



The Phoenix Flier

The Yarm Preparatory School Newsletter

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A message from Mr Sawyer

Welcome to this week's edition of the Phoenix Flier. At 11am on Monday there was stillness across the playground as we concluded our Remembrance service. This solemn period of silent reflection allowed us to consider the sacrifices made by so many to ensure the peace we enjoy today, a message that Major Robson had addressed in assembly earlier in the day with great sensitivity. We are grateful to Major Robson for her time and to former Prep pupil, Anushri Wadehra, who played The Last Post beautifully, adding a poignant close to the service.

This year's Anti-Bullying Week theme, Choose Respect, has resonated deeply within our school community. It aligns well with our values, encouraging everyone to care for one another and avoid behaviours that could lead to bullying. Through assemblies and discussions, pupils have explored scenarios to better understand the importance of choosing respect and this, alongside the good work of our School Council, highlights the importance of pupil voice in shaping a respectful and inclusive community.

We've also had much to celebrate this week, with great success in our North East Junior School Chess and Cross Country competitions. These events have showcased important life skills such as teamwork, perseverance, and strategic thinking—skills that are valuable not only in competition but are built across the curriculum. As we continue to foster these attributes, we're proud of how our pupils support one another, collaborate and show ambition.

Bill Sawyer

Head's Challenge:

I am the unseen force that demands your best. Though I make progress hard, I shape those who persist—what am I?

Photo of the Week:

Success for Yarm in the NEJS Cross-Country last week, with our Year 5 boys winning the title!



Tes Schools Awards 2024

Winner

Independent
Prep School
of the Year



NEJS Chess Competition

We had three teams in action at this year's NEJS Chess Tournament at the Queen Elizabeth Grammar School in Wakefield.

Usually, we take two Under-11 teams and one Under-9 team to this event, but this time we took one of the former and two of the latter, due to our current outstanding crop of younger players.

Yarm B (Zoyaa Soni, Noah Speight, Rosie Lowe and Max Hollingsworth) played exceptionally well throughout the six rounds of chess and finished just one point off third place; an excellent result, as they were all up against more experienced teams.

Captain Zoyaa was particularly impressive. She sorted out her team with minimum fuss and maximum efficiency, leading from the front with an excellent score of four wins, one draw and just one defeat out of six games. On several occasions, Zoyaa's game was the last one to finish in the hall and her determination to squeeze the maximum out of small endgame advantages was inspirational.

Yarm A (Jayden Wang, Agam Vats, Daniel Shavit and Harrison Vanek) were neck and neck with RGS A over the course of the six rounds and they only just missed out on the title by a couple of points. They played very well as a team, dominated all other teams and comfortably held second place. Jayden was another inspirational captain for us, winning five and drawing one of his six games, but everyone played their part in achieving the excellent result.

Yarm's Under-11 team (Dara Jafari, Henry Stanley, Fathe Chahal and Manha Abdullah) had a point to prove. Switching from two to one Under-11 teams had made the team selection very difficult this year and we had to leave some excellent players behind (who, to their great credit, took the news very well). Had we made the right choices?

Dara has been in superb form for a long time now and he produced one of our best-ever HMC/NEJS performances with a perfect score of 6/6. Keep in mind that this was against some of the best Under-11 players in the whole of the North East and Yorkshire regions and it makes it an even more meritorious achievement. Indeed, on chess ratings, Dara was officially the underdog in some of his games, but it didn't stop him from crushing everyone in fine style.

Having such a strong player on board one is always going to inspire the rest of the team and everyone played with great determination. The last round brought everything to a head. Yarm shared the top spot with RGS A and Dame Allan's! A big performance was needed to keep our title hopes alive.

With only Manha's game left to finish, we were leading our final match 2-1 and the match between the other two leaders was also finely poised. A three-way tie was still very much a possibility - but Manha was in trouble, deep into the endgame, with what should have been a decisive material disadvantage.



However, in a final twist, Manha's customary resilience, determination and pure chess skill all came to the fore and she somehow managed to outplay her opponent with some astoundingly skilful endgame play. This earned Manha a win - and victory for the team! The other two leaders took points off each other and could no longer match our score.

What a remarkable achievement!

The last time we won the Under-11 section was back in 2016, when current captain Dara was a one-year-old and, to bring the story full circle, Zoyaa's brother was captain of the winning team (all of whom are now at university...).

Our achievements this year - by all three teams - are made more impressive still by the fact that this was the largest-ever HMC/NEJS chess event, featuring 36 teams and 144 players. Therefore, we can confidently state that this was our most successful HMC/NEJS event to date.

Congratulations, everyone!

Mr Marsh

National School Snow Sports Championships

On Sunday 10th November 2024, I visited and took part in a ski race titled National School Snow Sports North East and Scotland Championships. It took place at Sunderland Snow Sports Centre and was a very fun day. Many people took part and raced for their own school and were motivated by friends. Some schools took teams to take part in overall times for all members of the teams combined. The race was a timed slalom race and had some difficult turns and was challenging. Throughout the day, each racer had 3 timed runs (the fastest two of these counted). At the end of the day, I came 3rd and got a bronze medal in my U12 category and all in all everybody thought it was a very fun day, including me!

Annalise D.

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/>

Tennis and Squash

Yarm Squash Club and Yarm Tennis Club— <https://yarmsquashclub.co.uk/>, <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/yarmtennisclub>

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

Rugby

Stockton Rugby Club who train at Stockton CC - <https://stocktonrugby.co.uk/minis/under-11/>

Yarm Rugby Club - <https://yarm.rfu.club/teams>

Darlington Mowden RFC - <https://www.mowdenpark.com/>

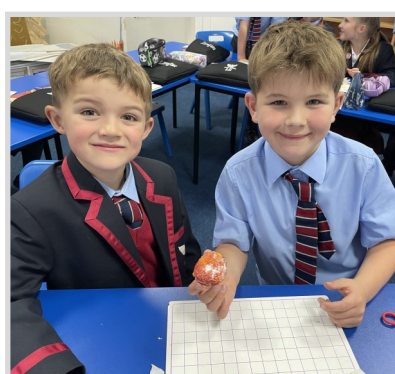
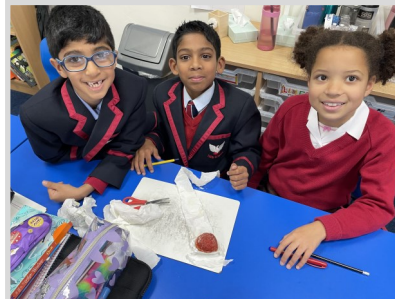
Darlington RFC - <https://www.pitchero.com/clubs/darlingtonrfc/>

Year 4 Humanities

In humanities we have been looking at the process of mummification. The children have been learning about Ancient Egyptian Beliefs. One of those beliefs was mummification which was a way to preserve the body to meet with the soul in the afterlife. To see the effects of mummification, the children used tomatoes (instead of an Egyptian body!). They scooped out the insides (the organs) and filled/ covered the tomato with salt. We wrapped them up tight and left them for 20 days! It actually worked - we managed to mummify our tomatoes! They were very dried up and wrinkly.



Mrs Jolly and Mr Frank



PE and Games News

U10/U11 Rugby v Pocklington

Last Friday saw the first home games of the season. The U10 and 11 boys welcomed Pocklington to Green Lane. All of the games saw many tries scored and tackles made. They also gave the boys the opportunity to put into place all of the work that they have covered in lessons. Everyone gave their all in the games and had a great time.

Mr Simpson



U10/U11 Hockey v Pocklington

A great afternoon of fixtures v Pocklington which saw 4 teams run out in perfect playing conditions. It was great to see a few goals go in and the girls thoroughly enjoyed themselves. It was especially pleasing to see the skills we have worked hard on in recent weeks coming to fruition! Well done girls, a top afternoon of sport.

Mrs Redhead-Sweeney



NEJS Cross-Country

Last Wednesday we travelled to Barlborough School near Chesterfield for the annual NEJS (former HMC) cross country event. It was perfect running conditions and all children were in races along with 60 other competitors so it was a glorious day of competitive sport.

The first girl and boy home for us in the U9 teams were Zara G (34th) and Max H (4th), in the U10's Scarlett Y (15th) and Ralf K (4th) and in the U11's Bella M (19th) and Stan D (26th). Other notable performances were Atti who ran in 10th and Austen O who came 11th, Monty 23rd and Jude 37th which meant that the U10 boys team won the team event which is the first team trophy at the NEJS ever!

To every runner though we can't praise them enough for their effort and commitment. Cross country is not just a physical challenge it is also a mental battle and gives the children an opportunity to build their resilience. Well done to all runners.

Mrs Redhead-Sweeney

U10 Rugby at the DCSF Festival

The U10 boys attended a rugby festival hosted by DCSF. Although they faced very tough opposition the boys performed admirably,



working hard and creating some wonderful phases of play. Well done to all involved.

Mr Underwood

Under 11 Rugby v Pocklington

On Friday 8th November, we hosted Pocklington School for a rugby fixture at Green Lane. The game was played in a good spirit. It was a nail biting, helter-skelter, see-saw match with the players going from end to end. Both teams played well, with excellent tackling and passing and well fought rucks. Both sides scored many tries but we dug deep and managed to win by a narrow margin. I scored the most tries with (5), Fathe, Rory F, Rory B, Will G, Ben O'H, Elliot E and Henry S also shared out the tries. Thank you to Mr Harandon for coaching us.

Henry St.

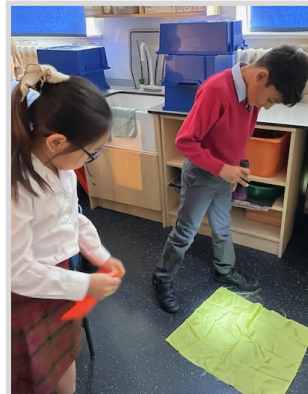
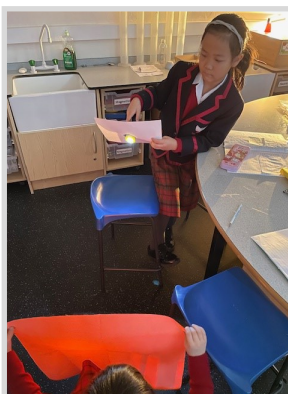
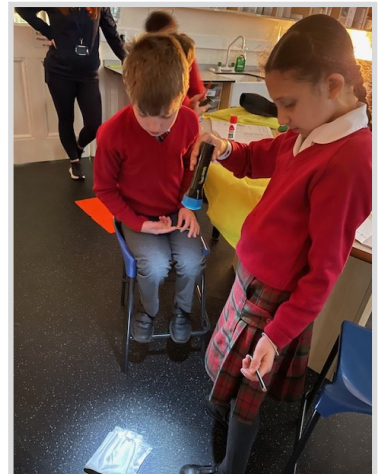
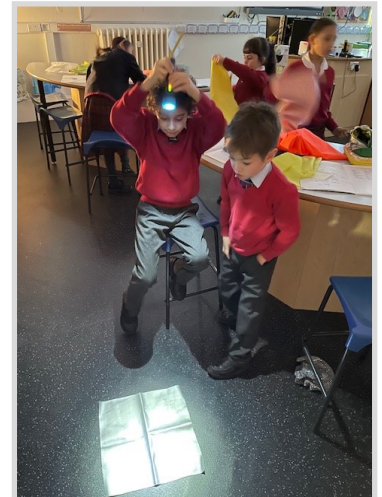
Year 3 Science

Year 3 were challenged this week to ensure Mrs Smith could cycle home safely by choosing some new materials to make clothing for her.

We had to consider the reflectiveness of each material and tested it in the lab.

Our conclusion was the brighter the materials, the more light it could reflect- expect to be blinded by Mrs Smith's new winter attire if you see her in the mornings.

Mr Pengilly



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

Partnerships HELP!

As part of our partnerships work, we are running a project with Stockton Borough Council to get 1000 Year 4 children across the borough to produce a clay figure of themselves. These will be used for an art installation on the steps cascading down to the River Tees that will be made when the Stockton riverside development is completed in Summer 2026.

Naturally we are a fair distance from that point, meaning we will need to store the figures as the children make them! As such, **we are desperately looking for old wine boxes (wooden or card) with the bottle separators, wine glass cases (with the**

separators) and bubble wrap, so we can preserve the models as safely as possible until then.

If you are able to help out, please send any [donations in or contact Mr Stone](#).

Mr Stone

Flu Vaccinations

The School Aged Immunisation Service will be visiting School on Friday 22nd November to deliver the nasal flu spray vaccination. [Please visit the link here to provide your consent online](#).

Mrs Wheatley

Remembrance

Year 4 made their own poppies while learning about the importance of remembrance.

Mrs Jolly



Festival of Carols—4th December

This year the Preparatory School **Festival of Carols will be held on Wednesday 4th December at 5.30pm** in the Princess Alexandra Auditorium. We are delighted that the Reverend Darren Moore will be joining us for the special event in our calendar and we hope that many of you will also be able to attend. Please note, [this is a compulsory event for the pupils](#).

Due to the popularity of the Festival of Carols, and to ensure that every family is given the opportunity to attend, it will be a ticketed event with each family being allocated 3 tickets. [Every family must fill in this booking form, indicating the required number of tickets, by Friday, November 22nd](#). Those families who wish to apply for more than 3 tickets should indicate this on the form. Once all requests are received we will be in contact with those families who have requested extra tickets.

All the children will remain at school on Tuesday for a light tea and will then be walked down to the Auditorium by the teaching staff. Doors will open from 4.40pm for guests. After the service, the children should be collected from the Senior School Sports Hall, where all families are welcome to join us for festive refreshments. Pupils will not need to bring their

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Thank you!!

bags home that evening and will collect their coats and blazers from the Senior School changing rooms after the event.

Please be aware that parking is limited at the Senior School and once the car park is full no further cars will be allowed to access the site, so do use the Prep School car park as well.

Mr Stone

Christmas Art Competition 2024!

This year the challenge is to create an *Advent calendar*. You can use any materials to create your masterpiece. The more unusual and original the design is, the better!

I can't wait to see them! Please hand entries to Mrs Shepherd by 6th December. All entries must have your name and form clearly written on them.



CAUSE Foundation Collection

Our Christmas Mission to support the CAUSE Foundation begins at school. Representatives from the charity will be coming in for assembly to help launch the mission. We are asking for support for the most vulnerable in our area by collecting items for hampers, which will be organised on a class-by-class basis, with each pupil being asked to bring in a particular item. Collection points will be located in each form room, and are open until Thursday 5th December. **Further details have been shared via pupil planners, including the item wanted.** Thank you for your support.

Mr Stone

December ASC

After School Care for December must be booked by 9am on Wednesday 27th November. [You can do this by clicking on this form.](#)

Mr Stone

Join Us in Supporting Movember!

This November, you may have noticed some extra facial hair on our staff as we proudly support Movember, raising awareness and funds for men's health issues, including prostate cancer, testicular cancer, and mental health. We are excited to be part of this important cause, and we need your help cheering us on as the moustaches grow!

To celebrate the end of Movember, we'll be holding a whole school **Crazy Hair Day** on **Friday 29th November**. We invite your child to join in the fun by coming to school with a fake moustache, wearing a wig, or styling their hair in a crazy way! To take part, we kindly ask for a donation of £1 to be paid on the day.

But that's not all! At the final assembly, a lucky pupil will have the unique opportunity to shave off Mr. Sawyer's moustache! Don't miss out on this exciting chance and our push to support men's health.

If you'd like to sponsor our efforts further, please visit our team page: [Yarm Prep School Movember](#).

Thank you for your support – together, we can make a difference!

Mr Simpson

Anti-Bullying Week

The theme for Anti-Bullying Week this year has been **Choose Respect** as a way of showing you care for others, rather than engage in the unkind and mean behaviours that may lead to bullying. It is something which ties in perfectly with our school value of Respectful.

Our School Council met last week to discuss what we mean by bullying, what works well in our school approach to dealing with unwanted behaviours and what could make things even better.

The class and house reps shared that children feel confident reporting any matters of concern to teachers and like having our anti-bullying chart in their planners to help them identify which behaviours are rude, mean and bullying.

In assembly this week, children were given a wide range of scenarios and explored whether they were rude, mean or bullying behaviours.

We have also been exploring our ideas about *upstanding* too. We all agree that it can be tricky to stand up for others when something unwanted is happening, but we have been learning about five ways we can do something and be upstanders. We call these **the 5 Ds**:

Direct - Speak up! Tell the person who is being unkind to stop.

Delegate - Ask for help from a teacher, peer mentor or trusted adult.

Distract - Divert the attention of either the perpetrator or the person being picked on. For example, ask the child to come and play with you.

Delay - Comfort the person in the situation.

Document - Record the incident and share with a teacher.

Do talk about these ideas with your children. If you have any questions or comments, please drop me a line.

Mr Stone

Coming Up at the PAA

RBO Live: The Nutcracker

Thursday 19th
December 7pm
and Sunday
22nd
December 2pm



Join Clara at a delightful

Christmas Eve party that becomes a magical adventure once everyone else is tucked up in bed.

Marvel at the brilliance of Tchaikovsky’s score, as Clara and her enchanted Nutcracker fight the Mouse King and visit the Sugar Plum Fairy in the glittering Kingdom of Sweets.

Live Streamed Performance.

Snow White

12th December - 24th December (Various)

Mirror mirror on the wall... What's the fairest pantomime of them all?

It's Snow White of course, and it's heading to us this



Christmas.... Oh yes it is!

Tom Rolfe Productions are delighted to be back with a brand new production bursting with dazzling costumes, hilarious comedy, sensational singing, beautiful scenery an the coolest Magnificent Seven ever!

PAA

Holiday School Dates

Christmas 2024: - 16th—20th December 2024

Easter 2025: - 7th—11th April 2025

Summer 2025: - 14th July—1st August 2025



Yarm Preparatory School

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Parent Curriculum Information Site

Welcome to the Yarm Preparatory School Parent Curriculum Information Site.

The aim of the site is to provide you with the key curriculum information for each step of your child's journey through school. Additionally, there are links to resources and guidance for supporting your child at home. Please pass on any requests for additional information to your child's Form Teacher or email Mrs Pawluk and Mrs Speight. The site will be regularly updated.

jp@yarmschool.org jsp@yarmschool.org

Please click the images below to take you to each curriculum page or use the menu tab.

<https://bit.ly/yarmcurriculum>

Click here to access the Parent Curriculum Information Site

Tooled Up Education

It's Anti-Bullying Week in the UK, but bullying is an issue that all parents and schools everywhere have to consider.

Children of all ages can benefit from learning to recognise what bullying looks like and understanding the right steps to take when it occurs. With the help of Tooled Up, there is plenty that parents can do at home to support these conversations.

Professor James O'Higgins Norman of Dublin University is one of the foremost experts on bullying in schools. In this fascinating conversation with Dr Kathy Weston, he describes practical steps that parents and schools can take in tackling it, and shares the best resources available.

Bullies thrive on the silence and complicity of bystanders. We'd love our children to be "upstanders" who challenge harmful behaviour. Read these tips on raising an upstander, and then read Dr Elly Hanson's advice on helping children challenge harmful talk in their peer group.

To develop this dialogue at home, use these Conversation Starters for discussing core family values. If your child feels vulnerable to bullying it can often be linked to feelings of being "different" or left out. This Belonging Journal can help – it asks teens to consider their network of friends, their strengths and how they fit in.

IMPORTANT: UPCOMING EVENT

Have you ever wanted friends and family to experience Tooled Up talks? We invite you and your friends and family to join us for our first FREE public webinar OPEN TO ALL.

[An Exploration of Parenting Styles: 21st November 19:30 GMT](#)

What's your parenting style and how may this affect your children and their future outcome? Join Dr Kathy Weston and psychiatrist, Professor Stephen Scott of King's College London as they talk us through different parenting approaches and how we can best support children within family life. To register click this link: [Exploration of Parenting Styles Webinar](#)

This free event is open to all so please share this link with any of your parent friends and family that might like to join the webinar.

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 they need to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one issue of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.



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What parents need to know about AGE RATINGS



If you have children, it is understandable to have concerns about the films and TV shows they watch, as well as the games they play. In this guide, we take a look at the two official ways you can assess if a particular title is suitable for your child. Both the BBFC and PEGI have search facilities on their websites that can be used to look up individual titles so you can check their ratings.



RATINGS FOR FILMS, TV & MUSIC VIDEOS

Since 1912, the BBFC (British Board of Film Classification) has informed UK residents of the age suitability of films, TV and music videos - providing parents with the information needed to assess whether or not it is appropriate for their child's age. This applies to cinema releases, DVDs and streaming video services such as Netflix.

WHAT ARE THE BBFC RATINGS?

BBFC ratings are broken down into seven age categories:



Universal, suitable for all ages



Parental Guidance required



Suitable for people aged 12 and over



Suitable for people aged 12 and over; anyone younger must be accompanied by an adult



Suitable for people aged 15 and over



Suitable for people aged 18 and over



Adult content only available in specially licenced cinemas and specialist retailers

WHAT ELSE CAN BBFC REVEAL?

Accompanied with the age suitability rating, BBFC also provide an additional warning regarding the content and what to expect, such as swearing, sexual content, violence and anything you may consider to be inappropriate for your child. In addition to this, the content is also rated in three levels: frequent, mild or strong.

LIMITATIONS OF BBFC RATINGS

It's important to note that there is no obligation on streaming video services to use or display BBFC ratings. Due to this, we advise that you check the rating online before your child streams the content. It may also be a good idea to watch the content first yourself or discuss it with other parents to help you decide whether or not it is suitable for your child.

Source: www.bbfc.co.uk

RATINGS FOR GAMES

PEGI (Pan European Game Information) is a content rating system that ensures all video games are labelled with a minimum age recommendation. These age recommendations are based on the types of content featured within a game. With each game, PEGI also provide a content descriptor that indicates the potential issues and concerns, including sex, violence, bad language and drugs.

WHAT ARE THE PEGI RATINGS?

PEGI ratings are split into age restriction and content descriptors. Additional 'content descriptors' help parents and children to understand the type of content featured within a particular game, including sex, fear, bad language, discrimination, gambling, drugs, violence, and in-game purchases. In combination, the two different ratings can provide a good level of information to help make informed decisions regarding the suitability for your child.

PEGI age ratings are broken down into five categories:



PEGI content descriptors are broken down into eight categories:



LIMITATIONS OF PEGI RATINGS

It's possible for young people to buy games online without a required proof of age, opening them up to age-inappropriate content without you knowing. We advise that you regularly monitor your child's gaming activities and maintain a honest and healthy dialogue with them about the online world.

PARENTAL CONTROLS

It is a good idea to put in place parental controls for all online accounts which your child may use to purchase or download online games e.g. The App Store, Google Play Store, PlayStation Store and Microsoft Xbox Store etc.

Source: www.pegi.info



Yarm School Association

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Coming Up

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

NOVEMBER 2024

Sat 16	Senior School Christmas Craft Fair
Tue 19	Curiosity Emporium (1pm; Library) U8 Rugby training with Durham (away; 2pm start, 4.15pm return) Y2 Silver Stories visit to Middleton Hall (4.45pm return)
Wed 20	Year 6 Senior School Taster Afternoon (3-6.30pm)
Thu 21	U9 Girls' Hockey v Durham School (away; 2pm start, 4.30pm return) U9 Rugby Festival at DCSF (1.30pm start, 4pm return)
Fri 22	NEJS Mass Participation Sports (Green Lane/Senior School; 11am-3pm) Flu Vaccinations for Reception-Year 6
Sat 23	Prep Ball (PAA; 7pm)
Mon 25	ABRSM examinations Y3 Activities Carousel 2 begins (Arkwright/Brunel still swimming)
Tue 26	Beatbox workshops
Wed 27	Beatbox workshops
Thu 28	Beatbox workshops
Fri 29	U10/11 Hockey v Red House (away; 2.15pm start, 3.55pm return) U10/11 Rugby v Durham School (home; 2.15pm start)

DECEMBER 2024

Mon 2	Clubs and activities finish this week No Year 3 swimming today Reports to parents
Tue 3	EYFS Nativity Performance (Prep Hall; 2.230pm) Nursery Information Event for new starters
Wed 4	Prep Carol Service (PAA; 5.30pm)
Thu 5	Pre-Prep Nativity (Prep Hall; 5pm) Deadline for CAUSE Christmas donations
Fri 6	Shawcross Band performing in school Dance assembly (Prep Hall; 9.50am) U11 Rugby v GSAL & QEGS (at GSAL; 2.15pm start, 4.30pm return)
Mon 9	Carols in the Care Home (Middleton Hall)
Tue 10	Year 3 Christmas Play to parents (Prep Hall; 5.30pm)
Wed 11	Carols in the Care Home (Park Rest, Stockton) House General Knowledge Quiz

Thu 12	Lost Property assembly
Fri 13	Mental Elf Festive Fun Run (for Stockton & Middlesbrough MIND)

Term Dates

Autumn Term 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
3B	Ava B.	Lewis S.
3J	Eila G.	Poppy B.
3P	Albert L.	Teddy B.
4F	Rosie L.	Laycee W.
4J	Gowri P.	Dulcie B.
4SU	Naveah MT.	Edward G.
5G	Atticus WT.	Aditi K.
5S	Bertie H.	Ralph K.
5W	Edith G.	Sajan G.
6H	Olivia T.	Henry St.
6K	Thomas M.	Dax C.
6L	Charlie M.	Jenson C.

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