



Dates for the diary

19 September – PTA Church House Event – 1940's Weekend

21 September – Year 6 Open Evening – 5.45 – 8.00

22 September – Poland Trip 2026 Parent Meeting – 6.00

28 September – School Photographs

**School Bulletins can also be found on our school website
using the link below**

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

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

[School Events](#)
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Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome to the first edition of our school newsletter for this academic year.

As we begin another exciting chapter, I would like to extend a special welcome to our new Year 7 students and their families. Starting secondary school is a significant milestone, and we are delighted that you have joined our school community. Over the coming weeks, our staff and students will be working together to ensure that every child feels happy, supported, and confident as they settle into school life.

I would also like to welcome back all of our returning students and families. It has been wonderful to see our corridors once again filled with energy, enthusiasm, and smiling faces. The start of a new school year always brings fresh opportunities, new challenges, and the chance for every student to grow both academically and personally.

At UWS, we are proud of the strong partnership we share with parents and carers. By working together, we can provide the very best support for our young people as they strive to achieve their potential. This newsletter will be one of the many ways we keep you informed about school life, celebrate student successes, and share important information throughout the year.

The year ahead promises to be full of learning, achievement, enrichment opportunities, and memorable experiences. We look forward to celebrating these moments with you and watching our students flourish.

Thank you for your continued support. I wish all our students a successful, enjoyable, and rewarding year ahead.

With best wishes,
Mr I Chapman
Headteacher

THE BIG FUTURE

As children and young people return to school for the new academic year, I am writing to ask for your support in making sure pupils at your school have the opportunity to take part in my national survey, The Big Future. I have only heard from less than ten children at your school.

The survey can be completed here: <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>.

I have already heard from hundreds of thousands of children and young people across England, and the majority of schools have now taken part.

It is crucial that children at your school have the chance to add their voices too, so that their experiences, views and aspirations are represented when I present the findings of the survey to Government.

I would be very grateful if you could support your pupils to fill out the survey at the start of term by:

- sharing the survey directly with pupils through your school or college email system;
- sharing it with parents and carers across your wider school community; and
- setting aside time during form, tutor periods, assemblies or lessons for pupils to complete the survey.

Many schools have found that giving children time during the school day is the most effective way to ensure as many pupils as possible can take part. To make this as easy as possible, I have created a slide pack, an introductory video and FAQs which you can find on [my website](#).

Every child's voice matters, and I want to make sure that children and young people in every school and college, in every community, have the opportunity to shape the picture of childhood that I will share with Government.

Thank you for your support in helping to make sure your pupils' voices are heard as we begin the new school year.

TERM DATES 2026-27

AUTUMN TERM 2026

School Re-opens

Tuesday 8 September 2026

Monday 2 November 2026

Last Day of Half Term

Thursday 22 October 2026

Friday 18 December 2026

SPRING TERM 2027

School Re-opens

Tuesday 5 January 2027

Monday 15 February 2027

Last Day of Half Term

Friday 5 February 2027

Thursday 18 March 2027

SUMMER TERM 2027

School Re-opens

Monday 5 April 2027

Monday 7 June 2027

Last Day of Half Term

Friday 28 May 2027

Friday 23 July 2027

School will also be closed on Monday 3 May 2027 for the May Bank Holiday.

Whole Staff Training Days:

Monday 7 September 2026

Friday 23 October 2026

Monday 4 January 2027

Friday 19 March 2027

Monday 26 July 2027

Please also familiarise yourselves with the attendance and absence policy on the school website.

FRIENDS OF UPPER WHARFEDALE SCHOOL



Next fund raiser.....



Please email friendsofuws@gmail.com if you are able to help on the day, even just for an hour. Anyone able to donate baking or tombola/raffle prizes can either bring into school before 4pm on Friday or directly to The Church House in Grassington on Saturday morning,

SCHOOL MEAL DEAL PRICE INCREASE

With effect from September 2026:-

- The price of a *main meal* will increase to **£2.65**
- The price of a *meal deal* will increase to **£3.25**
- The price of a *panini* will increase to **£2.50**

You can also view the school canteen menu on our website (link below):

[Parents - Upper Wharfedale School](#)

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!

STEM WEEK - 8th-12th MARCH 2027 - HELP

Once again, we would love to invite different individuals or companies with any Science, Technology, Engineering or Maths background. **You do not need to come into school or be available during this week** as some activities are remote and done prior to the week, but if you wouldn't mind being added to my communication list for this then please do drop me an email before October. If you have been in touch before, please look out for an information email coming soon.

It is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the world of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) and highlight the diverse and wonderful careers that these areas can lead to. I would really like to plan another varied week of visitors, trips, events, shows, careers discussions and competitions to engage all students.

Do you know anyone who works in STEM areas? This doesn't need to be an obvious link like a doctor or vet (although they would be great too..!). We are looking for anyone who has experience or a background in STEM subjects who may be willing to come into school, host a visit, set a challenge for our students or even just answer a few questions remotely.

Please contact me at proberts@uws.n-yorks.sch.uk

NUT FREE SCHOOL

Please also note that UWS is a nut-free school.

To help keep all members of our community safe, please avoid bringing any products containing nuts onto the school site.

HEAD OF HOUSES AND NEW STUDENT LEADERS

Congratulations to Athelstan and Nicole who have been appointed as our new Head Students!

Deputy Head Students	Heads of House	General Student Leaders
Emily C	Kail – Hector W	Isla B-P
Lola G	Stebden – Willow B	Harry C-U
Francesca A	Langerton – Katie R	Alex C
Freddie R	Elbolton – Alice S	Francis D

OCTOBER HARVEST – 5-22 October 2026

As October approaches, we are once again inviting our school community to come together in support of local charities, families and individuals who may need a little extra help.

We would be very grateful for any donations of tinned goods and non-perishable items. Toiletries and household products would also be warmly welcomed.

All donations received will be shared within the local community through Homeless Not Hopeless and Skipton Food Bank.

How to donate: Students can bring items into school and either place them in the donation box outside Mr Headington's office, given to Mrs Laidler-Smith or hand them to their form tutor.

Thank you, as always, for your kindness and continued support.

MARINE TRAINING CORPS

The organisation is a young person's CIC group founded many years ago in the South of England and whose aim is "To make young people better". We have been based at Ilkley Grammar School over the last year and have been dedicating ourselves to ensuring that the young people selected for their leadership skills are brought to a level of knowledge that will allow them to either take the lead or assist in training younger cadets.

This has now reached completion and as the long holiday approaches where younger students have spare time, they may wish to join the cadets. They meet at Ilkley Grammar School, every Tuesday night at 18.50 hrs through to 21.00 hrs. Currently they parade once a week and intend to progress this to twice a week soon.

The training programme that they use is based on making cadets better people so incorporates first aid, problem solving, signals, communication, STEM, iDEA Award, Duke of Edinburgh award, outdoor activities including map reading, mountain skills, watermanship, scuba diving, weapon safety. Time is also spent away at our training centre in Rathmell (Yorkshire Dales) on both weekends and for full weeks of training.

If interested, then they can obtain further information from www.marinetrainingcorps.org.uk
I look forward to seeing potential cadets visiting from the next week onwards.

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GAMES



BE
CREATIVE



TABLE
TENNIS



FOOTBALL



RUGBY

YOUTH CLUB



PIZZA



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



ROUNDERS



CRICKET



Monday 7th September

📍 GRASSINGTON CHURCH HOUSE
🕒 6PM - 8PM



Thursday 17th September

📍 LINTON VILLAGE HALL
🕒 6PM - 8PM



Monday 21st September

📍 CRACOE VILLAGE HALL
🕒 6PM - 8PM



Thursday 1st October

📍 KETTLEWELL VILLAGE HALL
🕒 6PM - 8PM

EVERYONE WELCOME!



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Bradford District Care
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Parent / Carer Workshops

Specialist advice for parents of children with SEND living in the Craven area
Delivered by the Children's Learning Disability Team Craven

Accessing Health Services



Information session covering: Adult health services, Annual health checks, Hospital passports, preparing for procedures/ interventions.

🕒 12:30 to 14:30

📅 18 September 2026 and 19 March 2027

Behaviour strategies and support



Explore the reasons for behaviour of concern, as well as strategies to manage and reduce them.

🕒 12:30 to 14:30

📅 16 October 2026 and 16 April 2027

Strategies to improve Sleep



Evidence based advice and strategies on how to improve your child's sleep routine and environment.

🕒 12:30 to 14:30

📅 20 November 2026 and 21 May 2027

Toilet training support



Specialist advice on how to prepare, manage and support your child with toilet training.

🕒 12:30 to 14:30

📅 15 January 2027 and 18 June 2027

Preparing for Puberty



Strategies on how to support your child on their journey towards and through Puberty, ages 7+.

🕒 12:30 to 14:30

📅 19 February 2027 and 16 July 2027

📍 **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

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