



# The Phoenix Flier

The Yarm Preparatory School Newsletter

Issue 780 — Friday 21st June 2024

## A message from Mr Sawyer

Welcome to this week's Phoenix Flier which gives you a flavour of life at the Prep School. The 'summer' in the Summer Term has arrived in recent days. It is wonderful to see the impact the sunshine has on our community - we are all the better for it. There were certainly many rays of brightness at our summer concert last week. It showcased the varied talents of our young musicians and the hard work of our music staff. It takes courage to perform in front of a crowd and is an important milestone in a young musician's journey whether part of an ensemble or a soloist. Congratulations to everyone involved. I would also like to extend congratulations to our Eco Club, Mr Pengilly and all of the staff who have worked hard towards our Eco Schools accreditation in recent months. I am delighted to say that we have been awarded a distinction in our successful re-accreditation which recognises the school's commitment to sustainability.

Today marks the arrival of our eagerly anticipated Summer Fair! This fantastic event is the result of extensive collaboration among the amazing YPSSC and parent volunteers, our diligent Estates staff, and our enterprising Year 6 students, who operate their stalls in an Apprentice-like fashion. The Year 6 pupils, organised into teams, have been working within tight budgets, crafting marketing campaigns, and adhering to strict guidelines under the supervision of Mr. Stone and business mentors from the 6th Form at the Senior School. Their impressive pitches during this week's assembly demonstrated their eagerness to attract plenty of business at the Fair.

*Bill  
Sawyer*

### Head's Challenge:

A pen and ink pot together cost £22. The pen is worth 20 pounds more than the ink pot. How much does the pen cost on its own?



**Photo of the Week:** It was a pleasure to welcome Britain's tallest basketball player, Paul Sturgess, last week, as part of our Diversity Week. Reflections and pictures inside.

## Paul Sturgess visits Diversity Week

I really enjoyed meeting Paul Sturgess because he could even do a standing dunk! His message was be proud of your differences and use it to your advantage but don't see it as a weakness. He had three Guinness World Record titles which were: tallest professional basketball player in the world; tallest actor in the world; and tallest man in Britain. I really enjoyed doing the exercises with him, especially the last one where you had to bounce a basketball to some cones and put one on your head then balance it on your head whilst bouncing it back to your team! His nickname was Tiny even though he is 7ft7.26. He played for the Harlem Globetrotters.

*Stan D.*

I loved meeting Paul Sturgess because despite him being taller than the majority of people - he is a very, very friendly person. What I found funny is that his nickname when he played for the Harlem Globetrotters was Tiny! I felt very inspired by his overall message to everyone, 'Be proud of your differences, use them to your advantage.'

*Immy C.*

I enjoyed having Paul Sturgess and hearing his very important message he gave us: we are all unique and we have different skills. Instead of just letting ourselves feeling down that you are different if we should use it to our advantage. I also enjoyed the basketball workshop as he showed us lots of skills and it was very fun.

*Rory F.*

I enjoyed it when we played basketball with Paul Sturgess. He had a great sense of humour, he was very nice and I also liked how he persevered and he turned his difference into a brilliant thing. His message was whoever you are, you are unique and you are you, be yourself.

*James B.*

I enjoyed meeting Paul Sturgess because he showed us that even if you are a bit different - or in his case, a bit taller - than most people, you can use it to your advantage. He also showed us that you shouldn't be scared of your differences. I



learnt a lot about his basketball career as well and he was in the professional basketball team, the "Harlem Globetrotters". He taught us a lot about diversity. I was surprised that he was 7.7.26 feet tall. I also learnt that he consumed 9000 calories a day! I was surprised to find out that he was in so many movies such as Avatar 2, Lord of the Rings and Deadpool.

Emily B.

When Paul Sturgess came to our school he told the message of how everyone should embrace their differences and use them to your advantage. He also played games of basketball with us and

I thought the games were enjoyable.

Annabelle C.

I really liked playing basketball with Paul and he taught us a lot about diversity. When we started I had no idea who he was but he explained all we would want to know about him. His message to all of us was "Be proud of your differences and use them to your advantage"

Ben F.

I enjoyed the visit of Paul Sturgess because he gave us some advice that was 'We all have superpowers and if we use our superpower well enough we can achieve your goals'. During the day Paul (Tiny) had a workshop where we were playing basketball with another class. It was a privilege to spend time with someone with three Guinness world records to his name and as an actor and a professional basketball player he was a relaxing person to be around despite his size.

Jack A.

What I enjoyed: I enjoyed it when he spun the ball on his finger and put it on to my finger.

What I learnt: I learnt that even if you're different and it's noticeable, you can always achieve your dreams.

Fun Facts about Paul Sturgess:

- He played for an American basketball team.
- He is 7 foot 7
- He is a 19 in shoe sizes
- He has Guinness world records for being the tallest basketball player and the tallest actor
- He was in Avatar 2, Deadpool 3 and Lord of the rings!

Meadow E.



# Knockout Chess Final

**The annual Knockout Chess Championship reached its conclusion on Monday, with a hard-fought final between youth and experience.**

This tournament has now been going for 31 years and this was the 30th final (we lost a full year of events due to COVID).

After several weeks of tough games over the course of the other rounds, complete with all of the 'could have/should have won' scenarios common to knockout events, it all boiled down to the defending champion, Miles Page (playing in his third consecutive final), hoping to defend his title against Dara Jafari.

Both players are very accustomed to success and both started the game with high hopes of a winning outcome.

Miles, using his favourite Modern Defence as Black, emerged from the opening with a slight advantage, thanks to his extra control of the dark squares.

An ambitious sacrifice of a bishop seemed to have removed all of the key components of Dara's defence and Miles needed just one more good move to be able to get his rook to join his queen and head for a checkmating attack.

This meant that Dara had to defend perfectly for several moves in a row to keep the attack at bay, which he was somehow able to do, despite being under big pressure.

Sensing that things weren't going his way, Miles then tried to complicate the position further, but managed to lose his rook.

After that, Dara took full control of the game.

Miles played on, hoping Dara would place him in stalemate (meaning we would need a replay) but Dara's technique was too good and he powered his way through to a checkmate.

Therefore, we have a new champion!

Very well played, Dara; not many people have survived an attack from Miles over the years.

Well played to Miles too, who took the defeat in a very sporting manner.

It was definitely one of the toughest finals we have witnessed over the course of the 31 years since we started the competition and the audience was enthralled by the action on the board.

Well done to everyone (100 players!) who helped to make this year's competition such a great success.

*Mr Marsh*



# Summer Key Events

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

Next to some events, you will be asked to confirm attendance by completing the [events attendance form](#). This is one single form, covering all of the key events noted below where place/tickets need to be requested. Please do take some time to fill in the form in conjunction with reading this letter, as it helps us significantly with event planning.

## **Monday 24th June**

### **Prep Induction Morning** (Nursery to Year 6)

Induction allows the children to spend time in their new classes with their new Form Teacher so that pupils will feel comfortable and familiar at the start of the school year in September. We will announce the new classes to the children on the day when they get to school as we find this avoids the potential for any upset prior to the day. All children (including Year 6) should wear home clothes for their Induction event; please no football shirts, beach wear or hair products. Please bring your child to school as normal, with our current Year 2 children being dropped off at the Pre-Prep as usual. After an initial form time, the children will be taken to their new classes for the morning. They will then spend the afternoon back in their current forms, reflecting on their morning and enjoying their usual Monday lessons and activities. Nursery children who are moving up to Reception in September who do not usually attend on a Monday morning should arrive at 8.45am and be collected at 11.30am. Year 6 children and children not attending Yarm from September 2024 will have a range of activities planned for them in school on this day.

**Today is the last activities carousel session of the year.**

## **Tuesday 25th June**

### **Open Afternoon** (Years 3-6)

Parents of **children in Years 3-6** are invited to come along to our open afternoon to celebrate your child's work and meet their Form Teacher. In addition, there will be an art and DT exhibition in the Prep Hall, as well as musical performances.

Refreshments are also available. If you are a **Year 3-6 parent** and wish to attend, [please confirm this by completing the events attendance form](#).

**There will be no after school clubs on this date.**

## **Wednesday 26th June**

**Today is the last Wednesday activities session of the year.**

### **Year 6 Pupils v Parents Sports**

A time for parents of Year 6 children to dust down their trainers and participate in some 'competitive' sports with and against their children. The event begins at 5pm and ends at 6.30pm, after a barbecue. If you are a Year 6 parent and wish to attend, [please confirm this by completing the events attendance form](#).

## **Thursday 27th June**

### **Year 6 Leavers Disco**

Details to follow from the Y6 parents organising the event.

## **Friday 28th June**

### **Prep Sports Day** (Years 3-6)

Commencing at 9.30am at Middlesbrough Sports Village, our annual Sports Day takes place. House points will be up for grabs and we invite parents to spectate around the outer ring of the stadium. The event will finish at approximately 12.30pm. All of the children will be participating in every event, with the emphasis on participation and having fun. Please ensure your child comes in their house-coloured PE top. All children must bring a bottle of water too. Snacks and packed lunches will be provided by school. Children will return to school afterwards and can be collected at the normal times.

**All clubs and activities have finished today for the year.**

## **Tuesday 2nd July**

### **National Schools Quiz Final**

Our three intrepid teams will be taking part in the online final during the morning. Further details will be shared with parents of those taking part.

**Wear an Item of Blue for Butterwick Hospice** (Years 3-6)

We will be running a fundraiser for Butterwick Hospice on this day. Children can bring in £1 to wear one item of blue clothing with their school uniform.

**Lost Property Assembly** (Years 3-6)

We will clear out the lost property cupboards and hope to reunite some items with their rightful owners. Please may we ask parents to have a good root around at home and, if you find any uniform that does not belong to your child, send it in for the assembly.

**Wednesday 3rd July****Prep Prize Giving** (Years 3-6)

All children in Years 3-6 will be participating in this event, commencing at 5.45pm in the Princess Alexandra Auditorium and lasting around one hour. As the event is compulsory for pupils in Years 3 to 6, the children will be supervised after school and provided with a light tea. They will then walk down to the auditorium accompanied by their Form Teachers and will be seated together. [Prize Giving is a ticketed event with each family being allocated 2 seats. Please complete the form below by Monday 17th June to secure your allocated tickets.](#) Priority for any additional tickets will be given to families with children in Year 6. Younger siblings who attend Yarm Pre-Prep will be permitted to stay in an extended After School Care facility which will be run by Pre-Prep staff until 7pm at no extra cost, with children brought to the Senior School for collection after this event. Please note that this will include a light tea. Please indicate, where relevant, if you would like your child to take advantage of this facility.

Parking is available at the Prep School and Senior School, and members of the school's Estates team will be on hand to direct you. Spaces are limited and once one site is full no further cars will be permitted on to the grounds for safety reasons. Please bear this in mind if planning to attend the event and try to arrive in plenty of time so that you can be seated ready for Prize Giving to start promptly at 5.45pm.

We are expecting the event to last just over an hour, following which you are invited to join staff in the Dovecot Courtyard / Sports Hall for refreshments. Please collect your children from their Form Teacher following the ceremony and ensure you supervise your children closely after the event.

**Thursday 4th July****Water Run for the Mustard Seed Project** (Nursery - Year 6)

Our final fundraising event of the school year. Every child in the school will be taking part in our second annual Water Run, so a change of top and a towel are advised! We only ask that families make a donation to the Mustard Seed Project, [which can be done via our Just Giving page for the event by clicking here.](#) Please note: we know water is a precious resource so we will not be using large quantities of it. Staff will be using water

## YPSSC PreLoved Uniform

Nursery, Pre Prep, Prep & Senior Uniform

PE and Games

See Listings on [Classlist](#) or  
Email Us

[YPSSC@Yarmschool.org](mailto:YPSSC@Yarmschool.org)

Donations of good condition, clean uniform and PE & Games items accepted all year. Kindly bag them and label them with 'YPSSC PreLoved Donations' and drop them at either Pre Prep, Prep or Senior School Reception.

Thank you!!

pistols and sponges, while there will be a sprinkler at the end too.

**End of term - no after school care** (All year groups)

Term ends at 11.30am for Nursery and Pre-Prep and 12noon for Years 3-6. [There is no after school care](#) so we ask all parents to collect their children at the correct time please.

**Monday 15th July - Friday 2nd August****Summer Holiday School**

Mr Simpson will be sending further details and the booking form **next week**.

Mr Stone

## 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

## Butterwick Hospice Fundraiser

On **Tuesday 2nd July** we will all wear one item of blue and bring in £1 to wear that item to raise money for the Butterwick Hospice. **What is Butterwick Hospice?** It is a very calm place where people are cared for in the later stages in their life. The staff are very special people because they understand how to support not just their patients, but how to support their families during a very difficult time for everyone. Recently my Grandma went to the Butterwick Hospice. There was a flower garden and there was a beautiful cat who came to visit my Grandma's room. We had the doors open so my Grandma could feel the breeze on her face and smell the delicate flowers the day before she passed away.

Immy C.

## Titan Mouthguards

Our live order form is open for parents to book a mouthguard fitting session for their child at school, on **Friday 30th August** (second day back after the holidays). [To book a fitting for your child, please click on this link.](#)

## Reminders for 2024/25

Over the next few weeks we will be slotting in some extracts from our Parent Handbook ahead of the new academic year, to give you some reminders about key school policies.

## Durham County Hockey Pathway

Durham County Hockey Association are running a summer pre-season training camp at Egglecliffe School during the weeks beginning the 5th and 12th August. The sessions will be 9am till 3pm Monday to Friday for those two weeks and will include fitness training, skill development and games play.

Players are welcome from all abilities (whether they are current county players or not) and the camp is targeting 10 to 16 year olds boys and girls (Year 6 to Year 11 during the academic year 2023 to 24) although younger players are welcome if they have already experienced playing.

### To Register

To sign up to the camp- all players need to be registered on TEAMO where they can pre-book a place and pay the £25 daily booking fee. Juniors under 18 must be registered by their guardian/parent. All information is held securely and only available to key club officials, eg, Coaches who need contact details plus any specific individual details they need to be aware of (asthma, diabetes, hearing problems, etc).

Please use this link [teamo.chat/club/register/dcha](https://teamo.chat/club/register/dcha) to register on the app and you will be able to access the booking system. If you have any issues signing up please email me on [durhamcountyyouthhockey@gmail.com](mailto:durhamcountyyouthhockey@gmail.com)

Mr Ferguson

## Green Flag Success!

Congratulations to our Eco Club, Mr Pengilly and all of the teachers involved who are celebrating their success in achieving the Eco-Schools Green Flag award! Among the many positive comments from the awarding committee was this:

*“Completing the Environmental Review allowed your Eco-Committee to recognise the positive changes that your school has already made and gain an appreciation of the future impacts that they can create. We took great pleasure in reading the insightful comments on your Environmental Review, they provided a wonderful*

*insight into the discussions that took place whilst your Eco-Committee completed it. Your chosen projects in your Action Plan were based on children’s ideas and the areas they are most passionate about. This approach places them at the heart of your Eco-Schools work and will lead to increased engagement.”*

Mr Stone

## Summer Concert

The school hall was packed for our most recent concert, the Summer Spectacular. An appreciative audience greeted performers from all year groups and it was lovely to see such poised, confident performers from all year groups. Mr Henderson's guitar group performed with a stillness that demanded the audience's focus, while the school orchestra (directed by Miss Brookes) gave lusty performances of Bring Me Sunshine and Star Wars. Our choirs treated us to extracts from Horowitz's Captain Noah and his Floating Zoo - more of which will be heard at Prize Giving.

Music at Yarm Prep does not stand still and we were delighted to give concert debuts to two ensembles formed this year: Mr Smith's Recorder Group gave us three pieces, including a canon, while Mr Harbottle's Cello Club provided the world premiere of Cello Club Blues. Our Harp Duo (directed by Miss Paterson) played with confidence and strong ensemble skills. There is much promise here and it will be good to see these groups develop over the coming years.

Our soloists were many and varied. All gave of their best and it was hard to fit all of our talent into the time available: a good problem to have.

These early performance experiences are key to the development of our musicians, both as confident young people and as talented players of the future. It starts here!

Mr Gooding

## Coming Up at the PAA

[Money for Nothing—Tuesday](#)  
[16th July, 7.30pm](#)

Money for Nothing was formed in 2000 as a tribute to one of the world’s premier rock bands – Dire Straits.

The abundant energy and the excellence and musicality of their performance makes Money For Nothing a “must see” for any rock enthusiast or Dire Straits fan.



**The Manfreds - Hits and More in '24—Friday 20th September, 7.30pm**

Following the huge success of their 60th anniversary tour in 2023, The Manfreds will be returning to Yarm.



They are considered one of the finest and most respected bands from the 1960's era. Their numerous hits were not just 'pop' songs, many were R&B based with an undercurrent of jazz – a very unusual but winning combination of playing style and substance.

**Aled Jones - Full Circle - Friday 11th October, 7.30pm**

Prepare to hear Aled Jones as you've never heard him before.



He was the boy treble who captivated the world with his angelic voice. Selling over seven million albums, Aled was the original, classical crossover star. His recording of Walking in the Air, from the animated film The Snowman, firmly established him as a household name and he has become an integral part of the nation's festivities.

**Summer Space Fair**

Saturday 29 June, 11am – 4pm.—At TCR Hub, Shaw Bank, Barnard Castle DL12 8TD.

Get ready for an out-of-this-world adventure at the 'BIG BANG' family fiesta! This free event is a spectacular celebration of all things space, perfect for families and space enthusiasts of all ages. Dive into interactive space-themed games that will spark curiosity and excitement in both kids and adults. Enjoy live music and surprise performances that will keep you entertained throughout the day. Satisfy your taste buds with a variety of mouth-watering street food options. Witness thrilling rocket launches and explore fascinating space installations.

Did you know County Durham is at the forefront of space exploration and technology? Come and discover how our region is leading the way in spacetechnology innovations. Whether you're a budding astronaut or just curious about the cosmos, there's something for everyone at the 'BIG BANG'!

Experience this amazing event at TCR Hub, with its stunning buildings, beautiful grounds, and serene lakes – the perfect setting for our cosmic celebration. High demand is expected, so be sure to book your spot today to ensure you don't miss out on this event.



<https://bit.ly/yarmcurriculum>

**Click here to access the Parent Curriculum Information Site**



## Tooled Up Education

As summer finally arrives, the end of the academic year is approaching and many families are thinking about change and transition. After the relaxation – we hope! – of the summer break, many young people will take their first steps into school, move up into the next stage of their education, or possibly move out of the family home for the first time.

Tooled Up can help to make these step changes easier for everyone in the family with a range of articles and activities all on the topic of transition.

All of the titles in our [list](#) of 20 books about starting school can help you talk to young children about the experience of going to school for the first time: what to expect, the grown-ups who will be helping them, the emotions they might experience and the new friends they could make

For children in the lower end of primary school, our “I’m Moving Up A Year” [activity](#) encourages children to think about how change makes them feel, what they’re excited about and what might make them feel a bit wobbly!

Primary to Secondary transition holds its own challenges. For children who have seven years in the routine and security of primary school behind them, moving to the much bigger, busier and more socially complex environment of secondary school can seem overwhelming. Listen to these [5 top tips](#) by Dr Kathy Weston on supporting primary to secondary transition, and remember that what we as parents are worried about might not be the same as what our children are worried about. The [Settling In Journal](#) can be completed during the first few weeks of secondary school to encourage good habits, celebrate positive steps and ask the right questions about their new setting.

For any family with school-age children, our [10 Things](#) every family should talk about before schools go back will allow you to address wobbles, set expectations and boundaries and help prepare children to pick up where they left off. If your children have finally reached the end of school and are preparing for university, read through these [tips](#) on supporting their transition to student life.

Of course, it isn’t just school that marks the different points of transition in family life. What about [tips](#) to support children as they welcome a new baby into their lives and become a sibling? Or, for one of the most challenging transitions for all the family, our [Moving House Checklist](#) to stop you from forgetting anything crucial in the big move?

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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**TOOLED UP®**  
BECAUSE EVIDENCE MATTERS



# 12 Social Media Online Safety Tips FOR CHILDREN WITH NEW DEVICES

With Christmas only a few weeks away, many of you will be using social media to share your excitement with friends and family. Being active on social media is a great way to show others how much fun you're having, but it's important that you know how to use these apps safely and securely so that bad things don't happen. By following our safety tips below, you can make sure that your personal information stays private, your postings are positive and that your social media use overall is responsible, healthy and most of all enjoyable.

## 1 DON'T ACCEPT FRIEND REQUESTS FROM STRANGERS

Make sure that you set your profile to private so that people you don't know can't find you online. Always tell a trusted adult if a stranger or somebody you don't know sends you a message or a friend request.



## 2 NEVER SHARE YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION WITH PEOPLE YOU DON'T KNOW

Keep your personal information personal. Sometime people online aren't always who they say they are and might ask you to share things that you don't feel comfortable sharing.

## 3 DON'T SHARE EMBARRASSING PHOTOS OR VIDEOS OF OTHERS ONLINE

This could really upset them and could get you into a lot of trouble. Always think twice before posting anything on social media and treat people online as you would in real-life.



## 4 NEVER SEND NAKED PICTURES OF YOURSELF TO OTHERS

This is illegal if you are under 18 and you could get into trouble with the Police. If you are being pressured by someone, always say no and tell a trusted adult. Even if you think it is innocent fun, the photo could be shared with other people and you won't be able to control who else sees it.



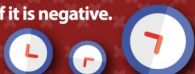
## 5 CREATE A POSITIVE ONLINE REPUTATION

Always be kind and polite when posting comments on social media and only upload pictures and videos of things you are proud of. This forms part of your digital footprint. Everything you do online can be tracked and monitored and could affect what people think of you in real-life if it is negative.



## 6 LIMIT YOUR SCREEN TIME

Social media can be addictive, and it is easy to keep checking newsfeeds or your notifications every 5 minutes which can affect your behaviour and stop you from doing other things. Remember to only use your phone at certain times of the day, turn notifications off at bedtime and go out and have as fun as much as possible. This will keep you fit and healthy and make you appreciate there's more to life than just what's on social media.



## 7 BLOCK ONLINE BULLIES

Sometimes people might say nasty things to you online or post offensive comments on your pictures or videos. If this happens, always tell a trusted adult who will help you block them from your profile and support you in taking further action.



## 8 REPORT INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

If you see something on social media that you don't like, offends you or upsets you, you should always report it to a trusted adult. You should also report it to the social media app who will be able to remove the content if it is against their user policy and can block the person who posted it.



## 9 ONLY USE APPS WHICH YOU ARE OLD ENOUGH TO USE

Before downloading any new social media app, always check the age-rating. If you need help, ask your parent or carer to make sure that the app is safe for you to use and never download anything which you are too young for as it may contain content that isn't safe for you to see.



## 10 ALWAYS SECURE ALL YOUR SOCIAL MEDIA PROFILES WITH A PASSWORD

This will help to keep your private information safe and won't allow others to access your profiles without your permission. Make sure your passwords are memorable and personal to you but something which other people can't guess, and always share them with your parents just in case you forget them.



## 11 ASK PARENTS TO SET-UP 'PARENTAL CONTROLS' FOR SOCIAL MEDIA

When you download a social media app, you should always ask a trusted adult to help you set it up for the first time. This will help you control who sees what you post, who can contact you and make sure you are able to enjoy using the app safely and securely.



## 12 ALWAYS TALK TO YOUR TRUSTED ADULT IF SOCIAL MEDIA IS MAKING YOU UNHAPPY

Sometimes, social media can make us feel bad about ourselves or sad that we aren't the same as someone else or doing the same things as someone else. Remember, if you ever feel this way, it's really important to talk to your trusted adult(s) like your parents, carers, other adult family members or a teacher, all of whom will be able to support you and discuss your feelings with you to help make you feel better.



## Coming Up

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

### JUNE 2024

- Mon 24** **Prep Induction Morning (Reception-Y5)**  
Y6 taking part in activities all morning  
Clubs and activities finish this week  
Welcome to Reception Evening  
(Studio Hall; 7pm)
- Tue 25** **Prep Open Afternoon (2-6pm)**  
Reception Musical Showcase (9.30am)  
Nursery Musical Showcase (10.30am)  
No Prep after school clubs
- Wed 26** Pre-Prep Sports Morning  
(9-11.30am; Prep Astro)  
**General Election assembly with 6th Form**  
Y6 Parents v Pupils Sports (5-6.30pm; Prep)
- Thu 27** Y6 Leavers Disco  
Summer Fair Y6 winners lunch  
**Prep Election assembly**
- Fri 28** **Sports Day**  
**(10am-12.30pm; Middlesbrough Sports Village)**  
**Clubs and activities finish today**  
**PREP BACCALAUREATE DEADLINE TODAY!**

### JULY 2024

- Mon 1** **Prep Election voting takes place today**  
**Pre-Prep Celebration (5pm; PAA)**  
Nursery finishes at 3pm
- Tue 2** National Schools Quiz Club Final  
(Online; 10am)  
Lost Property Assembly  
**Butterwick Hospice fundraiser**  
**(£1 to wear a blue item)**  
Nursery finishes at 3pm; R-Y2 at 3.15pm
- Wed 3** **Prep Prize Giving (5.45pm; Prep Hall)**  
**Nursery Celebration Assembly (2pm; Prep Hall)**  
Nursery finishes at 3pm; R-Y2 at 3.15pm
- Thu 4** Water Run for The Mustard Seed Project  
**End of term at 12noon; no after school care**

## Term Dates

### 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  
(after Prize Giving)

## Celebration Assembly

	Values	Endeavour
3H	Rosie L.	George B.
3J	Oscar W.	Alex Z.
3P	Zara G.	Hinako Y.
4F	Edith G.	Austin O.
4J	Andres O.	Isla L.
4S	Azlan U.	Francesca S.
5G	Fathe C.	Jack A.
5H	Alice W.	Felicity W.
5K	Kaiden G.	William G.
6H	Heidi K.	Zoe G.
6L	Alaia D-L.	Kaira N.
6W	Hugo M.	Anwita D.

### Head Teacher Awards:

**Year 4**—Sajan G., Freddie W., Ailee W., Scarlett Y.

**Year 5**—Daisy C.

### Arts Awards:

Georgie W., Laurel G., Anika S., Ronav G., Yasmeen S., Olivia G., Zoe G., Harry H., Kaira N., Trisha K., Rebecca N., James A., Erin G., Zara P., Florence A., Francesca F.