

**FUWS - PTA**

Friends are running the bar (cash only) at Awards Evening on 27 November from 6.15 onwards.

They will also be selling raffle tickets for "The Barrow Bonanza" with a chance to win a wheelbarrow full of goodies.

Food

For upcoming practical cookery lessons
w/c 17 November

[Year 7](#)

[Noodles](#)

[Year 8](#)

[Pilau Rice](#)

Please see MCAS or Teams, Files - "Ingredients needed for practical lessons".

In an emergency you can email Mrs Doidge:

jdoidge@uws.n-yorks.sch.uk

N.B ingredient lists are posted on Wednesday and Thursday the week before.

DRAMA

Rehearsals for this year's school production 'Frozen'

Rehearsal Dates:

w/c 17/11/25 no rehearsals as Mrs Gray is on the London Trip.

Tues 25 & Weds 26
November 3.20-4.30

Students must check with Mrs Gray which parts are needed each week.

Dates for the diary

w/c 17 November

Anti-Bullying/Food Bank Collection Week

Yr 11 Mock Exams start

19-21 November

London Theatre Trip

21 November

Wear Odd Socks Day – Children in Need

27 November

Awards Evening

Reminder that all events can be found on the school calendar

[School Events - Calendar](#)

Headteacher's Update**Dear Parents and Carers,**

I hope you and your families are well and that all our students enjoyed a restful and refreshing half-term break. It has been wonderful to see everyone return with energy and enthusiasm for the weeks ahead.

We have already had a fantastic start to the term. Our flu vaccination programme was a great success, helping to keep our school community healthy as winter approaches. A group of students also enjoyed an inspiring visit to Maclaren, where they were able to see innovation and engineering at its very best, an experience that will stay with them for a long time.

Safety remains a priority, and I am proud to share that our recent fire drill was completed in record time. This shows the maturity and cooperation of our students. Equally moving was our Remembrance Assembly, which provided a moment of reflection and respect for those who have served and sacrificed.

Creativity has been shining through in our Christmas Card and Verse Competition, where our students have represented the school brilliantly. We also had a wonderful Wear Pink Day, which brought the whole community together in support of an important cause, thank you to everyone who took part.

Looking ahead, we are excited for Odd Sock Day as part of Anti-Bullying Week, celebrating individuality and kindness. We also have a planned lockdown drill to ensure that our safety procedures remain robust and effective.

Thank you for your continued support in making our school a safe, vibrant, and inspiring place to learn.

Warm regards,
Mr I Chapman
Headteacher

**Skipton Rotary – Great Santa Fun Run**

Once again members of staff and PTA will be taking part in the Santa Fun Run on Sunday 30th November 2025 @11.00am in Skipton

If we manage to get a team of 25 people or more, we will receive a £250 donation to the school.

If you are thinking of taking part, please could you register your team's name as Upper Wharfedale School. Thank you in advance.

Harvest Collection

Following our recent harvest appeal many thanks for all the very generous donations in support of one of our chosen local charities; Homeless not Hopeless. The charity is truly grateful for all the contributions made especially at this time of year. Thank You



DON'T FORGET – ABSENCES

All absences must be reported **before 9am** every morning of absence

Telephone: 01756 752215
(press 1- line open 24 hrs)

Email – absence@uws.n-yorks.sch.uk

Trips and Visits 2025-2027

Link to all visits available to students

<https://uws.n-yorks.sch.uk/parents/school-trips>

Lost Property & Pre-Loved Uniform

Please remember to label your child's uniform and equipment, where possible. There is a lost property area in the corridor between the main office and the school hall, which students can check for any items they have mislaid. They can also check Science Rooms, North Block and the Sports Hall.

Once a term the lost property is checked for any named items and we endeavour to return these items to their rightful owners. Any unnamed items are disposed of in the Rag Bag textile recycle bin.

We also have a selection of pre-loved uniform/pe kit available in our pre-loved shop at school. You are welcome to come and look if you ring in advance. We usually ask for a donation of £3 per item.

Everyone's Invited

Online Parent Session – Supporting Young People in a Digital World

We are pleased to invite you to an **online parent session** being run by the charity **Everyone's Invited**. The aim is to offer a supportive and informative space for parents and carers of students aged 11–16.

This session will explore some of the key challenges and pressures that young people face in today's digital world, including:

- Social media platforms such as TikTok and Snapchat
- Gendered pressures and consent
- Pornography and the rise of AI
- Image-based abuse and sextortion
- Online misogyny

The talk aims to help parents better understand these issues and feel more confident in supporting their children as they navigate the complexities of online life. Practical strategies and guidance will be shared throughout the session.

Monday 2nd February 2026 @ 6 - 7pm

Via Teams call online

(link to be shared nearer the time)

We encourage all parents and carers to attend this important discussion. It's a valuable opportunity to learn and ask questions. **If you would like to attend, please complete the attached Form:**

[Parents talk run by Everyone's Invited – Fill in form](#)

Thank you for your continued support in helping our young people stay safe, informed, and confident online.

Sports News.....

There has been lots of sporting fixtures this term.
Thank you to all students who took part for such a small school we do very well.

RESULTS:

21 October – U14 Yorkshire Cup Rugby

UWS 0 v 14 Ilkley

UWS 0 v 24 PHGS

UWS 7 v 0 Ermysted's

22 October – Year 9 Rugby at South Craven

UWS 45 v 0 Beckfoot Thornton

UWS 0 v 20 South Craven

UWS 10 v 20 PHGS

6 November – Yr 9 & 10 Basketball at UWS against Settle and Skipton Academy

Year 9 – were overall winners

Year 10 – were joint winners with Skipton Academy

13 November – Cross Country at Keighley

On a muddy course in Keighley on Thursday afternoon students took part in a regional cross-country event with over 200 runners across the secondary school race. We finished 7th overall. Well done to all who took part.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday 17 November – Yr 7 & 8 Dales Cup Rugby @ WRUFC

Tuesday 18 November – Yr 9 & 10 Dales Cup Rugby @ WRUFC

Thursday 27 November – U13 Football

EXTRA CURRICULUM ACTIVITIES – AFTER SCHOOL

	Activity	Venue	Time	Year Group	Teacher in charge
MONDAY	Girls' Football	School Field	After School (15:30 – 16:20)	Years 7-11	Mrs Dudley
TUESDAY	Production Rehearsals	Hall	After School (15:30 – 16:30)	Year 7-11	Mrs Gray
	F1 in Schools	Room 19	After School (15:30 – 16:30)	Year 8-11 Invite only	Mr Marston
	Catering CA	Room 18 & 20	After School (15:30 – 16:30)	Year 11 Invite only	Mrs Doidge
WEDNESDAY	Gym	Fitness Suite	After School (15:30 – 16:30)	Years 8-11	Mrs Dudley
	Production Rehearsals	Hall	After School (15:30 – 16:30)	Year 7-11	Mrs Gray
THURSDAY	Full Course RE Lessons	Room 13	After School (15:30 – 16:30)	Year 10 Invite only	Miss Khan
	English Revision	Room 1, 2, 4	After School (15:30 – 16:30)	Year 11	Mrs Curtis & Mr Curtis & Mrs Harris
	Boys Football	School Field or Sports Hall	After School (15:30 – 16:20)	Years 7-11	Mr Richardson
	Production Rehearsals	Hall	After School (15:30 – 16:30)	Year 7-11	Mrs Gray