



# KEEPING IN TOUCH



## Message from Mr M...

Welcome to the start of the 24/25 Academic Year and the first KIT of the school year. I always love the start of term and seeing everyone back in school. The 'buzz' is back and the sound of children is a great sound.

With the summer holiday behind us, it has been great to see all of the children back in school over the last couple of days and we have had a very positive start to the new school year.

We have also welcomed 74 children into our Foundation Stage 2 (Reception) who start their full time school journey along with 10 two year old children who have joined our brand new provision. This is very exciting and sits in-line with the Governments plan to provide provision for younger children.

In addition, we have welcomed over 30 new children into different year groups and look forward to working with all of the families.

A big warm welcome to #teamLeCateau!

## General Messages

The start of a new school year is always a busy one as people establish the new routines. With a slight alteration to some of the entrance and exit points, it will take a few days for people to get into the swing of things. Your patience with this is much appreciated!

## Staff Welcome

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Thomas and Mrs Hollis to our staff team.

Both Mrs Thomas and Mrs Hollis have joined our EYFS Team and will be supporting in FS1 and FS2.



## School Calendar

We are finalising the important dates for the 24/25 Academic Year and will be adding these to the school calendar on our website for easy access.

The weekly KIT will also provide you with regular updates so please use this to keep you informed.

## School Uniform



We are aware that a number of families have not received their uniform orders despite placing them prior to the school summer break.

We have been in regular contact with APC Clothing and have had a response from their Managing Director that has been sent alongside today's KIT.

From a school point of view, we fully understand the challenges and will be flexible when it comes to enforcing our uniform expectations. We hope this situation will be resolved swiftly.



## Dress Up Days

We have scheduled 5 'non-uniform days' for the 24/25 Academic Year. These are days where pupils can attend in non-uniform/themed costumes and partake in activities.

We know people like to be prepared in advance hence we are sharing these with you now.

Friday 15th November 2024

Children In Need - Wear Something Spotty

Wednesday 18th December 2024

Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch

Friday 7th March 2025

World Book Day - Dress as a Book Character

Friday 25th April 2025

Purple Day - Month of the Military Child

Friday 23rd May 2025

SHINE - Non-uniform/party clothes to celebrate the annual talent show.

## Visit from the Judo Guy



We are delighted to welcome the 'Judo Guy' back to school on Tuesday 24th, Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th September to work with classes across school.

We also hope there will be enough uptake to deliver an After School Club.

More information about this will be shared over the coming weeks.

## Seesaw

Seesaw is our communication app that supports interactions between parents, pupils and staff members. The new classes have been created so parents should now be able to access all the relevant information about your child's class.

If you require a new access code, please contact the school office or speak to your child's teacher.

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## Year 6 Open Events Secondary School

Secondary School Applications for 25/26 open on 12th September 2024 and must be made by 31st October 2024.

Applications are made via the North Yorkshire Admissions Team;  
<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-admissions/starting-secondary-school>

### Open Evenings

Risedale School -  
Wednesday 25th September @ 6:00pm

Richmond School -  
Thursday 19th September @ 5pm

St Francis Xavier, Richmond -  
Thursday 26th September

Wensleydale School -  
Thursday 3rd October @ 6:00PM

Bedale High School -  
Wednesday 25th September @ 5pm





## School Meals

The latest menu for the Autumn Term has been shared with all parents via Arbor. Please check your emails so you know what is on offer.

A reminder that children in FS2, Year 1 and Year 2 are eligible for free school meals.

For children in Key Stage 2, meals are priced at £2.90.



## Parent Information Sessions – Phonics

We are hosting two Information Sharing Sessions for parents to find out all about our Phonics scheme and the vital role you play in supporting your child develop their reading knowledge.

**Thursday 12th September - 3:30pm PARENTS OF PUPILS IN YEAR 1**

**Tuesday 17th September - 3:30pm PARENTS OF FS2 RECEPTION AGE PUPILS**

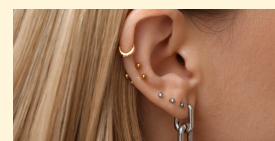
## School Values



At the end of the last academic year, Mrs Maxwell carried out a review of our school values which included a consultation with pupils, parents, staff and Governors.

Over the coming weeks, we will be sharing our updated school values that link to what our school is all about.

## Updated Policy: Jewellery in PE



Following guidance from the Association for Physical Education (AfPE), our policy on wearing jewellery has been updated.

The National Guidance has always been that NO jewellery should be worn in PE (including swimming). This is the school stance. Please ensure your child can remove earrings for any sporting activity in school!



## Year 6 Residential Marrick Priory

We will be sharing the details for the forthcoming Year 6 Residential with parents of pupils in Year 6.

We have booked a week long residential to Marrick Priory for the week beginning Monday 2nd December.

We will be holding a Parent Information Session in school on Thursday 3rd October at 3:30pm.



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North Yorkshire

# Family Food

Helping North Yorkshire families to access healthy food

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

## Worried about the cost of food?

We can help you find the right support, if you're struggling with the cost of food and worried about feeding your family healthy meals.

You'll find information at [www.northyorks.gov.uk/costofliving](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/costofliving) in the children and families section.

Our cost of living web page also has information about emergency financial support, managing debt, benefit entitlement, energy bills and staying connected.



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## Foodbanks

Enter your postcode to find your local Trussell Trust food bank, including their contact details, website and opening times.

<https://www.trusselltrust.org/get-help/find-a-foodbank>

If you need emergency food, you'll find contact details and information on the food bank's website.

If you're looking to donate food, you can find a list of items and how to donate on the food bank's website.

**Please note:** This only includes Trussell Trust food banks but other food banks and sources of emergency food may be available in your local area.



## Free School Meals

You could **save up to £450** a year with free school meals for your child. As well as saving you money, free school meals can also save you time and provide peace of mind that your child is enjoying a healthy, fresh, and nutritious meal at lunchtime.

Free school meals are available to all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils through the Universal Infant Free School Meal Scheme.

If you receive certain benefits, your child could also get free school meals during all school years.

To find out more and apply online, go to <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/education-and-learning/free-school-meals>



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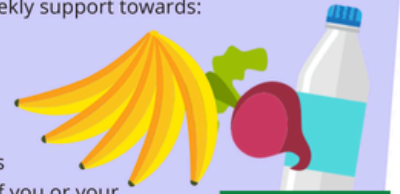
## Healthy Start

With the NHS Healthy Start scheme, you could be entitled to weekly support towards:

- Vegetables
- Fruit
- Milk
- Infant formula milk
- Pulses
- Healthy Start vitamins

Could you be eligible? If you or your partner receive benefits and are currently expecting, or have a child under 4, you may be entitled to a weekly allowance of £4.25 to help buy healthy foods and milk.

Find out and apply online today: [www.healthystart.nhs.uk](http://www.healthystart.nhs.uk)



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## Year Group Pages

Commencing next week, each year group will have a dedicated section in the weekly KIT.

Each year group will share information about what they are learning each week and what the highlights have been.

They will also share key updates on what the children need to have with them, when PE days are and any other useful information that parents need to know. Please take the time to read these updates so you know what is going on. We do get questions from time to time and always refer people back to the KIT!