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JEREMIAH 29:11

Attendance this week's whole school attendance was 93.36%, and overall for the year it is 95.5%. This is slightly below the expected standard of 96%. Thank you for everything you have done to ensure your child attends as regularly as possible – let's try to beat this target next year.

Fri 17th July 2026



Love and Serve

After school clubs from September will be:

Monday – Homework club

Tuesday – Sports club TBC (probably multi-sports)

Wednesday – KS2 – choir, KS1 – construction club

Thursday – Drama club

Friday – Stay and play club

These clubs will be available to book on Arbor over the summer ready for the start of term. Beacon club will be available till 6pm. Charges will remain the same as this academic year – so £2 for breakfast club, £3 till 4.15pm, £6.50 till 5.30pm or £8 till 6pm, so a total of £10 a day to attend all wrap around care from 8am till 6pm.

Safeguarding

We would like to wish all our families a safe and enjoyable holiday. Although school is closed, safeguarding remains everyone's responsibility. We encourage parents and carers to continue having regular conversations with their children about staying safe, both in the community and online. Setting appropriate boundaries around internet use, knowing who your child is communicating with, and reminding them that they can always talk to a trusted adult if they have any worries can help keep them safe.

If you have concerns about the safety or wellbeing of a child during the summer holidays, please do not wait until school reopens.

If a child is at immediate risk of harm, call 999.

If you have safeguarding concerns, contact North Yorkshire Safeguarding team on 01609 780780 or the LADO on 01609 535070.

For advice and support, you can also contact:

NSPCC Helpline: 0800 800 5000 or visit www.nspcc.org.uk

Childline: 0800 1111 (for children and young people) or www.childline.org.uk

NHS 111 for non-emergency medical advice.

Thank you for your continued support throughout the year. We wish you and your family a happy, safe and restful summer holiday.

Good Work Awards

This week everyone is fabulous, excellent, marvellous stars and very much deserve the next 7 weeks off to recharge!

We wish all our lovely Year 6 leavers all the very best for their next chapter.

The overall winners of the clutter cup this year were Class 2 – well done to them all (and Miss Johnson!)

The house points for this term were won by the **GREEN** house – well done team green!

Happy summer everyone!



Term dates for next academic year

These are all the term dates for the next academic year, plus any events happening in the first half term that we already know about.

7th and 8th Sept – Teacher Training Days

9th Sept – All children Reception to Year 6 return to school

14th & 15th Sept – Bikeability for Year 6

14th Sept – Open afternoon for all parents to come in and meet teachers and see what the class are doing

23rd Sept – first pop up library session back

6th Oct – Class 3 & 4 school trip to Scarborough for STEM event

14th Oct – pop up library session

16th Oct – individual and family photos plus flu vaccination day

23rd October – last day of half term

24th Oct to 1st Nov – Half term

2nd Nov – children return to school

18th Dec – last day of term

19th Dec to 3rd Jan – Christmas holidays

4th Jan 2027 – Teacher training day

5th Jan – children return to school

5th Feb – last day of half term

6th to 14th Feb – half term

15th Feb – children return to school

19th March – last day of term

20th Mar – 4th April – Easter holidays

5th April – children return to school

3rd May – bank holiday Monday

28th May – last day of half term

29th May – 6th June – half term holiday

7th June – children return to school

14th July – Teacher training day – this is to allow anyone who wants to attend Yorkshire Show to do so on this day! Please bear this in mind when booking your tickets for next year and ensure that you go on this day, to minimise days missing from school – thank you

23rd Jul – last day of term

26th Jul – Teacher training day

Potato plants

If you bought a potato and bucket to grow your potatoes for the village hall competition – then it is time to bring them back to the village hall on Saturday 18th July between 10.30-11.30am to get them weighed/counted and see how you do – good luck!

FOCAS

Thank you to everyone who has donated prizes to go into the House Colours Hamper Raffle and bought tickets to join in the raffle. FOCAS raised £173 from the raffle so thank you. The winners of the house colour themed hampers are as follows:

- Red – Becky Barker
- Blue – Ruthie Richards
- Green – Ethan and Alfie Ward
- Yellow – Sarah Allen

Congratulations to you all.

Arbor Payments

Thank you to everyone who has made payment this week. Please ensure you have cleared ALL balances owing by this Friday – or been in touch with us to arrange when these balances will be cleared.

Help with Utility Bills

Help Available - Gas & Electric: Unity in Community will be providing vouchers to help towards paying for gas and electricity. To qualify you must pay for your energy through a prepayment meter and have not received energy vouchers from Unity in Community within the past 12 months. This is in response to the ongoing cost of living crisis and beneficiaries can be working, unemployed, self-employed or retired. For more information and to register, call 01482 420836, Monday to Thursday, 9am – 4pm Friday 9am - 3pm – if busy, please keep trying.

FEAST is back this summer, offering holiday activities with food for children and young people across North Yorkshire. If you're eligible for benefits-related free school meals, your place is fully-funded. Families who are not eligible for free places may be able to book paid places directly with providers. Visit the [FEAST website](#)

Summer Reading Challenge

The summer reading challenge is now open. This year the theme is 'Read to the Beat!'

Your child (age 4–11) can join the Summer Reading Challenge this summer. It's fun, free and helps keep up reading skills over the holidays! Your child can earn stickers, rewards and even a certificate, see summerreadingchallenge.org.uk It's a great way to boost confidence and make reading fun! This is available at both Norton Hive and Malton Library, who have various free events on throughout the summer holidays.

This week.....

Class 1 have been drawing and exploring maps, whilst also making potions and water playing in the sunshine!

Class 2 have learnt about money and made their own pyramids

Class 3 have had a last fun swim session and have finished off their Egyptian topic.

Class 4 had a great final forest school session, making bread and toasting marshmallows. Year 5 went on a great visit to Norton School. Everyone enjoyed the leavers celebrations over at the village hall yesterday – the sun definitely shone!

Meal Prices

From September, the cost charged to the school by County Caterers will increase to £4.06 per meal. As a result, we will need to increase the price of paid school meals to £3.50 per meal.

We understand that any increase in costs is unwelcome, particularly at a time when many families continue to face financial pressures. This decision has not been taken lightly. The school will continue to subsidise each meal, covering the remaining 56p per meal, but we also have a responsibility to manage our budget carefully to ensure we can continue to provide the best possible education and opportunities for all our children. We hope you will continue to support the school by choosing school meals for your child. A freshly prepared, healthy, balanced hot meal each day provides children with the energy and nutrition they need to learn, concentrate and thrive, particularly during the colder winter months.

The future of music is bright in our school

Violin and cello lessons

Following on from the great display of violins and cello playing we had last week, please can we remind you that lessons are an option in school. If you are interested in violin or cello lessons or would like more information, please contact Lucy on 07803 340189 or Jo on 07962 207488.

Keyboard and singing lessons

We are also delighted to announce that keyboard and singing lessons will be available in school from September with Mrs Ruth Richards. Individual lessons will cost £20 for 30 minutes or £15 for 20 minutes. Paired lessons are also available where the cost per lesson could be shared. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to develop their musical skills, build confidence, and enjoy making music. Further details on how to register for lessons will be shared at the start of the new term.

Year 5 taster day at Norton College



KS1 trip to the beach

