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A message from Reverend Anthony Bennett & Sam Mawer, St Hilda's Church, Egton

We have lots of exciting news to share with you today.

Firstly, we are starting a new service on Tuesdays after school at St Hilda's Church, Egton. Check the dates on the flyer as it's not every Tuesday! The service is for everybody but designed to be child friendly. There'll be refreshments straight after school and the service will start at 3.45pm. If you're running late, you can take your refreshments to where you're sitting. There'll be lots of singing, songs with actions, a short Bible story followed by a chat about it and prayers. We won't expect children to sit still, be perfectly quiet or not to fidget. Babies can cry and if they're hungry be fed. Any questions or dietary needs, contact Revd Sam on 07764654788 or sam@swallowbarn.me.uk

Secondly, winter is approaching fast, a time when the school pick can be wet, cold and windy. To help make things a bit better, the church will be available to wait in and there'll be free refreshments to help yourself to. The church won't be heated but a mug of something hot goes a long way to helping with that and it won't be wet or windy. There are other benefits to gathering there too: space to chat and make new friends without being cramped on the pavement, a bit of space for toddlers to stretch their legs (but please keep them safe from trips and bumps), no cries from the back seat of 'I want to get out' and less fuel used if you're trying to stay warm and dry in your car.

Lastly, we want to develop a community garden in the church grounds that will be open to everyone to garden in and collect some produce from. We will be holding some meetings to work out the best way of doing this so it's to the design and needs of the community. Sharing experience and ideas will help us greatly as neither of us have green fingers! Watch this space.

Have a great half term and we'll see you soon. Anthony and Sam

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

For 35 years, Children in Distress has been bringing hope and happiness to children facing hardship through their annual Love in a Box Shoebox Appeal.

Every Christmas, a beautifully decorated box filled with essentials and little surprises, brings joy around the world to children in need in Romania. Thanks to the kindness of supporters, last year they delivered over 5,000 shoeboxes to children, teenagers and older adults.

Our families have been taking part in this appeal for the last couple of years and once again invite you to take part if you would like to do so. Each child will be bringing home a leaflet with further information about how you can be involved. The Children in Distress charity will collect the boxes from school in a few weeks time (exact date to be confirmed) so if you would like to take part, please bring your shoebox into school when it is ready. Thank you.

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!

Christmas Card Design Competition "Your Favourite Place in York and North Yorkshire at Christmas"

We have been asked to share the following communication from David Skaith, Mayor of York & North Yorkshire:

I'm delighted to launch my Christmas Card Competition and invite children from across York and North Yorkshire to take part. This year, I am asking pupils to design a Christmas card on the theme: "Your Favourite Place in York and North Yorkshire at Christmas".

We are lucky to live in such a beautiful and historic region, full of incredible landscapes, landmarks, and local treasures. Whether it's a favourite park, a historic building, a scenic view, or even a cosy café or playground, I want to see what makes York and North Yorkshire special to the children who live here. The winning design will feature on my official Christmas card, which will be sent to key community figures, organisations, and partners across the region. The winner and runners-up will also receive a special certificate and an invitation to meet me at my office in York.

How to Enter

- The competition is open to all primary school pupils across York and North Yorkshire.
- Entries should be on A4 paper and designed using any materials or techniques (paint, crayons, collage, digital art, etc.).
- Please ensure the child's name, age, school, and a short explanation of their design are included on the back
- Return to school before the deadline

The closing date for entries is Friday 14 November and the winning design will be announced in early December. I would love for as many children as possible to get involved and celebrate what makes our region so special. Thank you for supporting this competition, I can't wait to see the creative and festive designs from your students!

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

Whitby Lit Fest Competition - Deadline 9pm TONIGHT!

Please be reminded that the deadline for the writing competition provided by Whitby LitFest is 9pm tonight! Submissions should be made online via the website [Whitby Lit Fest](#)

There will be an awards ceremony on Saturday 8th November at 2pm at the Met Ballroom – get your free tickets through the website, via Eventbrite. Parents and families are all welcome.

Autumn 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 next stay and play date for this term is:

DATE Thursday 13th November 9.30am-10.30am

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. 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.

Whitby St John Ambulance - Volunteer Recruitment Notice

We have been asked to share the below information with you from St John Ambulance Service in Whitby:

St John Ambulance provides life-saving first aid training to young people, along with communication skills, life-long friendships, further education on mental health and wellbeing – and much more. Young people aged 5-10 can join our Badger groups, and aged 10-17 - our Cadet groups, which operate across England. Lifesaving skills are at the heart of our Cadet programme. There is also the opportunity to use these first aid skills by supporting our adult volunteers at events.

We are currently recruiting more Youth Team Volunteers to increase our volunteer team and support the group. Joining the Youth Team gives people access to valuable training courses, builds leadership skills, and supports their local community. Youth team volunteers are the core team that helps young people grow and learn. This opportunity is open to anyone over 18 years of age.

St John Ambulance is committed to supporting youth development in local areas, and we would love to be able to work in partnership with you to increase opportunities in the local community.

Please see the letter and poster attached to this email with more information.

Whitby District Lions Colour Run

We have been asked to let you know about the upcoming Whitby District Lion's Club Whitby Rainbow Colour Run which is being held this coming Sunday, 26th October along Whitby's West Cliff Beach with registration opening at 11 AM and the run starting at 12 Noon. The children who have taken part in previous years have really enjoyed themselves and loved the event. You can run, walk, or skip your way through a vibrant explosion of colours! It is a great event for family and friends to come and have a blast, create great memories, and get covered in a rainbow of colours and full of smiles! Get ready to be doused head-to-toe in different hues as you make your way along the scenic route. The run is non-competitive, so you can take your time. Whether you're a seasoned runner or just looking for a good time, this event is perfect for everyone. Don't worry about your pace – it's all about having a blast and creating unforgettable memories with friends and family. For further event information please visit the [Facebook page](#) and the website [HERE](#) to book tickets.

School Term Dates

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

School Dinner Menu

Please click [HERE](#) for the Autumn Term menu. 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](#).

Diary Dates

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

Swimming - whole school	13/11, 27/11 11/12
Forest School Infants	20/11, 18/12
Forest School Juniors	06/11, 04/12
Half term	Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October
Remembrance Service	11th November 10.30am St Hilda's, Egton
Flu Vaccinations	21st November
Individual School Photos	2nd December
Christingle Service	4th December 5.30pm for 6pm start St Matthews, Grosmont
Christmas Theatre Trip	8th December
Christmas play performances	16th December 2pm 17th December 6pm for 6.30pm
Christmas Holidays	Monday 22nd December - Friday 2nd January
Teacher Training Day	Monday 5th January 2026
Children return to school	Tuesday 6th January 2026

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

Have a lovely week 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).

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.

Dinners and Breakfast and After School Clubs

Just a reminder of our costs this term.

- Dinners for Junior children - £2.80. (Infant meals continue to be free of charge through a government scheme)
- Breakfast club: £3.00 a day
- After School Club: £2.50 3.30pm - 4.30pm - to include a drink and snack
£3.00 4.30pm - 5.30pm - to include a drink and light tea

Tax Free Childcare - Reminder

Egton 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 After School Club as they are chargeable. 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](#)

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](#)

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

l.tokarski@egton.n-yorks.sch.uk

l.vaughan@egton.n-yorks.sch.uk

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

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 . 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.