

## Summer 2 Term Dates 2026

**05-06** C5 & C6 Temple Newsam Museum trip.  
**09-06** Sports Day on the school field!  
 KS2 0930-1130  
 EYFS & KS1 1300-1500  
**17 to 19-06** Y6 Residential to Dearn Valley  
**19-06** C7 Temple Newsam Museum trip  
**19-06** Walk to School day #6  
**23-06** Y6 Inspire Youth session  
**24-06** Y5 Inspire Youth session  
**24-06 1800-1900** September New Starters  
 Parents Evening (no children please)  
**25-06** Y4 Inspire Youth session  
**25-06** Y6 Crucial Crew AM only (info to follow)  
**26-06** EYFS & Yr1 Water Safety talk  
**01-07** Yr5 trip to Ripon Cathedral  
**01 & 02-07** Y6 King James transition visits  
**02-07** Whole school transition day  
**03-07 1700-1830** Y6 Leavers Party  
**07-07** Y6 Ripon Cathedral Leavers Assembly  
**09-07** EYFS trip to York Railway Museum \*TBC\*  
**10-07** End of year reports  
**10-07 1530-1730** PTA Summer Fayre  
**14-07** Reserve Sports day  
**15-07 1730-1900** Yr6 Production  
**17-07** 0900-1000 Leavers assembly, all welcome  
**17-07** School closes normal time for Summer  
**07-09** Teacher training day  
**08-09** School reopens to all

# Knaresborough St John's Newsletter

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## Y6 End of Year Production of Peter Pan

After all their hard work preparing for their SATs, Year 6 have continued to show great dedication by beginning to learn their lines over the half-term break. We are incredibly proud of their efforts and are excited to present our production of *Peter Pan*. We look forward to seeing the children bring this much-loved story to life in what promises to be a fantastic performance!

Our **Lego Club** has been a fantastic opportunity for children to develop important skills while having fun. Through a range of building challenges, pupils have been using problem-solving skills to plan, create and adapt their designs. They have also shown excellent teamwork, working together to share ideas, overcome obstacles and achieve common goals. It has been wonderful to see their creativity, communication and perseverance grow with each session.



TRUST

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WISDOM

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PEACE

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## KidsClub Booking Changes

As per the letter issued by Elevate on 27th March 2026, from September 2026, KidsClub will have a pay-as-you-go approach. Bookings can only be made via the MCAS app & must be paid for in full to secure the place.

A letter detailing the full changes along with the new Terms & conditions will follow from Mr Hope in the near future.



## Sports Day

If the weather is warm on **Tuesday 9th June**, please ensure your child comes to school with:

- A hat
- Hay fever medication (if required)
- Sun cream (applied before school)
- A full PE kit, including trainers

If the weather is unsuitable and the day needs to be cancelled, it will be rescheduled for **Tuesday 14th July**.

Although we have only been back a few days after the sunny half term break, everyone has hit the ground running. The Yr4 children are currently working their way through the multiplication check and they are doing amazingly well. Every year, the team work so hard to prepare the children for these assessments and we are confident that this will be another record breaking year! I am so proud of all the children.

It has been wonderful to have had so many people from the community get in touch regarding how well the children represented our school during our meeting with King Charles last week. As soon as the official photographs are with us, we will share them!

Next week, we have Sports Day and everyone is looking forward to this. Already, we have Mrs Sanderson conducting daily sun dances to persuade the weather to be dry on Tuesday. As shared in a previous letter, KS2 events takes place in the morning and KS1 events are in the afternoon. We look forward to seeing you there.

The Great Knaresborough Bed Race is also nearly upon us! As always, any donations would be greatly appreciated as would your support on the day! The impact your cheering has on the team is huge, especially after the Castle Ings hill!

We look forward to seeing you at all the upcoming events!

Best wishes  
Mr A Hope

## My Child at School : MCAS App Modules

Please click here <https://www.ksjprimaryschool.org/parents/mcas> for a round up of the MCAS app & what you can do with it!

We no longer have the facility to send out texts so please do keep checking the app to ensure you are up to date with all school events & information

## REPORTING ABSENCES via MCAS

You can now report your child as absent via the MCAS app. This can be completed in advance for appointments too, not just for illness!

Log into the app & look for the 'attendance' widget

Click on the 'Report an Absence' button

Fill out the form with as much information as possible, including the appointment letter / picture of the letter

[Click send](#)

This will hopefully make it easier to report your child's absence for whatever the reason!

## Yr1 Yr2 Scarborough Trip

Our Y1&Y2 children had the loveliest time at Scarborough Sealife Centre before half term. They had a great time learning hands on all about the coast as part of their Geography theme & spent the day exploring.

## Great Knaresborough Bed Race

is a week on **Saturday, the 13th June**. Any donations for the teachers team warmly welcomed!

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/teachers?utm\\_medium=FA&utm\\_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/page/teachers?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=CL)

& PTA

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/foksj-bed-race-2026>



## Parent Helpers!

We would like to say a very big Thank You to all the parent helpers who kindly give their time on trip days. Our school trips could not go ahead with out you!

## Well! What an exciting half term Meeting the King :)

A huge thank you to all the children who were invited to meet with King Charles II last Tuesday. It was an extremely hot day but the children were an absolute credit to the school. The King spoke to everyone and was delighted that they had come in their school uniforms during their half term. We hope this is a memory that they will talk about in years to come and a huge Thank You to the staff who organised and came to the event.



# SUPPORT OUR BED RACE TEAM!

Corporate Sponsorship  
Opportunities



Our famous **Bed Race** is a highlight of the Knaresborough calendar – bringing the community together and raising vital funds for our school. **We'd love your business to get involved!**

## CHOOSE YOUR SPONSORSHIP LEVEL



### BRONZE

BED RACE SPONSOR

- ✓ Logo on the Bed Race cart
- ✓ Logo on team t-shirts
- ✓ Social media mentions



### SILVER

ENHANCED EVENT +  
DIGITAL VISIBILITY

Everything in Bronze, plus:

- ✓ Dedicated social media post
- ✓ Logo on Bed Race posters & flyers
- ✓ Website mention (3 months)
- ✓ Option to include an offer in school communications



**MOST  
POPULAR!**

### GOLD

MULTI-EVENT +  
PREMIUM EXPOSURE

Everything in Silver, plus:

- ✓ Sponsorship of an additional PTA event
- ✓ Logo on PTA pop-up event banner
- ✓ 1 social media feature per term
- ✓ Newsletter business spotlight
- ✓ Opportunity for event presence or stall



### FOKSJ PARTNER

12-MONTH PARTNERSHIP

Everything in Gold, plus:

- ✓ 12-month sponsorship
- ✓ Logo on school sponsors banner
- ✓ Logo on all PTA event materials
- ✓ Logo on PTA website
- ✓ Inclusion in school newsletters
- ✓ Official FOKSJ Partner recognition



## INTERESTED? GET IN TOUCH!

Email us for more information:

[knaresboroughstjohnspta@gmail.com](mailto:knaresboroughstjohnspta@gmail.com)



# CAVES to CASTLES

Discover and try the skills and trades of  
Pre-historic and Medieval forest life through workshops



**Children and their adults** can understand more about cave painting, meet a nun and apothecary, try some spinning and cord work, create their own heraldic shield and more.

**No booking, just turn up.**

**£5.00** for 1 adult and up to 2 children  
**£10.00** for 2 adults and up to 4 children  
**£2.50** for any additional adult

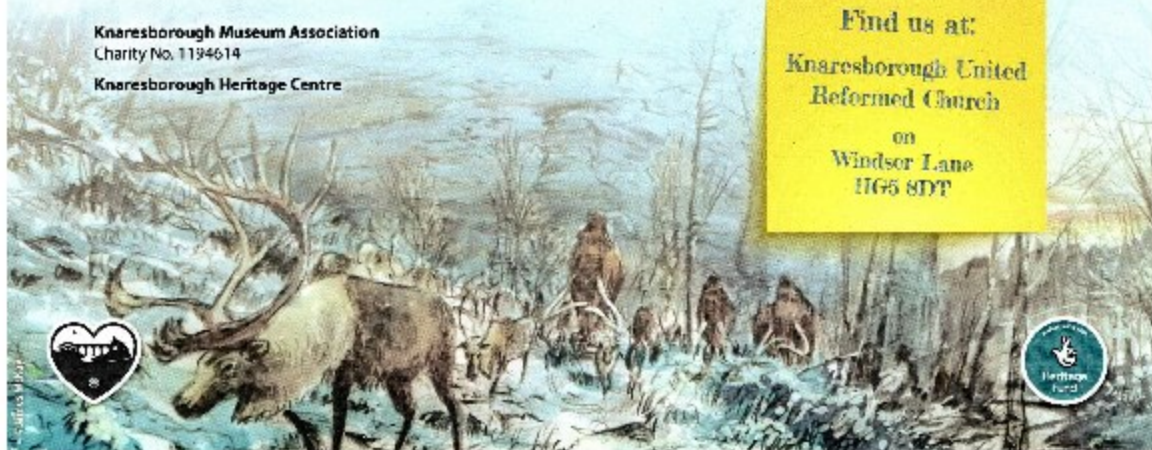
**Children must be accompanied by an adult**

[info@knaresboroughtownmuseum.org.uk](mailto:info@knaresboroughtownmuseum.org.uk)

Knaresborough Museum Association  
Charity No. 1194614  
Knaresborough Heritage Centre

Saturday  
6<sup>th</sup> June 2026  
10am to 4pm

Find us at:  
Knaresborough United  
Reformed Church  
on  
Windsor Lane  
HG5 8DT





# Public notice

## Have your say about improvements to King George V Playing Field

**Halfpenny Close, Knaresborough HG5 0TG.**

King George V Playing Field in Knaresborough has received funding from nearby housing developments to support improvements and upgrades. Knaresborough Town Council, in collaboration with North Yorkshire Council, is now working to develop a comprehensive plan to improve this much-loved local green space for the community. Our goals include:

- Supporting health and wellbeing through outdoor activity and nature.
- Designing for all ages, from children to older adults.
- Creating an inclusive space that feels safe and welcoming for girls and young women.
- Enhancing biodiversity with gardens and wildlife-friendly features.
- Improving accessibility and wayfinding across the site.
- Encouraging social connection and community spirit.

This public consultation will gather opinions from residents and users of the recreation area helping the council to understand what improvements are needed. The consultation report will be used to inform the final proposals.

We would appreciate your views.

**Please complete our online survey  
by Sunday 14 June 2026.**

**[www.northyorks.gov.uk/consultations](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/consultations)**



Paper copies are also available at Stockwell Community Wellbeing Hub on Stockwell Avenue, Knaresborough, HG5 0LG.

## Dancing with Colours

Thursday 9 July, 5pm  
| Harrogate Road  
Methodist Church Hall



Elly Welford

Live music, performance and art come together in a relaxed, colourful and messy show for families.

Join artist JoAnne in transforming a blank canvas with stories, movement and art supplies – proving that art is everywhere and for everyone!

*Running time approx 1 hour*

£6

Age guide 4+

## Little Listeners: Mini Magic Flute

Friday 10 July, 5pm  
| Allhallowgate  
Methodist  
Church Hall



A fun, enchanting musical adventure inspired by Mozart's opera *The Magic Flute*.

A Prince is searching for a Princess, but nothing is quite as it first appears... Join a host of fantastical characters brought to life by a trio of singers and an accordionist from the brilliant team at Opera North.

*Running time approx 40 mins*



£6

Age guide 4-7

# Astro Norma & the Cosmic Piano

Saturday 11 July,  
10.30am & 12 noon  
| Ripon Library

Blast off on a madcap, musical quest to find Grandpa's lost star. But beware! The sneaky Silencer is hot on her trail, ready to silence the tunes!

Packed with awesome aliens, rib-tickling robots and interplanetary puppets, this joyful space odyssey will have you reaching for the stars...

Running time approx 45 mins



£6

Age guide 3-10

## Big Family Weekend

FREE EVENT

Saturday 11 & Sunday 12 July,  
10am-4pm

A full weekend of free family entertainment in the heart of Ripon – theatre, music, dance, street performance, joining-in fun and plenty of surprises along the way.

On Saturday walkabout acts, crazy characters, circus and clowning bring the streets to life. Sunday's family fun is focused on Ripon Spa Gardens with open-air theatre, puppet shows, Punch & Judy and craft activities.

Full details and schedules now available.



Age guide 3-100

[www.ripontheatrefestival.org](http://www.ripontheatrefestival.org)



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**A short accompanying message for you to use:**

*Does your child shine at home, but struggle socially around other kids? The team behind The Dog House is making a brand new **BBC series about childhood friendship** and are looking for **kids aged 5 to 8** who are finding it hard to make a friend.*

*If this sounds like your child – or someone you know – filming is in July/August 2026, and we would love to hear from you.*

 Apply at: <https://bemyfriend.tv/>

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**Our series trailer:**

***Please do NOT share this with parents or online...***


***But here is our series trailer to give you a feel for the show: (password: Fr1ends)***


<https://vimeo.com/1171743173?share=copy&fl=sv&fe=cj>

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**Our social media:**

 [@Willyoubemyfriend\\_tv](https://www.instagram.com/Willyoubemyfriend_tv)

 [Will You Be My Friend](https://www.facebook.com/WillYouBeMyFriend)

 [@Willyoubemyfriend\\_tv](https://www.tiktok.com/@Willyoubemyfriend_tv)



# Is your child finding it hard to make a friend?

*The award-winning makers of The Dog House are casting for a brand-new BBC series about friendship.*

We are looking for children aged 5 to 8 from all over the UK who need a little help navigating the world of friendship. Over three days, a team of child psychologists will help them build the social skills and confidence to make real, lasting connections with other kids.

If you'd like to help your child make a friend  
(with no pressure to take part), please apply at:

**[bemyfriend.tv](https://www.bemyfriend.tv)**





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# Does your child find it hard to make like-minded friends?

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