



Our School PTA raised £1200 at the Grassington 1940s weekend.
A big THANK YOU to all involved.

Dates for the diary

5-22 October Harvest Food Collection
6 October Year 11 Parents Evening
16 October Restart a heart
22 October Wear Pink and cake stall
Break up until 2 November

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 - Calendar](#)

Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and successful week at school, with many opportunities for our students to demonstrate the values that make our community so special.

We were delighted to welcome prospective students and their families to our Year 6 Open Evening, which saw record numbers attending. It was fantastic to showcase our school, and I would like to thank our staff and students who played such an important role in making the evening a success. Their enthusiasm, confidence and pride in the school were evident throughout.

Last week also saw the completion of our final House Hill Walk of the year. It was wonderful to see students supporting one another, demonstrating excellent teamwork and resilience as they tackled the challenge together. These events continue to be a highlight of our house programme and provide valuable opportunities for students to develop character and strengthen friendships.

Our student leaders delivered two thoughtful and informative assemblies to mark Black History Month, helping to raise awareness and encourage reflection across the school community. Alongside this, staff organised a range of engaging activities for European Week of Languages, providing students with opportunities to explore different cultures and celebrate the importance of language learning.

As part of our ongoing commitment to safeguarding, we also carried out our lockdown drill this week. I am pleased to report that students conducted themselves exceptionally well, following instructions calmly and responsibly throughout the exercise.

In among all of this, we also managed to fit in our student photographs, which is no small logistical challenge and one that our students handled brilliantly.

Looking ahead to next week, we are looking forward to welcoming families to our Year 11 Parents' Evening, an important opportunity to discuss progress and preparations as students continue their journey towards their final examinations. We will also be holding our House Assemblies, where students will hear about the wide range of opportunities available and can begin signing up for the exciting events planned for the year ahead.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I hope you and your families have a wonderful weekend.

With best wishes,
Mr I Chapman
Headteacher

DYSLEXIA AND ADHD AWARENESS

Dyslexia Awareness Week, 5th-11th October- Raising awareness and challenging misconceptions to celebrate individual strengths.

Myth: Dyslexia is just about reading and spelling.

Fact: Dyslexia is much more than words. It affects short term memory, processing speed and organisational skills.

For more information go to: British Dyslexia Association on the local branch

address <https://www.yorkshirerosedyslexia.org.uk/>

October is ADHD Awareness month- Aims to reduce the stigma, address misconceptions, share information and support families. Sam Thompson is one of Britain's best-loved television and radio personalities — and one of the ADHD community's most joyful, generous and influential champions. As an ADHD UK Celebrity Ambassador, he is working to change how ADHD is seen, spoken about and celebrated.

More information can be found at <https://community.adhduk.co.uk/> on the online community contact form.

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.

SCHOOL PRODUCTION – CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

PLEASE SEE BELOW THE SCHEDULE FOR REHERSALS – THIS IS ALSO DISPLAYED IN DRAMA FOR YOUR CHILD TO CHECK

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.

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](#)

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.

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 in 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

BECOME A SCHOOL GOVERNOR

We are always keen to hear from members of our community who may be interested in becoming a governor at Upper Wharfedale School.

The Governing Board plays a vital role in supporting and challenging school leaders to ensure the best possible outcomes for our students. Governors help to shape the strategic direction of the school, monitor its performance and provide valuable expertise and insight.

We welcome expressions of interest from people with a wide range of backgrounds, experiences and skills. Whether your expertise lies in education, finance, business, law, human resources, health, communications, community work or another field, your knowledge could make a valuable contribution to the school.

Being a governor is a rewarding opportunity to support local young people and help shape the future of our school and wider community.

If you would like to find out more about the role of a school governor, please contact the school and we would be delighted to discuss the opportunity with you.

CRAVEN COLLEGE SKIPTON – OPEN EVENING

The Craven College Open Evening will be taking place in 1 just week, there's still time to register your place!

Monday 5 October 2026 - 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Craven College Aireville Campus, Gargrave Road, Skipton, BD23 1US

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

Are you looking to study a full-time or part-time course, degree or apprenticeship starting September 2027?

Come along to our Open Event and discover our fantastic range of Apprenticeship vacancies and Vocational, T Level, Degree and Part-time courses.

At the event you can:

- Tour our campuses
- Chat to our current students
- Explore our fantastic facilities
- Speak to our expert tutors and knowledgeable support staff
- Get a taste of college life
- Make an application at the event

SPORTS NEWS

Please see below a copy of the sporting fixtures for the Autumn Term. Students should keep an eye on the boards in the Sports Hall to sign up for upcoming events. Any queries please ask your child to speak to the PE department directly.

Yorkshire Cup **Friendly**

Date	Year	Sport	Host School	Time (leaving school)
Wednesday 23 rd September	Year 11	Rugby	Giggleswick	12:30pm
Tuesday 29 th September	Year 9 Year 10	Rugby	UWS (v Giggleswick)	1:20pm
Wednesday 30 th September	Year 7/8	Rugby	Various (at Keighley Rugby Club)	3:15pm
Tuesday 6 th October	Year 8	Rugby	Bingley	TBC
Wednesday 7 th October	Year 11	Rugby	UWS (v Ilkley)	
Tuesday 13 th October	Year 9	Rugby	Harrogate Grammar	12:30pm
Wednesday 14 th October	Year 7 Year 8	Rugby	UWS (v Giggleswick)	12:30pm
Wednesday 14 th October	All	Cross Country	Cliffe Castle	12:30pm
Wednesday 20 th October	Year 10	Rugby	UWS (v Bingley)	TBC
Thursday 22 nd October	Year 9	Rugby	Ilkley	2:15pm
Wednesday 4 th November	Year 7	Rugby	Bingley	TBC
Monday 9 th November	Year 7	Rugby	Prince Henry's (various)	2.00pm
Tuesday 10 th November	Year 10	Football	Giggleswick	12:30pm
Wednesday 11 th November	Year 11	Football	UWS (v Giggleswick)	1:20pm
Thursday 12 th November	Year 10	Rugby	UWS (v Ilkley)	2:20pm
Wednesday 18 th November	Year 7/8	Football	Giggleswick	12:30pm
Tuesday 24 th November	Year 10	Rugby	Prince Henry's (v Various)	12:30pm
Tuesday 1 st December	Year 8	Rugby	Ilkley	12:30pm
Tuesday 8 th December	Year 9 Year 10	Netball	UWS (Giggleswick)	1:30pm

Extra-Curricular activities/clubs 2026-27

Day	Activity	Venue	Time	Year Group	Teacher in charge
Monday	Chess Club	Room 8	Lunch (12:20-12:50)	Year 7-11	Mr Mitton
	Art and Design Club	Room 9	Lunch (12:20-12:50)	Year 11	Mrs Newall
	Homework Club	Room 3	Lunch (12:20-12:50)	Years 7-11	Mr Lambert
	Maths Catch-up	Room 7	Lunch (12:20-12:50)	Year 11	Mrs Cliffe
	Basketball	Sports Hall	Lunch (12:20-12:50)	Years 7-11	Mr Holmes
	Girls' Football	School Field or Sports Hall	After School (15:30 – 16:20)	Years 7-11	Mr Holmes
Tuesday	Art and Design Club	Room 9	Lunch (12:20-12:50)	Years 7-10	Mrs Newall
	STEM Racing in School	Room 19	Lunch (12:20-12:50)	Year 8-11 Invite only	Mr Marston
	Key Stage 3 Rugby	School field	Lunch (12:20-12:50)	Years 7,8,9	Hedley Verity
	Science Revision	Room 11	Lunch (12:20-12:50)	Year 11	Miss Roberts
	Production Rehearsals	Hall	After School (15:30 – 16:30)	Year 7-11	Mrs Gray
	STEM Racing 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	Homework Club	Room 3	Lunch (12:20-12:50)	Years 7-11	Mr Lambert
	French Film Club	Room 16	Lunch (12:20-12:50)	Years 7-11	Mrs Bell
	English Drop in	Room 4	Lunch (12:20-12:50)	Year 11	Mrs Curtis
	STEM Racing in Schools	Room 19	Lunch (12:20-12:50)	Year 8-11 Invite only	Mr Marston
	Maths Catch up	Room 5	Lunch (12:20-12:50))	Year 11 Invite only	Mrs Eggleton
	Full Course RE Lessons	Room 13	Lunch (12:20-12:50)	Year 10 Invite only	Miss Khan
	Gym	Fitness Suite	Lunch (12:20-12:50)	Years 8-11	Mr Holmes
	Netball	Sports Hall	After School (15:30 – 16:30)	Years 7-11	Mrs Hall
	Production Rehearsals	Hall	After School (15:30 – 16:30)	Year 7-11	Mrs Gray

Thursday	Nubble Club	Room 5	Lunch (12:25-12:50)	Year 9	Mrs Eggleton
	Nubble Club	Room 7	Lunch (12:25-12:50)	Year 8	Mrs Cliffe
	Rugby Club (Autumn Term)	School Field	Lunch (12:20-12:50)	Years 7-10	Mr Chapman
	STEM Racing in Schools	Room 19	Lunch (12:20-12:50)	Year 8-11 Invite only	Mr Marston
	Homework Club	Room 3	Lunch (12:20-12:50)	Years 7-11	Mr Lambert
	Swim Club	Swimming Pool	Lunch (12:20-12:50)	Years 7-11	Mr Richardson
	Instrumental Practice	Room 23	Lunch (12:20-12:50)	Years 7-11	Mrs Gray
	Young Writers	Room 1	Lunch (12:20-12:50)	Years 7-11	Mrs Harris
	KS 4 Rugby Club (Autumn Term)	School Field	Lunch (12:20-12:50)	Years 10-11	Mr Holmes
	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
Friday	Trampolining/Table Tennis/Badminton	Sports Hall	Lunch (12:20-12:50)	Years 7-11	PE Team
	STEM Racing in Schools	Room 19	Lunch (12:20-12:50)	Year 8-11 Invite only	Mr Marston
	Homework Club	Room 3	Lunch (12:20-12:50)	Years 7-11	Mr Lambert
	Young Writers	Room 1	Lunch (12:20-12:50)	Years 7-11	Mrs Harris
	Running Club	School Field	Lunch (12:20-12:50)	Years 7-11	Mrs Hall
	Extra Maths Grade 7+	Room 6	Lunch (12:20-12:50)	Year 11 Invite only	Mr Ashley
	Craft Club	Room 16	Lunch (12:20-12:50)	Years 7-11	Mrs Cooke
	Year 11 Football	Sports Hall	Lunch (12:20-12:50)	Year 11	Mr Holmes
	Running Club	School Field	Lunch (12:20-12:50)	Years 7 - 11	Mrs Hall

ART HOUSE COMPETITION

It has been absolutely wonderful to see the creativity of our UWS students in entering their recent Art house competitions.

We have seen hobbies and interest board presentations from Year 7, Australian boomerangs from Year 8 and animation presentations from Year 9.

Once again, Key Stage 3 has demonstrated a fantastic attitude to learning with outstanding outcomes. We will wait in anticipation to see which students gain 1st - 4th position.

TESCO FUNDRAISER

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has helped by placing blue tokens into the Upper Wharfedale School box in Tesco's at Skipton.

We have won £1500 to help run our new Breakfast Club.

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Rehearsals

Check the schedule carefully.

Rehearsals may change subject to meetings/events. More rehearsals may be added.

Wk	Day	Date	Event	Cast	Time
1	Wednesday	23 rd September	Read Through	ALL	3.20-4.10
	Thursday	24 th September	Read Through	ALL	3.20-4.10
2	Tuesday	29 th	Scene 1: Outside the Factory		3.20-4.10
	Wednesday	30 th September	Scene 2: The Candy Shop		3.20-4.10
					3.20-4.20
3	Wednesday	7 th October	Scene 3: The Bucket Shack		3.20-4.10
	Thursday	8 th October	Scene 3: The Bucket Shack		3.20-4.10
4	Tuesday	13 th October	Scene 4: The Next Day		3.20-4.10
	Wednesday	14 th October	Scene 5: Street / The Candy Shop		3.20-4.10
					3.20-4.20
5	Tuesday	20 th October	Scene 6: The Candy Shop / The Bucket Shack		3.20-4.10
	Wednesday	21 st October	Scene 7: The Factory Gates		3.20-4.10
					3.20-4.20
Half Term – 22 nd Oct – 2 nd Nov					
6	Tuesday	3 rd November	Scene 7 Recap Scene 8: Wonka's Office into Scene 9: The Chocolate Room		3.20-4.30
	Wednesday	4 th November	Scene 9: The Chocolate Room		3.20-4.30
					3.20-4.20
7	Tuesday	10 th November	Scene 10: The Mixing Room		3.20-4.30
	Wednesday	11 th November	Scene 10: The Mixing Room		3.20-4.30
					3.20-4.20
	Wednesday	18 th	London No Rehearsals this week		
	Thursday	19 th			
	Friday	20 th			
8	Tuesday	24 th November	Scene 11: The Invisible Corridors		
	Wednesday	25 th November	Scene 12: The Nut Room		3.20-4.30
	Thursday	26 th November	Scene 13: The TV Room		3.20-4.30
9	Tuesday		Scene 14: The Imaging Room		3.20-4.30
	Wednesday	2 nd December	Scene 15: The Elevator		3.20-4.30
					3.20-4.20
10					3.20-4.20
	Wednesday	9 th December	Scene 16: Outside the Factory		3.20-5pm
11	Tuesday	15 th December	Finale 1, Bows, Exit		3.20-5pm
Christmas Hols – 18 th Dec – 5 th Jan					
12	Tuesday	5 th January	From Beginning		3.20-5pm
	Wednesday	6 th January	Carry on	ALL	3.20-5pm
					3.20-4.20
13	Tuesday	12 th January	Run	ALL	3.20-5pm
	Wednesday	13 th January	Run	ALL	3.20-5pm
14	Tuesday	19 th January	Run	ALL	3.20-5pm
	Wednesday	20 th January	Run	ALL	3.20-5pm
	Thursday	21 st January	Run	ALL	3.20-5pm
15	Tuesday	26 th	Run		3.20-5pm
	Wednesday	27 th	Run		3.20-5pm
	Thursday	28 th	Run		3.20-5pm
	Sunday	31 st January	Technical	ALL	10am-2pm
16	Tuesday	2 nd February	Run	ALL	3.20-5pm
	Wednesday	3 rd February	Run	ALL	3.20-5pm
					3.20-4.20
17	Half Term 5 th Feb – 15 th Feb				
			Half term Rehearsal		
			TBD – All Day		
18	Monday	15 th February	DLD – All Day Rehearsal		
	Tuesday	16 th February	Run	ALL	3.20-5pm
	Wednesday	17 th February	Primary Performance Matinee		1.20pm
	Thursday	18 th February	Show	ALL	3.20-5pm
	Friday	19 th February	Show	ALL	3.20-5pm

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YOUTH CLUB

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



**TABLE
TENNIS**



ROUNDERS



FOOTBALL



Thursday 1st October

📍 KETTLEWELL VILLAGE HALL
🕒 6PM - 8PM



Monday 5th October

📍 GRASSINGTON CHURCH HOUSE
🕒 6PM - 8PM



Monday 12th October

📍 LINTON VILLAGE HALL
🕒 6PM - 8PM



Monday 19th October

📍 CRACOE VILLAGE HALL
🕒 6PM - 8PM



Thursday 29th October

📍 KETTLEWELL VILLAGE HALL
🕒 6PM - 8PM



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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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One minute guide

TOGETHERNESS

Understanding your child: from toddler to teenager

What is the Togetherness Parenting Group?

The Togetherness Parenting Group is a 10-week, face-to-face programme for parents and carers of children of all ages, from toddlers through to teenagers.

Each session lasts around 2 hours and takes place in a local hub or community space. It's a chance to step away from the day-to-day, meet other parents, share experiences, and feel supported.

The group offers a welcoming and relaxed environment where you can build confidence in your parenting and connect with other parents.

Who is the course suitable for?

The group is open to any parent or carer living in North Yorkshire who would like to better understand their child's development and emotional wellbeing.

Where do the groups take place?

At the moment, groups are running in:

- Scarborough
- Selby
- Catterick
- Ripon
- Skipton

We hope to offer the programme in more areas in the future. You're welcome to join any group that you're able to travel to.

What does the course cover?

This group is all about helping you feel more confident in understanding your child and strengthening your relationship with them.

Together, we'll explore what might be behind your child's behaviour and how their emotional needs change as they grow. The sessions include a mix of discussion, practical ideas and time to reflect, so you can find approaches that work for you and your family.

You'll have the chance to:

- Better understand how your child's brain develops
- Make sense of their feelings and behaviour
- Explore different parenting styles
- Discover ways to play, learn and have fun together
- Build stronger communication and connections
- Manage emotions, including stress and anger

The sessions are relaxed and interactive, and you'll also have the opportunity to connect with other parents, share experiences and learn from each other.

How do I sign up for a course?

You can sign up yourself using our universal referral form.

If you're already being supported by a professional (such as a teacher, support worker or health professional), they can also help complete a referral with you.

Where do I send my form?

Once completed, please send your referral form to the team in your area:

- Scarborough: candhubscarborough@northyorks.gov.uk
- Skipton (Craven): candhubcraven@northyorks.gov.uk
- Selby: candhubselby@northyorks.gov.uk
- Catterick (Hambleton & Richmondshire): candhubhamrich@northyorks.gov.uk
- Ripon: candhubripon@northyorks.gov.uk



Wild Explorers: Into The Wild

A 2-day experience for young people in years 6-11.
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 in years 6 - 11 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

School Years 6 - 11

Upcoming Dates

28th & 29th October 2026

Please note: this is a 2 day experience.



Time

9.30am - 3.30pm

Location

Broughton Hall Estate



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www.wildexplorers.org.uk