



The Phoenix Flier

The Yarm Preparatory School Newsletter

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A message from Mr Sawyer

Welcome to the first Phoenix Flier of the Summer Term. In the next few weeks and months we look forward to sunshine, smiles and the myriad adventures ahead. It has certainly been wonderful to see our pupils return full of life and despite the distinctly cold weather there has been a warm glow created as we have reconnected as a community. This was clearly evident from the first day when we recognised the festival of Eid. The school was bathed in an array of colourful clothing and we enjoyed an informative assembly from Hina Safdar and a super themed lunch from our Sodexo team. I am grateful to all parents who generously donated funds to provide all children with a range of Eid treats to take home. Celebrating an array of cultural festivals across the year helps us to better understand different faiths and beliefs, so many of which share common messages about the support, care and kindness we should show to others. This is undoubtedly important to ensure our pupils grow into responsible and respectful young people who are aware of the world around them.

All parents have the opportunity of attending a forthcoming webinar delivered by Dr Kathy Weston which focuses on building digital resilience in our children. It is clear from our own survey data, and that which is available nationally, between the ages of 3 and 11 most children gain significant access to the online world. This has many benefits but it also comes with risks which can have a negative impact on wellbeing. We must work together to safeguard our children, even if they do not have their own devices yet they will explore the online world at some stage before they leave the Prep School. We therefore need to be sure, as best we can, that they do so competently and safely. See inside this edition of the Phoenix Flier for more details.

Bill Sawyer

Head's Challenge:

What has 13 hearts, but no other organs?



Photo of the Week: An exciting week of adventure and fun during the Easter Holidays for our Holiday School pupils. You find out the dates for forthcoming Holiday Schools in this edition.

International Week

The week before Easter saw the Prep School celebrating different countries, cultures and languages. Assemblies explored the importance and benefits of learning different languages and some of the problems associated with Google Translate! We were treated to a wonderful insight into Latin American language and culture from Mrs Troya and Lucia from Year 3 and an informative presentation from a group of 6th Form students about Indian language and culture. Kaira and Anika from Year 6 even showcased some superb traditional Indian dancing. French exchange students came to talk with our Year 6 pupils empowering them to speak French and offering some top tips on improving pronunciation. Pippa excelled by preparing international cuisine each day and Year 4 enjoyed sampling the delights of Indian cuisine! Our race across the world and travel roadshow events were also a huge success!

Mrs Arrol



Spring Term Awards Assembly

Hockey Colours – Miles Page, Rex White, Harrison Covell, Brian Franks, Ahmad Ifrahim, Flynn Nunnery, Ronav Gowda, Phoenix Emadi, Lewis Dargue, Joseph Austin.

Netball Colours – Ella Leadbitter, Heidi Kingsbury, Kaira Nalawade, Lolwa Soliman, Zara Paul, Amelia Cheesman, Trisha Karpe.

Art Colours – Florence Athey, Kaira Nalawade, Zara Paul, Trisha Karpe, Rebecca Nicholson, Anika Sunkavalli, Georgie Wood.

OVERALL House Chess : 1st Brunel; 2nd Stephenson; =3rd Telford & Arkwright

OVERALL House Hockey – 1st Arkwright; 2nd Brunel; 3rd Stephenson; 4th Telford

OVERALL House Netball – 1st

Stephenson; 2nd Telford; 3rd

Arkwright; 4th Brunel

House Points - 1st Brunel (4146 points; 79.7 average); 2nd Telford (3951; 76.0 average); 3rd Arkwright (3917; 75.3 average); 4th Stephenson (3640; 67.4 average)

House competition winners this year:

Arkwright - General Knowledge Quiz, Autumn House Points, STEAM Quiz, Boys' Hockey

Brunel - Girls' Hockey, Rugby, Typing, Chess, Spring House Points

Stephenson - Pancakes, Netball

Telford - Coding

OVERALL HOUSE LEADERBOARD:

4th - Telford 1487.5

3rd - Stephenson 1637

2nd - Arkwright 2099.5

1st - Brunel 2425

Summer Term Captains 2024		
	Captain	Vice-Captain
3H	Genevieve Prideaux	George Birkin
3J	Ahaana Chelliah	Lily Shilvock
3P	Arian Ladhar	Hinako Yabuta
4F	Austin Oman	Harrison Gurney
4J	Felix Maredia	Isla Ladhar
4S	Freddie Bonner	Ted Howlett
5G	Rory Fitzgerald	Sandy Omar
5H	Manha Abdullah	Annabelle Merritt
5K	Zara Mansoor	Jack Siebel
6H	Emily Woolnough	Will Baines
6L	Hannah Clarke	Tallulah Morris
6W	Sri Rajaram	Alice Scacco
Arkwright	Ettie Axtell	Harrison Covell
Brunel	Kaira Nalawade	Phoenix Emadi
Stephenson	Brian Franks	Olivia Groves
Telford	Anika Sunkavalli	Ahmad Ifrahim

Music lessons

If your child is in Years 3-6 and is interested in taking part in individual peripatetic music lessons, [please fill in this form and Mr Gooding will get back to you.](#)

Mr Gooding

Summer Key Events

Please note this is an abridged version of the email sent to all parents prior to the start of term. *Please keep an eye on it each week for updates, which will be written in red.*

Tuesday 30th April - Tooled Up Education Webinar— EXCLUSIVELY for Yarm Parents!

Please see the information on how to attend on the right.

Wednesday 1st May - Y4 trip to the theatre

Year 4 parents received information for this prior to the holidays.

Wednesday 1st May - Informal Concert

Parents of the children taking part in this will receive an email from Mr Gooding in the coming days. The concert takes place in the new hall from 4-5pm.

Monday 6th May - Bank Holiday; School closed

Tuesday 7th May - Class, U11 sports teams and music ensemble photographs

Please can all children from N-Y6 come to school in the correct summer uniform today. Children involved in the sports and music photos will also need to bring in their games kit and musical instrument.

Wednesday 8th May - Y4 Vindolanda residential

Year 4 depart to Northumbria today. They will return by 4pm on Friday 10th May.

Monday 13th May - Y5 Drama Week

It will be Year 5's turn to enjoy

their Drama Week, with a view to putting on a performance to parents. This will take place in the new hall on Friday 17th May at 4pm - full details will be sent to parents nearer the time.

Wednesday 15th May - Preparation for Year 1 (for Reception parents)

Parents of children in Reception are invited to a meeting to find out what Year 1 is like ahead of the new academic year. It takes place in the Studio Hall between 6-7pm. [Parents are asked to sign up for this by clicking here.](#)

Monday 20th May - Y6 Lakes residential

Year 6 depart for the Lake District today. They will return at 7pm on Thursday 23rd May.

Tuesday 21st May - Y2 Edinburgh trip



Tooled Up Education Webinar EXCLUSIVELY for Yarm Parents!

**Tooled Up Education & Yarm School Present Ask Me Anything:
A Q&A Session with Dr Kathy Weston on Children's Use of
Digital Technology**

Tuesday 30th April (7-8pm)

In this informal session, Kathy will answer any questions relating to parents' experience of digital parenting. What do you worry about? What would you like to know more about? What parenting questions keep you awake at night? What conversations with your children do you need to have and need advice about? Is there a right time to buy a child a phone? What are the best ways to ensure our children grow up to be great digital citizens? How do we protect them from the impact of social media? Do we need to worry about screen time? Don't miss out on this fantastic and dynamic session. Please note: you must have a current Tooled Up Education account to attend this webinar.

[If you are already a member, sign in then visit here to sign up to the webinar: https://bit.ly/YarmTUE24 or scan the QR code.](#)



In order to become a member, navigate to:
<https://members.tooledupeducation.com/sign-up>. Enter your name, email address and Yarm School's unique PIN number YPS1103 when prompted. Follow the link in your email to verify your account and start using the site.



Full details of this trip will be sent to parents shortly.

Thursday 23rd May - Half-term begins (after school)

This is the last school day before half-term. Please note that school is closed on Friday 24th May.

As you will know, the second half of the Summer term is very busy indeed! We will send out key details closer to the time but in the meantime, here are a few dates for your diaries:

- **Monday 3rd June** - Pupils return to school.
- **Friday 7th June** - Dance Showcase (involving Y3-6 dancers).
- **Monday 10th June** - Y3 York residential departs (return on Tuesday 11th June).
- **Wednesday 12th June** - Induction Day for current Year 6 at the Senior School.
- **Thursday 13th June** - Prep Summer concert.
- **Friday 14th June** - Bring Your Dads to School (Pre-Prep).
- **Wednesday 19th June** - Nursery Sports Afternoon.
- **Friday 21st June** - Summer Fair (2-5pm - full details coming in early May).
- **Monday 24th June** - Prep Induction Morning (R-Y5).
- **Tuesday 25th June** - Open Afternoon (Y3-6).
- **Wednesday 26th June** - Pre-Prep Sports Morning; Y6 Pupils v Parents Sports.
- **Friday 28th June** - Prep Sports Day (Middlesbrough Sports Village); All clubs and activities finish today.
- **Monday 1st July** - Pre-Prep Celebration (5pm; PAA).
- **Wednesday 3rd July** - Prep Prize Giving (5.45pm; PAA); Nursery Celebration (2pm; Studio Hall).
- **Thursday 4th July** - End of term at 12 noon; no after school care.

Thank you as always for your support.

Mr Stone

Eid Assembly

We enjoyed celebrating Eid last week, especially the special assemblies delivered by Hina Safdar and Fatema Soni. We would also like to thank the parents who generously contributed towards the gifts given to every pupil in the school: Izza Saqib, Deepa Abdullah, Sara Ellahi, Fatema Soni, Mohammed Elsayed, Hira Alam, Anum Altaf, Nighat Perveen and Hina Safdar.

Mr Stone

Holiday School Dates

Summer 2024:

15th July to 2nd August (15 days)

October 2024:

21st—25th October (5 days)

Christmas 2024:

16th—20th December 2024

Easter 2025:

7th—11th April 2025

Summer 2025:

14th July—1st August 2025



Knitting

Mrs Smith's knitting activity made some excellent progress last term! Well done to all who took part.



Chess

The first round of the annual Yarm Prep Chess Championships—the oldest Yarm Prep tournament! - began this week with a wide range of children from Years 3-6 playing their first round matches.

Mr Grundmann



Coming up at the PAA

Where musical theatre meets the circus...

Cirque - The Greatest Show



A brand-new show for 2024, following a very successful 2023 tour.

A world that explodes into colour as everyone’s favourite West End and Broadway hits combine with breath-taking, amazing performances, incredible contortionists, and thrilling feats of agility and flair.

It’s the amazing variety spectacular everyone is talking about... welcome to Cirque: the award-winning, smash-hit sensation

that is fun for all the family. Let the music lift you on a truly wondrous journey bursting with kaleidoscopic colour.

This is a dynamic, feel-good show, suitable for all the family!

Appearing on our stage, Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th May with shows at 3pm and 7pm, you really don't want to miss this fantastic show.

Promoter reserves the right to alter the programme.

TICKETS:

<https://www.thepaonline.org/whats-on/cirque-the-greatest-show-2/>



Telford Enterprise Activity

It was the turn of Telford this week to make sweets for their enterprise activity!



Tooled Up Education

Monday of this week marked Earth Day 2024 so at Tooled Up we're thinking all about our planet and our natural environment. We want our children to grow up as passionate guardians of Planet Earth! Here are some of the resources Tooled Up offers to foster a love of nature in your children, all supported by research that shows the benefits of time outdoors enjoying what the natural world can offer.

Our [list](#) of 75 Things To Do Outside is a great place to start, packed with ideas from bug boxes to mud monsters. Thanks to technology there are plenty of ways to learn about the natural world as well as playing in it: this list of [apps](#) to help children engage with nature contains bug identifiers, bird guides and maps of the night sky.

For the nature lovers in your house, this fantastic list of [Books](#) for Earth Day enables children of all ages to celebrate nature, learn about the world around them and feel like adventurers!

There is a growing body of research looking into the positive effects of playing outdoors. We spoke to researcher Gemma Goldenberg about her work on the impact of outdoor learning on young children. You can hear about her findings in this [podcast](#).

When we engage our children in the natural environment, we also owe it to them to talk about climate change and the impact of human activity. In this [podcast](#), Dr Kathy Weston talks to Dr Verity Jones about "eco anxiety", thinking about the best way to discuss climate issues with young people.

Upcoming Tooled Up Events

Reaching Girls Early: Friday 26th April 2024, 09:30am BST

Our Reaching Girls Early conference is nearly here! We have a fantastic lineup of expert panellists ready to discuss girls' confidence and wellbeing, body acceptance, disordered eating and more. Find the full list of panellists and register [here](#).

Allergies and Asthma: May 10th 2024, 1:30pm BST

Join Professor Adam Fox, Britain's leading paediatric allergy expert, as he answers your questions and shares his expertise on allergies and asthma in young people. Register [here](#).

The Tooled Up library is already packed with almost 350 evidence-based resources, including interviews with over 80 leading experts from around the world. But, it's your library and we want to know how else we can help you? What new resources would you like to see? Which ones do you love? What could we do better?

We always value your feedback and want to ensure that we are giving you the resources that you need. Email us at research@tooledupeducation.com to let us know how we are doing!

As a parent at a Tooled Up school, you have full unlimited access to the Tooled Up library. If you have not created your account yet, click [here to register for an account](#). It takes less than 2 minutes to enter your details and unique school PIN: YPS1103 and if you need assistance, we are always happy to help at support@tooledupeducation.com. If you already have an account and you have forgotten your password, click on any of the resource links above, click "Lost your password" and follow the instructions.

Dr Kathy Weston

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BECAUSE EVIDENCE MATTERS

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.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about CLICKBAIT

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Clickbait is a controversial online marketing strategy which uses sensationalist (and frequently misleading) headlines to encourage engagement with an article, image or video – often playing on users’ emotions and curiosity, while much of the actual content is of questionable accuracy. Clickbait is also sometimes used to disguise scams, phishing sites and malware.

HARMFUL MISINFORMATION

Clickbait tends to play fast and loose with the truth, opting for eye-catching content over objectivity. This is particularly dangerous for younger internet users, who are generally more susceptible to that type of material. A child could be presented with fake news, misleading articles and – in some cases – outright lies without fully understanding what they’re viewing and why it’s harmful.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Due to the misleading nature of many examples of clickbait, what may seem to be innocuous and child friendly could actually contain age-inappropriate material such as extremist political views or violent, pornographic or sexually explicit content. This is clearly a hazard for young people, who could be upset, disturbed or influenced by exposure to such subject matter.

HIDDEN MALWARE

While most clickbait is simply trying to promote engagement to earn companies additional revenue, some of it does redirect to dubious sites with the potential to infect devices with viruses or malware. This could put a child’s sensitive data – such as their name, their location and their date of birth – at risk of being accessed and exploited by malicious hackers.

PRIVACY PROBLEMS

Some clickbait leads to sites which could coax a child into volunteering their personal data – using pop-ups to ask them for their email address and phone number, for example, in exchange for accessing additional content or subscribing to various services. Normally, this harvested information is then sold to third parties, who often utilise it for targeted adverts and other sales schemes.

A DRAINING DISTRACTION

Clickbait encourages spiralling consumption of online content, which could easily result in a young person spending hours scrolling aimlessly instead of doing something productive or interacting with family and friends. This can leave them tired, apathetic and lacking focus – and, in the long term, can negatively impact their social skills, education and mental wellbeing.

IMPACT ON BEHAVIOUR

Depending on the type of clickbait a child is interacting with, you might notice negative changes in their behaviour. Weight loss scams, for example, are common among clickbait and have the potential to influence eating habits and body image – while deliberately inflammatory ‘rage bait’ articles can leave impressionable young people feeling irritable, restless or argumentative.

Advice for Parents & Educators

START A CONVERSATION

The sheer volume of clickbait can make protecting children against it quite challenging. It’s vital to talk to young people regularly about the types of content they encounter online, so that they understand the risks of engaging with clickbait. If you’re still concerned, it may also be wise to keep an eye on children’s online activity to ensure they’re not being tempted by clickbait headlines.

PROMOTE CRITICAL THINKING

Encouraging children to question the legitimacy of sensational headlines and too-good-to-be-true promises will help them to become savvier online – and far less likely to be drawn in by clickbait content. These critical thinking skills will also serve to protect them in other areas of the digital world where misinformation is becoming increasingly common.

SPOT THE TELLTALE SIGNS

There are certain common elements in clickbait, including headlines and images that use shock and outrage to grab people’s attention – as well as numbered lists, such as ‘8 Facts You Won’t Believe Are True’. Some clickbait combines several of these tactics to snag users’ interest. Learn to recognise these techniques for yourself so you can teach children to notice them as well.

TAKE CONTROL

Many parents opt to place limits on how long their children can spend online each day, which obviously reduces the chance of exposure to clickbait. Alternatively, most internet-enabled devices have built-in controls that allow parents to manage what sort of online content their child can access – including filtering by age, which can screen out a percentage of inappropriate material.

Meet Our Expert

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YARM SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
PRESENTS:



CASINO ROYALE

SUMMER BALL 2024

SATURDAY, JUN 15TH

7PM - LATE

THE PAA



EARLY BIRD TICKETS JUST £75 FROM CLASSLIST



YARM SCHOOL

Yarm School

Dance Showcase

Once Upon
A DANCE

FRIDAY 7TH JUNE 2024, 6:30PM

PRINCESS ALEXANDRA AUDITORIUM, YARM SCHOOL

TICKETS: ADULT £7, CHILDREN £3.50

YARM PUPILS, FREE

Coming Up

[You can find the Yarm School calendar for the Spring Term by clicking here](#)

APRIL 2024

- Mon 29** Knockout Chess begins
Last Y3 swimming of the year
Activities Carousel 4 (Y4-6) begins
YPSSC AGM (Prep Hall; 5.30pm)
- Tue 30** Dr Kathy Weston—Zoom webinar for parents (7-8pm)

MAY 2024

- Wed 1** Informal Concert (Prep Hall; 4pm)
Year 4 trip see Boy at the Back of the Class (Newcastle Theatre Royal)
PHAB Club assembly
- Tue 2** U9 Boys’ Cricket v Dame Allan’s (away; 2pm start, 4.30pm return)
- Fri 3** U10/11 Boys’ Cricket v Barnard Castle (away; 2pm start, 4.30pm return)
U10/11 Girls’ Cricket v Barnard Castle (home; 2.15pm start)
- Sun 5th** UK Chess Challenge Mega Final (PAA; 10am start, 5pm finish)
- Mon 6th** **School closed; Bank Holiday**
- Tue 7th** **Class photographs**
Summer Fair launched to Year 6 pupils
Y3 rocks talk with Emma Hilditch
U8 Boys’ Cricket v Cundall Manor (away; 2pm start, 4.30pm return)
U8 Girls’ Cricket v Cundall Manor (home; 2pm start)
Summer Fair launched to Year 6 with mentors
- Wed 8** Eco Club assembly
Year 4 Vindolanda residential departs
- Fri 10** Year 4 return from Vindolanda (4pm)
U10/11 Girls’ Cricket v Durham (away; 2.15pm start, 4.30pm return)
U10/11 Boys’ Cricket v DCSF (home; 2pm start)
- Sat 11** **Open Morning** (9am-12noon)
- Mon 13** Year 5 Drama Week commences
Year 3 Activities Carousel 5 begins
- Tue 14** **School Captains Day**
- Wed 15** House assemblies
Preparation for Y1 (meeting for Reception parents; 6pm)
- Fri 17** Y5 Drama Week Performance (4.15pm)

Term Dates

Summer Term 2024

Half Term Begins Thursday 23rd May 2024

Pupils Return (after school)
Monday 3rd June 2024
Finish Thursday 4th July 2024
At 12 noon
(after school; no after school care)

Autumn Term 2024

Preparation Day Tuesday, 27th August 2024
Wednesday, 28th August 2024
All pupils return Thursday, 29th August 2024
Half term begins Friday, 18th October 2024
(after school)
Pupils return Monday, 4th November 2024
Term ends Friday, 13th December 2024
(after school; no after school care)

Spring Term 2025

Pupils return Monday, 6th January 2025
Half term begins Thursday, 20th February 2025
(after school)
INSET Day Friday 21st February 2025
Pupils return Monday 3rd March 2025
Term ends Friday 4th April 2025 (after school)

Summer Term, 2025

Pupils return Wednesday, 23rd April 2025
Bank Holiday Monday, 5th May 2025
Half term begins Thursday, 22nd May 2025
(after school)
Pupils return Monday, 2nd June 2025
Term ends Thursday, 3rd July 2025

Celebration Assembly

	Values	Endeavour
3H	Aaron Y.	Dulcie B.
3J	Leah R.	Joshua A.
3P	Lucy A.	Daniel S.
4F	Monty B.	Atticus WT.
4J	Felix M.	Scarlett Y.
4S	Ziad S.	Zac S.
5G	Thomas M.	Rory F.
5H	Alice W.	Angus F.
5K	Jenson C.	Zara M.
6H	Kavan S.	Rex W.
6L	Tallulah M.	Yasmeen S.
6W	Aphelia S.	Vedh A.

Head Teacher Awards:

Year 4—Amani R. **Year 6**—Florence A., Brian F., Amelia C.

Music Awards:

Gold—Amelie T. **Silver**—Rebecca N., Aphelia S.
Bronze—Martha L., Anwita D., Emily W., Zara M.