



**Robert
Wilkinson**

PRIMARY ACADEMY

Newsletter

Friday 28th April 2023



Welcome back to the summer term. We are hoping for lovely weather and lots of lovely activities as well as amazing learning from our children. There is lots to fit in so please take note of our calendar additions.

SPORTING SUCCESS

The boys' and girls' hockey teams went to Huntington to compete in the next stage of the schools' competition, playing well in the group stages but unfortunately not progressing this time. They did really well to get through the initial stages and have done us all proud!

Our girls' football team travelled to Staveley Welfare Miners Club near Chesterfield to take part in the latter stages of the Premier Stars cup. Whilst they have done exceptionally well to get through to the regional round, unfortunately they did not make it to the national final. Congratulations, girls!

We are all looking forward to the final round of the boys' English Schools Football Association cup which we are delighted to announce will be played at the King Power Stadium in Leicester - a Premier League ground! We are all wishing the team the best of luck on Wednesday 7th June and all have our fingers crossed for the potential of being crowned national champions! We are immensely proud of the team who are already in the position of top 8 primary schools that entered the national competition.

JOIN OUR TEAM

We have some exciting vacancies on offer in school. We need some part time Level 2 Teaching Assistants within preschool and SEND support. We also have opportunities for Playworkers & Wrap Around Care (various hours). We have a vacancy in the school office for a receptionist / administrator. Please ask for more details at the office. Please follow the link for more details or to apply. [Vacancies](#)

SUMMER BIG DIG

It's time to dust off those wellies!

The start of the summer term heralds the beginning of our regular Big Dig sessions down at the allotment!

Pop along this Sunday between 2pm and 4pm to start planting our veggies for the summer season. Some will grow, some will not and we will all learn and have fun! Tea and biscuits will be provided but please note that no toilets will be available on site. All children need to be accompanied by an adult.



Best wishes and hope to see you there!
Claire Hollis and Sian Boyd

HOLIDAY REQUESTS

Following a change to our attendance policy which reflects the Department of Education drive for improved attendance, we are now obliged to inform the City of York Council of any unauthorised leave of absence requests. This is now resulting in fines being issued for periods of 10 or more sessions within a year, this is the equivalent to 5 days. These fines are payable directly to and retained by the council.

CORONATION CELEBRATION

We are inviting the children to dress in red white and blue on Friday 5th May to celebrate the coronation of King Charles. Crowns are optional!

COLOURING COMPETITION TO CELEBRATE THE CORONATION

! We had lots of amazing entries to our colouring competition. We are delighted to announce that our school winner is Harley Fawdington who will have his design preserved for ever on a special plaque. Here is our winning entry!



SAFEGUARDING AND INTERNET SAFETY

This is a really powerful and thought provoking video for parents on the harmful effects of social media on children. Please give it a watch.

[Who's Looking After The Children](#)

HOME OR OUT ALONE

As your child gets older, it's likely they'll want a bit more independence. Staying home or going out without you is a natural step for them to take — when the time is right. It can be hard to decide whether your child is ready. There's a lot to think about. And a lot you might be worried about. This guide is designed to reduce that worry, by helping you make the right decision for you and your child.

[Home or Out Alone](#)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Check below for updates

DATE	ACTIVITY
Thursday 27th April	School closed due to industrial action. Nursery will remain open
Monday 1st May	MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY
Tuesday 2nd May	School closed due to industrial action. Nursery will remain open
Monday 8th May	BANK HOLIDAY FOR CORONATION
Tuesday 9th May- Friday 12th May	Year 6 SATS tests in school
Friday 26th May	School closes for half term
HALF TERM HOLIDAY	
Monday 5th June	Children return to school
Tuesday 6th June	School Council trip to the house of parliament
Wednesday 7th June	Year 6 residential trip departs
Friday 9th June	Year 6 residential trip returns
Monday 12th June	Class photos
Wednesday 14th June	New Reception starters evening for parents 6pm
Friday 16th June	Non uniform day for Strensall Carnival donations

Thursday 22nd June	Summer concert performance - details to follow
Friday 23rd June	Sports day
Week Commencing 26th June	New classes announced
Wednesday 28th June	Year 6 transition day at Huntington Children to spend time in their new classes
Friday 30th June	Back up sports day
Monday 3rd July- Friday 7th July	Sports week
Monday 3rd July	EYFS reports out to parents
Tues 4th, Wed 5th and Thur 6th July	EYFS parents evening appointments
Friday 14th July	Disco night
Tuesday 18th July	Reports out to parents Year 6 Afternoon performance 1.30
Wednesday 19th July	Year 6 Graduation event (including performance) 4.30 till 8.00
Friday 21st July	Children break up at noon FORW tuck shop open at the end of school
Monday 24th July and Tuesday 25th July	Staff training days
SUMMER HOLIDAY	
Monday 4th September 2023	Staff training day
Tuesday 5th September	Children return to school

We will also add these dates to the school calendar on our website for your reference.

Have a great weekend

Best wishes

Donna Bedford

Headteacher

COMMUNITY NEWS



SWIMMING SESSIONS

York City Baths Club Teaching Section has availability in their Friday sessions at New Earswick Swimming Pool. These start from 430pm for Beginners (stage 1-4) and from 5pm-6pm for advanced swimmers (stages 5-8).

For further information please contact ybc.teachingcoordinator@gmail.com



Claim up to
£3,400

Thinking of returning to work
or already working?

Is your partner in the
Armed Forces?

Did you know you could claim
funding for before and after school
childcare during term time for up to

20
hours per week

Contact the WAC team:
people-affs-wac-fro-mailbox@mod.gov.uk



Check if you are eligible:

Scan the QR code or head to
[Discover My Benefits](#), [defnet](#) or [Defence Connect](#).



Ask the
WAC team

Wraparound Childcare (WAC)

Do you have a query?

eligibility, registration, claims, TFC...

Ask the WAC team

Join us on MS Teams:

[24-Apr 1430-1515](#)

[27-Apr 1030-1115](#)

We are particularly interested to hear from families
living in

Inner London	Northern Ireland	Northwest
Outer London	West Midlands	Scotland
Northeast	Yorkshire & The Humber	Wales

Contact the WAC team: people-affs-wac-fro-mailbox@mod.gov.uk



Check if you are eligible for WAC:

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on [Discover My Benefits](#), [defnet](#) or [Defence Connect](#).

DO YOU KNOW THE SIGNS
OF TYPE 1 DIABETES?

TOILET
THIRSTY
TIRED
THINNER

We call them the 4Ts. If you or your child are weeing
more often, constantly thirsty, more tired than usual, or
losing weight for no reason, it could be a symptom of
type 1 diabetes. If left undiagnosed, type 1 diabetes can
be fatal. If you're experiencing any of the 4Ts, ask your
doctor for a test immediately.



Scan the QR code or visit diabetes.org.uk/the4Ts

DIABETES UK
KNOW DIABETES. FIGHT DIABETES.

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KNOW THE '4 T'S' OF TYPE 1 DIABETES - IT COULD SAVE A CHILD'S LIFE

It's really important to be able to spot the most common symptoms of type 1 diabetes early.

Unfortunately, we know that too many people – mostly children and young people – are not diagnosed until they are in diabetic ketoacidosis (DKA), a life-threatening condition that requires urgent medical attention.

Early action is important and it's good to know the '4 T's' of type 1 diabetes:

TOILET – GOING TO THE TOILET A LOT.

THIRSTY – BEING VERY THIRSTY AND UNABLE TO QUENCH THE THIRST.

TIRED – FEELING MORE TIRED THAN USUAL.

THINNER – LOSING WEIGHT OR LOOKING THINNER THAN USUAL.



If you notice these signs and symptoms, you should contact your doctor **straight away**.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE SUPPORT...

Join our 'Friends of the North' Diabetes UK Facebook group where you can find peer support and the latest information from Diabetes UK, locally and nationally: [Diabetes UK chat: Your Friends in the North | Facebook](#)

Or use your mobile phone to scan the QR code:



Contact us:

North of England team: 01925 653261

Diabetes UK Helpline: 0345 123 2399 (Mon-Fri, 9am-6pm)

FOR MORE INFORMATION...

If you would like copies of the poster or the A5 leaflets, please contact north@diabetes.org.uk

For more information about Diabetes UK visit www.diabetes.org.uk/The4Ts

We have resources to help you support pupils who have type 1 diabetes. Find out more about how we can support schools and our resources to help [Diabetes in schools resources | Diabetes UK](#)

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