Tang Hall Primary School

Friday 23rd May 2025

Weekly Newsletter

Headteacher's Update

This week we have been focusing on our school values of RE-SPECT and SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY. PCSOs Laura, Vicky and Toni have been in school delivering assemblies and workshops and spending time with us at lunch and break times. It has been great to see our older children reflect on how they can help to ensure our local parks are safe and happy places for all of our families.

Please call 101 to report any incidents of anti-social behaviour in our parks. Together we can ensure all of our children feel safe and happy in their community.

It has been a busy, fun and productive end to this short half term. The children in Years 5 and 6 lead an excellent assembly today with York City Knights on the theme of 'On the Same Team.' Our older children participated in the Brownlee Triathlon and some of our younger children enjoyed a visit to Grasslands Farm.

We hope the sun keeps shining for you all over the half term break. Please have a safe and happy holiday and we look forward to welcoming you all back in school on Monday 2nd June.

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Class	STRENGTH · TRUST · ASPIRATION · RESPECT · SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY
Puffins	**Frankie-Roman W**—For showing confidence making more friends
Goldcrests	**Olivia A** - For always being a really kind friend.
Wrens	**David R** - For amazing effort in his phonics activities.
Robins	
Woodpeckers	**Jay S** - For showing amazing aspiration with all of his learning this week.
Swallows	**Evie H** - For being a kind friend to everyone in Y3 and a fantastic team player.
Owls	**Harry P** - A wonderful few weeks of effort, kindness and joy. Well done Harry!
Nightingales	**Emily F** - For an improved attitude towards her maths and UFO work.
Kingfishers	**Logan M** - For showing aspiration and resilience at the triathlon.

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Attendance

Our School Target is 97%

Class	Number of days missed	Percentage %
Wrens	18.5	85.20
Robins	32.5	87.93
Woodpeckers	16.5	89.00
Swallows	8	94.37
Owls	22	85.08
Nightingales	20	86.21
Kingfishers	16.5	88.06

Key Stage 2 Sports Day Tuesday 24th June 1.00-2.30pm

Due to an unforeseen complication with the Year 5 Residential visit, we have unfortunately had to change the date for this year's Key Stage 2 Sport Day.

Key Stage 2 Sports Day will now take place on Tuesday 24th June at Burnholme Sports Centre. The children will take part in a range of fun sporting activities in the morning and then parents and carers are welcome to join us from 1.15-2.45pm for the traditional races.

Storing Bikes and Scooters (Key Stage 2 playground)

As the weather has improved, we have seen an increasing number of children come to school on their bikes and scooters. This has meant that the bike shed on the Key Stage 2 playground often becomes very full each morning.

In order to help the children park their bikes and scooters more efficiently and to ensure the bikes and scooters are safe and not damaged, **from next week we will be asking that all scooters are stored up against brick building as soon as you come through the first set of blue gates onto the school premises (please see photos below).**

This will give more room for the bikes in the bike shed and ensure the scooters do not get damaged by the larger bikes.

In the event of poor weather, we will make alternative arrangements to ensure that the scooters are sheltered.

Many thanks in advance for your support.

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At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

SAFETY ON THE ROAD

Traffic-related incidents are a significant risk for young pedestrians and cyclists, so understanding road safety is crucial for children's wellbeing. While all road users share responsibility for keeping one another safe, this guide offers strategies for empowering young people to navigate the roads confidently and responsibly.

1 TAKE PRACTICE JOURNEYS

Making 'practice' journeys with children is a great way to help them stay safe, thereby modelling responsible behaviours and having road safety conversations as they prepare to travel independently. Add hazard perception activities like spotting electric vehicles – which may have a green number plate – and point out how quiet they are. Children learn by watching others; remind them that their peers might not always be the best role models.

2 BE BRIGHT, BE SEEN

Visibility is lower during darker winter days, and drivers need to take extra care to look out for pedestrians. Wearing bright and reflective clothing can help make children more visible to drivers near roads. In poor daylight conditions, encourage children to wear light, bright or fluorescent clothing. When it's dark, wear reflective clothing or materials such as a reflective armband or jacket.

3 EYES UP

Encourage children to look up and keep their eyes on the road. Teach them to constantly watch for traffic and practice double-checking the road before crossing – looking right, left and then right again.

4 LIMIT DISTRACTIONS

Where possible, devices like phones should be kept away from children while out and about near roads. If they're carrying devices, these should be put away until they've reached their destination. Children must also avoid playing with toys or being distracted by friends. If a friend wants to show them something funny on their phone, there'll be time for that once they've safely arrived.

5 SLOW DOWN

Discuss the importance of waiting instead of crossing immediately. It can be tricky to judge the speed of traffic and spot obstacles that could cause a trip or a fall. For safety, children must stop and think before they get to the kerb and should always walk – not run – when crossing the road. They should avoid crossing until they're certain they have plenty of time. Even if traffic seems a long way off, it could still be approaching very quickly.

6 STOP BEFORE THE KERB

Teach children to stop before reaching the kerb – not right at the edge of it. Halting before they get to the kerb allows them to see if anything's coming, whereas getting too close to traffic is dangerous. If there's no pavement, children should stand back from the road's edge but ensure they can still see approaching traffic.

7 CROSS SAFELY

Children should always find a safe spot to cross the road, prioritising zebra crossings or pelican crossings, footbridges and subways. Find a place where they can see traffic coming from both directions. Avoid crossing near junctions, bends in the road, or obstacles that block their view, instead moving to somewhere they can see and be seen. Remind them to use their eyes and ears together when checking the road, as sometimes they can hear traffic before they can see it. Looking and listening while crossing helps them quickly spot traffic, including cyclists and motorcyclists driving between other vehicles.

8 PARKED VEHICLES

Crossing between parked vehicles is very dangerous. Teach children to use extra caution if crossing in this way, and, ideally, avoid it altogether. They should use the outside edge of a vehicle as if it were the kerb, waiting and checking for traffic before moving. They should ensure vehicles aren't about to move, by looking for drivers in the vehicles and listening for engines running – but remember that electric vehicles may move off silently. They should always make sure there is a gap between any parked vehicles on the other side, so they can reach the pavement.

9 REVERSING VEHICLES

Children must never cross behind a reversing vehicle – it's extremely dangerous. Remind them to look for white reversing lights and listen out for warning sounds. Can they hear the engine sound or a radio playing inside the vehicle?

10 WAIT FOR THE BUS TO LEAVE

When getting off a bus, children must wait for it to leave before crossing so they can have a clear view of the road in both directions. This also allows them to see and be seen by other road users. Crossing near large vehicles is particularly dangerous and should be avoided.

Meet Our Expert

THINK! is a year-round national campaign that aims to encourage safe road behaviours – whether we're driving, cycling, horse riding or walking – with the aim of reducing the number of people killed and injured on the UK's roads each year. Find out more at: https://www.think.gov.uk/education-resources/

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Things To Do

We're delighted to let you know that our latest Children's activity pack is now available to download free, from the Trans Pennine Trail website in time for Half Term.
Packed with engaging activities, kids can explore nature with a Rainbow Scavenger Hunt, create a journey stick, collecting treasures along their walks to create a unique keepsake, and make a delicious mug cake or an egg box bird feeder.
The pack also includes a butterfly colouring page, a Wordsearch, and the latest instalment of Mandy Mole's adventure along the Trans Pennine Trail.
It's a fantastic way to keep little ones busy over the Half Term and to enjoy the beauty of the season! Download it from our Children's page at: https://www.transpenninetrail.org.uk/welcome-to-our-childrens-page/

OUR SCHOOLS ARE RECRUITING

Support Staff Vacancies

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

Cleaning Assistant

Archbishop Holgate's School

Currently £12.20 per hour. Term Time or Full Year, Monday-Friday. Working hours negotiable, between: 6.45-8.45am and 3.00-8.00pm. Salary paid monthly over 12 equal payments. Required as soon as possible.

Click here for more information and to apply.

Exam Invigilator

Malton School

£12.45 per hour. Casual Contract.

Click here for more information and to apply.

EXTERNAL VACANCY

Supply Teacher

Applefields School

Mainscale 1 to 6 - Plus SEN Allowance

Click here for more information and to apply.

Closing date: Tuesday 22 July at midnight

School Office Manager

New Earswick Primary School

Grade 7 Level 1-4 (£31,497 to £33,727) reduced pro-rata. Permanent role, 35 hours per week, Term Time plus 2 weeks. Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 4.00pm.

Click here for more information and to apply.

Closing date: Friday 6 June at midday.

After School Club Assistant

Rufforth Primary School

Grade 3 Level 1, Salary: £24,483 per annum, reduced pro rata. Fixed Term contract, Term Time contract. 2 days a week, days to be discussed. 3.15pm - 6.00pm term time only plus 8 hours per year for training requirements.

Click here for more information and to apply.

Closing date: Monday 26 May at midday.

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Upcoming Events and Important Dates

For Term Dates please also see our school website

Date	Time	Event	Year Group
Friday 23rd May	End of day	School breaks up for half term	Whole school
HALF TERM BREAK (Monday 26th May—Friday 30th May)			
Monday 2nd June	Start of day	School returns after half-term break	Whole school
Tuesday 24th June	AM—Activities 1:15-2:45—Races	KS2 Sports Day @ Burnholme Sports Centre	Year 3-6
Wednesday 25th June	1.00—3:00pm	KS1 Sports Day	Year 1-2
Wed 25th—Fri 27th June	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
SUMMER BREAK (Monday 21st July— TBC)			