



The Phoenix Flier

The Yarm Preparatory School Newsletter

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A message from Mr Sawyer

Welcome to the new half-term and this week's Phoenix Flier! It's been wonderful to see the pupils return with such energy and enthusiasm after the recent break. Since Monday, there's been a lot happening both inside and outside the classroom. Arkwright House organised a successful charity day, raising an impressive amount for Zarach, a local charity that provides beds and essentials to children in poverty to help them eat, sleep, and learn more effectively. This event gave our pupils the valuable experience of working together to plan and execute a successful project, showcasing excellent teamwork and providing plenty of enjoyment. Additionally, we've had a variety of outings, a packed sports schedule, and our Year 2 pupils had a transition morning in Year 3 to prepare for the next academic year. We're off to a great start - all systems go!

In other news, members of the school community may have noticed some fencing and construction traffic around Green Lane. ESH, a contractor working for Northumbrian Water, are installing a sewage pipe from Kirklevington Sewage Treatment Works to Conyers School which involves passing through our Green Lane playing fields. We anticipate minimal disruption to our pitches.

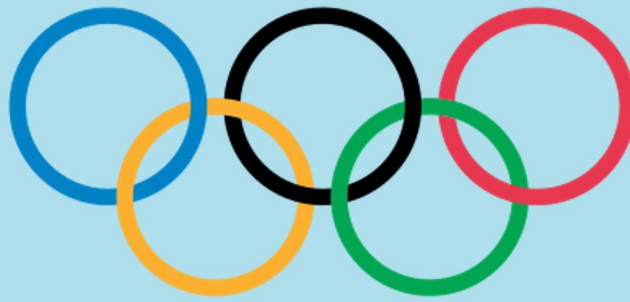
Bill Sawyer

Head's Challenge:

What levels the peaks,
erases the creatures,
topples the structures,
and shatters all to
fragments?



Photo of the Week: Year 6 braved the elements and enjoyed an adventurous week in the Lake District prior to half-term. Images and reflections can be found 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 21st June 2024 @ Prep School

Prep Children 2-5pm

Pre Prep children with grown-ups from 2.30pm

Wristbands & raffle tickets available NOW from
Classlist or email /pssc@/armschool.org

For the grown-ups.
Summer Mini Bar



****CASH ONLY****

[CLICK HERE TO BUY WRISTBANDS AND RAFFLE TICKETS](#)

Year 6 Lakes Residential

There's no WiFi in the mountains and hills of the Lake District, but you'll find no better connection! It was prior to half term that all of Y6 descended upon Windermere (it's a mere not a lake) in order to swap their beds and devices for tents and sleeping bags. Getting away from the creature comforts and pushing their limits through adventurous activities allowed the children to develop their self-confidence and resilience.

Mr Mathers and his department at the Senior School put on a carousel of fantastic activities which the children are most fortunate to have access to: ghyll scrambling where you wear a helmet, wetsuit and buoyancy aid and clamber through a gorge full of water: climbing the Old Man of Conistone from where the Isle of Man and Blackpool Tower were visible, sailing and canoeing on Windermere; and rock climbing and high ropes sessions.

In addition to these outdoor pursuits, the children were treated to a barbecue and campfire session involving renditions of songs from Y6 Drama Week as well as the odd duologue performance. Granted, camping is not for everyone but I am certain many children will now have a thirst for what is on offer at the Senior School and the opportunity to further develop their outdoor education learning.

A huge thank you to Mr Mathers and his department for coordinating the week and ensuring our children were safe and well fueled. Thank you also to Mrs Lofthouse-Hill, Miss Whitehouse, Mrs Donoghue, Miss Dixon, Mrs Selby, Mr Sawyer and Mr Pearce for accompanying us on the trip.

Mr Harandon

The Lakes trip was a great experience that gave you many chances to try things you had never done before. It had so many new things that gave people a chance to push themselves outside of

their comfort zone. Activities such as ghyll scrambling are things that could almost never be done at home and people found out that they really had a fantastic time doing something that was completely new. Even when it was raining people still managed to stay in high spirits with things like the quiz inside the main tent. The lakes trip also helped people to forge stronger



bonds with their classmates during things that required group coordination such as sailing or canoeing.

Joey P.

The Lake district trip was an extravagant trip including things like rock climbing, high ropes and sailing. But what stood out from all of the activities I did was ghyll scrambling



because it required pushing out of your comfort zone and trying something new. There is also sleeping in a tent which many people found difficult, but everyone in Year 6 taught themselves something. Also we would like to thank Mr Mathers and all the staff for a



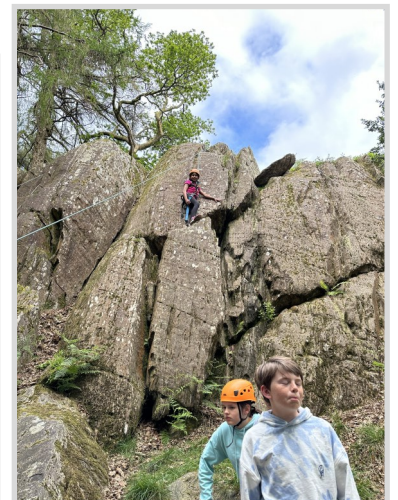
wonderful trip.

Pradyoth K.

The Lakes trip was a great experience and that you could learn new things like how to sail and how to rock climb. I had never done it before and it was hard at first but once I got the hang of it, it started to get easier. It was tricky on the third day because it was raining heavily. It was very windy so for sailing it was quite cold but we managed because there was good wind to carry us. The food was nice and they gave us a good amount of food to fill ourselves up. After breakfast, in the morning, they would set up a sandwich making station that had loads of different things you could put in your wrap and also crisps and some fruit and a cookie.

I found the activities fun because I loved all of the water sports like canoeing and sailing because we had loads of fun and got to learn lots of different things at the same time. Sleeping in a tent was fun even though some people were homesick. It was fine even though my sleeping bag got wet and I woke up with cold legs.

Alice S.



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.*

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.

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 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;

YPSSC PreLoved Uniform

Nursery, Pre Prep, Prep and Senior Uniform

PE and Games

See Listings on **Classlist** or
Email Us

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!!

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

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

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.

Tempest Class Photographs

Have you ordered your school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for free delivery back to school is 6th June 2024. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

Mr Stone

Coming Up at the PAA

Money for Nothing - Tuesday 16th July, 7.30pm

Money for Nothing was formed in 2000 as a tribute to one of the world's premier rock bands – Dire Straits.

The abundant energy and the excellence and musicality of their performance makes



Money For Nothing a “must see” for any rock enthusiast or Dire Straits fan. The line-up features top-class and experienced musicians that make this band a worthy tribute to Dire Straits.

Andre Rieu's 2024 Maastricht Concert: Power of Love - Saturday 31st August, 7pm and Sunday 1st September, 3pm

Live stream favourite returns: André Rieu is ready to blow you away with his brand new cinema concert 'Power of Love'. From his picturesque hometown of Maastricht The King of the Waltz presents a must-see big screen spectacular.



Accompanied by his world famous Johann Strauss Orchestra and a cast of hundreds this promises to be the music event of

the summer by one of the world's most prolific artists.

Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour - Saturday 14th September, 7.30pm



Experience an unforgettable evening of thrilling adventure – up on the big screen! The Banff Mountain Film Festival features a brand-new collection of short films filled with extreme journeys, untamed characters and captivating cinematography!

Reminders for 2024/25

Over the next few weeks we will be slotting in some extracts from our Parent Handbook ahead of the new academic year, to give you some reminders about key school policies.

Uniform

The reputation of a school is influenced in no small degree by the appearance of its pupils. The uniform is, therefore, formal yet practical. The School has recently moved to an online system for ordering all required uniform. The Uniform Shop is now a showroom only. Samples of the uniform items are available for fitting appointments with all orders required to be placed online via the Perry website. Please see <https://www.yarmschool.org/uniform-shop/> for further details. We politely request that all parents and pupils are aware of these and follow the uniform requirements set out by the school. This includes the wearing of school quilted winter coats only, correct footwear (smart, black school shoes—not trainer-type shoes) and no jewellery. If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Prep Management Team.

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:

Tooled Up Education

This week at Toolled Up we're talking about talking! The *quality* of conversations we have with our children can play a huge role in their development and wellbeing. Family talk offers children the chance to open up their thinking, to help navigate emotional or social challenges, and can enhance their oracy and academic abilities. We have a number of interesting resources to support family chat.

Our recent [webinar](#) with the philosophy charity SAPERE is now available. Led by trainer Emma Leeson, this webinar explains what it's like to philosophise and is aimed at any parent who is curious about the power of philosophical conversations with their children.

Developing children's intellectual curiosity is key to unlocking their learning potential. We have questions galore for you to mull over within family life: [20 Scientific Questions](#) to ask children and teens or activities like [Learning Through Intrigue](#) that encourage an interest in the world around us.

One of the optimal times to chat to our children is around the dinner table. In this short [video](#) entitled 'Dinnertime Debriefs', Dr Weston explains the role that dinnertime conversations can play in boosting children's resilience, wellbeing and academic attainment. Researcher Mishika Mehrotra produced this [podcast](#) for Toolled Up on her work exploring the links between conversation and children's development: benefits that go well beyond literacy and oracy and into mental function and "school-readiness". If you get stuck for conversation ideas, here are [65 Topics](#) to work your way through!

Of course, we also need to be aware that some talk can be harmful. As well as the way we talk to our own children, we need to think about the ways they communicate with one other. These tips from psychologist, Dr Elly Hanson will help you tackle [Harmful Talk](#) in children's peer groups. Use these [activities](#) about being a positive bystander, or "upstander"; we need our children to be able to comfortably challenge poor behaviour in peers when they see or hear it.



Dinnertime Debriefs



Importance Of Dinnertime Conversations

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 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: YPSII03 and if you need assistance, we are always happy to help at 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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BECAUSE EVIDENCE MATTERS

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 devices which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit nationalcollege.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

SMARTPHONE SAFETY TIPS

for young people

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You may have been lucky enough to have unwrapped a smartphone at Christmas, or you might be eagerly anticipating getting a new one at some point during this year. Whether it'll be your first ever phone or an upgrade on your old model, it's always useful to have a refresher about how to set it up and adjust the settings to keep yourself – and your valuable personal info – safe and secure. We've collected some expert tips to help you enjoy your smartphone in the healthiest way possible.

NEVER SHARE YOUR PASSCODE

Alongside face or fingerprint recognition, your passcode is crucial to unlocking your phone and accessing your apps and personal information. You shouldn't give it out, even to close friends – after all, you wouldn't hand them a key to your house and let them go in for a nosy around! If a friend wants to use your phone, ask them why and make sure you can see what they're doing with it.

RESPECT PARENTAL CONTROLS

If you're allowed to have a smartphone, it's because your parents or carers feel that you're mature and responsible enough to use it safely. They might set controls and boundaries on your device – not to spoil your fun but to help you avoid hazards like too much screen time or costly in-app purchases. Following these rules means you can enjoy using your phone while respecting their wishes.

TALK TO A TRUSTED ADULT

Whether it's to listen to music, play games, create content or chat with friends, using a smartphone should be fun. If you're ever feeling anxious, worried or scared about going on your phone, then something isn't right. It's important not to ignore these feelings; instead, talk to a trusted adult about what's happening and how it's making you feel.

STAY ALERT

Two words: look up. It might sound obvious, but it's so easy to get immersed in what we're looking at or listening to on our phones that we can become unaware of our surroundings – or who might be around us. People often walk with their head down, focusing on their phone, and forget to check for obstacles in their path, cars or other pedestrians coming towards them, which is clearly dangerous.

DEVELOP HEALTHY HABITS

Phones offer a vast amount of content and the chance to chat with friends whenever we feel like it, which can make it difficult to take time away from the screen. If that's something you struggle with, you could try setting time limits on certain apps. Putting our phones down for a while gives us more time to interact with others or do something physical that helps keep us fit and healthy.

IGNORE UNKNOWN NUMBERS

There are some scammers who might call or text asking you to share personal data or to click on a link and provide your details. Some may claim to be from a genuine company, but trustworthy businesses don't spontaneously call or message to ask for your information. It's safest to ignore calls or texts from unknown numbers, and never give your personal details out over the phone.

ONLY USE AGE-APPROPRIATE APPS

Before downloading a new app or game, check what age rating it has. Don't feel pressured into getting a particular game or app just because your friends are using it. If it's intended for older people, there's a definite risk that it could include content (which is violent or frightening, for instance) or language which isn't suitable and may leave you feeling upset or disturbed.

REMOVE TEMPTATION

A good night's sleep is so important for concentration, mood and overall health. Unwinding properly before going to bed – which means not staring at a screen late at night – can often improve sleep quality. Put your phone on charge overnight, but not in your room. This means you'll have a lot less temptation to check any notifications, reply to messages or get caught up scrolling on social media.

THINK ABOUT OTHERS

Watching videos, listening to music or calling someone can all help to pass the time while we're on the bus, waiting in a queue or walking down the street. It's important to remain mindful of other people, though: they might not want to hear your tunes or your conversation. Likewise, if you're calling from a public place then don't forget that anyone could overhear something personal about you.

SWITCH OFF GEOLOCATION

In your phone's settings, you'll be able to disable geolocation for individual apps and photos; this means that people online (including strangers) can't see information about where you are when you share or post a pic. On the subject of images, it's also important to ask permission before taking or sharing a photo of someone – and don't share embarrassing images of your friends with others.

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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Coming Up

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

JUNE 2024

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
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)
Fri 21	Summer Fair (Prep School; 2-5pm) No after school clubs today
Mon 24	Prep Induction Morning (Reception-Y5) Y6 taking part in activities all morning Clubs and activities finish this week Welcome to Reception Evening (Studio Hall; 7pm)
Tue 25	Prep Open Afternoon (2-6pm) Reception Musical Showcase (9.30am) Nursery Musical Showcase (10.30am) No Prep after school clubs
Wed 26	Pre-Prep Sports Morning (9-11.30am; Prep Astro) Y6 Parents v Pupils Sports (5-6.30pm; Prep)
Thu 27	Y6 Leavers Disco Summer Fair Y6 winners lunch
Fri 28	Sports Day (10am-12.30pm; Middlesbrough Sports Village) Clubs and activities finish today

Term Dates

Summer Term 2024

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
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

Celebration Assembly

	Values	Endeavour
3H	Elijah D.	Dulcie B.
3J	Edward W.	Lily S.
3P	Arian L.	Myla GB.
4F	Amelie T.	Harrison G.
4J	Harriet A.	Henry F.
4S	Azlan U.	Elizabeth H.
5G	James B.	Emily B.
5H	Jack M.	Emily Q.
5K	Amaya S.	Will G.
6H	-	-
6L	-	-
6W	-	-

Music Awards:

Silver—Edward W.