

I want to say a huge thank you to everyone over the last week for their patience as we worked to keep the school site as safe as possible. The comments, emails and phone calls from yourselves sharing your gratitude that we were able to keep the school open each day really has made all the effort worthwhile.

Last week, we launched our Respect Code in school and the response has been superb. I have had so many children come and share the reasons why they have achieved a 'Green' on their respect register. When reviewing the registers, I can see that some children are so close to receiving a phone call from their teacher for achieving the 5 'Green' recognition marks. One of the areas we are focusing on, is displaying manners through doorways. I have given out a number of green recognition marks for children holding the door open for others. I have also highlighted the manners from those children that have said thank you. As said at the start of this launch, we need this to be a joint effort between home and school, so please can you support this focus by modelling opening doors for others and saying thank you to those that are holding them open. It is these little improvements that will go onto make a big difference as our children grow up and play a wider role in the Knaresborough community. I will continue to use this column to share what we are focusing on in school to ensure we are working together.

The overwhelming majority of parents consistently display wonderful manners and the appropriate tone when speaking to Mrs Robinson and Mrs Nelson in the school office. They are the front of school and will always do their best to solve any concerns you have or ensure you are put in touch with the person that can. However, there are times where parents have not displayed the respect our staff deserve. Over the last week, they have been shouted at by a minority of parents over issues that are out of the school's control (such as ice on the paths around Knaresborough or if a holiday request is unauthorised). We fully appreciate that frustrations exist, but please remember that Mrs Robinson and Mrs Nelson do their very best for every child, parent and staff member and we are so lucky to have them work in our school. That said, the vast majority of parents display the appropriate body language and tone of voice when speaking to staff and I truly hope we will see this from everyone moving forward.

The weather forecast thankfully looks brighter and warmer, so lets keep everything crossed that the days of digging paths, gritting paths and shivering in the mornings are over...for a little bit anyway.

As always, if you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to be in touch.

Best wishes  
Mr Hope

### PTA Christmas parties

Thank you to our wonderful PTA team who come together to make memorable events for our children. Last Friday was no exception. They organised a great afternoon/evening which was enjoyed by all the children who took part.

### School Debts

Please ensure you are clearing your school debts on ParentPay.

School dinners should preferably be paid for in advance or at the end of each week.

KidsClub usage can be paid throughout the month however it must be cleared in full by the 10th of the following month.

If debts are not cleared, your child may be prevented from having a lunch or using KidsClub.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate in emailing Mrs Nelson (a.nelson@ksjprimaryschool.org)

## Knaresborough St John's Newsletter

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### Spring Term 1 Dates 2025

24-01 Peace (green) non uniform day for winning end of year trophy!

27-01 NCMP Height & Weight checks for Reception & Yr6 (opt out option)

07-02 Walk to school day

07-02 Number Day 'Dress up for Digits!' for £1 donation for NSPCC

14-02 Young Voices at Sheffield Arena

14-02 School closes normal time for half term break



06-03 World Book Day!

10 & 11-03 Yr6 Bikeability Group 1

10-03 C4 trip to Murton Park

11-03 C5 trip to Murton Park

12-03 C6 trip to Murton Park

17 & 18-03 Yr6 Bikeability Group 2

20-03 Whole school Grandparents morning:

C1 C2 C3 C4 0915-1015am

C5 C6 C7 C8 C9 1045-1145am

28-03 Walk to school day

01 to 03-04 Parents evenings. Info to follow

04-04 School closes normal time for Easter break

21-04 Easter Monday bank holiday

22-04 School reopens for Summer term

28-04 Class photographs

The staff here at St John's would like to say a big 'Thank You' to all our lovely parents who have emailed or called to show their appreciation for the effort in keeping the school open during all the bad weather. It is much appreciated!

**HOPE**  
**195**

**WISDOM**  
**231**

**PEACE**  
**280**

**TRUST**  
**295**

### Pharmacy+Health

Dear Knaresborough St John's Church of England Primary School team, I'm reaching out from Pharmacy+Health – Knaresborough, your local community pharmacy, to share details about our NHS Pharmacy First Service, offering free appointment consultations and treatments for minor illnesses like sore throats, earaches, insect bites, impetigo, sinusitis, UTIs, and shingles.

This free NHS service can support staff, families, students, and carers by providing expert healthcare advice and treatment conveniently, without needing a GP appointment.

We also provide a range of other NHS services, including free contraception supply, free blood pressure checks, and free seasonal vaccinations, all available to your school community. We deliver all our NHS services in private consultation rooms with highly trained healthcare professionals in our pharmacy branch at no cost at all – at a convenient time for patients so they can get the treatment they need when they need it.

Thank you for helping us connect your community with this free, accessible service that's available at Pharmacy+Health which is less than a mile away from your school in Knaresborough.

Best regards,  
Dina Assran  
Community Engagement Manager  
[www.pharmacyplushealth.co.uk](http://www.pharmacyplushealth.co.uk)



# Ready, Set, HOP!

Get ready for an important mission this April, as schools across Yorkshire join forces to take part in the Heli Hop – A hop-tastic challenge that's all about fun, friendship, and fundraising for Yorkshire Air Ambulance!

## What's the Buzz About?

The Heli Hop is no ordinary hop – it's your chance to hop, skip, and jump your way to supporting the incredible work of Yorkshire Air Ambulance. Imagine the thrill of soaring through the air, all while making a real difference in the lives of those who need it most.

Every hop brings us closer to reaching new heights in fundraising success!

## Your Heli Hop Pack Awaits!

Every school hopping into the action will receive the following:

**Helicopter Headbands:** Transform into Heli Heroes with these customisable headbands.

**Sponsorship Forms:** Making collecting your fundraising a breeze, ensuring your mission stays organised and simple.

**Completion Certificates:** Celebrating each child's commitment to making a positive impact within their local community.

## Pick Your Date, Choose Your Spot, Set Your Pace!

Flexibility is key! Pick any day in April to take off on your Heli Hop adventure. Whether it's in the school hall, playground, or sports field. Adapt the challenge to suit all ages by choosing any distance that feels just right for your crew of Heli Heroes!

Together, we'll turn your hops into hope and lift the Yorkshire Air Ambulance to the skies!

Hop high, lift Yorkshire Air Ambulance higher!

Together, your hops will help!



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**YORKSHIRE**  
**AIR AMBULANCE**

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\*This is subject to operational requirements and the landing site suitability. Should the land be deemed unsuitable or permission not granted a crew visit will be arranged for the winning school. Winner will be based on engagement with Yorkshire Air Ambulance between the 25.10.24 – 31.05.25. Visit will be arranged for a suitable date and time for both the school and Yorkshire Air Ambulance between 01.06.25 – 26.07.25.



This year, we are also offering **one** lucky school the opportunity to have a visit from one of the actual Yorkshire Air Ambulance helicopters and crew! Each school who hosts a Heli Hop and raises money for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance will be placed into a draw. The lucky school will win the chance for one of our helicopters to fly into your school and give the children opportunity to look round the helicopter and talk to our crew.\*

To request your  
Heli Hop pack,  
Please visit

<https://yaa.org.uk/event/yaa-heli-hop/>

Set up your own  
online fundraising  
page here





## BRINGING A NIGHT OUT TO YOUR WORKOUT

### CLUBBERCISE HARROGATE, KNARESBOROUGH & BOROUGHBRIDGE WITH GILLY

Clubbercise is a dance exercise class taught in a darkened room, with disco lights and glowsticks, it includes an amazing all over body workout to your favourite club tracks from the noughties to now.

- ❖ **Monday's, 6.30pm, Boroughbridge High**
- ❖ **Tuesday's 6.45pm, Knaresborough, St John's Primary**
- ❖ **Wednesday, 6.30pm, Harrogate, St John Fisher School**
- ❖ **Thursday, 6.45pm, Harrogate, St John Fisher School**

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