



The Huntington Buzz



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Farewell and Good Luck, Year 6!

As the school year draws to a close, we want to take a moment to celebrate our incredible Year 6 students as they embark on their exciting journey to secondary school. It has been an absolute privilege to watch each and every one of you grow and develop into the remarkable young individuals you are today. Your hard work and dedication have been truly inspiring, and you've shown us time and again what it means to succeed through perseverance and effort.

We are so proud of all you've achieved and have no doubt you'll continue to shine brightly in your new schools. We wish you the very **best for a fantastic future!**



Goodbye!



At the end of this year we have said farewell to several valued colleagues — Mrs Allan, Mrs Cameron, Mrs MacFadyen, Mrs Mac, Mrs Tarin, Mr Hui and Miss Taylor — each of whom has made a meaningful contribution to our school community over the years. Whether moving on to new opportunities, starting exciting new chapters, or heading into well-earned retirement, we are deeply grateful for all they have given. Their dedication, care and commitment have left a lasting legacy, and they will be greatly missed. We wish each of them every happiness and success for the future.

We also wish Mrs Forman best of luck in her secondment opportunity.

SUMMER WORKS

Over the holidays we have some exciting works taking place. We begin the first phase of redecoration, repair and replacement of parts of the outside of the building. The main focus will be the courtyard area, with walls and windows being replaced and the fascias will be replaced due to their current state. This work is being funded by Pathfinder Multi Academy Trust.

We will also be having some work down in Early Years to improve access to toilets and cloakrooms and extend the outdoor area with new fencing. We are also excited to be resourcing the outside area with the support of Friends of Huntington Primary.

We also have updates to our computer hardware and another new interactive whiteboard. Exciting times ahead!

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ECO-NEWS

We've Been Awarded the Eco-Schools Green Flag with Distinction!

We are absolutely thrilled to announce that we have, once again, achieved the prestigious Eco-Schools Green Flag with Distinction! This is an incredible accomplishment and a testament to the hard work and dedication of our entire school community. We would especially like to thank Mrs Jackson for her dedication and commitment to this project.

The Eco-Schools Green Flag is an internationally recognized award for environmental education and management. Achieving it with distinction means we've gone above and beyond in our efforts to make our school more sustainable and environmentally friendly.

This wouldn't have been possible without the amazing commitment of our Eco Pupils. Their passion, innovative ideas, and tireless efforts have driven so many of our eco initiatives, from reducing waste and promoting recycling to enhancing our school grounds and raising awareness about important environmental issues. We are immensely proud of each and every one of them for their dedication and for truly embodying what it means to be responsible global citizens.

Thank you to all our pupils, staff, and parents who have supported our journey towards a greener school. We look forward to continuing our eco-friendly adventures and inspiring even more positive change!

The feedback we received said:

Your greatest overall success: We loved reading that the collaborative project with York University Sustainability Clinic was a great success and that all year groups were involved in the gardening initiative. Growing fruit, vegetables and herbs is one of the best ways to get young people into gardening and help them connect with nature. We were thrilled that the initiative will continue and be ongoing with crop rotation being planned for future years. It is wonderful that you have made such a valuable partner as York University and that you are planning two future projects for the next cohort of young people to work on. We agree that this is really exciting for the school community.

We sadly say goodbye and a huge thank you to our Year 6 Eco warriors Cole, Sam, Isabelle and Bobby. We know you will continue to be amazing ambassadors in your next school. Thank you guys and good luck with your next Eco adventures!

Thank you for supporting the Global Gala recently. It was wonderful to see all the pupils' amazing artwork and so many of you enjoying the event. We raised £125 for the RAY (Refugee Action York) charity.

A huge thank you to all of you who have collected plastic lids for our recycling scheme - we have just sent off another 27.93kg of plastic saved from landfill.

We were very pleased to have won the York City Football club's Changing Room Project selfie competition. The scarecrow in the bin proved to be a very creative recycling hit!

Remember to donate children's unwanted sports kit. The pre-loved kit which will be sorted and shared by the foundation with local children who would like to take part in sport, but do not have the appropriate kit. If you are having a sort out of any sports kit on the list please #place them in the blue bin located in the front porch of school. We also have the other clothes bank recycling point at the school gates.



Keep collecting used stamps, plastic bottle lids, drinks cans, sports kits and clothes for our recycling schemes over the summer. See you in September!



CURRICULUM UPDATE

Summer 2: Encourage Aspirations



We believe that every child has the potential to achieve great things. So with this in mind, we have encouraged them to reflect on their own potential to make a difference. This half term, each year group has explored inspiring figures, groundbreaking ideas, and transformational journeys—building ambition, creativity, and confidence along the way.

Here's how our Summer 2 topics have inspired aspiration:

- **Year 1 – Van Gogh** 🎨

Through the vibrant art of Vincent van Gogh, pupils have learned that creativity and passion can leave a lasting impact on the world—even when it isn't recognised at first.

- **Year 2 – L.S. Lowry** 🏠

Children discovered how Lowry painted the world around him in his own unique style, showing that self-expression and perseverance can help us see beauty in everyday life.

- **Year 3 – Mary Anning** 🦴

Mary's story of discovery taught children that curiosity, determination, and a love of learning can lead to remarkable achievements. Year 3 enhanced their learning by visiting the Yorkshire Museum.



- **Year 4 – Transatlantic Aviation** ✈️

By studying early aviation pioneers, Year 4 pupils were inspired to think big, challenge limits, and explore how ambition can shape the future.

- **Year 5 – Ancient Greeks** 🏛️

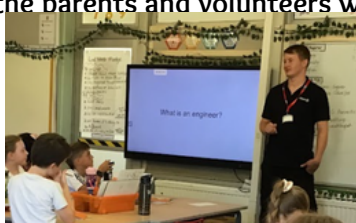
From philosophy to innovation, Year 5 explored how the Ancient Greeks laid foundations for modern society. They enjoyed their Greek day where they learnt so much through hands on history!

- **Year 6 – Transition & Growth** 🎓

As they prepare for secondary school, Year 6 have been encouraged to reflect on their personal journey and embrace the exciting opportunities ahead with confidence and resilience. This was particularly captured through their residential experience.



To finish our unit of work and our ongoing commitment to **encouraging aspiration**, we proudly hosted **whole-school Aspiration & Career Days**. The children met real-life professionals from a range of industries who shared their stories, challenges, and advice. **Thank you so much to the parents and volunteers who spoke about their careers and made these days possible!**





DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 1st September - TRAINING DAY

Tuesday 2nd September - TRAINING DAY

Wednesday 3rd September - First Day of school - children welcomed back.

Wednesday 10th September - 3.10 to 3.30 - Meet the teacher - informal session to drop into the classroom.

Autumn Term 2025	
Staff Training Day	Monday 1 st September 2025
Staff Training Day	Tuesday 2 nd September 2025
School Opens	Wednesday 3 rd September 2025
School Closes	Friday 24 th October 2025
October Half Term	Monday 27 th October – Friday 31 st October 2025
School Opens	Monday 3 rd November 2025
School Closes	Friday 19 th December 2025
Christmas Holidays	Monday 22 nd December – Friday 2 nd January 2026

Spring Term 2026	
Staff Training Day	Monday 5 th January 2026
School Opens	Tuesday 6 th January 2026
School Closes	Friday 13 th February 2026
February Half Term	Monday 16 th February – Friday 20 th February 2026
School Opens	Monday 23 rd February 2026
School Closes	Friday 27 th March 2026
Easter Holidays	Monday 30 th March – Friday 10 th April 2026

Summer Term 2026	
School Opens	Monday 13 th April 2026
May Bank Holiday	Monday 4 th May 2026
Staff Training Day	Friday 22 nd May 2026
May Half Term	Monday 25 th May – Friday 29 th May 2026
School Opens	Monday 1 st June 2026
School Closes	Friday 17 th July 2026
Staff Training Day	Monday 20 th July
Summer Holidays	Tuesday 21 st July – September 2026

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RAINBOW DAY UPDATE

We are delighted to have raised £460 on Rainbow Day. This is always a super event in the school which the children enjoy but also allows the children to make choices about how to spend the money. Half the money will be spent in school on resources chosen by the children and the other half has been donated to Oscar's Paediatric Brain Tumour charity as voted by the children. We welcomed a representative to the school a few months back to talk about this charity and this has stayed with the children.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Trans Pennine Trail have produced a Summer Activity Booklet - packed with a variety of engaging and creative activities!

Trans Pennine Trail *



A national coast to coast route for recreation and transport - for walking, cycling, horse riding and wheeling

The pack encourages children to explore the great outdoors with a summer leaf hunt, and to get hands-on by building a bug hotel to welcome new insect friends. And for those who love to get creative in the kitchen, there's a simple and delicious blackberry cordial recipe to try.

Download it from the Children's page at: <https://www.transpenninetrail.org.uk/welcome-to-our-childrens-page/>

Radish Salad



You will need:

- Knife
- Chopping board
- Bowl

Ingredients:

- 5 radishes, thinly sliced
- 1 cucumber, sliced
- ½ red onion, thinly sliced
- 1 handful fresh parsley or dill, chopped
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 tbsp lemon juice or vinegar
- ½ tsp salt
- ¼ tsp black pepper

Method:

1. Prepare the veggies – Slice the radishes, cucumber, and onion.
2. Mix everything – In a bowl, combine the sliced veggies with parsley or dill.
3. Dress the salad – Drizzle with olive oil and lemon juice (or vinegar). Sprinkle it with salt and pepper.
4. Toss & serve – Mix well and enjoy fresh!

Radishes J F M A M J J A S O N D
Plant: ○ ○ ● ● ● ● ● ● ○ ○ ○ ○
Harvest: ○ ○ ○ ○ ● ● ● ● ● ● ○ ○

Want to try Rugby League



Training
Monday 6.30-7.30
Wednesday 6.30-8.00
Games most Saturday Mornings



Elmpark Way, York
YO31 1DX

Heworth ARLFC Under 11s

We are looking for new players (Date of Birth 1st Sept 2013 to 31st Aug 2014) for the rest of this season and next to join our exciting and welcoming team!!!

What we offer

- Qualified & Supportive Coaches
- Skill Development & Fitness
- A fun & Friendly Environment
- Regular fixtures and festivals



Any Questions Contact Dan on

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 FAMILY MATTERS YORK

Free family support Autumn 2025

Our family relationships are precious and when the sun shines and life is calm, family life can be plain sailing! But life can get choppy and our relationships can be tested. At Family Matters York, we know that life has its ups and downs. So, join our FREE courses and events to take 'time out' to invest in your most precious relationships. Gain support and learn strategies to help strengthen and anchor your relationships for the future.

 FAMILY MATTERS YORK

Handling Anger in the Family

FREE Family Support Course



ALL families experience anger and conflict. It's normal!
....But how often do we talk about it?

Join our **5 workshops** to find out more about anger as an emotion and its impact on our family & couple relationships. Learn simple strategies to manage strong emotions and communicate better.

Take 'Time Out' to help your family thrive and grow. Know that you are not alone!

Starting Friday 19th September
10am - 12 noon workshops
@ St Luke's Church, Bramham Rd, Clifford, Wetherby LS23 6SL

 www.fmy.org.uk
jenwootten@fmy.org.uk

*** Chat & share * Bite-sized tips & strategies * Know that you are not alone!**

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Time Out For Parents: Dads!

5 FREE ONLINE WORKSHOPS
Starting Thursday 25th September 2025
7.30-9.30pm (via Zoom)



This course is run by Dads, for Dads, to help you....

- ✓ Engage with your children & boost your relationship
- ✓ Increase your skills & confidence as a parent
- ✓ Discover practical tools to make your relationship with your child even better



 Website: www.fmy.org.uk
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TIME OUT FOR PARENTS! Parenting Children with ADHD

6 FREE support sessions
Starting Tues 4th November @ St Peter's School
Coffee at 9am. Session starts 9.30-11.30am



Join our free sessions to support you and your child



A safe space to help you support your child's needs and understand more about....

- how the ADHD brain works
- sensory processing difficulties
- managing ADHD behaviours
- boosting your child's self esteem

Share with others & find you're not alone!

Join us to chat, share stories & pick up tips. Take time out to support you & your family.

 for this free parenting course:
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