



Newsletter Friday 5th September 2025

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to school!



We hope that you've all had a great summer break and are looking forward to whatever this year may bring.

The first newsletter of the school year tends to be full of reminders, so here we go.

Parentpay

At the end of the summer, we had debts amounting to over £1500 across the range of payment items in school. We have received some payments over the summer term (thank you) but there are still several outstanding debts from last academic year.

We would really appreciate it if these could be paid as soon as possible. However, if you are experiencing difficulties, then please get in touch and a payment plan can be discussed.

Pupil Leave of Absence from school during term time

We are already receiving requests for holidays during term-time. Leave of absence will only be authorised if the appropriate criteria have been met - please see the school's leave of absence in term time information on the school website. Following Government guidelines since September 2013, the headteacher is not authorised to grant

leave of absence during term time in any other circumstances than those stated.

As detailed last year, taking a pupil on leave during term time interrupts teaching and learning and can disrupt educational progress. Please note that NYCC is issuing penalty notices to parents/carers for unauthorised absence.

The school will be closely monitoring all absences and patterns of absence to ensure our attendance figures return to our normal level of 97 to 98% - this may include requesting confirmation of appointments etc. We would be grateful for your support in ensuring your child attends school regularly in line with government regulations.

Uniform

The children look very smart in their new school clothes. Please make sure that they are named so that any stray items of clothing can be returned to their rightful owners. We know how much these items cost so will do our best to make sure that this happens.

Thank you to Carey and Catherine who are maintaining this resource so that it is inviting and organised. It has been great to see a lot of you already browsing the racks!

Our uniform for PE is dark leggings/ shorts or jogging bottoms with a school top or dark 'hoodie'. T shirts can be white or navy blue. The children have been reminded of this and we will ask them to change into school uniform if they come in other clothes.

Earrings

Earrings should be small studs. However, these **must** be removed for the days your child has PE. We would strongly advise that, should you wish

your child to have their ears pierced, this is done at the start of the 6 weeks' holiday to allow healing before the school year commences in September. If your child is not able to remove their earrings, then they will **not** be able to take part in PE lessons.



A big hello and welcome to our new starters across the school.

In nursery we have Winifred, Clemmie, Madeline, Luke, George, Nelly, Isla, Reggie, Wilf, Rosie, Tobias, Jackson and Ada.

In other year groups in school, we would like to welcome Eleanor, Holly, Kairo, Oliver, Charlie, Maia and Alissa.

We hope that they will be very happy at Leyburn.

And finally....

Welcome back to Ms Dinsdale and congratulations to Miss Burn who is now Mrs Thrower!

Dates for the Diary:

Keep checking emails and Class Dojo for updates

September

11th September – PTFA AGM 4pm

15th September – International Dot Day

Judo Taster sessions

17th September Judo Taster sessions

19th September - Dream Big Day!

Year 5/6 boys football

26th September – Macmillan Coffee Morning

Year 5/6 Girls' football

October

w/b Monday October 6th – Parent/Carer Consultations (to be confirmed with class teachers)

10th October – World Mental Health day – Dress in Yellow

Harvest Festival - St Matthew's

14th October – Individual school photographs

14th - 21st October – Scholastic Book Fair

20th October - Year 5 visit Bradford Mosque

23rd October – Year 5/6 Hockey

Friday 24th October – break up for half term

November

Monday 3rd November– back to school

Anti-bullying week – 10th -14th November

10th November Odd Socks Day

12th November – Crucial Crew

14th November – Children in Need

Year 3/4 football

December

9th December – KS1 Nativity 2-3 pm

10th December – KS1 Nativity 2-3 pm

11th December – Christmas jumper/hat day and Christmas lunch day and Christmas Craft afternoon

w/b 15th December – Christmas parties

19th December - St Matthew's Christmas Service – 1.30 pm

Friday 19th December – Break up for Christmas