

Spring Term Dates 2026

05-03 0820-0840am KS2 Share a Story Breakfast session
 05-03 World Book Day
 05-03 Yr6 Group 2 Bikeability Day 2
 09 & 10-03 Yr6 Group 3 Bikeability
 10-03 Yr1 Yr2 trip to Harlow Carr
 13-03 Walk to School day #4
 20-03 Grandparents morning
 915-1015 EYFS & KS1
 1030-1130 KS2
 20-03 Mini reports due to be issued to parents
 23rd 25th & 26th Parents / teacher meetings. Info to follow
 24-03 0900-1200pm Yr5 Yr6 Walk to Knaresborough Castle
 27-03 0900-1000am Easter Assembly, all welcome
 27-03 School closes normal time for Easter holidays



13-04 School reopens normal time to all 0840am KS2
 0850am EYFS & KS1
 27-04 School photographer for Class Photos
 04-05 Bank Holiday - school closed
 08-05 Walk to School day #5
 11 to 14-05 Yr6 SATs Week
 22-05 School closes normal time for half term

Easter Egg Competition

This year our easter egg theme is: **'Celebrating 100 years of David Attenborough's Planet Earth'**.

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 end of term celebration assembly on **Friday, 27th March**. Please bring all entries into school from **Monday, 23rd March**. Judging will take place on **Wednesday, 25th March**.

Get Cracking!



Grandparent Morning—Friday, 20th March

We will be holding our Grandparent Morning on Friday, 20th March. The children would like to invite their Grandparents into school for a morning of Easter Craft Making and Spring Activities which will be organised into two slots;

Classes 1,2,3& 4—9.15-10.15am
Classes 5,6,7,8,9&10—10.30-11.30am

We look forward to seeing as many Grandparents as possible. Refreshments will be served in the hall at 10.15am

IMPORTANT—Reporting Absences

If your child is unable to attend school for any reason, please ensure that you notify the school office as your first point of contact. The office will then communicate the absence to the relevant teachers and staff. Directly informing teachers should be avoided, as this may delay the proper recording and management of attendance.

You can report absence by leaving a voicemail (01423 863 265 Option 1) or by emailing admin@ksjprimaryschool.org or a.nelson@ksjprimaryschool.org

Knaresborough St John's Newsletter

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Y1 & Y2—Trip to Harlow Carr Gardens

Our year 1&2 children will be going to Harlow Carr Gardens next week to learn all about growing plants, how plants can help mental and physical wellbeing, learn all about the environment and the importance of biodiversity and sustainability. Barcode letters have been sent out for payment via PayPoint. Please let the office know if you can't access this.



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It has been a great couple of weeks back after the half term break. I have thoroughly enjoyed the Reading Breakfast Sessions that have been organised by Mrs Corner to celebrate and promote World Reading Day. Thank you to everyone that came along and enjoyed the treats whilst reading.

Our brilliant PTA are creating a joke book to help raise funds for the school. If you have any jokes that you would like to add to the book, please use the link below:

<https://forms.gle/rbAHY159phswgcFE9>

Very soon, parents evening appointments will be available to book. Please keep a look out for this message so that you do not miss out.

Hopefully everyone is now familiar with our new look website that was launched a month ago. Thank you to those that have shared your positive comments. If you have any comments that you would like to make, please share them so we can continue to work on making accessing information as easy as possible.

Best wishes
Mr Hope

Great Knaresborough Bunny Hunt

The Great Knaresborough Bunny Hunt 2026 runs from March 28th to April 12th, 2026, featuring 16+ hidden, hand-painted ceramic bunnies in local shops, cafes, and studios. Presented by Painting Pots, this community event requires a £3 map to find the bunnies, ending with a treat and sticker.



Year 6 Bikeability

Our Year 6 children are zooming ahead with their Bikeability training! Many have now completed their Level One and Two awards, and those super cyclists should already have received their certificates and badges.

If your child hasn't brought theirs home yet, please let the class teacher know so we can get it sorted right away!



Important—Free School Meals Information

From September 2026 the income cap on free school meals has been lifted for families claiming Universal Credit. This could open up Free school meals to many more families that could really benefit from the provision. **Attached is an updated information poster for parents that who can apply and how.**

World Book Day—Thursday, 5th March

We think all the children enjoyed their day today for world book day. We had some great fancy dress from their favourite book characters. Thank you so much to all our lovely parents who came in to read to the children yesterday and this morning. What a great start to the day. Photo's attached to this newsletter.

Easter Holiday Club,

Get Set Go! is organised by Christians Together in Knaresborough and will take place on **Wed 1st and Thurs 2nd April** at Gracious Street Methodist Church. It is open to all primary-aged children and will be two mornings of fast-paced games, crafts, stories, songs and fun. Places are free but must be booked by 25th March. For more information and to book email cikeasterclub26@gmail.com or follow the link [Easter Club booking](#)

IMPORTANT

We ask **all** Parents and Carers to park and act respectfully when using roads surrounding the school at drop off and collection times. Please **DO NOT** park on or across private driveways or obstruct access for local residents. Thank you!



MCAS

We have now launched the MCAS Application. This will enable you to check your child's attendance, reports, and all communication. At the end of March, ParentPay will no longer be used. ALL payments for lunches, kids club, & trips will have to be made via the MCAS App. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT AT LEAST ONE PARENT/CARER HAS ACCESS TO THIS APP. If you require a new activation email, please contact the school office or email admin@ksjprimaryschool.org





THE BUNNIES ARE BACK FOR A NEW CHAPTER

28th March - 12th April 2026

Buy your map, hunt for bunnies, visit our incredible retailers, complete and hand in your form, enjoy a treat AND a chance to win prizes donated from local businesses!

Pick up your maps for £4 (cash) from:

Painting Pots, Castlegate | Bon Bon, High Street
PJ Ices, Waterside | The Black Mulberry, Waterside

OUR 2026 CHARITIES: Harrogate Neighbours Community Hub | Martin House
Christmas Gifts for the Elderly in Knaresborough | Girl Guides Birk Crag Centre

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For more information,
visit our Facebook or Instagram pages or
www.greatknaresboroughbunnyhunt.co.uk





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4th March 2026

Grandparent Morning

Dear Grandparents,

At St John's we feel strongly about caring family values and involving the local community in what we do in school. Because of this, the children would like to invite their Grandparents or a special friend of the family into school for a morning of Easter crafts and Spring activities.

On **Friday 20th March**, we will be holding our Grandparent Morning! This will be organised into two slots:

- **Class 1, 2, 3, 4 (EYFS and KS1) from 9.15am until 10.15am**
- **Class 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 (KS2) from 10.30am until 11.30am**

There will also be an opportunity for all Grandparents to join us for a hot drink and treat in the hall from 10.15am – 10.30am if they wish.

Please come to school via the main entrance at the allocated time so that we can direct you to the correct class. If you could ask your Grandchild prior to the day which class number they are in and the name of their teacher, it will help us tremendously on the day. If there are any children who do not have a Grandparent who is able to come, then they are welcome to invite a special friend/ relative who they know well.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Richardson
Assistant Headteacher









Safeguarding
Is
Everyone's
Responsibility

Smiling is infectious
you can catch it like the flu
Someone smiled at me today
and now I'm smiling too

All information you
work with has value.
Think before you take
it out of the office.

CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN KNARESBOROUGH



GET SET GO!

EASTER CLUB FOR
PRIMARY AGED CHILDREN

1ST & 2ND APRIL

GRACIOUS STREET
METHODIST CHURCH



FREE BUT BOOKING
ESSENTIAL

10 - 12:30



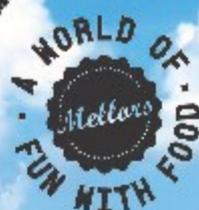
← SCAN TO BOOK BY 25 MARCH
OR EMAIL VICKY ↓

CTIKEASTERCLUB26@GMAIL.COM





MAKE SAVINGS BY CLAIMING YOUR FREE SCHOOL MEAL



Save time and money by claiming your free school meal allowance today. Not sure if you can claim? Read on to learn more...

DID YOU KNOW? THERE ARE TWO TYPES OF FREE SCHOOL MEAL...

UNIVERSAL INFANTS FREE SCHOOL MEALS (UIFSM)

Pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 (KS1) are entitled to a free school meal regardless of income.

All you need to do is inform your school that you wish your child to have a daily hot meal.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS (FSM)

Your child may be entitled to a Free School Meal. However, with FSM you will need to apply. The link on this sheet is for your local authority (search your postcode) and there is information from the Government website about FSM. Your child's school will also have an application form, if you prefer to complete it by hand.

Free school meals give children the nutrition they need to thrive during the school day - boosting focus, learning, health, and overall wellbeing.

Each day, your child can choose a hot meal (with two main options) or a sandwich, served with dessert, fresh fruit or yoghurt, and a drink. Menus are available on the school website, and our Catering Manager is happy to discuss any food allergies, intolerances or dietary requirements.

SAVE UP TO £495 PER YEAR PER CHILD
ON SCHOOL LUNCHES.

DO YOU RECEIVE ANY OF THESE?

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (restrictions apply)
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit - **NEW eligibility criteria takes effect September 2026.** All households receiving Universal Credit will be able to access free school meals (previously capped at £7,400 income).

CHECK YOUR
ELIGIBILITY TODAY!



SCAN ME!

or visit: www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals for more info!





JOKE BOOK

Dear Parents, Children and Teachers,

We're excited to share a brand new PTA fundraising idea... and we need your help to make it happen!

This year, we're creating our very own School Joke Book - packed full of the funniest, silliest, cheesiest jokes from our children. The book will be sold as a special gift (perfect for Father's Day... or anyone who loves a good giggle!).

But first - we need jokes!

We're looking for:

- Cheesy jokes
- Corny jokes
- Silly one-liners
- Classic groan-worthy favourites

They can be about anything (animals, food, school, sports - you name it!) as long as they're child-friendly and suitable for all ages.

✨ **How to enter:**

You can submit jokes in either of the following ways:

1. Fill in the form and return it to school by Friday 6 March
2. Submit your joke online using our Google Form:
<https://forms.gle/rbAHY159phswgcFE9>

Every joke entered will have the chance to be included in our printed book, and children whose jokes are selected will be credited.

We can't wait to read them - the worse the joke, the better! 😊

Thank you for supporting our PTA and helping us create something really special.

With thanks,

FOKSJs PTA

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JOKE BOOK

FOKSJ's PTA Joke Book Submission Form

Name:

Year group:

Parent/ carer

Child

Grandparent

Teacher

Joke 1:

Joke 2:

Joke 3:

Can we include this joke in our printed PTA Joke Book?

Yes / No

Parent/carers email address (in case we need to clarify anything)



CELEBRATE YOUNG CARER ACTION DAY WITH US!

Access a **FREE** webinar about Young Carers, their rights and how we support Young Carers in Bradford, Craven, Harrogate and Selby.

Webinar 1:
11th March 2026
12:00-13:00

Webinar 2:
11th March 2026
16:00-17:00

Empowering Young Voices

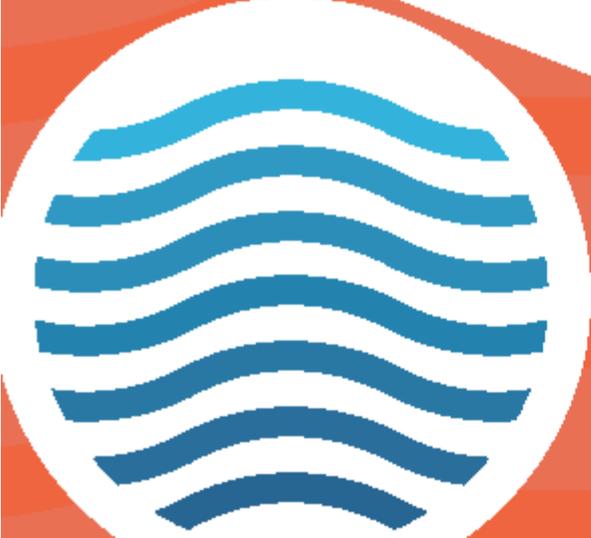
Free Online Webinar

Booking via email to :
youngcarers@carersresource.org

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resource
you care for them, we care for you

North Yorkshire and York Music Hub

VOCAL PROJECT DAYS



7 March
18 April
16 May
20 June

10am - 3pm

Love to sing?

Want to perform with others?

Come and be part of our new Vocal Groups

A fun and inspiring space for young and aspiring singers from across North Yorkshire and York to rehearse, learn, and grow together.



Escrick C of E
Primary School
Carr Lane
YO19 6JQ

Vocal Project Days are **FREE**, & open to all children and young people from North Yorkshire and York in Years 4 to 13



For more details, email:
Countyhall.Music@northyorks.gov.uk



Our aims:

We encourage our siblings to be independent, confident and unapologetically themselves.

Experience the outside world via group trips by public transport.

To create friendships with those of similar age and circumstance. and develop a community.



To sign up your
child
contact
us



The sibling group



Contact info

hannah@thesiblinggroup.org
www.thesiblinggroup.org

Find us on facebook
and Instagram too

About us:

The Sibling Group was founded by our CEO Grace. Grace who was born in Harrogate, North Yorkshire had two siblings an elder sister and younger brother Oscar. Oscar was diagnosed with severe learning disabilities and Autism at the age of 3. At this time like many others, Grace's family were unsure what this meant for their future. Grace and her elder sister struggled with the many challenges of having a sibling with SEN and felt isolated and misunderstood by the world around them. They felt lucky to have each other to talk to but wished they could have known others in similar positions as them, as they didn't want to burden their parents with their concerns and feelings surrounding their brother's needs. Grace and her sister feel that siblings of SEN children are often overlooked or discredited as they are not the ones with the needs so therefore are expected to be fine. Often children take on the worries or concerns surrounding the welfare of their SEN sibling which can lead to their own mental health issues.

Grace went on to gain a first degree in Special Education and a distinction in her PGCE & qualified teaching status and worked as a SEN teacher in London. She is currently studying her masters in Autism and Inclusion. Whilst writing her dissertation she based it on the affect a child with special needs has on their sibling, to which she found herself interviewing her sister and revisiting their shared experience growing up with a sibling with special needs and the emotional effects this had on them. Reminding her of their lack of support.

These events inspired the creation of The Sibling Group Charity.



What we do

We run groups for children aged 5-11 years old who have a sibling with additional needs but do not have these needs themselves. Our groups allow children to meet others of similar age and circumstance encouraging them to create friendships and build support networks to last a life time. Our groups take place in Harrogate.

Some things we do at our groups

Games

Crafts

Cooking/baking

Themed days

Trips

Lots of fun!

See for your self!



EASTER HOLIDAY CAMPS



LEEDS UNITED
FOUNDATION

5-12
YEARS OLD

CHARITY NUMBER: 1137703

MIXED SOCCER SCHOOLS

30TH MAR - 17TH APR

9:00AM - 3:00PM

KINGS JAMES HIGH SCHOOL, HG5 8EB
GRAMMAR SCHOOL AT LEEDS, LS17 8GS
GARFORTH ACADEMY, LS25 1LJ
ST FRANCIS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, LS27 9LX
ST WILFRIDS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL, WF7 6BD
PRINCE HENRY GRAMMAR SCHOOL, LS21 2BB

Led by FA-qualified coaches, our sessions are packed with skill-building activities, small-sided games, and friendly competitions designed to boost confidence both on and off the pitch.

Every child is fully supervised by DBS-checked, first-aid-trained coaches, ensuring a safe, supportive, and positive environment throughout.

You can book per day or make the most of it with our full 4-day course. Perfect for kids who love football and want to learn the Leeds United way!

HOW TO BOOK:

EMAIL: soccer.schools@leedsunited.com
or scan the QR code.

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NOW!

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Mother's Day

Order a Mother's Day gift
and we will deliver it to your child's
class by Friday 13 March



www.pta-events.co.uk/foksj

£5



Weekly Term Time Timetable
Harrogate District
March – July 2026

Monday	Inspire Together 4.00-5.30pm, 11years+ @ Inspire Youth Yorkshire – Community Hub, HG5 OTG Inclusive Youth Session, indoors, £6.50 per session Pre-Booking only via Inspire Youth Yorkshire	
	Youth Matters 6.30-8pm ,11years+ @ Inspire Youth Yorkshire – Community Hub, Knaresborough HG5 OTG Outdoor Youth provision - No need to book, Free	 
Wednesday	Youth Matters – COMING SOON 4-5.30pm, 11years+ @ Starbeck Venue to be confirmed Outdoor Youth provision - No need to book, Free	 
	Youth Matters – COMING SOON 6.30-8pm ,11years+ @ Boroughbridge Seeking a new venue Outdoor Youth provision - No need to book, Free	 
Thursday	Junior Youth Club 4.00-5.30pm, 7-11years @ Inspire Youth Yorkshire Community Hub, HG5 OTG Wide range of activities, indoors, £1 per session Indoor Youth provision – booking advised	 
	Junior Plus Youth Club 5.30-7pm, 11-14 years @ Inspire Youth Yorkshire Community Hub, HG5 OTG Wide range of activities Outdoor Youth provision - No need to book, Free	
Friday	Inspire Health 3.30 – 4.30pm. 11years+ @ Inspire Youth Yorkshire – Community Hub, HG5 OTG Drop in (free) - to support your health and wellbeing	
	EmpowHER - Alternative weeks starting 16th January 2026 4.00 - 5.30pm ,10-16years @ Inspire Youth Yorkshire - Community Hub, Knaresborough, HG5 OTG, Free, booking preferred	



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INSPIRE SELF

ARE YOU INSPIRING? PASSIONATE? PROUD OF WHAT YOU DO?

We're looking for local businesses and entrepreneurs to join our upcoming Careers Fair and workshop. By attending, you'll have the chance to connect with young people, spark ambition, and promote your business while supporting the future workforce. Help us motivate, educate, and inspire the next generation.

WORKSHOP

Held at Inspire Youth Yorkshire Community Hub,
Halfpenny Close, Knaresborough HG5 0TG

Friday 13th March 2026

- Career Journeys
- Meet and greet employers

Starting at 13:00 - 15:00



Scan QR Code to sign up or
contact info@inspireyouth.uk
for more information

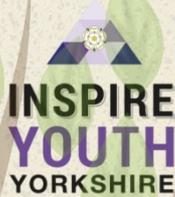


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Monday Funday Community Cafe

MONDAY, 16TH MARCH 2026

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

INSPIRE YOUTH YORKSHIRE

COMMUNITY HUB

**9-10 HALFPENNY CLOSE, KNARESBOROUGH,
HG50TG**

Join us at our Community Pop-Up Café!
Run by local young people as part of the Inspire Growth Program, this café is a welcoming space to enjoy a hot meal, share stories, and spark conversations. Come connect across generations and help strengthen communication between young and older members of our community

**Everyone is welcome
wheelchair accessible**

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EMPOWHER

*Girls
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Aimed at ages 10-16 years

A safe, welcoming space for girls to build confidence, share experiences, and support each other's health and wellbeing, speaking up for change

**Where- Inspire Youth Yorkshire
Community Hub, Halfpenny Close,
Knaresborough, HG50TG**

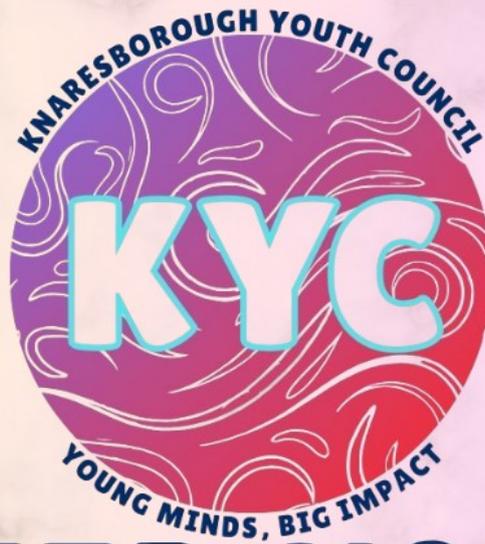
**When- 19th December 2025 & alternative
week from 16th January 2026 At- 4-5:30pm**

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WE ARE SEEKING NEW MEMBERS TO JOIN KNARESBOROUGH YOUTH COUNCIL, ARE YOU AGED 10-18 AND HAVE CONNECTIONS WITH KNARESBOROUGH? WOULD YOU LIKE TO GET INVOLVED?

VISIT WWW.INSPIREYOUTH.UK/KNARESBOROUGH-YOUTH-COUNCIL



GAME NIGHT FUNDRAISER

FUN FOR EVERYONE—BINGO, PRIZES, AND PLENTY MORE! REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE

SATURDAY 7TH MARCH, 2-5PM

INSPIRE YOUTH YORKSHIRE
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KNARESBOROUGH, HG5 0TG

**TICKETS £3
PER PERSON**
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