



Dates for the diary

18 June – Year 7 Race to the line event

24 June – HPV Vaccinations (Year 8)

25 June – STEM Science Trip to Pudsey 6th Form College

25 June – Year 11 Prom – Gamekeepers, Threshfield (18.30-22.00)

26 June – Celebration of School of Sanctuary

26 June – Mr Julian Smith MP visit

Reminder
that all
events can be
found on the
school
calendar.

[School Events](#)
[- Calendar](#)

Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move towards the end of the academic year, we reflect on what has been a busy and successful period across the school.

We are now nearing the conclusion of the public examination season, and I would like to commend our Year 11 students for their hard work and commitment throughout this time. We wish them every success as they complete their final papers. At the same time, our Year 10 students are about to begin their internal examinations, and we wish them the very best as they prepare and demonstrate their learning.

Last week, we said a fond farewell to our Year 11 cohort. They leave us having made a valued contribution to the school, and we are incredibly proud of the young people they have become. We wish them every success in their next steps and look forward to seeing them again at the Prom, where we can celebrate properly together.

Our French trip is currently underway, and it is wonderful to see that both students and staff are having a fantastic experience. We look forward to hearing more about their adventures on their return.

This week, we were delighted to host our first Year 6–7 transition evening. It was a pleasure to meet so many members of our new cohort and their families, and we very much look forward to welcoming them fully into the school community.

Looking ahead, we have a number of exciting events coming up. Next week, students and staff will take part in our House Rounders competition, which is always a highlight of the summer term. The following week, we will host our Visual and Performing Arts Faculty Showcase and our Year 6–7 Transition Day, where we welcome our new students into school for a full day experience.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

With best wishes,
Mr I Chapman
Headteacher

NEW FREE SCHOOL MEAL ELIGIBILITY

Free school meals are being expanded from September:

How do you know if your family is eligible and how to apply?

From September 2026 the Department for Education is extending entitlement to free school meals to include all children from households in receipt of Universal Credit. Although eligibility will be granted to all Universal Credit recipients, it is important to note that families do still need to apply to receive the meals.

If your child is currently registered as being in receipt of free school meals through North Yorkshire Council, you DO NOT need to reapply, as your child's eligibility to continue receiving this provision will be automatically reassessed before September 2026. Where your child is moving to a school located outside of North Yorkshire, then you will need to reapply for this provision through the new authority/school.

Please be aware that any previous protections which applied to children already in receipt of free school meals will no longer apply. Eligibility will be based on whether you are in receipt of any of the benefits, as shown below:

- Universal Credit
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of Pension Credit

From September 2026 there will be 2 categories of eligibility for free school meals:

Targeted FSM: this covers children in households in receipt of Universal Credit with annual household earnings of £7,400 or less. These children will attract pupil premium and other disadvantage funding for their schools. Other education entitlements, such as the holiday activities and food programme (HAF) and the 'extended rights' element of school travel assistance, will be based on targeted free school meals.

Expanded FSM: this covers children who are in households receiving Universal Credit with annual household earnings exceeding £7,400. Children will be entitled to free school meals only.

For those wanting to apply, applications can be made through the council website www.northyorks.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals with effect from June.

UWS "BIG DIG" MONDAY 20TH JULY – FRIDAY 24TH JULY 2026

We are delighted to invite your child to participate in the 2026 Big Dig!

The Big Dig is a "Time Team" type activity coordinated by a local heritage group "Cravenology" with students working alongside archaeologists in discovering the history of a particular site. This year the Big Dig will be located at **Netherside Hall** – a Victorian building (formerly a hunting lodge) sitting in extensive grounds. We hope to uncover more of its past and (fingers crossed!) find interesting artefacts along the way.

The Big Dig is aimed at young people in **school years 6– 11** and is open to all children in the local area. Your child will be actively involved in all aspects of the excavation such as digging, cleaning, identifying and recording artefacts, surveying, drawing, photography and much else besides!

In addition, there will be **a wide range of other activities** to participate in, such as nature and fossil hunts, arts and crafts, metal detecting, butterfly counting, Grass Woods nature reserve tour, bushcraft, archery, axe throwing and shooting!

The Big Dig has now run for 16 years and the feedback from participants has always been very positive. For students joining UWS in September it is a great **transition** opportunity to make friends with existing students and to meet other new starters and staff. For those with an interest in history and archaeology it is a unique opportunity to practice "hands on" history in the company of real archaeologists.

The cost is **£40 per day** and includes mid-morning snacks and drinks. Parents can book their children on the Big Dig for a week or as little as one day.

All participants must bring along a packed lunch and clothing suitable for outdoor activities - some of which can be very muddy! The day begins at 9:30am and finishes at 3:30pm.

Please email Mr Mitton for booking forms: jmitton@uws.n-yorks.sch.uk

SPORTS NEWS

Please see below the final sporting fixtures for this term. The PE department will be coordinating the teams.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Host School</u>
Thursday 18 June	Year 7	Rounders	SCS
Monday 22 June	Year 7-10	Athletics	Settle
Thursday 25 June	Year 7-10	Athletics	Leeds Beckett

CRAVEN COLLEGE OPEN EVENTS

Below is a reminder of the Craven College Events taking place in June, please pass this information on to **Year 10/11/12/13** students and **their** parents/guardians who may find these events of interest.

SKIPTON OPEN EVENING (FAO YEAR 10/11/12/13 STUDENTS)

Monday 15 June 2026

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

REGISTER HERE: [Open Evening \(Skipton\) – Craven College](#)

HORSE MANAGEMENT (EQUINE) PARENT & APPLICANT EVENING (FAO EQUINE APPLICANTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2026 ENTRY)

Wednesday 24 June 2026

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

REGISTER HERE: [Horse Management \(Equine\) Parent & Applicant Evening – Craven College](#)

YEAR 10 TASTER MORNING (FAO YEAR 10 STUDENTS)

Tuesday 30 June 2026

9:30 am - 11:30 am

REGISTER HERE: [Year 10 Taster Morning – Craven College](#)

VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS SHOWCASE

At Upper Wharfedale School, we are proud to celebrate the outstanding achievements of our students across the Visual and Performing Arts faculty, including PE, Art, Drama, Music, Food, and Design Technology. On Wednesday 24th June, we will be hosting a special event to recognise and showcase the creativity, talent, and dedication demonstrated by our students throughout the year. More information will be sent to any students involved. Every day, our students demonstrate creativity, resilience, and ambition—whether performing on stage, designing innovative products, producing artwork, competing in sport, or mastering practical skills in the classroom. Creative subjects play a vital role in a well-rounded education. They encourage self-expression, build confidence, and develop essential life skills such as teamwork, problem-solving, discipline, and communication. These subjects also provide students with opportunities to explore their passions, discover new talents, and experience success in a variety of meaningful ways.

Celebrating student success in these areas is incredibly important. It recognises the hard work, commitment, and progress of our young people, while raising aspirations and inspiring others to engage and excel. By sharing and valuing these achievements, we continue to foster a culture where creativity is championed, and every student feels proud of their contribution to school life.

We look forward to celebrating with our students and sharing their achievements with the wider school community.

FRIENDS OF UPPER WHARFEDALE SCHOOL

As we have not been able to organise any fundraisers this year we thought it might be an idea to set up an option to encourage parents to make a small monthly donation by standing order to the Friends of UWS account. (see below)

This helps provide additional support to the school as required.

Friends of Upper Wharfedale School

Sort Code: 20-78-42

Account No: 00899917





**LAUNCHING
WED 1ST
JULY 2026**



**3.30PM -
5.30PM**



**Project
Reverb
&
EcoChurch**

**CHURCH
HOUSE
GRASSINGTON**



pop-up eco-cafe

WHAT'S IN STORE?

- Homemade cakes, fairtrade tea, coffee & hot chocolate
- Refillable eco household cleaning products & soap - bring empty bottles!
- Seed-swap & home-grown produce
- Share environmental ideas and thoughts for the progression of Eco-Cafe
- Fairtrade stall coming soon
- Children's corner with colouring & crafts while you shop!

For more details or if you would like a stall contact Anne Peart
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THURSDAY 2ND JULY - SUNDAY 30TH AUGUST

Submit upto 3 pieces of 2D or 3D artwork inspired by books,
language, literacy, storytelling, or the joy of reading itself.

SCAN QR CODE FOR MORE INFORMATION



ENTRIES CLOSE:

Monday 15th June 2026

ENTRY FEE:

£10 under 18s

£20 18 and over



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GAMES



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A SPACE TO HANG OUT FOR
SCHOOL YEARS 6 - 11
INSIDE AND OUTSIDE
ACTIVITIES



TABLE
TENNIS



ROUNDERS



FOOTBALL



CRICKET



RUGBY



1 June - Linton

LINTON VILLAGE HALL
6PM - 8PM



8 June - Cracoe

CRACOE VILLAGE HALL
6PM - 8PM



15 June - Grassington

GRASSINGTON CHURCH HOUSE
6PM - 8PM



22 June - hopefully Kettlewell

KETTLEWELL VILLAGE HALL
6PM - 8PM



29 June - Cracoe

CRACOE VILLAGE HALL
6PM - 8PM

EVERYONE WELCOME!

FOR ANY MORE INFORMATION
EMAIL ANNE

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AUDITIONS FOR BUGSY MALONE

Show dates
29th September to
3rd October 2026

Directed by Skye Wilkinson
Choreography by Will Binns

For performers aged 8-18

THURSDAY 18th JUNE

6pm

Jackson Room, Grassington Town Hall

Drop us a message on our socials or
grassingtonplayers@gmail.com for more information