



Little Phoenix

The Newsletter of Yarm Pre-Prep

Mrs Speight's message ...

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Happy New Year and a very warm welcome back to you all. I do hope that you had a relaxing time with family and friends during the festive break. The children have arrived back with great gusto and it was so lovely hearing about their exploits in the snow last Sunday: sledging, building snow people and making snow angels were obviously very popular pursuits. I do hope we have another flurry at some point this winter as I love being out in the snow! As you would expect, the children are already engaged and completely focused on their learning and even after three weeks away from school, they have quickly adjusted back to the school routine. They are also particularly keen for our clubs and activities to commence next week and with so much variety, I know that they will benefit from these experiences. Our Open Morning will be next Saturday (18th January) and we look forward to seeing our Year 2 children attend for a fun packed hour. Visiting the Prep School informally aids their transition to Year 3 and they will also have the opportunity to participate in science, Virtual Reality, drama and French activities. I can not believe that they have only two terms left in Pre-Prep. You should have received your Termly Booklet and Lunch Menus by email and as always, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the team if you have any questions. Warmest wishes, have a lovely weekend.

Jeanne Speight

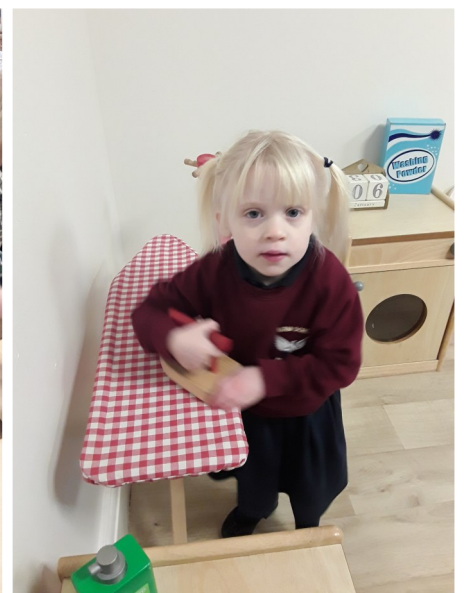


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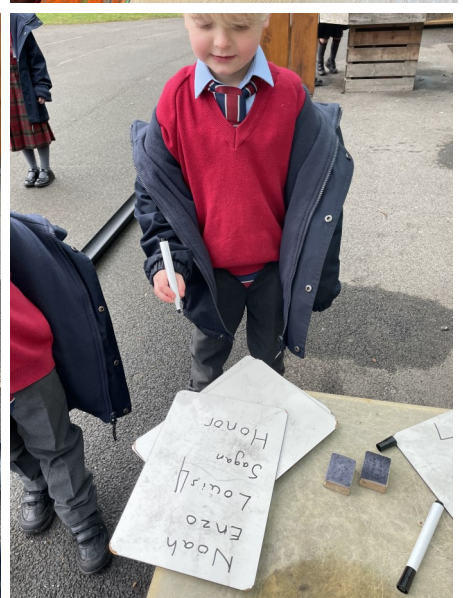
Nursery

Welcome back to Nursery! We have had such a great time exploring the outdoors in this chilly winter weather. There was great excitement when we found huge slabs of ice in the water tray. Many children have also enjoyed playing with clay in the Studio. We had some very messy but very happy children!



Welcome Back

We are so proud of how well the Reception children have settled back into their daily routines. They were delighted to see their friends again and obviously so excited to learn!



What is an explorer?

The Year 1 children have loved starting their new humanities topic, learning about a variety of explorers who have travelled across the world. They also looked at a range of maps and atlas', thinking about destinations they would like to discover!



Landscape Art

The children in Year 2 travelled to the Prep School for their first art lesson of the new term. After practising some new skills they used oil pastels to draw a seaside landscape scene.





Holiday School Dates 2024/25

Easter—7th to 11th April (5 days)

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

Term Dates

Spring Term, 2025

Pupils Return	Monday, 6th January 2025
Half Term Begins	Thursday, 20th February 2025 (after school)
INSET	Friday, 21st February 2025
Pupils Return	Monday, 3rd March 2025
Finish	Friday, 4th April 2025 (after school)

Summer Term, 2025

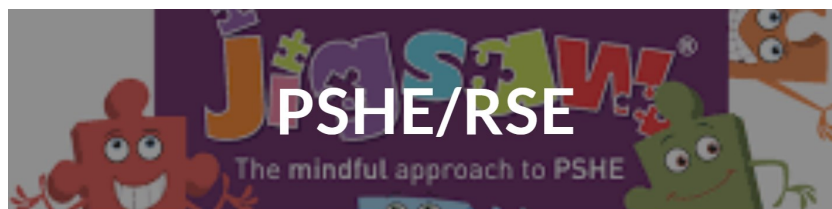
Pupils Return	Wednesday, 23rd April 2025
Bank Holiday	Monday, 5th May 2025
Half Term Begins	Thursday, 22nd May 2025 (after school)
Pupils Return	Monday, 2nd June 2025
Finish	Thursday, 3rd July 2025 (after Prize Giving)

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Recent updates include a new PSHE/RSE page and the
spring term Prep Homework Menus

Reflections—Bella Gaffney

Saturday 1st February , 7.30pm

Live in person in the Friarage Theatre.

Bella Gaffney's show, 'Reflections,' offers a captivating blend of original compositions and traditional tunes that delve into both British folk and Americana, all viewed through the lens of the troubadour lifestyle.

<https://www.thepaaonline.org/whats-on/reflections-bella-gaffney/>



Magic of Motwon

Saturday 15th February, 7.30pm

Seen by over a million people, now in its 18th year touring the UK. It's no surprise that this show is one of the biggest success stories in British theatre history.

Come and join us for 2025 as we reach out and show you there ain't no mountain high enough with the biggest Motown party of the year. Get ready for all the hits, glittering costumes, dazzling dance routines and outstanding musicianship in this breath-taking live concert spectacular.

<https://www.thepaaonline.org/whats-on/motown25/>



Showstopper—The Improvised Musical

Wednesday 9th April, 7.30pm

With fifteen years as an Edinburgh Fringe must-see phenomenon, a BBC Radio 4 series, a critically acclaimed West End run and an Olivier Award to their name, The Showstoppers have delighted audiences across the globe with their ingenious blend of comedy, musical theatre and spontaneity.

A brand new musical comedy is created from scratch at each performance of this award-winning show as audience suggestions are transformed on the spot into all-singing, all dancing productions with hilarious results.

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