



The Phoenix Flier

The Yarm Preparatory School Newsletter

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A message from Mr Sawyer

Our schedule of fixtures, extra curricular clubs and activity lessons make for a wonderful, varied and engaging experience for our pupils. This is enhanced through an extensive range of outings and residential trips which support learning across the curriculum and add hugely to the personal development of every child. Year 5 clearly enjoyed an adventurous and challenging time at Peat Rigg outdoor adventure centre recently. The tasks and challenges they were set, which included caving, climbing and much more, ensured that they had the opportunity to learn more about each other and develop their teamwork skills further. Judging by the pupil reports and the staff feedback, the results are already being seen around school. It speaks volumes about the power of teamwork - we go further together!

In recent days Year 4 enjoyed exploring Bowes Museum and Year 6 were immersed in the coastal features and creatures of Boggle Hole. Next week Year 3 head to The Hancock Museum, Year 1 to the Museum of Hartlepool and Year 2 are taking the lead in a local beach clean. The chance to enhance the curriculum like this is invaluable. It might involve handling historical artefacts, seeing the different layers of rock in a cliff face, listening to different experts, walking in the footsteps of others from the past or engaging in a particular activity with real purpose. Each opportunity makes the learning 'sticky' through the hands-on nature of the experience, it deepens a pupils' knowledge and understanding of topics and is a fun adventure that is shared. The whoops of excitement as the children get ready for departure are always a delight to hear and the enhanced learning as a result of each trip is a reflection of their educational value. Long may such adventures continue!

Bill Sawyer

Head's Challenge: I point, but I have no fingers. I am powered by an invisible force. I move, but I have no motor. There's only one thing I can be, of course. What am I?

Photo of the Week: Year 5 have been embarking on a series of experiments in science this week. More images inside.



Tes Schools Awards 2024

Winner

Independent
Prep School
of the Year



Safety Week

Last Week was Prep Safety Week, giving the children the opportunity to consider how to stay safe in a wide range of environments. Mrs Wheatley used Monday's assembly to talk to the children about what to do in an emergency. On Tuesday, we welcomed Redcar RNLI, who shared a vast range of water safety tips. Mr Stone spoke on Wednesday about help to keep the home safe from fire hazards and what to do in a fire emergency. Some of the Year 3 children share the key points they remember from the week below.

Mr Stone

Mr Stone talked to us about fireworks. A grown up should light fireworks, wear gloves when holding a sparkler.

Clemmie D.

RNLI help us if we get stuck in the sea or on rocks in the sea.

Violet T.

If someone is stuck at sea and drowning, you can call the coastguard on 999.

Oliver J.

Mrs Wheatley talked about first aid and how to save lives.

Zuri R.

Mrs Wheatley told us what to do if someone is not moving. Dial 999.

Annabel B.

Keep matches and candles out of children's reach.

Ali A.

Mrs Wheatley said it is important that we know our own address in case there is an emergency.

Eila G.

The RNLI men said that, if you are drowning or caught out at sea, you should try to float on your back.

Jemima T.

Children should stay away from sharp tools.

Honey C.

If there was a fire, tell a trusted adult if you can to phone 999. Then the fire brigade will come and put the fire out.

Sebastian T.

Be careful when crossing the road!

Dylan B.



Eco Club

There have been lots of goings-on this week in our Monday Eco carousel activity and Thursday's Eco Club!

On Monday, as part of our work on Biodiversity towards our Green Flag application, the children enjoyed an informative discussion with Andy from the allotments society on how to keep bees. The children were fascinated to learn about the different roles bees play in the hive and their short life cycle. It was amazing to hear about the importance they play and the impact they have on our local area; they pollinate up to a six mile radius from the hives!

Mr Pengilly



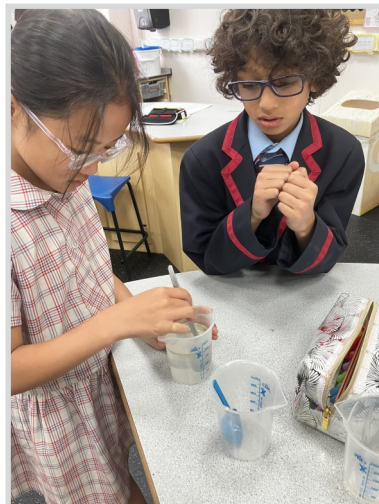
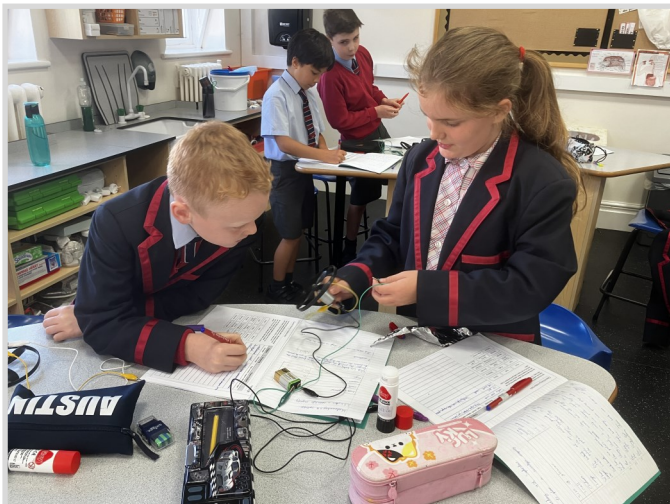
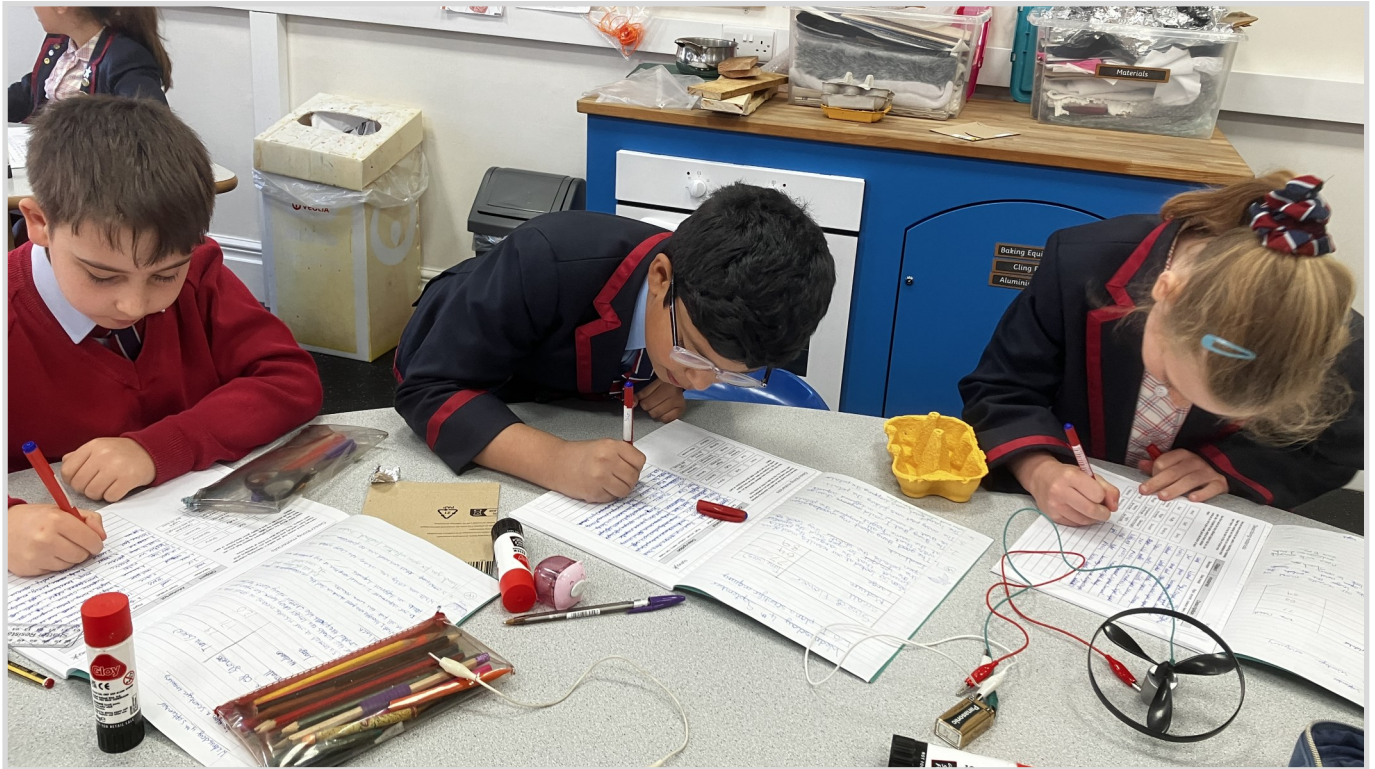
<https://bit.ly/yarmcurriculum>

Click here to access the Parent Curriculum Information Site

Science

Year 5 have been investigating the solubility of different materials this week.

Mr Grundmann



PE and Games News

Under 11 Girls' Hockey v Queen Mary's

On Friday 13th September, the Year 6 girls went to Queen Mary's in York for our first away hockey fixture of this academic year. The sun was shining and the hockey sticks were ready for an intense game. Both the schools were focused and prepared, which made for a great match and one to remember. We played three ten minute thirds and each one was different from the next - since there were so many twists and turns in the match, there was no way of knowing the final score until the end. All the teams played extremely well and although unfortunately our team lost, we still learnt a lot from it. Before we departed back to Yarm, Queen Mary's treated us to some juice and biscuits, which I think all the players deserved for all the hard work and brilliant performance.

Manha A.



Under 10/11 Boys' Rugby v DCSF

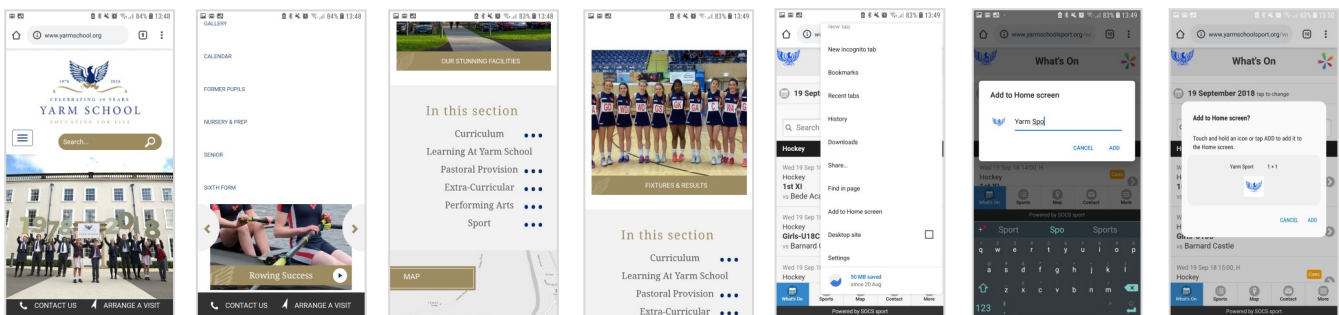
Last Friday, all of the Y5 and Y6 boys travelled to Durham to play DCSF. The fixture involved everyone playing in training fixtures, which were designed to help the boys understand their new rules of play. The Y5 boys had their first experience of scrums and rucks. Whereas the Y6 boys developed on the game they played last year. All of the boys played with great enthusiasm, there were many great tries scored and tackles made. It was a great experience for all involved.

Mr Simpson

How to set up Fixtures Pro on your Smartphone

It's how to find details of sports fixtures and team line-ups for the Prep School. It is also very easy to set up on your Apple or Android device. Please follow these instructions.

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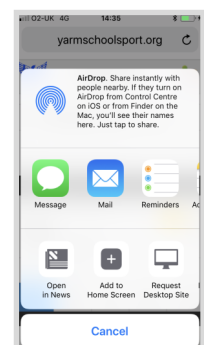
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| 1. Access the Yarm School website via the browser on your device. | 2. Click on 'Senior School' at the top of the page. | 3. Click on 'Sport' which appears down the left-hand side. | 4. Click on 'Fixtures and Results'. | 5. In the top-right corner of the browser, click on the three dots, then click on 'Add to Home screen'. | 6. Give the link a name. | 7. Add to your phone home screen. |
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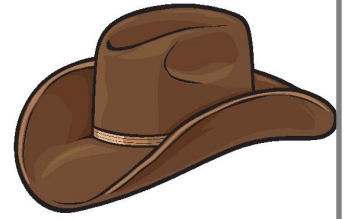
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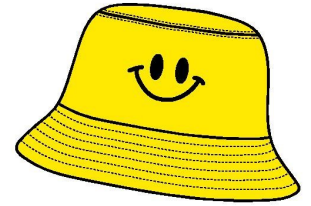
5) At the bottom of your phones screen drag your finger up and you have a square and arrow icon (photo left) and if you click this you can then see the icon that says 'Add to home screen'. Click this.

6) Congratulations! You are all set and on your phone screen you should see the Yarm School logo which is now your very own shortcut to team sheets etc.





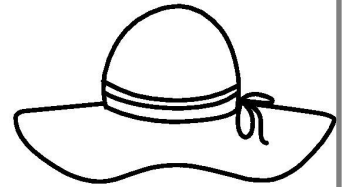
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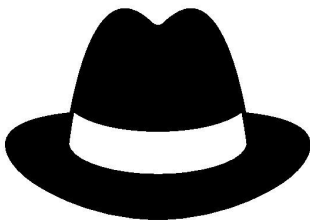
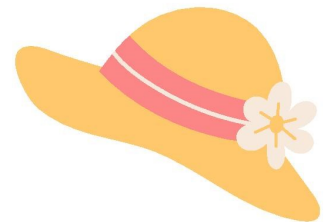
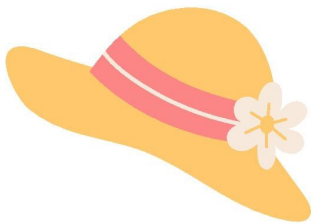
Design a hat or headband



TO CELEBRATE EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES ON 26TH SEPTEMBER, DESIGN AND MAKE YOUR OWN HAT OR HEADBAND.



YOUR DESIGN SHOULD CELEBRATE EUROPE, YOU MAY WISH TO INCLUDE FLAGS, MONUMENTS OR FAMOUS PEOPLE. LET YOUR IMAGINATION RUN WILD!



WEAR YOUR HAT ON 26TH SEPTEMBER - PRIZES FOR THE BEST DESIGNS!



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

CEOP



The Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (CEOP) aims to keep children and young people safe from sexual abuse and grooming online.

Parents, carers and children can report a concern about child sexual abuse or online exploitation to the CEOP Safety Centre.

ANY CHILD IN IMMEDIATE DANGER SHOULD ALWAYS CALL 999 FIRST.

You can contact CEOP by clicking on the logo on this page. This links to the CEOP website where you can report any concerns you may have. Alternatively, click www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/.

Mr Stone

Speech and Drama lessons

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

Mr Stone

Clubs and Activities

It has been an exciting start to our clubs and activities programme, and a real pleasure to see so many children looking to try out new clubs.

We still have some spaces in a number of clubs. If your child is interested in joining any of the following, [please contact Mr Stone.](#)

MONDAYS: Y3-6 Advanced Fencing (for those who have fenced before; begins after half-term).

TUESDAYS: Y4-5 Biography Club, Y5-6 Table Tennis, Y5-6 Hard Ball Cricket

WEDNESDAYS: Y4-5-6 Chess For Fun, Y4-5-6 Music Theory

THURSDAYS: Y3-4 Board Games, Y4-5-6 Autumn Art, Y4-5-6 Philosophy (begins 26/9), Y4-5-6 Squash, Y5-6 Drama.

Mr Stone

Holiday School Dates

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

Tempest Orders

Have you ordered your school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for free delivery back to school is Monday 23rd September 2024. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk.

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

SMS TEXT

For free delivery to school on your child's photographs order by Monday 23rd September 2024. Order via the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk. Call 01736 751555 for assistance.

Please contact Tempest with all enquiries as school is unable to help.

Mr Stone

YPSSC

PreLoved Uniform

Nursery, Pre Prep, Prep & Senior Uniform

PE and Games

See Listings on **Classlist** or
Email Us

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!!

D&T HELP!

Mrs Smith is collecting egg boxes and shoeboxes. If you have any, please could you bring them to school and leave them in the D&T room or on top of the lockers outside 5G. Thank you.

Mrs Smith



Harvest Appeal

Please help feed people in need in the local community by donating items we are really short of:

- Long life Milk
- Sugar/Jam
- Small Fruit juice/Squash
- Tinned fruit/tinned veg
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned rice
- pudding/Custard
- Deodorants
- Shampoo/shower gel
- Tinned Fish/meat
- Shaving foam
- Washing capsules/
washing up
liquid/toilet roll

Thank you!

Contact Us: 07583 575 522
4-6 West Precinct,
Billingham Town Centre
TS23 2NH

info@billinghamandstocktonborough.foodbank.org.uk
www.billinghamandstocktonborough.foodbank.org.uk

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BAG 2 SCHOOL FREE FUNDRAISING FOR SCHOOLS

In partnership with your school or organisation



Yarm Preparatory School

Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second-hand clothing and we have arranged to make a collection from your school. All the bags will be weighed and you will be paid for the total weight collected. Remember, the more you collect the greater the benefit to your school.



PLEASE USE YOUR OWN BAGS (THERE IS NO LIMIT).

When the clothes have been removed from the bag the plastic will be packed and sent for recycling.

We are collecting good quality items for RE-USE:

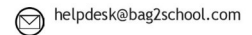
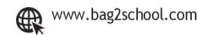
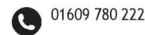
Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.

(No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please)

The more we weigh the more we pay!
Extra bags are welcome - there's no limit

Please return your Bag2School on:

Wednesday 2nd October 2024 by 9am



School and Club Sports

It is great to see so many of our pupils attending local clubs and we highly recommend joining one to aid learning further.

Hockey

Stockton Hockey Club - Junior training takes place Monday nights on the Yarm Sc senior astro 5.30pm-6.30pm <https://www.stocktonhockeyclub.co.uk/teams/team/11741808>

Stokesley Girls Hockey — This takes place on Wednesdays 5.30pm-6.30pm on the Yarm Sc senior astro 5.30pm-6.30pm <https://www.stokesleyhockeyclub.com/>

Norton Hockey Club—Junior training starts again on Sunday 24th Sept at Norton astro. 10.30am-12pm. <https://www.nortonhockeyclub.co.uk/>

Netball

[The link here](#) gives you clubs in the North East, contacts, training venues and exact timings for each age group.

Grangetown coach Michelle runs a U8/9 training session for Yarm pupils on Thursdays 3.55pm-4.55pm at school, as well as a host of age group teams. For further info email: grangetownnc@hotmail.com

Headlanders Netball Club in Darlington where Mrs Jolly coaches. Contact dheadlanders@outlook.com for further details re. Wednesday night training. https://www.facebook.com/DarlingtonHeadlanders/?locale=en_GB

Tooled Up Education

To mark National Fitness Day, we want to help our children celebrate what their bodies can do, get them active, and boost their confidence! A huge body of research shows the benefits that regular exercise and a good level of physical fitness can have in terms of health, wellbeing and academic performance. We also know as parents that sometimes it's hard to get young people moving!

Physical activity for young people often begins by putting down their devices! This fun and varied [list](#) of activities to try instead of looking at a smartphone covers ideas from high jumps to handstands. If your child can't quite find the right activity to capture their interest, take a look at these [100 Sports](#) for children and teens to try.

Fitness and wellbeing are also built on the foundation of a healthy and nutritious diet, and an understanding of why the fuel we put into our bodies matters. Show younger children this [video](#) on "charging up" their bodies and brains. Sporty teens will benefit from this webinar with nutritionist Dan Richardson on [Optimising Nutrition for Young Athletes](#). And don't forget the importance of sleep: watch this expert [webinar](#) on understanding children's and young people's sleep and "what works" if you have any sleep issues.

Another important aspect in getting young people active is confidence. We know that too many children and young people put off exercise because of body attitudes. We collected this [list of resources](#) to help boost young people's body image. Try our downloadable activity promoting [body gratitude](#) for teens and tweens. Parents of girls will find our video on [increasing girls' participation in sport](#) useful, and this expert [podcast](#) on encouraging girls to be physically active.

The flip side of confidence is resilience, and once children become competitive in their sport then they'll need some coping strategies for those difficult games and dips in performance. Here is a [webinar](#) with former professional hockey player Holly Cram on boost young athlete's emotional and physical resilience, along with our tips on developing [resilience to losing](#).

Finally, we'd love to invite all Tooled Up parents to our upcoming [Reaching Boys Early](#) conference on November 8th. Our expert panel will cover boys' wellbeing, confidence, body image and much more. It promises to be a day filled with useful insights and practical advice.

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!

A quick reminder 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. If you already have an account and you have forgotten your password, then simply click on any of the resource links above, click "Lost your password" and follow the instructions.

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BECAUSE EVIDENCE MATTERS

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many platforms which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit nationalcollege.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about DISNEY+

The Walt Disney Company's streaming service, Disney+ combines entertainment from the famous animation studio itself with Pixar, Star and National Geographic, plus the Marvel and Star Wars franchises. With access to the latest releases, Disney classics and original series, there's plenty of content to explore. While parents may have noted that adverts have now been introduced on some versions of the service, the platform is – unsurprisingly for a Disney product – designed to be appropriate for the whole family.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

LESS SUITABLE CONTENT

While Disney+ is predominantly family friendly, there are some movies and shows in its library which are aimed at an older audience: these may scare younger ones or contain themes or language that you'd rather your child wasn't exposed to. You could avoid such situations by enabling Junior Mode (see 'Adjust content settings', below) or specifying a content age rating for your child's profile.



ENCROACHING ADVERTS

Disney+ has introduced a new subscription package – Disney+ Standard with Ads – which plays commercials before movies and during shows (like many TV channels). There are no adverts in Junior Mode, but profiles with a content rating of 6+ years will see ads appropriate for that age category. Adults who give consent will see personalised adverts based on their location and viewing history.



BINGE WATCHING

With the option to view content on any internet-enabled device and a growing catalogue of movies, cartoons and documentaries, Disney+ can make managing screen time difficult. This could result in children binge watching content, distracting them from activities like homework or socialising. Too much screen time has also been shown to negatively impact mood, sleep patterns and weight.



ACCESSING ADULTS' PROFILES

If adults don't set a PIN for their profile, children could access it and encounter content which isn't age appropriate. In the settings, Junior Mode has a toggle titled 'Kid-Proof Exit' which requires the user to read four words (numbers, spelled out) and enter them to switch profiles. For older children who can read, though, this isn't secure enough – so using a PIN for adult profiles is recommended.



PHISHING EMAILS

Be especially cautious if you receive emails or text messages purporting to be from Disney+. There have been numerous reports of online scammers impersonating Disney+ staff in an attempt to gain access to subscribers' personal information. Disney+ states it will never email or call customers asking for their payment details, their private information or their password.



Advice for Parents & Carers

ADJUST CONTENT SETTINGS

When setting up an account, there's an option to create profiles in what's called Junior Mode. This generally covers material that's suitable for children up to age 6 and is therefore fairly limited. You can give older children a wider choice of viewing by building a standard profile, then going into the settings and choosing a content rating from one of the pre-set alternatives: 6+, 9+, 12+ or 14+.



ADD PIN PROTECTION

Disney+ enables you to effectively lock profiles behind a four-digit PIN. In particular, some of the shows on the platform's Star content hub are far more oriented to adults (including several hard-hitting dramas from US networks), so protecting parents' or older siblings' profiles with a PIN will help to prevent younger children stumbling across material which isn't intended for them.



TURN OFF AUTO-PLAY

When a cartoon, show or movie finishes, Disney+ uses algorithms to identify content with similar themes, which it thinks your child will also enjoy. This suggestion will then automatically begin to play by default. There's an option to turn off this auto-play function in the profile settings, which will encourage your child to take a break from the screen and move on to a different activity.



ENJOY AS A FAMILY

When your child watches a movie or show on Disney+ for the first time, you may want to sit with them to ensure it's suitable. You could do the same when introducing them to older films that you haven't seen for years: your perception of what's appropriate has very probably changed, and some of the language and attitudes in movies from your own childhood may seem quite shocking today.



Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



#WakeUpWednesday

Source: [https://help.disneyplus.com/csp?cid=csp_article_content&sys_kb_id=1f88cd83b4fe49859154ec03039279&site=/www.disneyplus.com/csp?cid=csp_article_content&sys_kb_id=1f88cd83b4fe49859154ec03039279&site=/www.disneyplus.com/csp?cid=csp_article_content&sys_kb_id=1f88cd83b4fe49859154ec03039279&site=/www.disneyplus.com/csp?cid=csp_article_content&sys_kb_id=1f88cd83b4fe49859154ec03039279](https://help.disneyplus.com/csp?cid=csp_article_content&sys_kb_id=1f88cd83b4fe49859154ec03039279&site=/www.disneyplus.com/csp?cid=csp_article_content&sys_kb_id=1f88cd83b4fe49859154ec03039279&site=/www.disneyplus.com/csp?cid=csp_article_content&sys_kb_id=1f88cd83b4fe49859154ec03039279)



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Coming Up

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

SEPTEMBER 2024

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| Sat 21 | Stokesley Show |
| Tue 24 | Year 1 trip to Museum of Hartlepool Year 3 trip to Great North Museum, Newcastle NSPCC Stay Safe workshops for Y2, 5 & 6 |
| Wed 25 | NSPCC Stay Safe workshops for Y2, 5 & 6 Year 2 Beach Clean at Marske |
| Thu 26 | European Day of Languages School Council |
| Fri 27 | YPSSC Event (7-10pm; PAA) |
| Sat 28 | Open Morning (9am-12noon) U10 Clegg Cup Rugby (at Barnard Castle) |
| Mon 30 | Harvest collection begins today Collecting for Billingham & Stockton Foodbank |

OCTOBER 2024

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| Tue 1 | Curiosity Emporium (1pm) U8 Girls' Hockey Workshop with Cundall Manor (away; 2pm start, 3.45pm return) |
| Wed 2 | NEJS Girls' Hockey and Boys' Rugby (GSAL; 9am depart, 11am start, 4pm return) Year 2 trip to Captain Cook School Room English Parent Information Event (4pm) |
| Thu 3 | Y3/4 Poetry Competition National Poetry Day |
| Fri 4 | Y5/6 Poetry Competition Harvest Assembly |
| Sat 5 | Teesside Team Chess Championship (Prep Hall; 9.30am-2.30pm) |
| Mon 7 | Y3 Swimming begins (Arkwright/Brunel) |
| Tue 8 | Silver Stories trip to Middleton Hall (Y3 members; 4.45pm return) |
| Wed 9 | Informal Concert (4pm; Prep Hall) Cressida Cowell author visit for Y3 (details to follow via email) |
| Thu 10 | Yarm U9 Invitational Rugby & Hockey Festivals (Green Lane/Astro; 11.30am-2.30pm) |
| Fri 11 | U10/11 Girls' Hockey v Cundall Manor (home; 2pm start) |
| Mon 14 | Parents' Evening (4-6pm) No after school clubs run by form teachers this week |
| Tue 15 | Parents' Evening (4-6pm) |
| Thu 17 | Yarm Fair begins (High Street closed) |
| Fri 18 | Half-term begins after school After School Care runs as normal |

Term Dates

Autumn Term 2024

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

Spring Term 2025

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

Summer Term, 2025

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

Celebration Assembly

| | Values | Endeavour |
|-----------|--------------|-------------|
| 3B | Sebastian T. | Ada A. |
| 3J | Dylan H. | Dylan B. |
| 3P | Julia W. | Jamie F. |
| 4F | Edie T. | Wilf M. |
| 4J | Ray M. | Harrison V. |
| 4S | Austen F. | Arian L. |
| 5G | Amelie T. | Hattie P. |
| 5S | Ralph E. | Bertie H. |
| 5W | Thomas H. | Zac S. |
| 6H | Fathe C. | Amaya S. |
| 6K | Emily Q. | Clara F. |
| 6L | Augusta M. | Holly B. |