



Thank you so much to all the grandparents that visited our school to make today such a special time for the children. When walking around the school, it was wonderful to see the joy on everyone's faces as the children were sharing their learning and watching their grandparents get involved. It is moments like this that have made a difference to the children. We hope everyone enjoyed the activities, tea, coffee and cake! Many thanks to our wonderful school cook, Josie, for preparing the food and to Lizzie and Hayley from the PTA, for helping with teas and coffees. Without you, events like these would not be the success they are.

As we edge ever closer to Easter, it is time for the most important part (some would say!) of the school year and that is The Easter Egg Design Competition! The theme for this year is Famous TV Adverts! We have chosen this as it is also the theme for this year's Great Knaresborough Bed Race. We are hoping to use the entries to inspire our bed's design! I would use puns like 'get cracking on' with your 'eggcellent' designs, but that would be 'eggshausting' (I'll stop now...). The date of judging the eggs will be Wednesday, 2nd April at 3pm. Any entries after this point, unfortunately won't be involved in the competition, so please get them in on time.

Before the end of term, you will be receiving your child's Spring Mini Report Card on Friday 28th March which will then be followed up with parents consultation sessions in the week afterwards. We hope that both of these events will keep you up to date with the progress your child is making, the strengths they are showing in school and any areas we can work together on to improve things in class. I look forward to seeing you over the parents evening sessions.

As always, if you have any questions, then please see your class teacher or contact the school office who will be able to direct your query to the best placed person to help.

Best wishes
Mr A Hope

PTA—Mothers Day Afternoon Tea

Tickets are now available to purchase via ParentPay. **£2 per child and £5 per adult.**
This is a lovely event that will be held in the hall on Friday, 28th March from 3.30-4.30pm. Treat that someone special to an afternoon tea and a gift to make their



Tooth Brushing & Fluoride Varnish School Programme
We are taking part in the Tooth Brushing & Fluoride Varnish Programme which aims to improve the dental health of local children. A dentist/therapist will be coming into school annually to check children (only those who have returned consent) teeth and apply fluoride varnish every six months. The dental assessment will not replace your child's usual check-ups and you will be informed if your child needs to see your usual dentist before your next scheduled appointment. Please complete and return the consent that was sent out to all children this week. Last day to return consents is Friday, 28th March. Thank you for participating!

Rise in cost of school lunches

Due to the considerable rise in the cost of food and catering services within school, we have had to look at the charge for a pupil school lunch. As per the letter from Mr Nigel Ashley sent out to all parents/carers on Thursday, 13th March (a copy of this letter is attached to the newsletter) as of Tuesday, 22nd April, all school lunches will increase from £2.50 to £2.85. If you have any questions then please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Knaresborough St John's Newsletter

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Spring Term 2 Dates 2025

20-03 Whole school Grandparents morning:

C1 C2 C3 C4 0915-1015am

C5 C6 C7 C8 C9 1045-1145am

21-03 Comic Relief Non uniform for £1 donation

26-03 C7 Viking Workshop day

26-03 Young Leaders Easter bake sale.

North playground 310pm onwards

27-03 C8 Viking Workshop day

27-03 Young Leaders Easter bake sale.

North playground 310pm onwards

28-03 C9 Viking Workshop day

28-03 Walk to school day #3

28-03 1530-1630 PTA Special Mothers Day Afternoon Tea. Tickets only via ParentPay

31-03 to 03-04 Parents evenings. Booking code: jdv3n

04-04 School closes normal time for Easter break



21-04 Easter Monday bank holiday

22-04 School reopens for Summer term

22 & 23-04 C8 Parents evenings. Booking code: jdv3n

28-04 Class photographs

05-05 May Bank Holiday, school closed

06-05 School opens

12 to 15-05 Yr6 SATs week

NB: C5 parents evening dates to follow

IMPORTANT—School Trips

Due to not receiving enough parent/carer contributions for school trips, there might be a possibility that we are unable to book future events. As a school we can't continue heavily subsidising these events due to financial restraints to cover the unpaid outstanding amounts on ParentPay.

Thank you!



Easter Extravaganza Bake Sale

Our Young Leaders are holding an Easter Extravaganza Bake Sale. We know our parents are highly competitive so get out the recipe books and get baking! Goodies could be Easter themed or simply family favourites. there may even be prizes for creativity! All baked goods should be brought to school on the morning of Wednesday 26th March and will be on sale in the hall (or outside, weather permitting) from 3pm on Wednesday and Thursday.

The children have voted to split the proceeds between the Harrogate Homeless Project and the relief efforts in Ukraine. so we can help others as well as having our cake and eating it!

Ready ... steady ... BAKE!

Easter Egg Competition

This year our easter egg theme is 'TV Adverts'. We can't wait to see all this years entries and there will be a winner from each class and a prize handed out in our celebration assembly on Friday, 4th April. All entries to be in school no later than Wednesday, 2nd April by 9am. **Get cracking!**

Knaresborough Bunny Hunt

My name is Laura and I am the owner of Painting Pots Knaresborough. Every year, I single handedly organise and manage The Great Knaresborough Bunny Hunt, a two week long community event over Easter, to raise money for local charities. Ceramic hand painted bunnies are displayed in local businesses window, families buy a map and use search for the bunnies.

Over 7 years The Great Knaresborough Bunny Hunt has raised over £17,000 for local charities, given hundreds of families a cheap activity to do in the fresh air. Whilst exercising, locals and visitors alike can explore Knaresborough and the local businesses, increasing footfall.

This event is always a lovely success, and the feedback is incredible.

The Great Knaresborough Bunny Hunt 2025 is taking place from the **5th April to the 21st April!** Poster attached to this newsletter

Raring2Go Spring 2025!

Click here for the current edition of the Harrogate & York magazine
<https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/harrogateandyork/spring2025/>



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May I first thank you for lending your old Castle School log books – they are such an important source of information which we always find useful for our research purposes. My team and I are currently researching and making preparations for a WW2 exhibition to mark the 18th anniversary of the end of WW2. The exhibition entitled “Knaresborough’s War – The People’s Story” is to include much information provided by local people, whose family members experienced the war first hand.

Part of the exhibition is devoted to childrens’ stories, and we would like to include a few war time recollections that feature in “From Castle Yard to Stockwell Road”. I would be pleased if the school gave us permission to quote from the book (which would be acknowledged) and also wondered if you have the original photographs which featured boys digging up potatoes at the school allotment and building the piggery. If you do would it be possible for these to be scanned and digital copies sent to us for use in the exhibition? We would be very grateful.

I have read the memories of Ian Hick, Ken Thompson and Enid Hornsby and wondered if you knew whether they are still with us and contactable? If so would you have their contact details? We would love to feature these stories in the exhibition and would like to ask them for their permission in person and for any photographs they have of themselves as children.

I do hope you can help. If you need to discuss this with me, please phone me on 07866026807.

Many thanks.

Best wishes

Kathy

Kathy Allday
Chair



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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Young leaders
Fabulous Easter Extravaganza

BAKE SALE

26th & 27th March

We would love cake
donations- please include
a list of allergens.

**PRIZE for the best
cake!!**

See you there!



KNARESBOROUGH MUSEUM ASSOCIATION

WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR FAMILY FEATURED IN OUR WORLD WAR II EXHIBITION?

Knaresborough Heritage Centre, which is run by Knaresborough Museum Association (KMA) is holding an important and unique exhibition to mark the 80th anniversary of the end of WWII. The exhibition entitled "Knaresborough's War – The People's Story" will run from the end of July 2025 until the end of the year.

KMA chair, Kathy Allday, has given talks in schools about the impact of war on the people of Knaresborough and many students have shared wartime stories and shown Kathy photos and memorabilia associated with their great-grandparents. Instead of these stories being forgotten, why not share them with a wider audience?

If you have a family member from Knaresborough and you would like his/her wartime story to be considered for display at the Heritage Centre, please get in touch with me at marie.bush@knaresboroughtownmuseum.org.uk

You will be given a receipt for any objects or photographs borrowed, and they will be returned after the exhibition has finished. In addition to the exhibition itself, we will be producing a souvenir guide to complement it which again will feature local families and their wartime experiences.

We are working with the British Legion and local families to make this unique exhibition truly special. I do hope you can help.

Thank you.

Best wishes,

Marie Bush

Schools' Outreach Coordinator
Knaresborough Museum Association
Knaresborough Heritage Centre
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Knaresborough
HG5 0EQ

Charity No. 1194614

13th March 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to inform you that the price of school meals will increase from 22nd April 2025.

Over the past few years the costs of providing school meals have risen significantly due to increases in food, labour and energy costs. We have worked with our current provider, Mellors, to keep prices as low as possible while continuing to provide healthy balanced meals.

However, the recent national budget has introduced three key changes from April 2025 that will have a direct impact on the cost of school meals:

- Increase in the National Living Wage – rising by 6.7% from £11.44 to £12.21 per hour with real living wage increasing to £11.60.
- Lower Employer National Insurance threshold – reducing from £9,100 per year to £5,000, meaning employers pay contributions sooner.
- Increase in Employers National Insurance contributions - rising from 13.8% to 15% on all earnings above threshold.

Due to these financial pressures we have made the difficult decision to increase the price of school meals from £2.50 to £2.85 per meal. We have delayed this increase for as long as possible and have kept the rise to a minimum. Barring any further exceptional cost changes, the price will remain fixed until at least July 2026.

Free School Meals

The Universal Infant School Meal initiative continues, meaning that all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to free school meals. No application is needed.

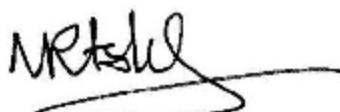
For children in Years 3-6, free school meals are available for families receiving certain allowances. If you think you are eligible we encourage you to apply. Some families who are entitled to this support may not currently be accessing it.

You can check eligibility and find out how to apply on your local authority website using the link below:
<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

If you have any questions or need confidential support with an application, please contact the academy office.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Yours sincerely,



Nigel Ashley
CEO



Harrogate Children's Book Group



Mixed-Up Fairytales

An AGM event with award-winning author,

Hilary Robinson

Saturday, 29 March 2.30 - 4.15pm

The Thackwray Suite, Crown Hotel

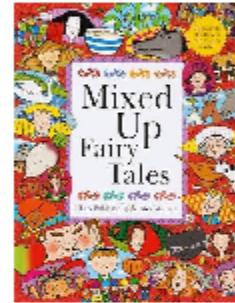
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Refreshments
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Harrogate Children's Book Group AGM at 4.30pm

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SCHEDULE 2025

Venues	Address	Dates
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CSAL	Grammar School at Leeds, LS17 8ES	17th - 20th Feb
Carlisle	Carlisle Academy, LS25 7LJ	17th - 20th Feb
Cardiff	Cardiff Academy, LS25 7LJ	17th - 20th Feb
Cardiff Tassel	Cardiff Academy, LS25 7LJ	17th - 20th Feb
Wakefield	Wakefield Trinity Juniors, WF1 3JF	17th - 20th Feb
Knaresborough	King James High School, LS5 0EA	7th - 10th April
CSAL	Grammar School at Leeds, LS17 8ES	7th - 10th April
Wakefield	Wakefield Tennis Centre, WF1 3JF	7th - 10th April
Staly	Prince Henry Grammar School, LS21 2RH	7th - 10th April
Knaresborough	King James High School, LS5 0EB	14th - 17th April
CSAL	Grammar School at Leeds, LS17 8ES	14th - 17th April
Carlisle	Carlisle Academy, LS25 7LJ	14th - 17th April
Knaresborough	King James High School, LS5 0EB	Tues - 27th - Fri 30th May
CSAL	Grammar School at Leeds, LS17 8ES	14th - 27th - Fri 30th May
Cardiff	Cardiff Academy, LS25 7LJ	Tues - 27th - Fri 30th May



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King James School, Knaresborough
Wed 9th April

Boroughbridge High School
Wed 16th April

Ages 4, 5 & 6 years – 10am til 12pm

£10 for 1 day / £18 for 2

Dont forget your drinks & snacks.



JUNIOR EASTER CAMP DATES

King James School, Knaresborough
Wed 9th April

Boroughbridge High School
Wed 16th April

Ages 7 to 13 years – 10am til 3pm

£25 for 1 day / £45 for 2

Dont forget your packed lunch, drinks & snacks.



