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### Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

#### National Year of Reading 2026

**Part of the  
National Year of Reading 2026**

**GO  
ALL  
IN.**

Next week will see the start to our National Year of Reading, kicking off with National Storytelling Week. All classes this week will be taking part in some online reading workshops and will be visited by a special 'Guest Reader'! In addition to this, we will be hosting a 'Bedtime Story Day' on Wednesday 4th February, where children will be invited to come to school in their pyjamas, bring in a teddy and a story to read and share. We'll take time during our 'Bedtime Story Day' to share our stories by the fireplace with our class and with the other class in school.

In our Library corridor, you will notice a display for book lending/borrowing. If your child wants to read a book that we don't have, feel free to pop their name and the book title up and see if anyone else has it to lend! Your children are also invited to bring in any books they are enjoying at home to show and tell at school.

We will of course be hosting some other exciting reading events throughout the rest of the school year, so keep your eyes out for them.

If anyone would be interested in becoming a 'guest reader' or would like to volunteer some time in school to be a Community Reader, please get in touch through the admin email!

#### **Esk Valley Trainline Disruption**

Please note, if you have not already been made aware, the Esk Valley railway line will be closed for 5 days for the week commencing 23rd February 2026. No trains will run at all that week and the local authority have made alternative transport arrangements for pupils affected from Lealholm, Glaisdale, Egton and Grosmont to and from school for the duration. Normal service is scheduled to resume week commencing 2nd March 2026 therefore it is unclear if it will reopen at the weekend or not.

## **Infants' D&T - Recycling needed!!**

As a part of the “Kings & Queens” topic, the infants are soon to become architects and builders; designing and building their own ‘junk-model’ castles in DT lessons! If you have any recyclable items such as cereal boxes, kitchen rolls, pringle tubes, or anything which would contribute to a tower/ drawbridge or gates, please bring them into school. Please note, we are unable to accept toilet rolls, items which have had meat in or polystyrene. Thank you.

## **Swimming**

Next Thursday we are swimming again. Please ensure everyone is equipped with kits as usual, Thank you.

## **Lost & Found**

We have a woolly blue bobble hat which was picked up on the road outside school around Christmas time and has been handed in. If anyone is missing it, please do get in touch.

## **New Website Page**

Do take a look at our new website page which has some useful links to support with the cost of living. We know this is a challenging time and many families across North Yorkshire and the UK are facing financial difficulties. [On this page](#), you'll find links to services and resources which provide practical help and/or emotional support.

## **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 next stay and play dates are:

Thursday 12th February 09:30 - 10.30 am

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](#).

## **School Dinner Menu**

Please click [HERE](#) for the Autumn/Spring Term menu. 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](#).

## **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>	5th, 26th Feb, 12th, 26th March
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<b>Forest School Juniors</b>	12th Feb, 19th March
<b>Forest School Infants</b>	5th March
<b>Stay and Play Session</b>	Thursday 12th February 09:30am - 10:30am
<b>Half Term</b>	14th - 22nd February
<b>World Book Day</b>	Friday 5th March
<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>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 Danby on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and Egton on Tuesday and Thursday.

Have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes,



Liz Orland  
Headteacher

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

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**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)).

## Smart Watches, Apple AirTag and other such devices - information

We have been asked by North Yorkshire Council to let parents/carers know that children are not permitted to wear or have in pockets/bags etc, Smart Watches, Apple AirTag and such devices under any circumstances either in school or on school trips. This is inline with safeguarding policy. Thank you for your understanding.

## **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
- After School Club: £2.50                    3.30pm - 4.30pm - to include a drink and snack  
    £3.00                    4.30pm - 5.30pm - to include a drink and light tea

## **Tax Free Childcare - Reminder**

Egton School has registered to enable you to have access to Tax Free Childcare for wraparound care at school. Our wraparound service covers both Breakfast Club and After School Club as they are chargeable. 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

## My Happy Mind

Just a reminder that you are able to access the [Parent App](#).

The children's engagement in our My Happy Mind project has been a huge success in school so far. Accessing the Parent App would help to reinforce the strategies taught in school at home and strengthen the positive habits that we are trying to encourage in our children.

 Your unique authentication code is: 121610 for Egton CofE VA Primary

DfE Guidance on reducing the spread of illnesses this winter

The DfE have asked that the following link is shared with parents as new guidance has been issued:

Please see the NHS Guidance '[Is my child too ill for school?](#)' Pupils shouldn't miss school on a precautionary basis and can normally attend with a mild cough or cold, unless they have a fever or diarrhoea or vomiting.

Growing Healthy Information from HDFT

Please find information about an app designed both for professionals and families, by Harrogate District Foundation Trust [HDFT] who deliver the Healthy Child programme. This covers the whole county and has a map of services/groups etc for families to access in their area, including contact details and opening hours etc, as well as child development info for parents, referral forms for wellbeing advice for older CYP etc

[Download Our App](#) | HDFT Children's Health Service

## **Free Inclusion courses for parents**

We have been asked to share with you the following link to courses designed to support parents and carers of children with Autism, SEMH, and ADHD. Link [HERE](#).

- These courses are an opportunity to find out more and gain practical tools and strategies to help support your child or young person.
- Parents will also meet others facing similar experiences or with a shared interest in the topic.
- For multi-day courses parents must attend all days and will receive a copy of the content covered following the course.

Spaces fill-up fast so please share with your parents and carer networks and encourage early booking to avoid missing out!

## **Adverse weather conditions**

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**

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[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.