



Dates for the diary

3 March Yr 7, 8 Netball at Settle
4 March World Book Day
11 March School Swimming Gala
16-20 March Science Week

Reminder
that all
events can be
found on the
school
calendar

[School Events
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Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was wonderful to see such a fantastic turnout at our Honour Roll Breakfast last week. This event is always a highlight of the school calendar, and it was a real pleasure to celebrate the effort, attitude, and behaviour of so many of our students. Their commitment to school life makes us incredibly proud.

We also enjoyed a brilliant performance of *Frozen*, which showcased the outstanding talent of our students. My heartfelt thanks go to Mrs Gray for her hard work, creativity, and dedication in bringing the production to life. It was a memorable occasion for everyone involved.

Our Year 9 Parents' Evening was another great success and well attended. It was encouraging to see so many families engaging in conversations about the next steps before students formally select their options. These discussions play a crucial role in helping students make informed decisions about their future pathways.

Looking ahead, we have an exciting week in store. We are delighted to be hosting our school **Iftar**, a special moment during Ramadan when Muslims break their fast. It is a wonderful opportunity for our school community to come together in a spirit of respect, reflection, and unity.

Some of our students will also be taking part in a Science Live event, enriching their learning through real-world scientific insights and experiences.

On Thursday, we celebrate World Book Day, which will include themed assemblies and much to the students' delight some of our staff dressing up as characters from well-loved books. It promises to be a fun and engaging day that continues to promote our love of reading across the school.

Finally, vaccinations will be taking place this week. These play an important role in keeping our students safe and well, and we appreciate your support in ensuring high attendance and smooth delivery.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It makes a tremendous difference to the life of our school.

Warm regards,
Mr I Chapman
Headteacher

UPDATED EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Please find below the link to the updated school extra curriculum activities taking place at lunch and after school.

[Extra-Curricular-Activities.pdf](#)

ABSENCES

All absences must be reported **before 9am** every morning of absence. **Please leave a brief description of illness, not just "ill/unwell"**.

Please can you also remind you that if your child has a Diarrhoea and/or vomiting bug that they should stay off school until they have not had symptoms for two days.

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

Email – absence@uws.n-yorks.sch.uk

EVERYONE'S INVITED RESOURCES

Following the Parents and Carers online workshop with the charity *Everyone's Invited* on Monday 2nd February, we were provided with a range of resources that may be helpful when supporting your child at home.

Here is the link to the second resource guide, which provides an overview of the session.

<https://uws.n-yorks.sch.uk/2-parent-carer-reflection-guide/>

LANGUAGE AS AN OPTION

For those in Year 9 discussing options at home this week after Parents' Evening, take a look at the following link from The National Consortium for Languages Education: <https://furtherwithlanguages.org/>. It outlines some of the reasons why languages can take your child further in life, enhance your brain power, help in many real-life situations and of course, is fun! The new Pearson Edexcel course we follow in school is designed to be accessible to all and give students practical skills to help make travelling and working abroad enjoyable! Merci pour votre attention.



School Production – Frozen Jr

We would like to say a massive thank you to those who purchased tickets to watch our incredible performance of Frozen Jr.

A huge round of applause to Mrs Gray and the whole production team for putting this show together over the past few months.



BIRDS AND WILDLIFE AREA

We would love to develop a wildlife area. If anyone has any interest in helping us or supplying us with materials, then please email Miss Roberts (proberts@uws.n-yorks.sch.uk) with suggestions!

STUDENT FIDGET TOYS

If Student need to bring a fidget toy into school, please may we suggest only bringing in a small one that does not make a noise. Unfortunately, the big square squishes are not to be brought into school as they are too big and distracting to other students. Please see some examples below.



NEW EXAM TABLE

Your HUGE thank you begins ... now!

We have recently taken delivery of a brand-new set of exam desks and would like to thank everyone who contributed towards them.

These new desks replace our old stock much of which was getting on for 30 years old and were exhausted! The new desks will make a significant positive difference to the conditions for our students when they sit exams.

As well as raising nearly £2000 via a Crowdfunder campaign, we received £1000 from our PTA as well as many significant contributions from staff and parents. North Yorkshire Council also contributed with donations of £1000 and £400 from the Locality Budgets of Councillors Richard Foster and Simon Myers.

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed - there is simply no way that we could have updated our desks without your help.

