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Newsletter Friday 13th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a busy week this week from enjoying a special Pancake lunch on Monday to ending with Children's Mental Health week afternoon (and tuck shop) today. All week we have been focussing on raising the profile of Children's Mental Health Week and working with the children to give them top tips and strategies. Thank you to Kath for organising this as our School Mental Health Lead.

SIAMS Inspection Report

We were delighted to share our church school inspection report with you at the beginning of the week. If you didn't get a chance to read it or missed the email, you can find it on our school website [HERE](#). A big well done to everyone for being an important part of our school family and for enabling Danby School to be:

'A loving and caring village school where everyone is welcomed and nurtured to achieve their very best.'

Scholastic Book Club

Your child will be bringing home a brochure today from Scholastic Book Clubs. If you are interested in ordering any books from the book club, go to <https://clubs.scholastic.co.uk/C-PZKP15ND> to browse the latest books and order online. For every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club, our school will earn 20p in Scholastic Rewards to order books for our school library. Any orders will be delivered to school free of charge once the deadline has passed. If you would prefer to pay in cash, please write down the code, name of the book and price and send it to school in an envelope with the cash and Sarah will place the order for you.

Please place your order online by March 2nd, 2026.

Thank you in advance for any orders.

Y1/2 Gymnastics

Last Friday, our Year 1 and 2 children had a fantastic time at Whitby School enjoying their gymnastics session. They worked hard, whilst having lots of fun practising a range of skills including forward rolls, handstands, vaults and balancing. It was wonderful to see their confidence grow as they challenged themselves and supported each other. Well done, everyone - amazing effort and big smiles all round!

Infant Game of Life

On Wednesday the infants were treated to a G.O.A.L. - Game of Actual Life workshop with Mrs AnneMarie Carson from Simon Carson Sports Services. G.O.A.L is a life & financial educational programme for primary school children, aimed to develop their literacy, numeracy and communication skills in the real world environment. During the day they took part in a number of practical activities such as drawing a family tree, working as a zookeeper for the day, caring for others and buying a pet! Throughout these activities they learnt about responsibility, implications of decision making and money. Well done to all the children for getting so involved and getting the most out of the day.

Parent Drop In Sessions - SEND

If you would like to learn more about how we support children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities in our Federation or would like to have the chance to chat with other parents, we are holding a couple of informal parent drop-in sessions detailed below. Come and have a cuppa and a chat and share your thoughts with us about our SEND provision at whichever session or school is convenient for you.

Danby	Thurs 5th March 9-10am	and/or	Wed 11th March 3.30pm-4.30pm
Egton	Thurs 26th February 9-10am	and/or	Wed 18th March 3.30pm-4.30pm

Forest School Infants

It is the turn of the infant children to do Forest School on Thursday 26th February after half term. Please can all children bring warm layers, waterproofs, wellies, gloves and hats into school for the session. Thank you.

Friends of Danby School

Thank you to everyone who helped out at our Valentines Disco on Thursday evening. It was much enjoyed by all and we had some super treats, thank you to everyone who baked and helped with the catering.

Thank you also to Violet's family who very kindly donated their winnings from a family night at their local pub recently. They won £40 and donated it all to FODS! Thanks again for your generosity.

World Book Day Wonka Fundraiser - deadline for orders Monday 23rd February

A reminder about the World Book Day 2026, Friends of Danby School Wonka Event! The children have been designing their own chocolate wrapper based on their favourite book. These chocolate wrappers will be wrapped around real chocolate bars and you will be able to order as many chocolate bars as you would like wrapped in your child's own design. Your orders will be sent home with your child/children on World Book Day (Friday 6th March 2026).

There is an added twist...inside 4 of the chocolate bar wrappers there will be a golden ticket hidden (2 in infants and 2 in juniors). If you are lucky enough to find a golden ticket, then you will need to bring it back into school to exchange for one of our wonderful prizes.

Chocolate bars are £2.50 each or 5 for £10.00.

To order your chocolate bars, please fill in the [order form](#) and return to the school office by printing it or by email to FODS@danbyschool.n-yorks.sch.uk

Please return your order forms by Monday 23rd February 2026.

Thank you for your continued support of FODS!!

School Dinner Menu after half term

The school dinner menu will be changing when we return to school after half term. This menu will run until the end of the Summer Term. [Please click here for the menu](#). If you would like a paper copy, please ask Sarah in the school office.

Junior milk

After half term, our junior children will be able to have a cup of milk at lunchtime if they would like to. This will be chargeable as an extra to school dinners at 15p per day and can be paid via your child's Parentpay account. If you do not wish for your child to be offered milk, please let Sarah know in writing via email. Please note that milk is only chargeable for Junior children not infant children.

Road Safety Message

We have been asked to share some information with you from North Yorkshire Police about Road Safety in Whitby concerning E-bikes:

"E-bikes" are becoming increasingly popular with young people in Whitby and across the coast command—but not all e-bikes are legal. That's why Whitby Neighbourhood Policing Team recently had an illegal e-bike removed from a child before the child, or someone else, was seriously hurt.

Many e-bikes sold online or in UK shops do not meet UK road legal standards. Understanding the rules, however, can be confusing, with factors such as power output, age limits, top speed and modifications all coming into play. To make matters more complicated, some e-bikes which are not road legal are sold alongside pedal cycles and toys in big-brand stores. So where do you start?

A helpful first step is to look at the pedals. In simple terms, if the bike has pedals that rotate and actually propel the bike, it is more likely to be road legal (but not always!) for riders aged 14+ and classed as an Electrically Assisted Pedal Cycle (EAPC). However, even these can be modified, making them unsafe and unlawful.

If your child is riding an e-bike without pedals that propel it, it is far more likely to be illegal on UK roads and classed as a "Motor Vehicle"—like a car or moped. This means that in the event of a collision, for example, your child may be treated as if they were driving a motor vehicle and could face committing serious offences such as dangerous driving. Alongside this, they could face penalties for:

- *Riding without insurance*
- *Riding without a driving licence*
- *Speeding and other Road Traffic Act offences*

Spring Stay and Play Sessions for Prospective Parents and Children

Do you know any youngsters who are going to be school ready in the next year or so?

Our last stay and play date for this term is:

Monday 16th March 2.15pm - 3.15pm

Stay and Play days are for children who are not yet at school age but would like to experience an hour in our school setting with our children and staff and for children who will be joining us in the future. All children must be accompanied by an adult for each session. If you would like any further information or to book a place at one or both of the sessions, please contact the school on 01287 660345 or email admin@danby.n-yorks.sch.uk .

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	March 5th, April 16th, 30th, May 14th
Federation Day at Danby Village Hall	Thursday 19th March
Forest School Infants	Feb 26th, Mar 26th, May 7th
Forest School Juniors	Mar 12th, Apr 23rd, May 21st
February Half Term	Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February
World Book Day	Friday 6th March
Stay & Play session two	Monday 16th March 2.15pm - 3.15pm
Comic Relief Day	Friday 20th March
Educational Visit to Castle Howard	Tuesday 24th March
Easter Holidays	Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April
Teacher Training Day	Monday 13th April - school closed to pupils
Bank Holiday Monday	Monday 4th May

After half term, I will be at Danby on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and Egton on Tuesday and Thursday.

Have a lovely half term, hopefully with some sunshine!

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).

Adverse weather conditions

Just a reminder that this week we sent out a reminder of our school policy in the event of adverse weather conditions. We are also asking that everyone completes a 'Safe place' form so that we have an alternative place logged for your child to go to should the school need to close during the school day. Please complete this form and return to the school office as soon as possible.

[Link to safe alternative place for your child](#)

[Link to the school policy in the event of adverse weather conditions](#)

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.

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**

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 Hawske 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](#)