

### Spring Term Dates 2026

20-03 Grandparents morning  
 915-1015am EYFS & KS1  
 Refreshments in the hall  
 1030-1130am KS2  
 20-03 Mini reports due to be issued to parents  
 23rd 25th & 26th March Parents / teacher meetings. Bookings close 4pm 20-03-26  
 24-03 0900-1200pm Yr5 Yr6 Walk to Knaresborough Castle. Walkers needed.  
 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  
 15-04 Dental nurse visit. Registered children only.  
 16-04 1330-1430pm Martin Powell Internet Safety Workshop for parents  
 27-04 School photographer for Class Photos  
 04-05 Bank Holiday - school closed  
 06-05 NCMP EYFS & Yr6 Weight & Height.  
 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!**

### Raring2go!

Click here for the Spring Edition  
<https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/harrogateandyork/spring2026/>

### 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

### 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!

# Knaresborough St John's Newsletter

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 Contact: 01423 863265



### 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.



**Knaresborough Youth Council** and Knaresborough Town Council are raising awareness for environmental issues in Knaresborough and are organising a litter pick as part of the Great British Spring Clean. Please see poster attached to this newsletter

### Mental Health Support for Young People

Mind in Harrogate District - our Children and Young People services are designed to provide timely and compassionate support to help young people navigate these challenges and build resilience. Click here for lots more information & help:  
<https://mindinharrogate.org.uk/support-for-young-people/>

### 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.**

### Easter Holiday Club,

Get Set Go! is organised by Christians Together in Knaresborough and will take place on **Wed 1<sup>st</sup> and Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> March. For more information and to book email [ctikeasterclub26@gmail.com](mailto:ctikeasterclub26@gmail.com) or follow the link [Easter Club booking](#)

### 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 available. **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](mailto:admin@ksjprimaryschool.org)



TRUST 1225	WISDOM 1270
PEACE 1674	HOPE 1225

"It's lovely to be coming to school with the sun shining – though now that I've said it, I'm sure the rain will start and won't stop until June!"

As we edge towards the end of the Spring term, it is wonderful to have parents evening to look forward to, as well as the Easter Assembly on **Friday 27th March**. Parents and grandparents are very welcome to join us! We start at **9am** and will be announcing the class winners of this year's Easter Egg design! Good luck to everyone that is currently designing and creating their entry!

We also have Grandparents Morning on **Friday 20th March!** Please check the timings of when to arrive to spend time in class. We are really looking forward to welcoming grandparents into school that day. "We truly value the important role grandparents play in the lives of our children, and we are committed to encouraging and celebrating their involvement in school life."

You will be aware of the communication from school regarding the MCAS app, which is how we will be communicating to parents. If you have any questions, then please get in touch with the school office or refer to the letters that on the school website.

Best wishes and I really hope to see you all soon.



### Anyone for cricket?

Ripley Cricket Club are recruiting new players for the 2025 season and beyond! Ripley is a vibrant, inclusive cricket club and we are in our 13th year delivering junior cricket programme. We operate 4 adult teams and have junior teams in every age group in the Nidderdale Junior League.  
 We are now recruiting new players at under 9 (school years 3 and 4) and under 11 (school years 5 and 6). Training starts on Friday 24th April and continues every Friday from 6.15-7.30pm until the end of the summer term. Matches will take place weekly.  
 Training is led by ECB qualified coaches, and all coaches and volunteer helpers are DBS checked and have attended ECB Safe-guarding training.  
 Everyone is very welcome and no previous experience or equipment is necessary. Every new player that joins as a member will receive a club branded match shirt.  
**To register interest, please call / text / WhatsApp Mark Hardcastle (Head of Junior Cricket) on 07476992792 or email [sbmhardcastle@hotmail.com](mailto:sbmhardcastle@hotmail.com).**



# THE BUNNIES ARE BACK FOR A NEW CHAPTER

28<sup>th</sup> March - 12<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.greatknaresboroughbunnyhunt.co.uk)



CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN KNARESBOROUGH



# GET SET GO!

EASTER CLUB FOR  
PRIMARY AGED CHILDREN

1<sup>ST</sup> & 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL

GRACIOUS STREET  
METHODIST CHURCH



FREE BUT BOOKING  
ESSENTIAL

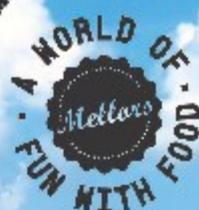
10 - 12:30



← 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](http://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals) for more info!





# GREAT KNARESBOROUGH SPRING CLEAN

A WONDERFULL CHANCE TO HELP  
CLEAN UP KNARESBOROUGH WHILE  
EXPERIENCING ITS HISTORY

29<sup>th</sup> March

10am-1pm

MEET AT BUTTERCUP CAFE, BUTTER  
LANE, KNARESBOROUGH!



Join us for a

# SILENT DISCO

CREATE STUDIOS

Hexagon House, Grimbold  
Crag Close, Knaresborough,  
HG5 8PJ

Saturday 21st March  
6pm - 7:30pm

Find out more at  
[www.yorkshire-create.co.uk](http://www.yorkshire-create.co.uk)





# Spring Stories

9:30 - 12:30

31st March - *The Golden Egg Mystery*

1st April - *Enchanted Spring Forest*

2nd April - *The Bunny Quest*

Age 4-7  
£20 per session



CREATE Studios, Hexagon House,  
Grimbald Crag Close, Knaresborough, HG5 8PJ



# EASTER HOLIDAY ART CLUB

MONDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

MORNING  
MIXED MEDIA COLLAGE

AFTERNOON  
CARDBOARD CREATIONS

TUESDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH

MORNING  
DRAWING, COMICS AND  
ILLUSTRATION

AFTERNOON  
EMBROIDERY AND TEXTILES

WEDNESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL

MORNING  
PRINTMAKING

AFTERNOON  
DRAMA

THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL

MORNING  
MUSIC

AFTERNOON  
3D DESIGN

FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> APRIL

MORNING  
WATERCOLOUR PAINTING

AFTERNOON  
ETCHING AND EMBOSSING

ABOUT THE SESSIONS

BREAKFAST (8:30-9:30)  
MORNING SESSION (9:30-12:30)  
LUNCH (12:30-1:30)  
AFTERNOON SESSION (1:30-4:30)  
FULL DAY PRICE (8:30-4:30)

CREATE STUDIOS, HEXAGON HOUSE,  
GRIMBALD CRAG CLOSE,  
KNARESBOROUGH, HG5 8PJ



**FREE TRIAL  
SESSION  
- GET IN TOUCH!**

# Gymnastics Classes

**OPEN TO ALL SKILL LEVELS: BEGINNER,  
INTERMEDIATE, ADVANCED**

**OPEN TO CHILDREN FROM 4-16 YEARS**

**REGISTER ON OUR WEBSITE:  
[WWW.ASTRALGYMNASTICS.CO.UK](http://WWW.ASTRALGYMNASTICS.CO.UK)**



[hello@astralacrobatics.co.uk](mailto:hello@astralacrobatics.co.uk)



**Harrogate High School**



**07305774172**



**Happy, Supportive, Dedicated**

# EASTER HALF TERM FOOTBALL CAMP

ONLY £28  
PER DAY  
1000 - 1500

MONDAY 30<sup>TH</sup>  
March 2026 -  
THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup>  
April 2026



INSIDE  
SPACE  
AVAILABLE

OPEN TO CHILDREN OF ALL ABILITIES IN SCHOOL YEARS 1 - YEAR 6. THE CAMP OFFERS A PERFECT MIX OF FUN ACTIVITIES AND FOOTBALL FOR EVERYONE. INSIDE SPACE AVAILABLE TO COMBAT FEBRUARY

WEATHER! TO BOOK YOUR CHILDS PLACE PLEASE VISIT THE LINK BELOW:

<https://forms.office.com/e/ZDiOKFuAaQ>

