



# Little Phoenix



## The Newsletter of Yarm Pre-Prep

Mrs Speight's message ...

Number 431

13th September 2024

Another week has sped by, time flies when you are having fun! However, as I reflect on all of the events that have happened, I realise that the Pre-Prep is a very busy place indeed. Last Friday, I was delighted to welcome our new parents and children, spending time chatting on a somewhat damp evening in our lovely garden. It felt extremely Autumnal and an early frost yesterday reminded me of this. The Parental Information Evening was very well attended and I know many of you enjoyed hearing our Fun Facts. The slides from the evening and the termly booklet have been sent to you and are on the curriculum website <https://sites.google.com/yarmschool.org/yarm-preparatory-school-curri/home>. If you were unable to attend, please visit the site as it contains a wealth of information. On Tuesday, the children filled me with pride as they responded so well to our first fire drill, they kept themselves safe by leaving the building swiftly and sensibly. Our clubs and activities are now in full swing and it has been wonderful to hear the children excitedly waiting to participate in these. Ukulele and Running Club are always a particular highlight of mine as I am privileged to participate in both. There are so many clubs and activities and I am sure you will agree that our range is broad and varied with the children truly benefiting from attending. Have a wonderful weekend, I am looking forward to watching the launch show of Strictly.

Warmest wishes,

*Jeanne Speight*



Tes Schools Awards 2024  
Winner  
Independent Prep School of the Year



## Changes In The Air

The Reception children have noticed some changes in the weather. With the wind came kites and a super haul of autumn delights falling from the trees. Perfect to observe and explore with clay!



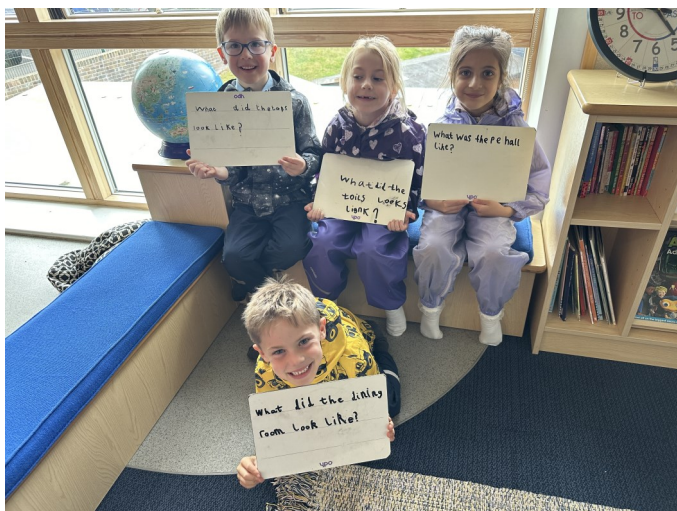
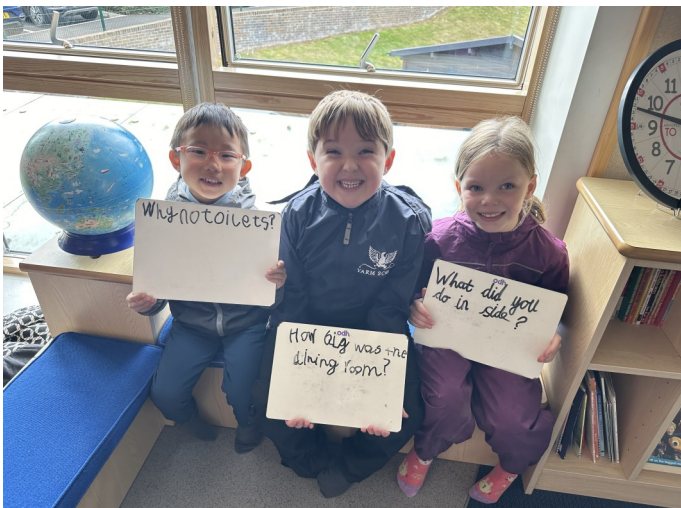
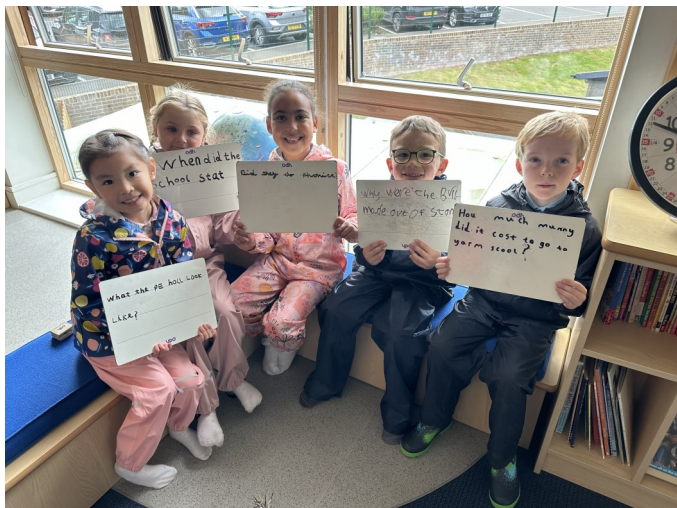
## Brilliant Bee-Bots

The Year 1 children have thoroughly enjoyed their computing lessons this week. They were asked to programme Bee-Bots and navigate a variety of routes. It was lovely to hear the children using a range of positional language. Each Bee-Bot received a treat when it reached the correct destination.



## School History

The children in Year 2 have been learning more about how schools have changed over time. They interviewed Mr Pearce about some of the changes that have occurred at Yarm School since he started teaching here in 1991.



## Young Artists

The Nursery children have enjoyed exploring the Studio this week. They have enjoyed accessing the paints, playdough, junk modelling and exploring the clay. Such a great space to be creative and messy!





### Car Park

In the interests of safety, please **do not** allow your children to play on the grassy banks near to the car park. Thank you for your cooperation.



### Reminder—Uniform

During the autumn term children are able to wear either the summer or winter uniform. Please be reminded that girls should wear white socks with the summer uniform, and grey socks/tights with the winter uniform.

### Autumn Term Dates

Half Term Begins—Friday 18th October

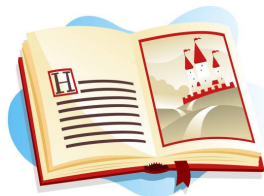
Pupils Return—Monday 4th November

Finish—Friday 13th December

### Reading Books

Please could we kindly ask that you have a look at home to see whether you have any Little Wandle reading practice books that belong to school.

Should you find any, please do return these to school.



### Holiday School Dates 2024/25

October—21st to 25th October (5 days)

Christmas—16th to 20th December (5 days)

Easter—7th to 11th April (5 days)

Summer—14th July to 1st August (15 days)

### Faye Rogers

Congratulations to former pupil Faye Rogers for winning Paralympics GOLD medalist in the S10 Women's 100m Butterfly.

Faye competed in the GB Olympic trials as a Sixth Former at Yarm, and responded with incredible fortitude since the car accident that left her with injuries that changed the course of her swimming career. She was incredible as our Guest of Honour at last term's Prep School Prizegiving recalling her journey to being a Paralympic athlete and providing inspiration to our pupils and staff, with a lesson in the importance of grit, resilience, hope and unfailing determination.

Faye competed in 3 finals at the Paris Paralympics: Women's 100m Butterfly S10 (1st), Women's 200m Medley SM10 (5th) and Women's 400m Freestyle S10 (5th).



## **Kerry Ellis—Queen of the West End Tour**

**Sunday 6th October, 7.30pm**

From My Fair Lady to We Will Rock You, from Les Miserables to Wicked, in both the West End and on Broadway, she has starred in musical theatre's biggest roles, making shows her own and earning her numerous awards. Her list of credits is remarkable and also include Oliver!, Cats, Miss Saigon, Chess, The War Of The Worlds, and Anything Goes, among many others. A unique opportunity to see and hear the West End's biggest hits in a very intimate setting on a tour of the UK.

Don't miss it!

<https://www.thepaaonline.org/whats-on/kerry-ellis/>



## **Gerardo Rodrigues—Piano Solo Tour '24**

**Monday 7th October, 7pm**

His Piano Solo Concert, is 90 minutes of pure emotions, just how all his music was composed – Only at the piano. Gerardo Rodrigues is, without a doubt, a name that has established himself in music, and leaves no one, who has attended one of his concerts, indifferent.

Don't miss his return to the Princess Alexandra Auditorium.

<https://www.thepaaonline.org/whats-on/gerardo-solo-tour-24/>



## **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.

<https://www.thepaaonline.org/whats-on/aled-jones-full-circle/>

