



# Little Phoenix



## The Newsletter of Yarm Pre-Prep

Mrs Speight's message ...

**Number 444**  
**17th January 2025**

The second week is drawing to a close and I am very much looking forward to Saturday morning when we shall be having our second Open Morning of the academic year. We have a busy morning ahead of us and I know that our visitors will be made to feel welcome by both children and staff alike. Thanks to the team, the school looks wonderful and the activities they have planned will demonstrate their commitment, enthusiasm and desire to make learning fun. Our activities and clubs have started and there were many excited children talking about drama, Crafty Creatures and netball to name but three! I am extremely fortunate to enjoy ukelele with the Year 2 children and of course my favourite is running with the children from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Each Wednesday and Friday, the children queue up in the Pre-Prep Garden ready to set off to the astro at the Prep School. As the time passes by, their fitness levels are improving and they return to Pre-Prep with beaming smiles ready for the day ahead. Wishing you all a lovely weekend out and about in the fresh air. Warmest wishes,

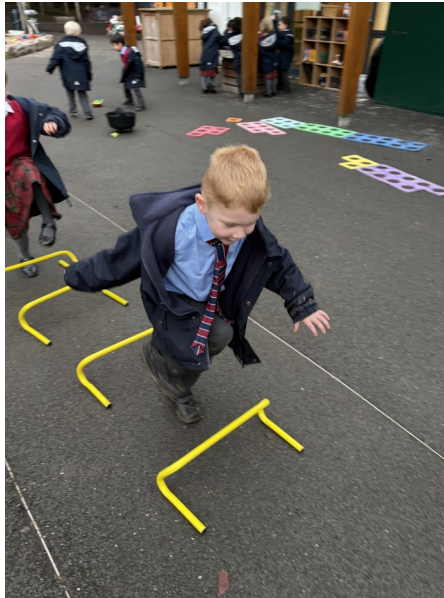
*Jeanne Speight*





**It's ok if it is tricky!**

In Reception we have been thinking about what it means to challenge ourselves. We have learned that if something is tricky it is exciting because our brains are growing. Look how we have challenged ourselves...





## Dreams and Goals

The Year 1 children started their new topic in PSHE this week, thinking about their dreams and goals. The children were asked to draw a picture of somebody doing something that is challenging and then describe what they had drawn.





## Money Maths

The Year 2 children have been busy spending the tooth fairies money this week in maths! They can now identify different coins and notes, add amounts and are challenging themselves with working out the change they will need from a pound.





## Nursery

The children have thoroughly enjoyed their learning in Nursery. There have been too many activities to list. Here are a selection of photos to showcase what we have been doing.







## YPSSC PreLoved Uniform

Nursery, Pre Prep, Prep & Senior Uniform

PE and Games

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

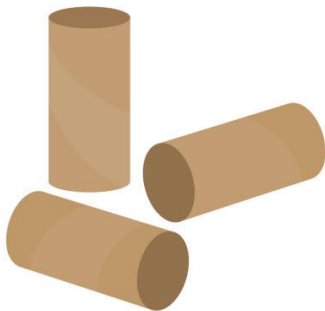
[YPSSC@Yarmschool.org](mailto:YPSSC@Yarmschool.org)

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!!

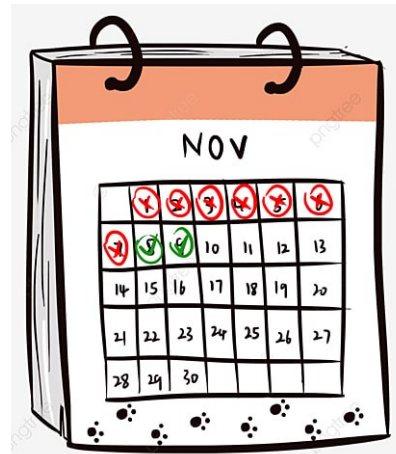
### STEAM Week

We need lots of cardboard tubes for STEAM week - kitchen roll tubes, wrapping paper tubes, toilet paper tubes etc. Please could you start bringing these into school and leave in the music room opposite the old 3J.



### [You can find the Yarm School](#)

### [Calendar by clicking here](#)



### Holiday School Dates 20205

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)

## The Craziest Showman

**Saturday 22nd February, 2pm**

In the latest high energy adventure, “The superstars of slapstick”, CBBC’s favourite and brightest comedy Stars Danny & Mick bring their particular brand of lunacy to the show, causing chaos on stage and bringing screams of laughter from the whole family.

<https://www.thepaaonline.org/whats-on/the-craziest-showman/>



## An Audience with a Cricketing Legend Sir Alastair Cook

**Monday 24th February, 7.45pm**

Hosted by Ex England cricketer and England cricket selector Geoff Miller. England's second highest test run scorer of all time Alastair played in 161 test matches scoring 12,472 runs. Alastair scored a century on his test debut, made 175 catches and captained England in one of their most successful periods of English cricket becoming the number one ranked test cricket team in the world.

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## Banff Mountain Film Festival

**Thursday 27th February, 7.30pm**

Get ready for an unforgettable evening of thrilling adventure on the big screen!

The Banff Mountain Film Festival is back with a brand-new line-up of captivating short films packed with extreme journeys, intriguing characters and stunning cinematography.

Join the world's top outdoor filmmakers and adventurers as they climb, ski, paddle, run and ride through the wildest corners of the planet!

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