



The Lindhead News



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Dear Parents/Carers

The summer term already feels as though it is running away with us, but it has been an incredibly positive few weeks in school — even if the ice warning light is still coming on first thing on a May morning! We have enjoyed celebrating so many children through our MotivateBee, ProudBee and Headteacher's Awards, including some wonderful achievements in reading, maths, poetry, residential visits, classroom confidence and, of course, the huge effort shown by Year 6 throughout SATs week. A special shout out this week must also go to our support staff team, especially Mrs Frestle, for renewing our display boards around school and making them look so good. Our Proud Bee wall in the hall is coming on nicely too, so please keep sending in those 'proud' pictures from home.

We break up for half-term next Friday, 22nd May, and will finish the half-term with one of our School Council-voted 'Sparkle Days'. Children are very welcome to come to school in non-uniform, bright, glittery, happy clothing and show us their shine — and we will see if we can add a little extra fun to the day too! In this newsletter, you will also find some dates for the next half-term, including Sports Day on Friday 10th July, so please save the date, along with other important information about safeguarding, attendance and school life. Thank you, as always, for your continued support of school.

Best Wishes

Mr England, Headteacher

Key Dates

Wednesday 20th May - FOLS disco (Times to follow)

Friday 22nd May - Last day of half term

Monday 1st June - School opens

Wednesday 3rd June - School photographs. Parents with pre-school children only, to arrive at 8.30am for sibling photographs

Friday 10th July - Sports Day. Details to follow (Monday 13th July is a reserve date)

Attendance, Absence and Collection Arrangements

We have been asked to remind parents and carers of a few important attendance and safeguarding procedures.

If your child is absent from school

If your child is not in school, please make sure you contact the school office each day to let us know the reason for their absence.

Where a child is absent and we have not been able to make contact, school may carry out a home visit. As part of our attendance and safeguarding procedures, this may include a home visit on the **fourth day of absence** if a child has not returned to school.

Term-time holidays and leave of absence

If you are planning to take your child out of school during term time, please make sure you complete a **holiday / leave of absence request form** before you go.

Schools can only authorise term-time absence in exceptional circumstances. Under national attendance rules, schools are required to consider a penalty notice when a child has missed **10 or more sessions** — equivalent to **5 school days** — for unauthorised reasons. From August 2024, penalty notices are **£80 if paid within 21 days**, or **£160 if paid within 28 days**. A second fine for the same child within a three-year period is charged at **£160**.

Attendance penalty notice summary

Situation	What may happen
5 school days / 10 sessions of unauthorised absence	A penalty notice may be considered.
First penalty notice	£80 per child, per parent, if paid within 21 days, rising to £160 if paid within 28 days.
Second penalty notice for the same child within 3 years	£160 per child, per parent.
Further unauthorised absence within a 3-year period	Other action may be considered, including prosecution.

Further Government information is available here:

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/08/19/fines-for-parents-for-taking-children-out-of-school-what-you-need-to-know/>

Changes to collection arrangements

Please also remember to let the school office know if someone different is collecting your child.

For safeguarding reasons, changes to collection arrangements should be given **directly to the school office**, either in person or by telephone. Please do not rely on messages sent through other routes.

If your child usually travels on the bus and arrangements are changing, please speak directly to a member of the office team. Please do not leave this information as a voicemail, as we need to make sure the message has been received and understood before the end of the school day.

Many thanks!



Sparkle Day!

Friday 22nd May

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bright, glittery, happy clothing
and show us your shine!

Voted for by our School Council

SPORTS DAY

FRIDAY 10 JULY

RESERVE DATE: MONDAY 13 JULY

We are looking forward to our Sports Day!
Parents and carers are warmly invited to attend
your child's session.

	
RECEPTION, YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2	YEARS 3, 4, 5 AND 6
MORNING SESSION	AFTERNOON SESSION
9:00AM – 10:15AM	1:30PM – 3:00PM

 **FULL DETAILS TO FOLLOW**
We will send out full information nearer the time,
including arrangements for where parents should go,
lunch and any other reminders.



**LET'S
HAVE A
GREAT DAY!**

Special Taster Day Menu – Thursday 21st May

School Census Day is next Thursday when school data is collected and it plays a vital role in securing **important funding for our school**, helping us provide the best possible opportunities for every child. To support this, we're hosting a **School Meal Taster Day**, where all children are invited to try a school meal, no commitment, just a chance to try a delicious school lunch. (you can still provide a packed lunch). Every child that tries a school meal helps ensure our school receives the funding it needs.



School Dinner Payments

Please ensure you pay for your child's school

dinner in advance, and clear any outstanding balance owed.

School cannot operate on a credit basis.
Texts are sent

out to remind parents who owe, and we would appreciate prompt payment.

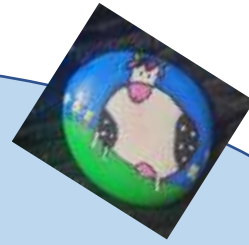
We thank you for your support.

Personal Items in School

We kindly ask that children do not bring items from home that aren't needed for learning, especially things they would be upset to lose or damage, such as trading cards, football cards, jewellery or toys. These items can easily go missing and sometimes cause distractions or disagreements in school.

Thank you for helping us keep the school environment calm and focused for all our pupils.

Story Stones Competition!



It's not too late to bring in your painted story stones to school, if you would like to enter our competition! Remember, there will be a prize for the best Key Stage One and a prize for the best Key Stage Two entry. Please bring your entries into school with your child's name and class by next Monday. We look forward to seeing your creations!

✿ Sensory Area Donations Needed ✿

We are currently developing a calming sensory area in school and are looking for any spare items that families may no longer need.

We would really appreciate donations such as:

- Artificial grass/offcuts
- Soft rugs or spare carpet pieces
- Interesting materials/textures
- Sensory lights or lamps
- Cushions, beanbags or soft furnishings
- Any other sensory-friendly resources

If you have anything at home (in good condition) that could help improve our provision for our children, please speak to a member of staff or send items into school.

Thank you so much for your continued support!

YORK FESTIVAL OF
Ideas

30 May to
12 June
2026

FUN FOR FAMILIES



ENJOY A HOST OF **FREE** FAMILY EVENTS AT YORK FESTIVAL OF IDEAS!

- ★ Full Steam Ahead @Discovery Zone
- ★ Storytelling in a Virtual World
- ★ Where Are All the Aliens?
- ★ Festival Fringe Family Fun Afternoon
- ★ Treasure-Hunting and Origami Making

Plus, explore the world of graphic novels, connect with nature,
discover a magical world built by fairies – and much, much more!

DON'T MISS

Songs of Nature: An evening of
words and music with author Michael Morpurgo
and cellist Clare O'Connell

yorkfestivalofideas.com

JOIN THE ADVENTURE **ANCHORS**

FOR BOYS & GIRLS AGED 5 TO 8 YEARS



Find out more about your local group . . .

4th Scarborough Company

Meeting at:
Burniston Church
on
Mondays during term time
at
6 - 7pm

Contact:
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**SCARBOROUGH
NETBALL CLUB**
Juniors

SUMMER NETBALL SUMMER CAMPS 2026

Full Day £20

8.45-9.00 Drop off
9.00-10 warm-up & fun games
10-12 Skill development
12.00-13.00 Lunch
13.00-15.00 Games and tactics
15.00-15.30 Collection

Half Day Sessions £12
9.00-12.00 or 12.00-15.00

ALL AT GRAHAM SCHOOL

Dates	Summer camps
Tuesday 21 July	Common Wealth Games
Tuesday 28 July	Sports Day
Tuesday 4 August	Festival Vibes
Tuesday 11 August	Water Games
Tuesday 18 August	Arts & Crafts
Tuesday 25 August	Problem Solving Games

Over 30 years
experience in
netball

DBS,
safeguarding
and coaching
awards

To book a place please complete form or email
scarboroughnetballclub@hotmail.co.uk
Or Facebook Messenger
Cash or Contactless on the day, or BACS day before

SNC Summer Camps 2026

