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Newsletter Friday 14th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Festive Fair Danby Village Hall - HELPERS

The Festive Fair at Danby Village Hall is taking place on Saturday 22nd November and Sunday 23rd November 10.00am - 3.00pm. There will be a Friends of Danby School stall on both days. Thank you to everyone who has signed up to help on the stall so far. We do still need some helpers so if you can afford some time, please sign up via the [Google Form here](#). It would be ideal to have at least two adults for each time slot if possible. Thank you in advance for your support.

FODS NEWS

Christmas Raffle and Tombola

We are now collecting tombola items or raffle prizes for our Christmas fundraisers. Donations may be brought in to school. Thank you!

Christmas Raffle

Our raffle tickets will shortly be available to sell, in the meantime if you have any links to any companies or vendors who may be politely approached for a raffle prize please do let us know. All donations willingly accepted, thank you.

Tea Towels and Tote Bags

Information was emailed out to parents on Thursday about how to purchase tea towels and tote bags that have been created by the children at school. They really are lovely and we have an example of each in school if you'd like to come and have a look at them. If you missed the email, please [click here for the information and order form](#).

'Buy a Square'

The 'buy a square for £1' raffle sheet is up in school if you would like to take part. There are 3 great prizes up for grabs:

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| 1st Prize | £30 voucher Jack and Jill coaching Inn at Scaling Dam |
| 2nd Prize | £20 voucher Head to Toe Hair & Beauty in Ugthorpe |
| 3rd Prize | £15 voucher Beacon Farm at Sneaton |

Parentpay

Parentpay has now been updated and should show current charges for all payment items. If anyone has any queries or notices any anomalies, please get in touch with Sarah. As before, Parentpay will continue to update each week, usually on a Friday.



Remembrance Day Service

On Tuesday 11th November, we all joined together in school for a special Remembrance Day Service led by Rev Anthony Bennett. During the service, we observed a 2 minute silence.

Stay and Play Sessions for Prospective Parents and Children

We had another successful Stay and Play session on Wednesday morning and are looking forward to welcoming our new starters next September.

Children in Distress Charity - Christmas 'Love in a Box' Shoebox Appeal

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to donate a shoebox to the above appeal. We collected a lovely array of shoeboxes which were gratefully received by Tracey from Children in Distress.



Children in Need Day

We had a great time today raising money for the Children in Need Appeal. Everyone dressed up for the day and the Year 6 children organised some fun activities during the afternoon. This included a colouring competition, infant treasure hunt to find the Pudsey faces, a junior quiz game 'Kahoot' and some Pudsey Puzzles. We also had a fantastic cake sale, thank you to everyone who donated and made cakes. Thanks to your generosity, we have raised a fantastic amount of £94.68 for the Children in Need 2025 Appeal. Thank you to everyone!



Swimming

The whole school will be swimming on Thursday at Whitby Leisure Centre. Please can everyone remember their kits. Thank you.

Creative Writing Competition: 'Letters to Santa'

The National Literacy Trust on the Yorkshire Coast is inviting children to participate in their 'Letter to Santa' prize draw! Letters to Santa, a competition from National Literacy Trust Yorkshire Coast, is a wonderful way to encourage creative writing and have some festive fun at home. Plus, your child could win a fantastic prize : an Amazon Voucher and a book bundle!

How to Enter the Prize Draw:

1. Write the Letter: Help your child write their letter to Santa. They can include all their Christmas wishes and maybe even explain why they deserve to be on the nice list this year!
2. For one entry, email your child's letter by Sunday 21 December (as an attachment or photo) to: northyorkshirecoast@literacytrust.org.uk
3. To double your child's chances, share a photo of the letter (or your child holding it) on Facebook. Make sure to tag the National Literacy Trust Yorkshire Coast, so they can see your entry!
- 4.

Looking for inspiration? Join the National Literacy Trust on the Yorkshire Coast at Boyes's Christmas Grotto opening in Scarborough on Saturday 15 November to grab a free copy of A Letter to Santa by Ned Taylor.

My Happy Mind

Just a reminder that you are able to access the [Parent App](#).

The children's engagement in our My Happy Mind project has been a huge success in school so far. Accessing the Parent App would help to reinforce the strategies taught in school at home and strengthen the positive habits that we are trying to encourage in our children.



Your unique authentication code is: 121486 for Danby CofE VA School

Future Diary Dates

Please [click here](#) for the holiday dates for this academic year. Specific dates for school activities will be kept updated on the table below. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask a member of staff.

Swimming - whole school	20th Nov 4th, 18th Dec
Forest School Infants	11th Dec
Forest School Juniors	27th Nov
St Hilda's Day Service at Egton 10.00am - 11.30am	Monday 17th November
Danby Village Festive Fair at Danby Village Hall	Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd November
School photos - individual/sibling	Tuesday 2nd December
Christmas theatre trip to Stephen Joseph Theatre to see Sleeping Beauty	Monday 8th December

Christmas Carol Service and Nativity at St Hilda's Church, Danby Dale	6.00pm Thursday 18th December
Christmas Holidays	Monday 22nd December - Friday 2nd January
Teacher Training Day	Monday 5th January 2026
Children return to school	Tuesday 6th January 2026

Next week, I will be at Danby on Wednesday and Friday and Egton on Monday, Tuesday morning and Thursday. I am in York on Tuesday afternoon, please contact the school office if urgent.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Best Wishes,



Liz Orland
Headteacher

The information below has not changed but is still relevant.

Safeguarding Children Telephone Number

If you have a safeguarding concern about a child, please note that from the 1st April 2023, the main customer service line for the new North Yorkshire Council will be changing. The new number will be **0300 131 2 131** and will replace the old 01609 780780 number. This will mean that all contacts for referrals for children within North Yorkshire need to go through the 0300 131 2 131 number. **This includes any contacts out of hours for the Emergency Duty Team.**

The contact number for the professionals line will remain the same 01609 535070.

The updated details regarding making a referral for a child in North Yorkshire have been updated on our website (www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/about-us/worried-about-a-child).

Information from NHS - Emotional Health and Wellbeing

We have been asked to share the following link with you from the North Yorkshire Children and Families Service:

[Emotional health and wellbeing for parents](#)

Smart Watches, Apple AirTag and other such devices - information

We have been asked by North Yorkshire Council to let parents/carers know that children are not permitted to wear or have in pockets/bags etc, Smart Watches, Apple AirTag and such devices under any circumstances either in school or on school trips. This is inline with safeguarding policy. Thank you for your understanding.

Fostering North Yorkshire - recruitment campaign

Fostering North Yorkshire is proud to be part of a national campaign to recruit more foster carers, marked by the release of 'The Run', a powerful short film about Tom, an 11-year-old boy whose life begins to change with the care of a foster family.

Right now, we urgently need more foster carers across North Yorkshire, and we hope this film will be the spark that encourages someone to take that first step. Watch the short film and learn how you can make a difference.

Contact: Email fostering@northyorks.gov.uk

Follow us on Facebook

Tel: 01609 534 654

DfE Guidance on reducing the spread of illnesses this winter

The DfE have asked that the following link is shared with parents as new guidance has been issued: Please see the NHS Guidance '[Is my child too ill for school?](#)' Pupils shouldn't miss school on a precautionary basis and can normally attend with a mild cough or cold, unless they have a fever or diarrhoea or vomiting.

Growing Healthy Information from HDFT

Please find information about an app designed both for professionals and families, by Harrogate District Foundation Trust [HDFT] who deliver the Healthy Child programme. This covers the whole county and has a map of services/groups etc for families to access in their area, including contact details and opening hours etc, as well as child development info for parents, referral forms for wellbeing advice for older CYP etc

[Download Our App | HDFT Children's Health Service](#)

Free Inclusion courses for parents

We have been asked to share with you the following link to courses designed to support parents and carers of children with Autism, SEMH, and ADHD. Link [HERE](#).

- These courses are an opportunity to find out more and gain practical tools and strategies to help support your child or young person.
- Parents will also meet others facing similar experiences or with a shared interest in the topic.
- For multi-day courses parents must attend all days and will receive a copy of the content covered following the course.

Spaces fill-up fast so please share with your parents and carer networks and encourage early booking to avoid missing out!

Attendance

Just a little reminder that if your child is ill and will be absent from school, we ask that you contact school to let us know on each day that they will be absent, by 9.30am. This can be by telephone on **01287 660345** or by email to admin@danby.n-yorks.sch.uk . If we do not hear anything from you we will give you a call to check everything is okay as part of our safeguarding procedures. Thank you

Tax Free Childcare

Danby School has registered to enable you to have access to Tax Free Childcare for wraparound care at school. Our wraparound service covers both breakfast club and sunshine club sessions as they are chargeable. Please on the link below for more information on how it works.

<https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>

Free School Meal Eligibility

We are sharing this information with you again as it has recently been updated. Please contact the school office if you would like any help.

Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for free school meals. Your child is eligible for free school meals if you're in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, before benefits are taken into account.
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190

Even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and currently receives universal free school meals, please check your entitlement. Being eligible will mean that the school receives additional funding for your child which will go towards their learning and any additional support they may need.

If you think you may be entitled to free school meals for your child, please use the application form which can be found on the NYC website - [Free school meals | North Yorkshire Council](#).

My NameTags - FODS fundraiser

We have signed up to a company called 'My Name Tags' who produce personalised name stickers/iron on stickers to label clothing, shoes etc. It's very easy to use and saves a lot of time writing names in everything! All you have to do is click on the link below to enter the website, create the stickers and then put the unique school ID in the box under the 'Shipping Details' during checkout. For every order placed, we will receive 24% commission for the FODS account. If you have any questions, please speak to Sarah in the school office.

<https://www.mynametags.com/>

School ID is 22782.

Easy fundraising

We are registered with easyfundraising.org.uk which gives the Friends of Danby School donations if you shop online and sign up to support Danby Primary School. You can also use easyfundraising when booking your holidays and raise big donations for us FOR FREE! Plus book with TUI in January for a chance to win back the value of your holiday!

Please visit our easyfundraising page at:

[Danby School Easyfundraising](#) and click 'join us'. Thank you.

Jewellery in School

Please could we remind everyone of the policy regarding jewellery in school.

‘Jewellery is not allowed to be worn for Health and Safety reasons following a directive from North Yorkshire Council. However a watch and small stud earrings may be worn on a daily basis but must be removed for PE.’

If you wish your child to have their ears pierced, we recommend that you have this done over the Summer holiday period to allow them to heal before a return to school. **All earrings must now be removed for PE and Swimming lessons, we are not allowed to tape over them as in previous times.**

Updated Guidance from the DfE regarding unauthorised leave of absence

Please be advised that there have been some legal changes to the guidance that schools must follow with regards to unauthorised leave of absences during term time. The penalty amounts have been increased and also the introduction of possible legal intervention. Please see below the information from the DfE.

For unauthorised Leave of absence taken within a three-year rolling period, Penalty Notices will be issued as follows:

- *The first Penalty Notice issued to a parent in respect of a particular child will be charged at £160 if paid within 28 days, this will be reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days.*
- *A second Penalty Notice issued to the same parent in respect of the same child will be charged a flat rate of £160 if paid within 28 days.*

PLEASE NOTE:

- ***A third Penalty Notice cannot be issued to the same parent in respect of the same child within 3 years of the date of issue of the first Penalty Notice.***
- ***In a case where the national threshold is met for the third time (or subsequent times) alternative action will be taken. This will include considering prosecution but may include other tools such as one of the other Legal Interventions to address poor attendance.***

As always, any leave of absence other than illness, must be requested in advance by completing a form to the headteacher. These forms are available from the school office.

Messages from Whitby Music Centre

We already offer ensembles for string, brass and woodwind players on Saturday mornings, these include ensembles for beginners and are open to players of all ages. If you know of instrumentalists who do not yet come along to Whitby Music Centre please mention us to them. All Music Centre rehearsals take place at the lower school site of Whitby School on Airy Hill.

WAVE: Welcoming All Valuing Everyone

The churches of Middle Esk Moor Benefice would like to invite you to a new initiative called WAVE: Welcoming All Valuing Everyone. The first event will be WAVE: Breakfast with God. This will take place on every Terrific Third Saturday of the month, in the morning with breakfast for everyone - waffles, toast, cereal, fruit juice, yoghurts, tea and proper coffee! This will be followed by an interactive Bible story with props, songs, craft activities and prayers. Fun for all the family (even little babies), a relaxed way to spend a few hours and a good time for adults to catch up over breakfast too. We'd love to see you there and make you very welcome. And if you can't join us at Glaisdale, you're more than welcome to come to Hawsker instead. There's no need to book – just turn up! It's free of charge but donations are welcome -

but only if you want to and are able to. Looking forward to meeting you and welcoming you - Revd Anthony Bennett and Revd Sam Mawer!

Gas Safe Charity Funding

We have been asked to share the following information with you:

Choices4Energy at the North Yorkshire Council has funding available until September to help homeowners with low income and/or disability to pay for measures that address potential gas safety, gas leaks or CO poisoning (<£36,000 household income, other criteria may apply). This includes measures such as repairs and servicing of gas boilers, fires and cookers. Badly fitted or poorly serviced gas appliances can put you and your family at risk. There is a maximum grant of £500 per household, and we are encouraging homeowners to check gas appliances now to ensure they are safe to use, ready for winter. Contact us now on 0300 131 2 131 and ask for Choices4Energy, or visit [Choices4Energy | North Yorkshire Council](#) for more information.

See attached copy of our [Gas Safety leaflet](#) which provides info about the funding available.

'Pharmacy First' availability for minor illness / ailments in children

Parents and carers in Humber and North Yorkshire are being reminded to use their local community pharmacy this summer, if their child needs help with minor illnesses or ailments.

The NHS 'Pharmacy First' service allows children to access treatment for five common conditions from their local pharmacy, without needing a GP appointment.

Children can receive NHS treatment, including antibiotics where appropriate, for five common conditions including:

- impetigo (aged one year and over)
- infected insect bites (aged one year and over)
- earache (aged one to 17 years)
- sore throat (aged five years and over)
- sinusitis (aged 12 years and over).
- The aim of Pharmacy First is to make it easier for people to get the help they need and free up millions of GP slots.

Parents can simply walk into a participating pharmacy and request a consultation for their child. If further treatment is needed, pharmacy teams will signpost families to the most appropriate local health service.

Hayley Patterson, NHS Humber and North Yorkshire ICB's Pharmacy Lead, said: "As the school holidays approach, we are encouraging parents and carers to think 'Pharmacy First' if their child is unwell, allowing them to be seen quickly and conveniently at their local pharmacy.

"The scheme enables community pharmacists, who are trained health professionals, to supply prescription-only medicines, where clinically appropriate, to treat five health conditions for children which would previously have required a GP appointment."

The Pharmacy First scheme is also available for adults and covers the following seven common conditions:

- sinusitis (adults and children aged 12 years and over)
- sore throat (adults and children aged five years and over)
- earache (children and young adults aged one to 17 years)
- infected insect bite (adults and children aged one year and over)
- impetigo (adults and children aged one year and over)
- shingles (adults aged 18 years and over)
- uncomplicated urinary tract infection (women aged 16 to 64 years).

To find a local pharmacy to you visit the [NHS website](#)

There's further information about what pharmacies can do at [Let's Get Better](#)