



# The Phoenix Flier

## The Yarm Preparatory School Newsletter

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### A message from Mr Sawyer

Welcome to the final Phoenix Flier for this half term which rounds up another busy few days. Last Friday we enjoyed a wonderful Year 5 Drama Week performance which was the culmination of a week of workshops with a range of visiting drama teachers. We were treated to a number of extracts from musicals which showcased a great deal of hard work and collaboration. The challenge of putting on a live performance after just a few days is significant, but our pupils rose to the test with real character. They threw energy and determination at this opportunity and the end result was superb. It was a learning experience of great value for our pupils and one which they will have the opportunity to revisit in the years to come, in Year 6 and the Senior School.

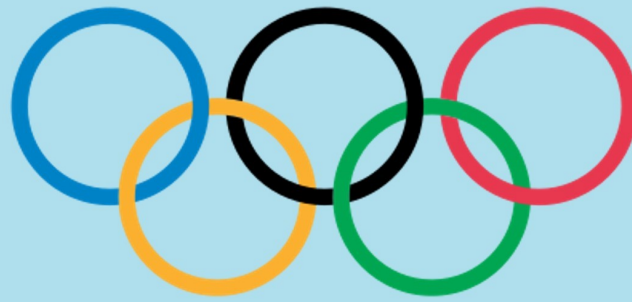
Valuable lessons were certainly on the agenda in The Lake District this week as our Year 6 pupils enjoyed their Lakes Adventure residential. Ghyll scrambling, mountaineering, climbing, canoeing and sailing activities set pulses raising and gave all pupils the opportunity to experience the thrill of pushing beyond your zones of comfort under the guidance of experienced instructors and in the company of their peers. It was a privilege to see the girls and boys go higher, faster and further than they thought they could which saw their confidence levels soar. They also discovered the positive impact you can have on others through being a supportive and encouraging team mate when those around you need a boost. This is certainly Educating for Life at its best!

*Bill Sawyer*

**Head's Challenge:** Never resting, never still. Moving silently from hill to hill. It does not walk, run or trot, all is cool where it is not. What is it?



**Photo of the Week:** Year 5 performed a series of highlights from musicals for the Drama Week performance. Thoughts and reflections inside.



# YPSSC Summer Fun Fair 2024



What's On....

Yr 6 Stalls & Games

.... Fairground Rides.... Meltdown ....

.... Climbing Wall .... Stalls, stands & tombola ....

.... Food stands .... Tom Rolfe entertainment ....

....Teacups.... Petting Zoo .... Hamper Raffle ....



**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024 @ Prep School**

**Prep Children 2-5pm**

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For the grown-ups.  
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## Year 5 Drama Week

I enjoyed the Year 5 Drama Week because I liked the responsibility of making sure you learnt your lines and being in the right place at the right time. It was a time to enhance your voice and learn how to fit your facial expression to the way your character was feeling. I liked the fact you had a class performance and a year group piece. The fact you had a class performance created a spark of competition in the air.

*Jack A.*

I enjoyed the Drama Week because I love dancing and singing. It was also a change from a normal school day. My favourite part in *Matilda* was when we did the "Revoltin' Children" dance and when I had to get carried to safety. I enjoyed the *Lion King* because there were great songs to sing along to and it had humorous things in it as well. I enjoyed learning both of these drama plays but my favourite was *Matilda*.

*Emily B.*

What I enjoyed: I really enjoyed the dancing and singing because it was different to the dancing I do after school and the singing was strong with emotion. What I found tricky: I found the singing solo quite hard because I could not get the tune right and it was quite nerve racking. What I found easy: I found remembering my lines easy because I had practised a lot at home. My favourite part: My favourite part was the solo at the start even though it was quite nerve-wracking. Our drama teacher: Our drama teacher was called Lucy and she taught us so much, I am very grateful.

*Meadow E.*

I enjoyed Drama Week very much and it certainly built my self-confidence. I liked it because it is very exciting to act in a play with all our class and learn about different things like acting and dancing. I enjoyed working with other people to put on a good show.

*Thomas M.*

I enjoyed Year 5 Drama Week because we got to learn lots of dances. It was hard when we had to remember all of our lines and the words to all of the songs. I loved the pieces that I had to do! There was a lot of action and fun props. It was also amazing to watch the other musical numbers the other forms performed as well because they had lots of new things to learn and do.

*Alia M.*





## Year 6 Lakes Residential

*A full report of the Year 6 Lakes residential will appear in the next edition of the Flier.*



## Eco Club

Eco club spent our time planting wild flower seeds to support bees and butterflies. Afterwards, we planted some 'secret sunflowers' to sprout in different places around our school. Finally, we went to the allotment to plant pumpkin seeds. We can't wait to see how they grow!

*Mr Pengilley*





# Summer Key Events

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

We are rapidly approaching the end of the school year on Thursday 4th July. We hope the final weeks of term will provide the children with many memorable experiences and just wanted to keep you updated with regards to the arrangements, as it is a very busy time for all.

Next to some events, you will be asked to confirm attendance by completing the [events attendance form](#). This is one single form, covering all of the key events noted below where place/tickets need to be requested. Please do take some time to fill in the form in conjunction with reading this letter, as it helps us significantly with event planning.

## **Monday 3rd June**

Pupils return to school. Clubs and activities continue as normal.

## **Wednesday 5th June**

**Arkwright Charity Day** (Pupils participating: Years 3-6)

Arkwright are raising funds for *Zarach*, with children welcome to wear pyjamas/dressing gown or a 'onesie'. The 'privilege' for coming to school in non-uniform is £1. Small amounts of change to take part in the array of activities set up by Year 6 Arkwrightians are also recommended. Full details can be found further into this edition.

## **Thursday 6th June**

**Y2/3 Transition Morning** (Years 2-3)

A range of activities for our Year 2 children to take part in, led by teachers and our Year 3 pupils.

## **Friday 7th June**

**Dance Showcase** (Mrs Dunkley's Year 3-6 dance groups)

Rehearsals taking place all week too, with the performance taking place at 6.30pm in the PAA (tickets available from the box office). Mrs Dunkley has emailed all parents of children involved.

## **Saturday 8th June**

**Teesside Individual Chess Championship** (Chess players from Years 2-6)

Those interested in taking part who have not received an entry form can collect one [from Mr Grundmann](#). Deadline for entries: Wednesday 5th June.

## **Monday 10th June**

**Year 3 York residential** departs (Year 3)

Mrs Jones will be hosting a Zoom meeting for parents prior to the trip on Tuesday 4th June. Year 3 parents can [sign up for this by clicking here](#). Year 3 will return on Tuesday 11th.

**Diversity Week** (all year groups)

We will be celebrating Diversity this week throughout the school through assemblies and lessons. We look forward to welcoming Britain's tallest man, Paul Sturgess, during this week who is coming to talk to us about his journey.

## **Tuesday 11th June**

**Yarm STEM Day** (Year 6)

We welcome a number of local primary schools and visitors from a range of local industries for our first ever STEM Days during this week. Year 6 will be taking part in the activities on Tuesday in the Hazel Andrews Building.

## **Wednesday 12th June**

**Senior School Induction Day** (Year 6)

Please refer to the letter sent by Mrs Gratton earlier in May. Year 6 to come to school in home clothes, with drop off and collection as usual from the Prep School.

## **Thursday 13th June**

**Prep Summer Concert** (performers from Years 3-6)

4pm start in the Prep Hall. Parents of performers will be contacted by Mr Gooding due course with full details.



**Monday 17th June****ABRSM examinations week** (select musicians in Years 3-6)

Some children are involved in music exams on this day and on Tuesday.

**Wednesday 19th June****Reports released to parents** (All year groups)

The end of year report for your child will be made available via the Parent Portal from 4pm. If you have any problems logging in, please contact [Mrs Banham](#).

**Friday 21st June****Summer Fair** (All year groups)

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

**YPSSC PreLoved Uniform**

Nursery, Pre Prep, Prep and Senior Uniform

PE and Games

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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!!

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*

**There will be no Friday after school clubs today.**

**Monday 24th June****Prep Induction Morning** (Nursery to Year 6)

Induction allows the children to spend time in their new classes with their new Form Teacher so that pupils will feel comfortable and familiar at the start of the school year in September. We will announce the new classes to the children on the day when they get to school as we find this avoids the potential for any upset prior to the day. All children (including Year 6) should wear home clothes for their Induction event; please no football shirts, beach wear or hair products. Please bring your child to school as normal, with our current Year 2 children being dropped off at the Pre-Prep as usual. After an initial form time, the children will be taken to their new classes for the morning. They will then spend the afternoon back in their current forms, reflecting on their morning and enjoying



their usual Monday lessons and activities. Nursery children who are moving up to Reception in September who do not usually attend on a Monday morning should arrive at 8.45am and be collected at 11.30am. Year 6 children and children not attending Yarm from September 2024 will have a range of activities planned for them in school on this day.

**Today is the last activities carousel session of the year.**

### **Tuesday 25th June**

#### **Open Afternoon (Years 3-6)**

Parents of **children in Years 3-6** are invited to come along to our open afternoon to celebrate your child's work and meet their Form Teacher. In addition, there will be an art and DT exhibition in the Prep Hall, as well as musical performances. Refreshments are also available. If you are a **Year 3-6 parent** and wish to attend, [please confirm this by completing the events attendance form](#).

**There will be no after school clubs on this date.**

### **Wednesday 26th June**

**Today is the last Wednesday activities session of the year.**

#### **Year 6 Pupils v Parents Sports**

A time for parents of Year 6 children to dust down their trainers and participate in some 'competitive' sports with and against their children. The event begins at 5pm and ends at 6.30pm, after a barbecue. If you are a Year 6 parent and wish to attend, [please confirm this by completing the events attendance form](#).

### **Thursday 27th June**

#### **Year 6 Leavers Disco**

Details to follow from the Y6 parents organising the event.

### **Friday 28th June**

#### **Prep Sports Day (Years 3-6)**

Commencing at 9.30am at Middlesbrough Sports Village, our annual Sports Day takes place. House points will be up for grabs and we invite parents to spectate around the outer ring of the stadium. The event will finish at approximately 12.30pm. All of the children will be participating in every event, with the emphasis on participation and having fun. Please ensure your child comes in their house-coloured PE top. All children must bring a bottle of water too. Snacks and packed lunches will be provided by school. Children will return to school afterwards and can be collected at the normal times.

**All clubs and activities have finished today for the year.**

### **Tuesday 2nd July**

#### **National Schools Quiz Final**

Our three intrepid teams will be taking part in the online final during the morning. Further details will be shared with parents of those taking part.

### **Wear an Item of Blue for Butterwick Hospice (Years 3-6)**

We will be running a fundraiser for Butterwick Hospice on this day. Children can bring in £1 to wear one item of blue clothing with their school uniform.

### **Lost Property Assembly (Years 3-6)**

We will clear out the lost property cupboards and hope to reunite some items with their rightful owners. Please may we ask parents to have a good root around at home and, if you find any uniform that does not belong to your child, send it in for the assembly.

### **Wednesday 3rd July**

#### **Prep Prize Giving (Years 3-6)**

All children in Years 3-6 will be participating in this event, commencing at 5.45pm in the Princess Alexandra Auditorium and lasting around one hour. As the event is compulsory for pupils in Years 3 to 6, the children will be supervised after school and provided with a light tea. They will then walk down to the auditorium accompanied by their Form Teachers and will be seated together. Prize Giving is a ticketed event with each family being allocated 2 seats. [Please complete the form below by Monday 17th June to secure your allocated tickets.](#)

Priority for any additional tickets will be given to families with children in Year 6. Younger siblings who attend Yarm Pre-Prep will be permitted to stay in an extended After School Care facility which will be run by Pre-Prep staff until 7pm at no extra cost, with children brought to the Senior School for collection after this event. Please note that this will include a light tea. Please indicate, where relevant, if you would like your child to take advantage of this facility.

Parking is available at the Prep School and Senior School, and members of the school's Estates team will be on hand to direct you. Spaces are limited and once one site is full no further cars will be permitted on to the grounds for safety reasons. Please bear this in mind if planning to attend the event and try to arrive in plenty of time so that you can be seated ready for Prize Giving to start promptly at 5.45pm.

We are expecting the event to last just over an hour, following which you are invited to join staff in the Dovecot Courtyard / Sports Hall for refreshments. Please collect your children from their Form Teacher following the ceremony and ensure you supervise your children closely after the event.

### **Thursday 4th July**

#### **Water Run for the Mustard Seed Project (Nursery - Year 6)**

Our final fundraising event of the school year. Every child in the school will be taking part in our second annual Water Run, so a change of top and a towel are advised! We only ask that families make a donation to the Mustard Seed Project, [which can be done via our Just Giving page for the event by clicking here](#). Please note: we know water is a precious resource so we will not be using large quantities of it. Staff will be using water



pistols and sponges, while there will be a sprinkler at the end too.

#### **End of term - no after school care** (All year groups)

Term ends at 11.30am for Nursery and Pre-Prep and 12noon for Years 3-6. There is no after school care so we ask all parents to collect their children at the correct time please.

#### **Monday 15th July - Friday 2nd August**

#### **Summer Holiday School**

Mr Simpson will be sending further details and the booking form in the coming days.

Mr Stone

## **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' 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

## **Fencing News**

Freddie and Hattie took part in the Northern Youth Challenge Fencing Competition last Saturday, their first competition of the year, and one they have been working towards with our

fencing coach, Mr Trevithick.

Hattie gained some good experience and scored some good points in her first competition.



Freddie won 3 bouts in the rounds and went through to the knockout part of the competition. He did very well against some good fencers before he was beaten in the quarter-finals.

Well done to both and we look forward to future competitions!

Mr Stone

## **Poetry activity**

We enjoyed finding a new performance space in our poetry activity this week.

Mrs Hart



## **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



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## Coming up at the PAA

**Milkshake Live -**  
**On Holiday -**  
**Sunday 21st July**  
**12pm and 3.30pm**

Join your favourite Milkshake! friends on Holiday with Dora, Pip and Posey, Blue from Blues Clues and You! Milo, Milkshake!

Monkey plus two of your Milkshake! presenters for an all-new adventure!



We are also delighted to announce that NICKELODEON is adding TWO PAW PATROL CHARACTERS MARSHALL and CHASE into the show just for this year, prior to PAW PATROL doing a Stadium tour in 2025.

**Science Museum Live on Tour - Sunday 28th July**  
**12pm and 3.30pm**



This year join London's world-renowned Science Museum as they bring you this brand-new stage production aimed at igniting your curiosity, fuelling your imagination, and inspiring you in new and exciting ways.

## Karting Success

Congratulations to Austin Oman for winning the second round of the British Kart Championships (MicroMax UK), at Larkhall in Scotland. It leaves him 3rd in the championship with the next round taking place near Sunderland in June.



## PE and Games

Some pictures from our recent cricket fixtures v Red House.



## Butterwick Hospice Fundraiser

On **Tuesday 2nd July** we will all wear one item of blue and bring in £1 to wear that item to raise money for the Butterwick Hospice. **What is Butterwick Hospice?** It is a very calm place where people are cared for in the later stages in their life. The staff are very special people because they understand how to support not just their patients, but how to support their families during a very difficult time for everyone. Recently my Grandma went to the Butterwick Hospice. There was a flower garden and there was a beautiful cat who came to visit my Grandma's room. We had the doors open so my Grandma could feel the breeze on her face and smell the delicate flowers the day before she passed away.

Immy C.

## 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



## Tooled Up Education

This week is all about Feeling Safe. Safety for children means considering a whole range of needs and situations that arise as they move through their lives.

Parents think about the physical safety of their children all the time, from reminding them to be careful on the stairs to helping them cross the road! Take some time to read and share our [advice](#) on water safety and drowning prevention. As the warm months set in and more of us want to cool off in water, this information could be crucial.

We also want our children to stay safe online. Unsurprisingly, staying healthy and secure in the digital world are some of the most common concerns that parents bring to Toolled Up. Start with this [webinar](#) on Raising A Digital Detective: you'll find links there to a wealth of other Toolled Up resources.

This new [video](#) from Dr Kathy Weston on Raising Boys in the Digital Space contains our most up-to-date advice about smartphones, online safety and more. We want to share this information with all parents due to the increased prevalence of "sextortion" amongst boys. And look out for our upcoming resource on raising girls in the digital space, coming soon!

For younger children, learning to stay safe means learning about how to interact safely with others: where to draw boundaries with friends and adults alike, and how to react when those boundaries are crossed. Try this helpful [article](#) on the difference between "secrets" and "surprises": when should children agree to keep a secret with an adult, and when is it better to tell another trusted person? This [video](#) suggests ways to introduce the idea of body boundaries to young children, and this [activity](#) helps equip children to say no to unwanted touch.

We want to support teenagers to have healthy, respectful and safe relationships. This [article](#) on healthy and unhealthy behaviour in teen relationships gives a great overview of a difficult subject. This [talk](#) by Dr Emily Setty stems from her research into teenage relationships and gender attitudes, and is from our recent conference on Keeping Children And Young People Safe.

Finally, all young people benefit from knowing where support is available. Our activity [Who Is There For Me?](#) encourages older children to think about where they can go for help, and who the trusted people are that they can talk to. Younger children can be encouraged to identify their support network with our [Helping Hand activity](#).

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: YPS1103 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 The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit [nationalcollege.com](https://nationalcollege.com).

# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# WHATSAPP

AGE RESTRICTION  
**13+**

With more than two billion active users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls, WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service. Its end-to-end encryption only allows messages to be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp itself can read them. This privacy issue has been in the spotlight recently, as the UK's Online Safety Bill proposes to end such encryption on private messaging; WhatsApp is unwilling to do so and has reportedly considered withdrawing its service in the UK should this legislation go ahead.

## EVOLVING SCAMS

WhatsApp's popularity makes it a lucrative hunting ground for scammers. Recent examples include posing as the target's child, requesting a money transfer because of a spurious 'emergency'. Plus a scam where fraudsters trigger a verification message by attempting to log in to your account, then (posing as WhatsApp) call or text to ask you to repeat the code back to them, giving them access.

## CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a chat, someone only needs the mobile number of the WhatsApp user that they want to message. If your child has ever given their number out to someone they don't know, that person could then contact them via WhatsApp. It's also possible that your child might be added to a group chat (by one of their friends, for example) containing other people that they don't know.

## FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp's connectivity and ease of use allows news to be shared rapidly – whether it's true or not. To combat the spread of misinformation, messages forwarded more than five times on the app now display a "Forwarded many times" label and a double arrow icon. This makes users aware that the message they've just received is far from an original ... and might not be entirely factual, either.

## 'VIEW ONCE' CONTENT

The facility to send images or messages that can only be viewed once has led to some WhatsApp users sharing inappropriate images or abusive texts, knowing that the recipient can't re-open them later to use as evidence of misconduct. People used to be able to screenshot this 'disappearing' content – but a recently added WhatsApp feature now blocks this, citing increased privacy.

## CHAT LOCK

Another new option allows users to store certain messages or chats in a separate 'locked chats' folder, saved behind a passcode, fingerprint or face ID authentication. The risk here is that this function creates the potential for young people to hide conversations and content that they suspect their parents wouldn't approve of (such as age-inappropriate material).

## VISIBLE LOCATION

WhatsApp's 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, which can be helpful for friends meeting up or parents checking that their child's safely on the way home, for example. However, anyone in your child's contacts list or in a mutual group chat can also track their location – potentially letting strangers identify a child's home address or journeys that they make regularly.

## Advice for Parents & Carers ...TYPING...

### EMPHASISE CAUTION

Encourage your child to treat unexpected messages with caution: get them to consider, for example, whether the message sounds like something a friend or relative would really send them. Make sure they know never to share personal details over WhatsApp, and to be wary of clicking on any links in messages. Setting up two-step verification adds a further layer of protection to their WhatsApp account.

### ADJUST THE SETTINGS

It's wise to change your child's WhatsApp settings (go to 'Privacy', then 'Groups') to specify which of their contacts can add them to group chats without needing approval: you can give permission to 'My Contacts' or 'My Contacts Except ...'. Additionally, if your child needs to use 'live location', emphasise that they should enable this function for only as long as they need – and then turn it off.

### THINKING BEFORE SHARING

Help your child to understand why it's important to stop and think before posting or forwarding something on WhatsApp. It's easy – and all too common – for content to then be shared more widely (even publicly on social media). Encourage your child to consider how an ill-judged message might damage their reputation or upset a friend who sent something to them in confidence.

### CHAT ABOUT PRIVACY

Some parents like to check in with their child about how they're using WhatsApp, explaining that it will help to keep them safe. If you spot a 'Locked Chats' folder, you might want to talk about the sort of chats that are in there, who they're with and why your child wants to keep them hidden. Also, if your child has sent any 'view once' content, you could discuss their reasons for using this feature.

## 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.



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PRESENTS:



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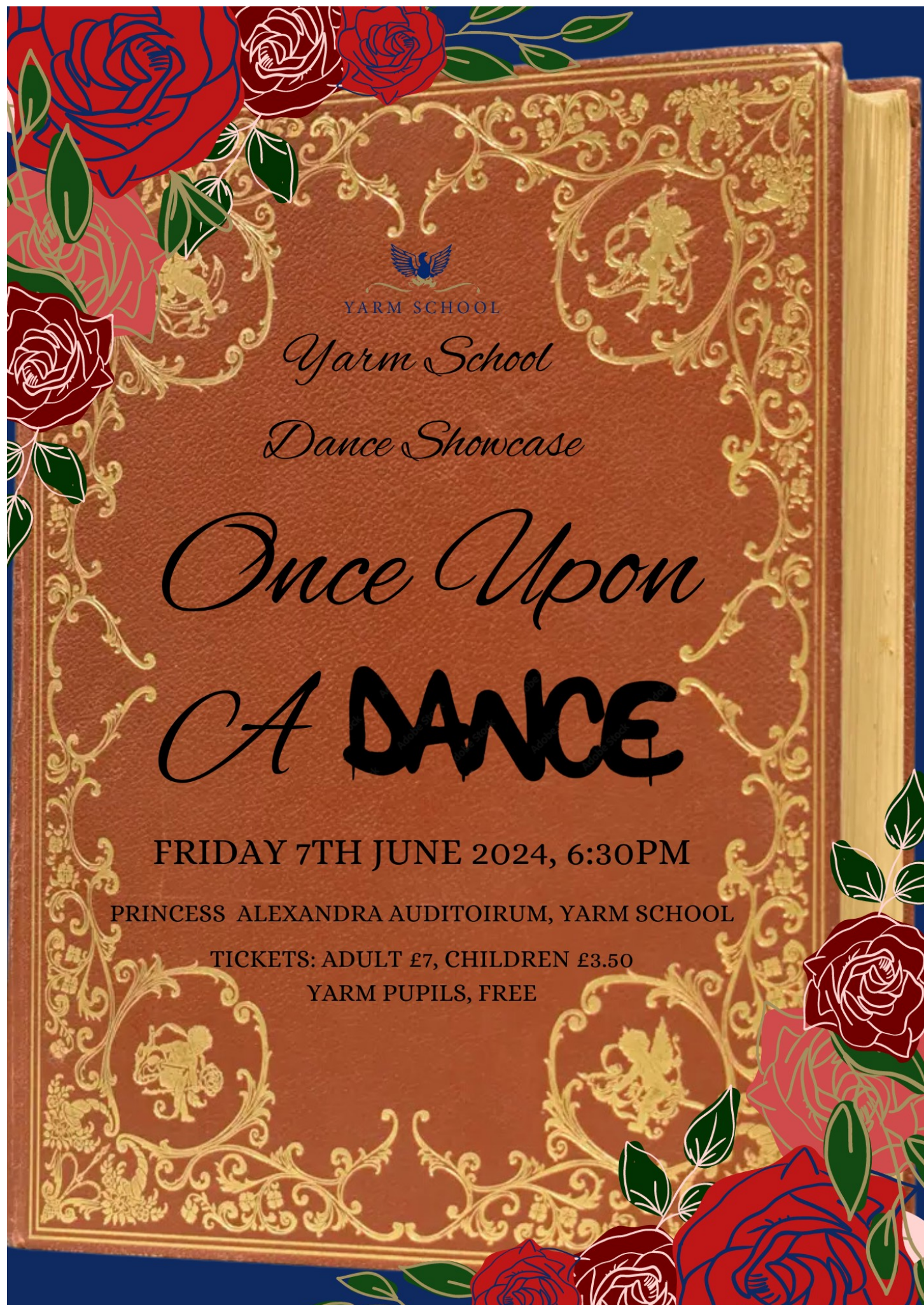
SUMMER BALL 2024

SATURDAY, JUN 15TH  
7PM - LATE  
THE PAA

LIVE MUSIC FROM THE BOURBON STREET BAND  
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# Coming Up

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

## MAY 2024

Thu 23	<b>Y6 return from the Lakes (7pm)</b> <b>Half-term begins after school</b> After School Care as usual
Fri 24	<b>School closed</b>
<b>JUNE 2024</b>	
Mon 3	<b>Pupils return</b> 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	<b>Year 3 York residential departs</b> 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	<b>Senior School Induction Day for Year 6</b>
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
Tue 18	NEJS Girls' Cricket (at St Peter's; 1pm start, 5.30pm return)
Wed 19	Nursery Sports Afternoon (1-3pm) Mustard Seed Project assembly
Thu 20	Y2 Transition event for parents (Prep Hall; 4pm) Nursery New Starters Info Evening (6-7pm) U9 Cricket v DCSF (away; 2.15pm start, 4.15pm return)

## Term Dates

### Summer Term 2024

Finish Thursday 4th July 2024  
At 12 noon  
(after school; no after school care)

### Autumn Term 2024

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

### Spring Term 2025

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

### 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	Aaron Y.	Violet P.
3J	Darcie M.	Annabelle L.
3P	Theodore C.	Jayden W.
4F	Hattie P.	Mana H.
4J	Scarlett Y.	Thomas H.
4S	Amani R.	Freddie B.
5G	Annabelle C.	Isla R.
5H	Henry St.	Henry Sk.
5K	Livvie C.	Rory B.
6H	Joseph A.	George P.
6L	Will L.	Noah WT.
6W	Ettie A.	Joey P.

### Music Awards:

**Platinum**—Amelie T., Rosa W. **Silver**—Shanvi P.  
**Bronze**—Anika S., Jayden W., Ted H.