Tang Hall Primary School

Friday 7th February 2025

Weekly Newsletter

Headteacher's Update

Miss Eastwood and I started the week by taking Y5 George and Chester and Y4 Gabi, Ayshe and Erin to York St John University to take part in the REACH project. We participated in lots of fun art activities and our children gave their opinion on arts in York. They asked for more affordable and local opportunities for our community and Gaby and George were even interviewed for a documentary! They really did our school proud and hopefully their voice will now make a positive difference for all of us.

We ended the week with lots of Number fun and some creative number themed clothing.

Finally, could I please take this opportunity to ask that children do not bring Pokemon cards / football cards or any items of this nature into school. Thank you.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

L Atkinson

Weekly Award Winners

Class	Headteacher's Award
Puffins	Albie G—For showing a positive understanding of the school rules.
Goldcrests	Isla-Rose M—For getting confident enough to join in more and more.
Wrens	Vinnie D- For his amazing number work in class.
Robins	Seungjae Y - For his consistent focus & effort during reading sessions.
Woodpeckers	Bobby C-H - For showing brilliant aspiration and resilience with his writing, especially with his
Swallows	Noah C-H - For his fantastic presentation in his independent write this week.
Owls	Ahmad B-D - For being amazing all week, especially in Maths.
Nightingales	Harry B - For working really hard with his studies and showing an improved level of focus when in
Kingfishers	Finley C - For being consistently respectful of the different adults in the class this week.

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Attendance

Our School Target 97%

Class	Number of days missed	Percentage %
Wrens	10.5	91.06
Robins	8	94.67
Woodpeckers	11.5	92.33
Swallows	18	86.67
Owls	10.5	92.93
Nightingales	13	91.03
Kingfishers	12.5	91.91

NSPCC Number Day 2025

Safeguarding Update—WhatsApp

We are seeing an increasing number of incidents online with negative online behaviour causing anxiety in children and friendship issues both in and out of school.

One of the main sources of these issues currently is **WhatsApp** on which groups can be made by the children and unkind words, comments and videos shared.

As previously pointed out in our Safeguarding updates, WhatsApp's minimum age for users in the UK is 13 (this was previously 16 until very recently) which means children of primary school age SHOULD NOT be using it.

However, if you are allowing your child to use WhatsApp, please see the safety guide opposite or click on the link below for further information as to how you can keep them safe.

https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/whatsapp-safety-a-how-to-guide-for-parents/

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Cycle Safety Update

Leaving the Key Stage 2 Playground

Just a reminder that we are continuing to ask all adults and children who are leaving the Key Stage 2 playground to walk their bikes and scooters all the way to the end of the drive before safely getting on them at Fourth Avenue—please see the map below. Many thanks for your continued support.

Please walk your bikes and scooters down the drive until you get to the end as shown, you can then get on your bike and scooter and safely ride away.

Electrical Scooters—Guidance from North Yorkshire Police

Electrical scooters **should not** be used to transport children to and from school. The guidance we have been given by North Yorkshire Police regarding the use of electrical scooters is:

“Electrical scooters (also known as e-scooters) come under the category of 'powered transporters'. E-scooters are classed as motor vehicles under the Road Traffic Act 1988. This means the rules that apply to motor vehicles, also apply to e-scooters including the need to have a licence and insurance. It's not currently possible to get insurance for privately owned e-scooters. This means it’s illegal to use them on the road or in public spaces, such as parks, street pavements, and shopping centres. If you use a privately-owned e-scooter in public, you risk the vehicle being seized under S.165 Road Traffic Act 1988 for having no insurance.”

For further guidance, please click on the following link: E-scooters - North Yorkshire Police

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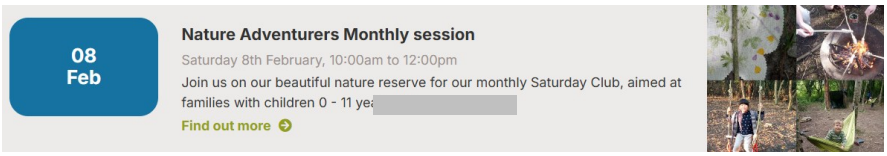
Whats On

YORK Learning

York Learning are running a free zoom course to learn how to keep your children safe online. This course will help towards building confidence and awareness about keeping your children safe online. From learning about applying filters on your browser, setting up childrens access accounts on streaming services including YouTube, understanding the dangers of children using adults mobile phone or tablets that have one click payment set up and using games consoles to play online games and therefore having contact with unknown people. Click for more information https://book.yorklearning.org.uk/Page/Prospectus_CourseOverview?uio_id=41486



OUR SCHOOLS ARE RECRUITING

Support Staff Vacancies

For details and to apply, visit our website or scan the QR code

School Cleaning Assistant

Badger Hill Primary School

Grade 2, Level 1. Current hourly rate is £12.20. This is a permanent position. 12.50 hours/week Hours of Work: 3pm-5.30pm Monday to Friday, Term Time Only, plus 4 weeks working in the school holidays to undertake deep cleans.

Click here for more information and to apply.

Closing date: Thursday 13 February at midnight.

Exam Invigilator

Malton School

£12.45 per hour. Casual Contract.

Click here for more information and to apply.

Teaching Assistant Level 2

St Lawrence's CE Primary School

Grade 4 Level 1 (£24,335 per annum) reduced pro-rata. Fixed term contract initially until 22nd July 2025, Term time only. 18.75 hours per week – Monday, Tuesday and Friday's. Flexibility on days worked would be advantageous.

Click here for more information and to apply.

Closing date: Friday 14 February at midday.

Pathfinder Multi Academy Trust is an equal opportunities employer, committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. Enhanced DBS check required.

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Upcoming Events and Important Dates

For Term Dates please also see our school website.

Date	Time	Event	Year Group
Thursday 13th February	All day	Young Voices Trip	KS2 Choir
Friday 14th February	End of day	School breaks up for half term	Whole school
HALF TERM BREAK (Monday 17th February—Friday 21st February)			
Monday 24th February	Start of day	School returns after half-term break	Whole school
Friday 7th March	1.00-9.00pm	Everybody Dance Festival	KS2 Dance Club
Friday 28th March	All day	Dojo Reward Day	Whole school
Tuesday 1st April	9.00am—12.00pm	Class Photographs	Whole school
Friday 4th April	End of day	School breaks up for Easter	Whole school
EASTER BREAK (Monday 7th April—Friday 18th April)			
Tuesday 22nd April	Start of day	School returns after Easter break	Whole school
Wednesday 30th April	9.00am-12.00pm	Pathfinder MAT Maths Competition	Y4 Team
Monday 5th May	All day	Bank Holiday—School Closed	Whole school
Monday 12th May	9.00am	Start of KS2 SATs week	Year 6
Friday 23rd May	End of day	School breaks up for half term	Whole school
HALF TERM BREAK (Monday 26th May—Friday 30th May)			

Upcoming Events and Important Dates

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Date	Time	Event	Year Group
Monday 2nd June	Start of day	School returns after half-term break	Whole school
Wednesday 25th June	1.00-3.00pm	KS1 Sports Day	Year 1-2
Friday 27th June	All day	KS2 Sports Day	Year 3-6
Wed 2nd—Fri 4th July	All day	Year 5 Residential Visit	Year 5
Friday 11th July	All day	Dojo Reward Day	Whole school
Friday 18th July	End of day	School breaks up for Summer	Whole school