



EGTON CE PRIMARY SCHOOL  
EGTON  
NORTH YORKSHIRE  
YO21 1UT

Tel: 01947 895369

E-mail: [admin@egton.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@egton.n-yorks.sch.uk)

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

Head teacher: Mrs E. Orland B.Ed.Hons.

Friday 13th March 2026

### **Newsletter**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have lots going on next week, so please do have a look at the information below to check you don't miss out on one of our events or activities!

#### **Mothering Sunday on a Monday!**

Come and join us for a special service on Monday morning to celebrate Mothering Sunday. 9.15am St Hilda's Church, Egton. Followed by a cuppa!

#### **Stay and Play**

Our last Stay and Play of the term for any future pupils will be held on Monday afternoon between 2pm and 3pm.

#### **Federation Science Day**

Next Thursday, we will be holding our annual Science Day with Danby School hosting us for a range of Space themed activities during the day. Including a special talk from 'Rocketman' and a rocket launch (or two) from the school playground! Please note that there will not be a junior Forest School session and therefore kits are not needed this day.

School cooks Danni and Natascha will be serving a special menu Mooncheese Pizza Subs, Intergalactic Chips, Galaxy Cup Cakes and Rocket Biscuits. If your child normally has a packed lunch but would like a school dinner on the day please let us know. Thank you.

#### **Comic Relief**

Next week on Friday we will be holding a wear something funny (or red) day for Comic Relief. Y6 will be leading a range of activities on the day. Donations may be made via cash into school or via the 'Comic Relief' PAYment Item within your ParentPay.

#### **Breakfast Reading Café**

As part of our ongoing National Year of Reading activities, we will be holding a Reading Café for parents and carers from 9am to 10am on Tuesday 17th March. Why not stop off after drop off for some light refreshments and some fireside reading with your child/ren for a short period of time and get your day off to a relaxing start!

## **Parent Drop In Sessions - SEND**

If you would like to learn more about how we support children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities in our Federation or would like to have the chance to chat with other parents, we are holding a couple of informal parent drop-in sessions detailed below. Come and have a cuppa and a chat and share your thoughts with us about our SEND provision at our last available session.

**Egton**

Wed 18th March 3.30pm-4.30pm

## **Year 3 4 Hockey**

Earlier in the week Year 3 and 4 spent an afternoon improving and learning new skills at hockey coaching. Mixing and interacting with other schools as well as each other! Fantastic effort from everyone involved. A lovely afternoon for Year 3 and 4 at Whitby School.

Next Friday, 20th March they will have the opportunity to put all the new skills they learnt at the coaching session on Monday as they will be playing in a Quick Sticks tournament at Whitby School. Children will leave school after an early lunch and return in time for the end of the school day. If children have shin pads and gum shields, please bring them into school. Thank you.



## **Student teacher Introduction**

This week we have welcomed a student teacher from York St John University. Miss Isobel Walshaw will be working with us through until May in our Junior class. We wish her well with her placement.

## **Parents evenings**

This term's parents evenings are scheduled to take place on Tuesday 24th March between 3.40pm and 6.00pm and Thursday 26th March between 3.40pm and 5.00pm.

To make an appointment with your child's teacher, please [click here to take you to the online booking form](#). Please note that once this has been completed, appointments will be allocated on a first come, first served basis and will be confirmed by email. Thank you.

## **ParentPay Balances**

As we approach the end of the financial year, it would be greatly appreciated if you could keep your ParentPay balances clear. Please be reminded that Egton School has registered to enable you to have access to Tax Free Childcare for wraparound care at school [covering both Breakfast Club and After School Club] which can pay 20% of your childcare costs. For more information on how this works, please use the link below. It would be helpful if you could let us know if you plan to pay for your childcare this way so we can keep an eye out for payments. [Tax-Free Childcare](#)

## **New School Dinner Menu**

Please click [HERE](#) for the new Spring/Summer Term menu which will be delivered after half term. Sometimes menus do need to change slightly depending on deliveries etc. If your child has any special dietary requirements or allergies please could you let us know by completing the appropriate form which can be found [HERE](#).

## **FOES NEWS**

Dates for your diaries of events coming up:

- ❖ Easter Bingo - Thursday 26th March - Egton Village Hall 5.30pm - **poster attached to this email - please share with family and friends who may wish to attend**

## **Spring Stay and Play Sessions for Prospective Parents and Children**

**Do you know any youngsters who are going to be school ready in the next year or so?**

Our last stay and play session for this term is:

★ Monday 16th March            2.00pm - 3.00pm

Stay and Play days are for children who are not yet at school age but would like to experience an hour in our school setting with our children and staff and for children who will be joining us in the future. All children must be accompanied by an adult for each session. If you would like any further information or to book a place at one or both of the sessions, please contact the school on 01947 895369 or email [admin@egton.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@egton.n-yorks.sch.uk) .

## **School Term Dates**

The list of term dates for the academic year 2025-2026 can be found [HERE](#).

## **Diary Dates**

Please note that our calendar can be found on the school website [HERE](#). This is updated regularly throughout the term.

<b>Swimming Every Other Thursday</b>	26th March
<b>Forest School Juniors</b>	After Easter
<b>Forest School Infants</b>	After Easter
<b>Stay and play Session</b>	Monday 16th March 2.00pm - 3.00pm
<b>Mothering Sunday on a Monday Service</b>	Monday 16th March 9.15am St Hilda's Egton
<b>Comic Relief Day</b>	Friday 20th March
<b>Parent Consultations</b>	Tuesday 24th March Thursday 26th March
<b>Easter Service</b>	Thursday 26th March 9.15am St Hilda's Egton
<b>FOES Easter Bingo</b>	Thursday 26th March Egton Village Hall
<b>Easter Holidays</b>	Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April
<b>Teacher Training Day</b>	Monday 13th April - school closed to pupils
<b>Children return to school</b>	Tuesday 14th April

Next week, I will be at Egton on Monday and Wednesday and Danby on Thursday and Friday.

On Tuesday I will be taking Y5's from both schools on a Yorkshire Coast Education Partnership Trip with other local schools.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,



Liz Orland  
Headteacher

---

**The information below has not changed but is still relevant.**

---

### **Safeguarding Children Telephone Number**

If you have a safeguarding concern about a child, please note that from the 1st April 2023, the main customer service line for the new North Yorkshire Council will be changing. The new number will be **0300 131 2 131** and will replace the old 01609 780780 number. This will mean that all contacts for referrals for children within North Yorkshire need to go through the 0300 131 2 131 number. **This includes any contacts out of hours for the Emergency Duty Team.**

The contact number for the professionals line will remain the same 01609 535070.

The updated details regarding making a referral for a child in North Yorkshire have been updated on our website ([www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/about-us/worried-about-a-child](http://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/about-us/worried-about-a-child)).

### **Mobile Phones, Smart Watches and Devices**

Mobile phone and smart watch technology has advanced significantly over the last few years and continues to evolve. Many phones and smart watches now offer internet and e-mail access, alongside standard functions of messaging, tracking, camera, video and sound recording. We are also seeing an increase in Smartwatch 'look-alikes' which have games and activities on which are proving a distraction to learning and are time consuming for teaching staff to monitor.

**Smartwatches and Smart-Watch lookalikes** are therefore **not permitted** to be worn to school in line with the recent change in Government guidelines.

However, in line with our passion for helping children to tell the time, a standard analogue or digital wrist watch may be worn. If you are unsure whether your child's watch is appropriate, you are welcome to check in with a member of staff.

Smart Watches and devices that are brought to school for any reason will be kept safely until the end of the school day.

For a reminder of our school uniform please see our website page [here](#)

### **Dinners and Breakfast and After School Clubs**

Just a reminder of our costs this term.

- Dinners for Junior children - £2.80. (Infant meals continue to be free of charge through a government scheme)
- Breakfast club: £3.00 a day



Just a reminder of our school policy in the event of adverse weather conditions. We are also asking that everyone completes a 'Safe place' form so that we have an alternative place logged for your child to go to should the school need to close during the school day. Please complete this form and return to the school office as soon as possible.

[Link to safe alternative place for your child](#)

[Link to the school policy in the event of adverse weather conditions](#)

### **ParentPay Hints & Tips**

If you would like to pay for all payment items together rather than individually, there is an option to pay for everything at once! Simply go into each payment item [on one or more children] and click 'Add to Basket' at the bottom of the screen. When everything is in the basket, click on the basket icon and pay for everything under one transaction.

### **Free School Meal Eligibility**

Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for free school meals. Your child is eligible for free school meals if you're in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, before benefits are taken into account.
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190

Even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and currently receives universal free school meals, please check your entitlement. Being eligible will mean that the school receives additional funding for your child which will go towards their learning and any additional support they may need. Please contact the school office if you require any assistance.

If you think you may be entitled to free school meals for your child, please use the application form which can be found on the NYC website -[Free school meals | North Yorkshire Council](#).

### **Updated Guidance from the DfE regarding unauthorised leave of absence**

Please be advised that there have been some legal changes to the guidance that schools must follow with regards to unauthorised leave of absences during term time. The penalty amounts have been increased and also the introduction of possible legal intervention. Please see below the information from the DfE.

*For unauthorised Leave of absence taken within a three-year rolling period, Penalty Notices will be issued as follows:*

- *The first Penalty Notice issued to a parent in respect of a particular child will be charged at £160 if paid within 28 days, this will be reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days.*
- *A second Penalty Notice issued to the same parent in respect of the same child will be charged a flat rate of £160 if paid within 28 days.*

**PLEASE NOTE:**

- ***A third Penalty Notice cannot be issued to the same parent in respect of the same child within 3 years of the date of issue of the first Penalty Notice.***
- ***In a case where the national threshold is met for the third time (or subsequent times) alternative action will be taken. This will include considering prosecution but may include other tools such as one of the other Legal Interventions to address poor attendance.***

As always, any leave of absence other than illness, must be requested in advance by completing a form to the headteacher. These forms are available from the school office.

### **Contacting the teaching staff**

[l.tokarski@egton.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:l.tokarski@egton.n-yorks.sch.uk)

[l.vaughan@egton.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:l.vaughan@egton.n-yorks.sch.uk)

[l.hall@egton.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:l.hall@egton.n-yorks.sch.uk)

Please note that staff emails are only monitored during the hours of 8am and 4pm Monday to Friday. For anything urgent outside of these hours please contact the admin email.

[admin@egton.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@egton.n-yorks.sch.uk)

### **Attendance**

Just a little reminder that if your child is ill and will be absent from school, we ask that you contact school to let us know on each day that they will be absent, by 9.30am. This can be by telephone on **01947 895369** or by email to [admin@egton.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@egton.n-yorks.sch.uk) . If we do not hear anything from you we will give you a call to check everything is okay as part of our safeguarding procedures. Thank you.