



Welburn Hall Weekly

Friday 16 January 2026

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



School dinner arrears

We are still in arrears for school meals.
 Can parents please clear all dept.
 School lunches must be paid in advance. Automatic top-up, for as little as £5, can be set up on Parent Pay.

Thank you for your understanding

Food Tech Contributions

There are new Food Tech payments of £6 on ParentPay, only for those learners who are doing Food Tech this half term.

Please look on your ParentPay for this; it's £1 per week for these life skills lessons.
 Thank you



Parent Pay activation letters have been sent home in book bags.

If you haven't already done so, can we please request that you log in and activate your account. Even if your child has free school meals we still need parents to have their own Parent Pay account.

Your help is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Lunch Wk 3	Main option 1	Vegetarian option 2	Options 3 or 4	Pudding
Mon	Beef burger 	Lentil & veg burger VG 	Chicken pie Or Ham sandwich	Summer berry & lemon muffin V 
Tues	BBQ pulled pork noodles 	Quorn dippers V 	Pasta carbonara Or Tuna sandwich	Double mousse pot V 
Weds	Roast chicken & Yorkshire pudding 	Roast veg loaf & Yorkshire pudding V 	Option 3 Tuna jacket potato	Chocolate surprise cake V 
Thurs	Creamy mac & cheese V 	Veg korma & rice VG 	Lemon & herb chicken flat bread Or Tuna sandwich	Summer crumble pot V 
Fri	Fish fingers 	Pizza pinwheel V 	Fish star Or Cheese sandwich V	Biscuit swirl VG 

We are a nut aware school

V – Vegetarian VG – Vegan. Jan 2025



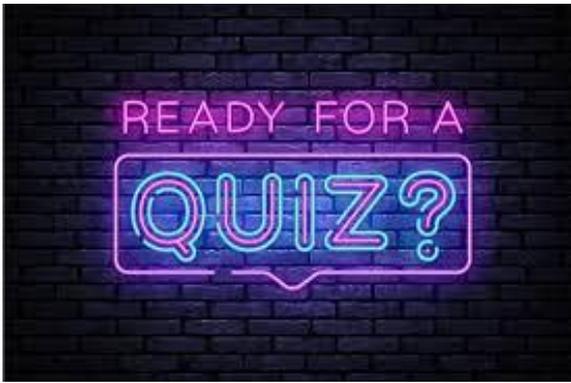
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Quiz night, Thursday 12 February The Sun Inn, Pickering

Our HSA's next fundraising event is the fantastic pub quiz at Pickering's Sun Inn. On 12 February it will be Welburn Hall who is the lucky recipient of this charity event.

It's up to 6 per team/table if you would like to come along in support – please phone Rob on 07727 569505 to book.

HSA are holding a raffle and any prize donations from parents/carers would be very gratefully received. Please send them in for the attention of Jane Rimmer-Boyes. Thank you!

Miss Marr is asking parents and carers for donations of warm clothes that you don't want.

She is specifically asking for waterproof/warm coats/gloves/hats for our hardworking work experience college learners to use during the cold weather.

Please send in to school for her attention.

Thank you for your help.



Parents of our older learners might be interested to know about the forthcoming **Open Day at Scarborough Tec, on Saturday 7 February.**

For more information or to book a place click this link here:
<https://scarboroughtec.ac.uk/visit/open-event/>



**Scarborough
TEC**

Changing lives every day

Lunch Swap!! Please note

Due to a delivery issue, Wednesday and Thursday lunch choices will swap.

Roast chicken dinner and all that day's other options will be on Thursday.
Creamy mac & cheese and all that day's other options will be on Wednesday.

Sincere apologies from the kitchen.



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Andrew's class having loads of fun during their rebound therapy session.



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North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (NYS CP) 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/>

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SNAPCHAT

SNAP STREAK 97

AGE RESTRICTION 13+

With over 900 million active monthly users and billions of 'Snaps' sent each month, Snapchat is a popular messaging app among children and young people. It allows users to share fun, spontaneous pictures and videos with friends and family while using playful filters. One of Snapchat's unique features is that pictures, videos and messages are only viewable for a short period of time.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Snapchat's use of artificial intelligence (AI) includes features like the 'My AI' chatbot and AI-powered filters, offering interactive experiences that can be fun but also pose risks. These tools may share unfiltered or inaccurate responses, promote unrealistic beauty standards, and collect personal data. Advanced filters and deepfake-style lenses can distort reality, potentially leading to manipulation, impersonation, or inappropriate content.

SCREEN ADDICTION

Snapchat boosts user engagement and daily use with features like streaks (daily Snapchat exchanges between you and a friend). When a streak's been going for a few days, users will see a 🌟 emoji. The number alongside it shows the number of days, but if users miss a day and break the streak, the only way to restore it is to pay. This encourages daily use habits, and frequent notifications can keep users returning to the app even more often.

SEXTORTION

Because Snapchat's disappearing messages feature may foster a sense of safety, users may become targets of sextortion. For example, a predator may pressure someone into sending nude images, then somehow capture those images to threaten and intimidate the victim. This might involve claiming they will share the images with friends or family unless money is paid.

SNAPCHAT+

Snapchat+ is the platform's premium subscription service, offering early access to new and exclusive features. In June 2025, Snapchat introduced a new tier called Lens+, giving subscribers access to hundreds of lenses and AR experiences for playing, creating, and sharing Snaps. These paid features may encourage young users to spend money to access exclusive content, increasing the risk of overspending or feeling pressured to make in-app purchases.

ACCESSIBILITY

Snapchat is now accessible from a web browser, meaning children can use it on a laptop or tablet without downloading the app. This can make activity harder to monitor, reduce the effectiveness of parental controls, and increase the risk of unsupervised communication or exposure to inappropriate content.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some content on Snapchat isn't suitable for children. The hashtags used to group content are determined by the poster, so even an innocent search term could still yield age-inappropriate results. The app's disappearing messages feature also makes it easy for young people to share explicit images on impulse – so sexting continues to be a risk associated with Snapchat.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ACCESS THE SNAPCHAT FAMILY SAFETY HUB

Created with guidance from Common Sense Media, Snapchat has developed a Family Safety Hub that explains how the app works and how to use its in-app protections for teens. It's recommended that you review this guidance before allowing a child to download Snapchat. Remember, the app is only intended for children aged 13 and over.

ENCOURAGE OPEN DISCUSSIONS

Snapchat's risks can be easier to handle if you nurture an open dialogue. Talk about scams and blackmail before letting children sign up. If they're lured into a scam, encourage them to tell you immediately. Talk openly and non-judgementally about sexting, emphasising its inherent risks. Furthermore, explain how popular 'challenges' on the platform can have harmful consequences.

BLOCK AND REPORT

If a stranger connects with a child on Snapchat and makes them feel uncomfortable by pressuring them to send or receive unwanted or inappropriate images, the child can tap the three dots on that person's profile to report or block them. There are options to state why they're reporting that user, with a tailored reporting section under the 'Nudity and Sexual Content' category. In this category, there's the option to report somebody for threatening to leak sexually explicit images, or 'nudes'.

USE PRIVACY SETTINGS TOGETHER

Sit down with the children in your care and explore Snapchat's privacy settings as a shared activity. You can help them adjust who can contact them, view their stories, or see their location on Snap Map. It's a good opportunity to explain why some settings are safer than others, reinforcing their understanding of online boundaries. Encourage them to regularly review these settings, especially after app updates or changes in their friendship groups.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian Government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

