



Welburn Hall Weekly

Friday 10 October 2025

Hello and welcome to our weekly Newsletter.....



School dinner arrears

ParentPay should now be working for everyone. Please settle any outstanding debt.

Thank you for your understanding

Autumn Term 1 Food Tech Contributions

Payments can now be made towards Autumn Term 1 Food Tech.

So, if you are able to contribute, please do so via [ParentPay](#). Thank you



Can we please ask Parents/Carers of our new learners to log in and activate their ParentPay account. Even if your child has free school meals, we still need parents to have their own ParentPay account. Your help is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Lunch Wk 1	Main option 1	Vegetarian option 2	Options 3 or 4	Pudding
Mon	Sticky pork noodles 	Italian pasta bake VG 	Tuna sandwich Or Jacket potato & beans VG	Chocolate Sponge & Custard V 
Tues	Minced beef loaded wedges 	Veg sausage with wedges VG 	Onion bhaji burger VG Or Cheese sandwich V	Jam doughnut muffin V 
Weds	Sausages, gravy & mashed potatoes 	Tomato & herb pasta pot VG 	Ham sandwich Or Jacket potato & beans VG	Flapjack VG 
Thurs	Chicken Korma 	Cheese & tomato pasta V 	Mexican beef taco Or Cheese jacket potato V	Sponge & custard V 
Fri	Fish fingers 	Cheese whirl V 	Chicken parmesan Or Cheese sandwich V	Jam shortcake VG 

V – Vegetarian VG – Vegan. Jan 2025



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We are a nut aware school

Heads-up!



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have some lovely photos in this weeks' newsletter, particularly of our learners at the Birds of Prey Centre and our visit to Flamingo Land. I hope you enjoy seeing what they have been up to.

We are in the process of developing our school website, including updated photography. We're planning the photo shoot today and will let you know when it will take place. If your child should not be featured in our professional photography, please make sure their class teacher has been informed.

We are also in the process of developing our library and adding another library space in the house. If you have any books in good condition that your child no longer reads, we will be accepting donations to update our stock in the coming weeks. Caroline is leading on this and will let you know when we can take them. Reading is a passion of mine and we hope to instil a love of reading with all of our learners. Family support with this is so helpful and it is great to hear our learners talking about books they are reading at home. If you want any advice and guidance about how to support reading at home, please do get in touch.

Finally, I just wanted to highlight that we are looking for a parent governor to join our Governing Board. If you think you could support the school in this way, please see the contact information at the end of the newsletter.

Alison

School Lunches on ParentPay

A hot school lunch is currently £3.00 per meal and **must be paid for in advance**.

If your child has a school lunch, please make payments on ParentPay. You can set up an automatic top up of as little as £5 when your balance goes below £1 to keep your account in credit.

Thank you for your help with this.

Cooking Up Confidence!

Food tech lessons are an important part of our curriculum, giving learners hands-on experience in the kitchen - building confidence, having fun and more importantly teaching them to make healthy, delicious meals from scratch.



Cooking is more than just following a recipe — it's a creative life skill that helps learners feed themselves and others well, both now and in the future. They'll be exploring different ingredients, trying new techniques and creating their own tasty dishes while learning about nutrition and healthy eating.

To help us provide a wide variety of fresh and exciting ingredients, **a half-termly contribution option of £8 will be on ParentPay**. Not every class does Food Tech each half term – but it will be on ParentPay when it is your child/young person's turn. Your contribution amounts to about £1 per week, but makes a real difference and helps us keep these lessons practical, engaging, and fun for our learners. Thank you for your continued support!



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Work experience started last week for some of our learners, with one group going to the National Centre for Birds of Prey in Helmsley.

They kicked off with an induction and lots of instructions, including use of the disinfectant foot bath to prevent the spread of disease on site entry and every barn.

They cleaned the feeding bowls from the Hawk barn and the Owl barn, which involved removing all bones and feathers in the trays before washing them thoroughly and leaving them to dry. Any dead fish or dead chicks that hadn't been eaten had to be transferred into the new feeding trays. Everyone worked very well.



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Some more lovely pictures of Andrew's class at Flamingo Land.



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There's something very fishy going on in Pre-Formal.

Their expressive art and design session resulted in the class gaining lots of marine life!

Messy, but always fun.



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Bingo – 27 Oct

Our HSA would like to remind parents and carers about their next fundraising event on **Monday 27 October**.

HSA needs donations!!

They still need raffle prize donations please.

They're looking to create some fantastic hampers for:

Cleaning, Bathing, Pamper, Breakfast, Dinner, Hot drinks and Biscuits, Baking, Children's Activities and a Halloween themed one. Anything from bubble bath, teabags, biscuits, tinned food etc. to help would be greatly appreciated.

Please send anything you have into school next week!!

Thank you so much for your ongoing support and we hope to see you all at the Bingo Night.



The poster features a vibrant green background with a purple banner at the top that reads "BINGO NIGHT". Below the banner, a white box contains the date "27th October 2025" and the times "Doors open 6.30pm" and "Bingo starts 7.30pm". The background is decorated with colorful bingo balls, a bingo card, and confetti. At the bottom, a purple box with a question mark icon is surrounded by more confetti. The text "Ryedale Indoor Bowling Club, Norton, YO17 8EG" is written in a curved path. On the right, the school crest is visible, which includes the motto "NON VINCERE MORTEM" and "SICUT VINCERE MORTEM".

27th October 2025
Doors open 6.30pm Bingo starts 7.30pm

Ryedale Indoor Bowling Club, Norton, YO17 8EG

Help us support Welburn Hall Special School

Join us for an exciting Bingo Night, play together, have fun, win great bingo prizes. enjoy a sweet treat from the cake stall and enter the raffle for an extra chance to win.

School Governor Vacancies

Want to be involved in how our school is run?

We currently have 3 school governor vacancies; one is for a parent governor and two for co-opted governors. Interested parties should email Alan Payne, Co-Chair - a.payne@welburn-hall.n-yorks.sch.uk

Healthy Schools Award

Work continues towards achieving the healthy schools award (we're going for gold!!). Over the next two weeks the Headteacher is asking parents to do a big push on making healthy choices for lunch boxes, e.g., fruit and vegetable sticks in place of sugary snacks, whole grains in bread or pasta; as little processed food as possible. We realise that it's tough with picky eaters, as well as how expensive food is these days, but call Marianne or Jenna if we can give you any help or advice. Our message to learners is all about making healthy food choices, establishing good habits to last a lifetime and we would really value your support.





Wellbeing & Safeguarding



North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (NYSCP) aims to ensure all children in North Yorkshire are safe, happy, healthy and achieving.



If you are worried about a child – this is the duty number: 0300 131 2 131 Or see their website here:

<https://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/about-us/worried-about-a-child/>



This leaflet provides important information on looking after your child's eyes and booking an eye test for children

Children in North Yorkshire should visit an optician for a free eye test

When should you get your child a free eye test?

Ideally children should start having regular eye tests from the age of 4. But they can be tested at any age, even if they can't read or speak.

How do you book a free child's eye test?

Please book your child an eye test at an opticians, even if you have no concerns about their vision. To do this contact your local opticians - use this link for local practices [Find an optician - NHS](#).

What will it cost?

Children under 16 are entitled to NHS-funded (FREE) eye tests. If your child needs glasses, they will receive a voucher to **help with the cost.**

Why should you get your child's eyes tested?

- ✓ Being able to see clearly will mean your child is able to learn and develop at school and socially.
- ✓ Eyes are still developing in early childhood. An eye test helps pick up and treat any problems. This can help to **avoid or prevent** longer-term eye problems.
- ✓ Even if you think your child has normal vision it is still important to get their eyes tested.
- ✓ They are no longer tested in school.