



Dates for the diary

29-June – 3 July – Activities Week, Year 10 Work Experience

8 July – Sport Day

13 July – Deep Learning Day

14 July – Year 10 IAGS

17 July – Break up for Summer Holidays

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

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Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to take a moment, on behalf of our whole school community, to pay tribute to Mrs Mukherjee following her passing.

Mrs Mukherjee was an exceptional member of staff who gave so much to our school. Her kindness, warmth and genuine care for others touched the lives of so many students, families and colleagues. She had a unique ability to make people feel valued and supported, and her dedication made a lasting difference to our community.

Over the past few days, we have shown resilience and continued with school life, just as Mrs Mukherjee would have wanted. She cared deeply about our students and their experience in school, and we know she would have wanted us to carry on, supporting one another and making the most of each day. In doing so, we honour the spirit in which she lived and worked, with positivity, purpose and a focus on what matters most.

At the same time, we remain mindful that this loss may affect members of our community in different ways. We continue to have support available for any student who may need it and would encourage them to speak to a trusted adult in school. Mrs Mukherjee believed strongly that education is about more than academic success. She championed kindness, relationships and making the most of every opportunity, values that will continue to shape our school and stand as part of her lasting legacy.

We are incredibly grateful for the contribution she made to our community, and she will be deeply missed by us all. We will work with her family to ensure that she is appropriately remembered, and we will share further information with you once arrangements have been finalised. For now, we continue to hold her in our thoughts and remember the remarkable contribution she made to our school.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support at this time.

With best wishes,
Mr I Chapman
Headteacher

NEW FREE SCHOOL MEAL ELIGIBILITY

Free school meals are being expanded from September:

Reminder for those wanting to apply, applications can be made through the council website

www.northyorks.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals - with effect from June.

REMINDER - HAYFEVER SEASON!

It is that time of year again when hay fever symptoms begin to appear.

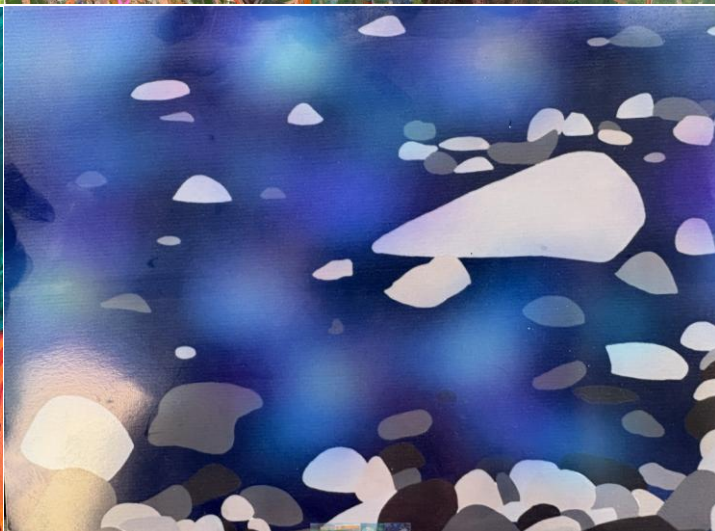
Please may we remind you to give your child any hay fever medication in the morning before they come to school

We are unable to keep any medication in school to administer during the day.

SUMMER TERM ART HOUSE COMPETITION

To pay tribute to David Hockney who passed away on 11 June 2026 and to celebrate our local landscape, Year 7 have produced some spectacular paintings and iPad artwork for their Summer Term Art House competition.

This year Elbolton are victorious with a stunning landscape of a gorgeous Countryside and local views in Threshfield.



ITT TEACHERS

We would like to say a heartfelt thank you and wish the very best of luck to our trainee teachers as they complete their placements with us.

Today marks the end of Mr Myers' second placement in the Geography Department and the completion of his teacher training. We would like to thank him for his hard work, enthusiasm and commitment throughout his time with us and wish him every success as he begins his teaching career at his new school.

Next Friday, Mr Formoso (History), Mrs Clews (Religious Education) and Mrs Riddler (PE) will complete their training placements with us. A week later, Mrs Clough, who has been working in the English Department, will also complete her placement.

Each of our trainee teachers has made a valuable contribution to our school community. Their dedication, professionalism and willingness to support our students have been greatly appreciated by both staff and pupils. We thank them for all they have done during their time with us and wish them every success and happiness in their future teaching careers.

MOBILE PHONE AND SMART DEVICE POLICY- FROM MONDAY 29 JUNE 2026

REMINDER

Following the changes introduced by the Government through the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Act 2026, Upper Wharfedale School will be strengthening its expectations regarding mobile phones and smart devices in school in line with government policy.

As part of our continued commitment to maintaining a calm, focused and respectful learning environment, we would like to remind all families of our mobile phone policy, which is available on the school website. From **Monday 29th June**, mobile phones and data-compatible devices should not be seen at any time during the school day. This includes:

- **Mobile phones.**
- **Tablets and other internet-enabled devices.**
- **Smart watches or watches capable of sending or receiving messages, notifications or calls.**
- **Earbuds, headphones or similar devices**

Any device brought into school must remain switched off, in their bag and out of sight at all times whilst students are on the school site. Ideally, this would be in an internal pocket of the bag or in a separate, closed pencil case used only for their phone.

We appreciate that some students may carry a phone for safety reasons when travelling to and from school; however, these devices must not be used during the school day. The sanction for sight of a mobile phone or prohibited smart device will be an extended SLT detention. We will continue to review the policy as we do with all policies and amend if necessary.

For educational visits and residential trips, students may be able to bring mobile phones with them if the trip leader gives permission; however, phones must be handed in to staff overnight.

We understand how important it is for young people to feel safe and supported, and for parents and carers to have reliable ways to contact their child during the day. Our approach balances protecting learning time with ensuring that student wellbeing and safety remain a priority.

WILDLIFE AREA/GARDEN

We are looking to build a wildlife areas/gardens in school grounds and if anyone has any expertise or funding or resources that they would be willing to share then please contact Miss Roberts – proberts@uws.n-yorks.sch.uk

This will likely be a long-term project as we look to identify suitable areas and look for funding, but initial ideas include potentially installing a pond, hedgehog homes, hedgerow planting, installing bird and bat boxes.

We are going to start with surveys and research but if anyone in our school community has any expertise or suitable contacts, please do pass them on!

ONLINE ACTIVITY

Just to make you aware that there has been a noticeable rise in unkind posts and comments online between students.

Please could we encourage you to monitor your child's activities on all apps to prevent this unkindness continuing into their school day.

Please also check legal age requirements for social media platforms (TikTok, Instagram, Snapchat, Facebook etc).

SPORTS NEWS

Bradford School Rounders results – Year 10

UWS - 3
Oakbank - 0
POM - Layla May

UWS - 10 1/2
South Craven - 4
POM - Ola

UWS - 4
Skipton Girls - 4
POM - Ola



Year 9/10 Dales Cup Rounders

Year 9
UWS - 9
Nidderdale - 8
POM - Harry

UWS - 15
Settle - 5
POM - Ferdy

Year 10
UWS - 14
Nidd - 5
POM - Ola



North Yorkshire Schools Athletics

Congratulations to Norah Y, Harry C, Georgia T and Charlie H who were selected to represent Harrogate and Craven at York last Saturday.

- 🏅 Norah Y - 2nd in Hurdles and 1st in Long Jump.
- 🏅 Harry C - 2nd in Discus
- 🏅 Georgia T - 800m

Norah and Harry will now represent North Yorkshire in Hexham this Saturday.

An extra mention to Norah who jumped a new PB of 5.14m which qualifies her for the English School Champs in Birmingham next month.

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



WORK EXPERIENCE – YEAR 10

Good luck to Year 10 going out on their work experience next week.

You should have all contacted your employers to confirm first day arrangements.

Good luck! Mr Mitton and Mr Jackson

ABSENCES

If your child is absent, please let us know **before 9:00am each day** they are off school.

When reporting an absence, a **brief explanation of the illness** is helpful (rather than just “ill” or “unwell”).

If your child has a **medical appointment during the school day**, please email a copy of the appointment confirmation to the **absence email address** so we can keep our records up to date.

Telephone: 01756 752215 (press 1- line open 24 hrs)
Email – absence@uws.n-yorks.sch.uk



**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



WIN
one of two
amazing
prizes!

THE
**ART
SHOP**
SKIPTON

The winning **People's Choice Artist** in the
under 18's and over 18s category will each win
a prize worth £200 generously donated by
The Art Shop Skipton



Bradford District Care
NHS Foundation Trust

Parent / Carer Workshops

Specialist advice for parents of children with SEND

Delivered by the Children's Learning Disability Team Craven

Toilet Training Support



Almost all children can achieve toilet training, however children with additional needs may take longer and need more support. Receive specialist advice and support to help make this a consistent and positive journey.

12:30 to 14:30

19 June 2026

Preparing for Puberty



Puberty can be a worrying time of change for children with additional needs and their family. We welcome parents of children aged 7 and above to explore strategies to help prepare for these years. Taking some of the stress away from these first steps towards adulthood.

12:30 to 14:30

17 July 2026

Accessing Health Services



Join our specialist nursing team to gain essential advice and information for people with Learning Disabilities, including:

- Annual Health Checks and the importance of accessing them
- What to expect during the transition to Adult Health Services
- Hospital Passports and how to develop yours
- How to support children with any medical procedures they may find anxiety provoking (including injections)

12:30 to 14:30

18 September 2026

**Fisher Medical Centre, Community Hub Room,
Millfields, Coach Street, Skipton, BD23 1EU**



If you cannot attend in person, a virtual option will be available.

Book your place today! email: ChildrensLearningDisabilities@bdct.nhs.uk



Wild Explorers: Into The Wild

A 2-day experience for young people aged 10 - 16.
Into The Wild provides an opportunity for young people to unplug from technology and benefit from all that nature has to offer.

Into The Wild is a 2-day experience that will give young people (10-16 years) increased responsibility and challenge.

You will have the opportunity to set up your own shelter, make your own campfire and cook the food on the fire along with other activities on the day.

The 2 days will be centred around building confidence, leadership, teamwork and resilience.



Price

£95 per child for 2 days inc food
Childcare vouchers accepted

Age

10 - 16 years

Must be in year 5 or above

Upcoming Dates

21st & 22nd July

3rd & 4th August

1st & 2nd September

Please note: this is a 2 day experience.



Time

9.30am - 3.30pm

Location

Broughton Hall Estate



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