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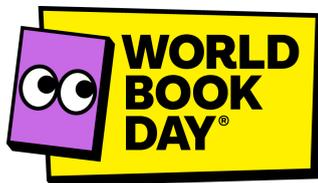
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Friday 6th March 2026

### Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,



### World Book Day - Thursday 5th March

On Thursday everyone in school took part in a

fantastic World Book Day. We dressed up, took part in some national World Book Day events, read by the fireplace and shared stories. We also enjoyed a lovely World Book Day themed lunch, thank you Danni!

A huge thank you to The Whitby Bookshop for providing the selection of World Book Day books to enable everyone to go home with a book on the day.



### Year 3/4 Gymnastics

On Tuesday afternoon, children in Years 3 and 4 travelled to Whitby School to participate in a Key Steps 2 gymnastics event together with other schools from the local area. During the afternoon, the children experienced the 3 main core disciplines: floor, vault and body management. Everyone put in a lot of effort and enjoyed the afternoon. Well done!



### Non-Uniform Day - Next Friday

Just a reminder that next Friday (13th) will be a FOES tombola non-uniform day. If you are able, we would be grateful for donations of Easter



Eggs or Easter themed prizes for our forthcoming Easter Tombola on Bingo night. Thank you.

### **Parents evenings**

This term's parents evenings are scheduled to take place on Tuesday 24th March between 3.40pm and 6.00pm and Thursday 26th March between 3.40pm and 5.00pm.

To make an appointment with your child's teacher, please [click here to take you to the online booking form](#). Please note that once this has been completed, appointments will be allocated on a first come, first served basis and will be confirmed by email. Thank you.

### **Breakfast Reading Café**

As part of our ongoing National Year of Reading activities, we will be holding a Reading Café for parents and carers from 9am to 10am on Tuesday 17th March. Why not stop off after drop off for some light refreshments and some fireside reading with your child/ren for a short period of time and get your day off to a relaxing start!

### **Mobile Phones, Smart Watches and Devices**

Mobile phone and smart watch technology has advanced significantly over the last few years and continues to evolve. Many phones and smart watches now offer internet and e-mail access, alongside standard functions of messaging, tracking, camera, video and sound recording. We are also seeing an increase in Smartwatch 'look-alikes' which have games and activities on which are proving a distraction to learning and are time consuming for teaching staff to monitor.

**Smartwatches and Smart-Watch lookalikes** are therefore **not permitted** to be worn to school in line with the recent change in Government guidelines.

However, in line with our passion for helping children to tell the time, a standard analogue or digital wrist watch may be worn. If you are unsure whether your child's watch is appropriate, you are welcome to check in with a member of staff.

Smart Watches and devices that are brought to school for any reason will be kept safely until the end of the school day.

For a reminder of our school uniform please see our website page [here](#)

### **Y3/4 Peat Rigg Residential Parent Meeting**

We will be holding a short meeting for parents and children in Year 3 and 4 on Thursday 12th March at 3.30pm. Information for the trip will be shared and a kit list made available. This will also be shared via email.

### **ParentPay Balances**

As we approach the end of the financial year, it would be greatly appreciated if you could keep your ParentPay balances clear. Please be reminded that Egton School has registered to enable you to have access to Tax Free Childcare for wraparound care at school [covering both Breakfast Club and After School Club] which can pay 20% of your childcare costs. For more information on how this works, please use the link below. It would be helpful if you could let us know if you plan to pay for your childcare this way so we can keep an eye out for payments. [Tax-Free Childcare](#)

### **New School Dinner Menu**

Please click [HERE](#) for the new Spring/Summer Term menu which will be delivered after half term. Sometimes menus do need to change slightly depending on deliveries etc. If your child has any special dietary requirements or allergies please could you let us know by completing the appropriate form which can be found [HERE](#).

## **FOES NEWS**

Dates for your diaries of events coming up:

- ❖ Non Uniform Day - Friday 13th March - bring along a tombola donation for Easter Bingo
- ❖ Easter Bingo - Thursday 26th March - Egton Village Hall 5.30pm - Details to follow

## **Swimming**

Please note next week is swimming. Please ensure everyone has their usual kits. Thank you.

## **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 session for this term is:

- ★ Monday 16th March            2.00pm - 3.00pm

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 01947 895369 or email [admin@egton.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@egton.n-yorks.sch.uk) .

## **School Term Dates**

The list of term dates for the academic year 2025-2026 can be found [HERE](#).

## **Diary Dates**

Please note that our calendar can be found on the school website [HERE](#). This is updated regularly throughout the term.

<b>Swimming Every Other Thursday</b>	12th & 26th March
<b>Forest School Juniors</b>	After Easter
<b>Forest School Infants</b>	After Easter
<b>World Book Day</b>	Friday 5th March
<b>Stay and play Session</b>	Monday 16th March 2.00pm - 3.00pm
<b>Mothering Sunday on a Monday Service</b>	Monday 16th March 9.15am St Hilda's Egton
<b>Comic Relief Day</b>	Friday 20th March
<b>Parent Consultations</b>	Tuesday 24th March Thursday 26th March
<b>Easter Service</b>	Thursday 26th March 9.15am St Hilda's Egton
<b>Easter Holidays</b>	Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April
<b>Teacher Training Day</b>	Monday 13th April - school closed to pupils



## **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: 121610 for Egton CofE VA Primary**

## **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!

## **Adverse weather conditions**

Just 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](#)

## **ParentPay Hints & Tips**

If you would like to pay for all payment items together rather than individually, there is an option to pay for everything at once! Simply go into each payment item [on one or more children] and click 'Add to Basket' at the bottom of the screen. When everything is in the basket, click on the basket icon and pay for everything under one transaction.

### **Free School Meal Eligibility**

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. Please contact the school office if you require any assistance.

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](#).

### **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.

### **Contacting the teaching staff**

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[l.vaughan@egton.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:l.vaughan@egton.n-yorks.sch.uk)

[l.hall@egton.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:l.hall@egton.n-yorks.sch.uk)

Please note that staff emails are only monitored during the hours of 8am and 4pm Monday to Friday. For anything urgent outside of these hours please contact the admin email.

[admin@egton.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@egton.n-yorks.sch.uk)

### **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 **01947 895369** or by email to [admin@egton.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@egton.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.