



Welburn Hall Weekly

Friday 23 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 1 | Main option 1 | Vegetarian option 2 | Options 3 or 4 | Pudding |
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| 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  |

We are a nut aware school

V – Vegetarian VG – Vegan. Jan 2025



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Heads-up!

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a week of rather unpleasant weather and it looks like next week will not be any better. That said, there are early signs of spring at Welburn Hall, snowdrops are lining the drive which is a very welcome sight!

Preparations are underway for Welburn's Got Talent and I am pleased to say, tickets are available on the Art Centre website. We are looking forward to a fantastic evening of talent and hope you can make it to cheer the performers on.

In the coming weeks, we are expecting a donation of saplings from The Woodland Trust. There are 60 trees in total including hedgerow plants and we may need some help to plant them. If there are any gardening or horticulture groups out there interested in helping with the project, please do let us know.

Today I have been hearing all about some of our new work placements that learners in college have visited, there are some pictures in the newsletter today showing them working hard preparing vegetable boxes for Newfields Organics Farm Shop. It seems they did a fantastic job and are looking forward to going again next week.

This week the children have been revisiting online safety in lessons. This is a topic that is very prominent in the news at the moment. Our learners have become really good at handing in their phones in the mornings, which gives them a healthy break from the pressures that can come from phone usage. The staff team are all keen to support our learners in having a positive attitude towards technology and this is something we will touch on again next week, with a focus on mental health and managing emotions.

I hope you all have an enjoyable weekend.

Alison



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With easyfundraising, whenever you shop online, brands pay easyfundraising a commission, which in turn becomes a donation for Welburn Hall.

Sign Up is easy, takes 2 minutes and is completely free. Shop as Normal using the easyfundraising website or app to find your favourite stores (there are over 8,000!).

When you sign up, you pay exactly the same price for your groceries, clothes, and holidays, but the difference is those small 50p and £1 donations add up fast and can have a great impact on our school.

Click here - <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/welburn-hall-school-home-school-association/>

Download the App: Search "easyfundraising" in the App Store or Google Play.

Don't forget to enable the Donation Reminder on your browser so you never miss an opportunity to help!

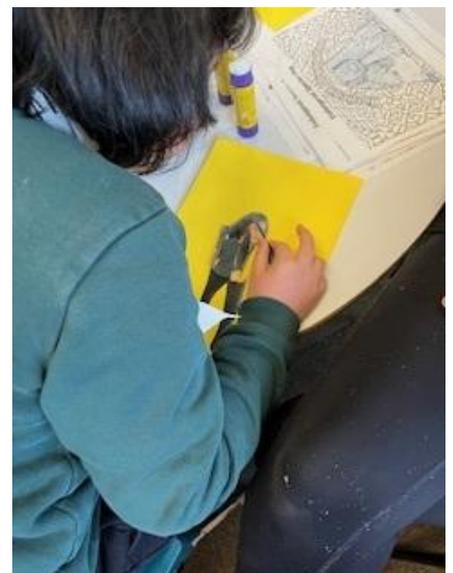
Thank you for your support!



Hair and nail salon
 is still going strong
 on Friday
 afternoons!



Pre-Formal are currently exploring the theme - "all about me" and have had great fun in expressive art and design, building bodies.



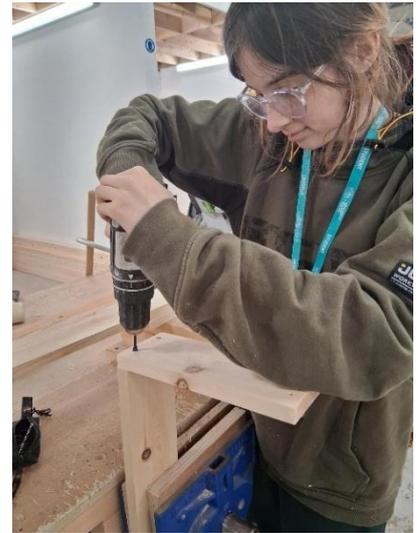
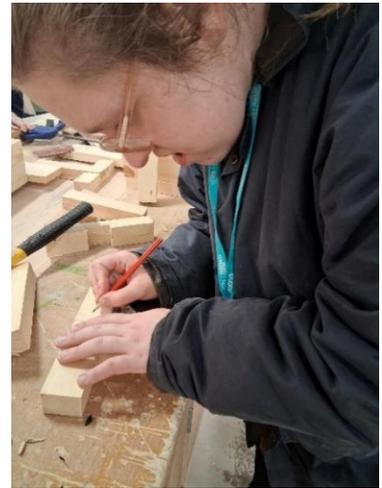
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This week at construction some of our learners practiced making a centre halving T joint. It is part of their accreditation. The rest of the team continued to make their boxes.

Tang Hall Smart have asked us to let parents and carers know about their forthcoming open evening.



TANG HALL SMART
OPEN EVENING 5PM-7PM
FEBRUARY 4TH

PERSONALISED POST 16
LEARNING PROGRAMMES
FOR YOUNG PEOPLE
WITH AN EHCP

MUSIC
MUSIC PRODUCTION
ART
DANCE & DRAMA
SPORT

Tang Hall SMART C.I.C. is a post 16 education provider for young people with an EHCP or other means of funding. Join us at The Centre@Burnholme to meet our team, see our fantastic facilities and learn more about our post 16 education programmes.

Email sue@tanghallsmart.com for more information and to reserve a place on our open evening.

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Some of our college learners took a trip to Newfields Organics farm shop in Fadmoor. First, Rachel the owner showed everyone around, then they topped and tailed parsnips, sorted and bagged up potatoes and weighed out kale in bags for an order. The learners really enjoyed it and are looking forward to going again.

March Prize Raffle

This March some of our college learners will be heading off to Morrisons in Malton to run a tombola stall.

This is one of their fund-raising activities to help pay for their upcoming residential trips, and they are asking for prize donations, in order to make it a success.

If you have anything you'd be happy to donate, it would be hugely appreciated. Nothing fancy needed!

Donations should be for Miss Marr's attention.

Once again, thank you for your support.



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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/>

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

ROBLOX

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Roblox is an online platform where users can play and create games known as 'experiences' made by other users. Roblox has a large UK audience. ITV News has reported that millions of people in Britain use the platform regularly, with children forming a significant proportion of its users. The sheer scale of it makes it extremely difficult to moderate effectively, creating risks for unsupervised children.

A PLATFORM RATHER THAN A GAME

Roblox differs from traditional video games in that it hosts millions of user-created experiences rather than a fixed set of developer-produced content. Each experience is self-rated by its creator rather than independently age-rated in advance, as is the case with PEGI-rated games. With millions of user-created experiences, moderation is largely automated which means that inappropriate content may reach younger players and have a harmful effect.

MATURE CONTENT

With much of Roblox's moderation automated through AI and creators self-certifying suitability, inappropriate content frequently appears on the platform. Some experiences may include content intended for older players. While Roblox has tools to restrict access based on age settings, these systems are not always perfect. Younger players are likely to encounter content you may deem unsuitable.

IN-GAME SPENDING

Roblox is free to play, but many experiences and cosmetics include optional purchases using Robux, the platform's virtual currency, to get advantages in games. This business model is common across online games, but reporting has highlighted cases where children have spent large amounts of money unintentionally or without understanding the real-world cost.

RISK OF ADDICTION

Roblox encourages repeated and extended play. Many experiences are made of short tasks, rewards, and progression systems that can prompt users to keep playing for longer periods of time. Some games also use reminders, daily rewards, or timed events to encourage frequent logins. These designs can make it difficult to stop playing. Spending long periods online may affect sleep, schoolwork, or other activities if boundaries are not in place.

COMMUNICATION WITH OTHER USERS

Roblox includes text and voice features that allow players to chat in shared game spaces. While the platform uses automated filters and moderation tools, media investigations have found that inappropriate and potentially harmful messages can still get through. There are risks that children could be targeted by groomers. In response, Roblox has announced changes to how chat works. The platform plans to use facial age-estimation technology to restrict chat access between adults and children they do not know.

Advice for Parents & Educators

USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Roblox's parental controls provide an important starting point. Linking a child's account to an adult account allows parents to apply spending controls, limit communication features, and review recent activity. Regular supervision, use of parental controls, and conversations with children about what they see online can help reduce the risk of exposure to inappropriate content.

CONSIDER LIMITING OR DISABLING CHAT

Although Roblox is introducing tighter age-based chat restrictions, some parents and educators may prefer to disable chat entirely for younger children. Children can still play games while communicating with friends they know through other supervised platforms.

PLAY TOGETHER WHERE POSSIBLE

Playing Roblox with a child can help adults understand the types of experiences available, how monetisation works, and how children interact online. This shared engagement can also make it easier for children to raise concerns if something feels wrong. Parents and educators should monitor all games played on Roblox due to its self-rating nature.

ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATIONS

Many Roblox experiences are creative and age appropriate, and for many children, the platform is an important way to socialise with friends. Rather than banning it outright, parents and educators should talk openly with children about online safety, spending, and how to respond to inappropriate behaviour.

Meet Our Expert

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