher Awards: Year 5**—Thomas M. **Year 6**—Harry H., Alice S., Laurel G., Olivia G., Dylan M., Eric PF., Miles P., Lewis D.