



Poppleton Ousebank PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Capturing the imagination of young minds'

Newsletter - Friday 17th July 2026

A message from Miss Collier

As we draw to a close another school year, I reflect on so many fantastic achievements. It is an absolute pleasure to be part of a community who work together to help all children achieve their full potential.

Thank you to the children, who make our school a special place to be. I would like to say farewell to all our Year 6 pupils and other leavers as they move onto new schools. I know they will continue to impress their new teachers and I hope they continue to love every moment of their learning. As you journey forward, embrace every opportunity that comes your way, and never be afraid to dream big. Always remember the importance of **respect**, **kindness** and **resilience**. Be the ones who spread love and positivity wherever you go.

Move toward the people who expand your perimeter of possibility, who believe in your potential just a little bit more than your reality.

Move toward the people who remind you of the person you know you're meant to be, the ones who stretch your mind and soul and make you feel something real.

Move toward the people who remind you of what you contain, who help you fall a little more in love with life.

Move toward the people who energise you more than they drain you.

These little signs are not so little - they are the markers of our soulmates, in all the forms they come.

Thank you to the fantastic staff team at POPS. Every single member of our team works incredibly hard to create the best for your children. The effort they make for your children is staggering. To every single staff member, your work never goes unnoticed; a huge thank you.

Sadly we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Richardson and Miss Comb today. Thank you both for your dedication, kindness, and unwavering support. The care and commitment you have shown has made a real difference in the lives of our children. We wish you all the very best.

Thank you to the Governing Body for their important role in raising our school's standards. As well as attendance at meetings throughout the year, our Governors have regularly visited school during the day to see us in action! Thank you.

We are fortunate to have such an active Friends group who volunteer their time generously to plan fundraising events throughout the year. In particular, I would like to say a special thank you to Sarah Thorp who steps down from her role as chair of the PTA this year. For several years, Sarah has been the driving force behind most of our fundraising events. She has given up an incredible amount of her own time to generate funds to benefit the children. Thank you for making such a meaningful difference.

My thanks to you too for your continued help and support. It really is appreciated. I do hope that you all have an amazing summer break and that the children return to school rested and ready on Wednesday 9th September. Parents of children in reception and nursery have received individual start dates and times. Please check these carefully.

Best wishes for a truly wonderful and well-deserved summer holiday.

Miss Collier



After School Clubs - Please complete this [form](#) by Monday 7th September if you would like your child to participate in an after school club. These will start w/c 21st September. Clubs start after school and finish at 4.15pm. You will be notified if your child has received a place by the end of the first week of the new term. In addition to these, we have an exciting new range of private clubs. Information for these will be sent directly from the provider.

KS2 Ambassadors After school (Autumn 1, Spring 1) - We are really proud of the work that our ambassadors do. Our ambassadors organise events, represent their peers and make a real difference to the school community. Next year, we will keep the same ambassador opportunities for children. Children can put themselves forward for as many roles as they would like and we will hold an 'election day' in September where all children will have the opportunity to cast their vote and the roles will be allocated. Please complete the [form](#) by Friday 11th September if your child would like to put themselves forward for any of the ambassador roles.

Emergency details - Please ensure the school has been informed of any changes to medical, allergy and emergency contact details. It is vital that school has up to date records and are able to contact parents in an emergency. Please continue to update the school office if your details change by emailing hello@pop.hlt.academy.

School uniform - We very much appreciate parents' support in ensuring that the children attend school smartly dressed and in the correct uniform. All pupils should wear the correct clean school uniform. Please check our [website](#) for details. We continue to have a worrying amount of unnamed lost property. Please help us with this by ensuring all items of clothing are clearly marked with the child's full name.

Attendance - We would like to remind all families of the importance of notifying the school whenever your child is absent, regardless of the reason. As a school, we have a duty of care to ensure the safety and wellbeing of every child. Knowing where our pupils are and that they are safe is an essential part of this responsibility. When we are not informed of an absence, we must contact parents or carers to confirm a child's whereabouts. This is an important safeguarding procedure that we are required to follow. We kindly ask that you notify the school as early as possible on the first day of your child's absence, and every day following where a return day is not known, whatever the reason. This helps us ensure all children are accounted for and allows our office staff to focus their time on supporting the wider needs of our school community, rather than making unnecessary follow-up calls.

Safety - Please can we remind you of the following expectations before and after school:

- children must walk throughout the site with an adult and remain supervised at all times.
- anyone on a bike or scooter dismount before they enter school site
- for anyone on skates, please can these be taken off before coming onto the school grounds
- children are not allowed to play on the playground equipment outside KS1 and on the field before or after school

Our Families First Values

A system that never gives up on a child
We treat everyone with kindness, dignity & care
We have a collective commitment to be families led
We promote partnerships and respectful relationships
Real honesty to get through professional disagreements

Welcome to our ninth edition of York's Families First newsletter. These are national reforms shaped by feedback from children, families and professionals aim to deliver

- Family help
- Multi-Agency Child Protection Teams
- Family Group Decision Making

This edition has our co-produced rebrand and focuses on the launch of the Families First induction, training and development offer. This is open to all partners and can be accessed via [MYLO](#). Remember to watch out for updates.

If you have any queries or suggestions for training or resources, please email: families.first@york.gov.uk

FAMILIES FIRST INDUCTION AND TRAINING OFFER LAUNCHED

As part of the Families First reforms, the City of York Safeguarding Children Partnership have developed a comprehensive induction and training programme. Following the Families First partnership workforce survey we will have a range of offers, including face to face training, briefing sessions and E-learning. Subjects also focus on York's needs assessment and the pillars of reform. We wanted to outline what will become available, as well as some courses you can already book on via MyLO.

Partners have also been developing resources, practice guidance and policies that will be centrally available on the Partnership website. This includes Family Network guides, Local Assessment Protocol, Continuum of Need, Child Protection conferences, Parents Advocacy, Transfer Protocol and Multi-Agency Child Protection Team Practice Guidance. Updates will be outlined in this newsletter.

E-LEARNING

Allyship in Practice e-learning

Any challenge to bias or discrimination will help to send a strong message of what is OK and what isn't. However, a challenge made by a person who isn't actually the target of the discrimination can often have far more impact than the person involved saying something themselves. Workplace challenges are everyday occurrences for us all, but for some of us they are constant and impact our confidence and performance. It can be helpful for anyone to have a group of supporters in their network who you can turn to for help and guidance or just to listen. These are your allies.

E-learning link <https://york.learningpool.com/course/view.php?id=3434> (25 mins)

Domestic abuse

This module explores the signs and indicators of abuse and how it affects children. We also cover how to address instances of domestic abuse and get support.

E-learning link [Course: CSC: Domestic Abuse E-learning](#) (60 mins)

Coercive control

Coercive control is when a partner or family member continually behaves in a way which makes a person feel controlled, threatened, isolated or scared. People who are victims of, or are at risk of, domestic abuse are most likely to be at risk.

E-learning link [Course: Social Care: Coercive Control E-Learning](#) (40 mins)

Families First Briefings

These sessions have been designed to help practitioners confidently navigate the Families First structures, roles and ways of working. It will provide an overview of how the system is organised, who does what, and how services connect to support children and families effectively. Participants will be introduced to key Families First documentation, understand information-sharing principles and protocols, and develop practical knowledge on how to access, signpost and work within the Families First framework. This session supports consistent practice, shared understanding and effective multi-agency collaboration.

Dates: 19th August 2026 4pm, 15th September 9am, 17th September 2026 4pm, 21st October at 6pm.

Family Group Decision Making

An overview of Family Group Decision Making and what it means for our work with children and families in York. Participants will understand what Family Group Decision Making is and how it fits with the national and local context and hear how everyone can play a part in supporting this approach in our work with children and families.

Date: 16th June 2026 – 2.30pm – 3.30 pm, this will be repeated in September

Booking link: <https://york.learningpool.com/course/view.php?id=3882>

Early Help Training

These sessions will provide practitioners with a clear understanding of Early Help within the Families First reforms, supporting a whole-family, prevention-focused approach to improving outcomes for children and families. Participants will develop confidence in working with families to understand their needs to ensure the right support is in place, using the Early Help Assessment and Planning Tool (Our Family Support Needs and Plan).

Introduction briefings: Early Help

Tuesday 22nd September 8:30, Wednesday 23rd September 2:00, Thursday 24th September 4:00, Tuesday 29th September 6pm

Full day training dates: Suggested Sept date, 13th November 2026 (education focus), 20th November 2026, 30th November 2026 (education focus), 3rd December 2026, 8th January 2027 (education focus), 15th January 2027 and 20th January 2027 (education focus)

Building Brighter Futures Practice Model

Various sessions are in place throughout 2026/27 you will be invited if this is relevant to you or your organisation.

MyLO link: <https://york.learningpool.com/course/view.php?id=3854>

Working with dads (recording)

Participants will be encouraged to consider how we work in partnership with dads to achieve positive outcomes for their children. The session will share experiences of dad's working with professionals in the safeguarding arena and help us think about positive and practical ways to better include them in all aspects of our work.

Where can I go for more information?

The [Families First Partnership programme guide](#) describes in more detail the national programme's vision and objectives and provides information to support all safeguarding partners with the implementation of the reforms. It builds on the learning from Families First Partnership [pathfinder areas](#). The [Community Care Inform](#) article on Children's Social Care Reforms provides a helpful summary and the wider context.

The Knowledge Hub has key documents <https://khub.net/group/families-first-partnership/group-home>

Find out about local services at RAISE – Your Family Hub Network and Family Information Service <https://www.raiseyork.co.uk/> Family Information Services tel: 01904 554444 & email fis@york.gov.uk

Any queries or suggestions please contact families.first@york.gov.uk

SEND

A message from Mrs Richards

What a busy end to the year! It has been lovely to meet lots of parents and children since I have started and I look forward to continuing to work with you all in September. If you have any queries or questions related to SEND, please contact me on: senco@pop.hlt.academy.

What's Happening at SEND CENTRAL Summer Holidays 2026

Parent Carer Forum York Navigator Drop in 9.30-4pm-Wednesday 22nd July, Thursday 23 July, Wednesday 29 July, Thursday 30 July, Wednesday 5 August, Thursday 6 August, Wednesday 12th August, Thursday 13 August, Wednesday 19 August, Thursday 20 August, Wednesday 26 August, Thursday 27 August, Wednesday 2 September, Thursday 3 September. No Booking Needed.

School Wellbeing Service- Parent Carer Drop in for support around young people's wellbeing and/ or transitions 1-3pm. Thursday 23 July, 30 July, 6 August, 13 August, 20 August. No Booking needed

Rainbow Tots Inclusive Stay and Play 10- 11.30 0-6 years- siblings welcome Thursday 6 August 13 August, 20 August 27 August, 3 September. No Booking Needed

SENDIASS - In Person Bookable slots 10am - 2pm Thursday 6th August, 27th August. Booking via SEND CENTRAL

Elective Home Education Information Session 11am - 12pm Thursday 13 August th Elective Home Education Session drop in for families already home educating 1pm- 2pm 13 August. No Booking Needed.



York SEND Youth Forum in Collaboration with Parent Carer Forum York.



Parent Carer Forum Catch up and Cuppa.

Take a breather in the summer holidays to catch up with other parents and carers and have a cuppa while there are activities taking place that your young person may wish to join. Wednesday 22nd July 1-2.30, Wednesday 30th July 1-2.30, Wednesday 5th August 1pm-3.30pm, Wednesday 12th August 1pm-3.30pm, Wednesday 19th August 1pm-2.30, Wednesday 26th August 1pm-2.30 and Wednesday 2nd September 1pm-2.30pm.

York SEND Youth Forum Summer of Fun

email SENDCENTRAL@york.gov.uk to book your place

These activities are aimed for young people over 6 years although everyone is welcome to attend. For young people who are under the age of 14, or those who may need additional support during the sessions, we ask that a parent or a named carer remains present. They will continue to be responsible for the young person, while also having the opportunity to take part in the Parent Carer Forum's 'catch up and cuppa'.

Wednesday 22nd July 1pm-2.30pm - a get to know you session, meet the youth voice lead and do **craft activities**.

Wednesday 29th July 1pm-2.30pm - a **'Thunk it Theatre' Workshop**

Wednesday 5th August 1pm-3.30pm - join in Arts of Protest in a **spray painting workshop** creating designs for yourself and our display wall.

Wednesday 12th August 1pm-3.30pm - join in Arts of Protest in a **spray painting workshop** creating designs for yourself and our display wall.

Wednesday 19th August 1pm-2.30pm - **Creating friendship bracelets**

Wednesday 26th August 1pm-2.30pm A **slime making workshop**

Wednesday 2nd September 1pm-2.30pm - our final session to be decided by our summer of fun young people

All held at SEND CENTRAL, Children's Centre on the site of Clifton Green Primary School, York YO30 6JA Tel: 01904 555076 Email: SENDCENTRAL@york.gov.uk





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York SEND Youth Forum Summer of Fun

All held at SEND CENTRAL alongside Parent Carer Cuppa and catch up - email SENDCENTRAL@york.gov.uk to book your place- these are **free**

Wednesday 22 July 1pm-2.30pm	Craft Session	A getting to know you session, meet the youth voice lead
Wednesday 29 July 1pm-2.30pm	Thunk it Theatre Workshop	An inclusive drama and creativity session for young people aged 6-16
Wednesday 5 August 1pm-3.30pm	Spray painting workshop	Join in Arts of Protest in creating designs for yourself and our display wall, ages 7 and above. (bring your own goggles, and clothes that will get paint on)
Wednesday 12 August 1pm-3.30pm	Spray painting workshop	Join in Arts of Protest in creating designs for yourself and our display wall, ages 7 and above. (bring your own goggles, and clothes that will get paint on)
Wednesday 19 August 1pm-2.30pm	Friendship bracelets and origami	Have a chat and have fun with some fine-motor activities
Wednesday 26 August 1pm-2.30pm	Slime making workshop	Get messy with sensory play!
Wednesday 2 September 1pm-2.30pm	Young people's choice!	Our final session to be decided by our summer of fun young people

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Wellbeing



We hope you have had a fantastic last term! As the summer approaches, there are lots of changes in the air! Some of them feel like good, exciting changes, and others might feel more daunting. Some of us might be going away on a holiday and seeing somewhere new, others might be visiting somewhere familiar, or staying at home. The change in routine from term time to holiday time can be quite a challenge, as we balance work and family commitments, restless children and our unpredictable British weather!

Change can be hard for your child – and it can be hard for you as a parent or carer. Some of you might be ready for a change and raring to go, and others might be less ready – it feels safe doing what we know, and change can feel scary.

As a parent or carer, it's important to acknowledge how you're feeling about change so that you are able to help your child through their times of change. If you're anxious about it, they are likely to pick that up from you and feel the same way. Here are our top tips to share with your child for times of change:

Communicate – tell people how you are feeling.

Prepare – find out about the new thing you're moving to so you can get things ready.

Have a go – when there are new things to try, give them a go – you might like it!

Remember the caterpillar – it was probably quite happy being a caterpillar. If someone had told it that it had to turn into a butterfly, it probably would have been worried, but once it became a butterfly and had wings, it could do new things it couldn't even imagine doing before!

We wanted to recap with you some of the work we have been doing at Poppleton Ousebank over the last half-term. We have done some work with the Year 6's regarding their preparation for transitioning from primary school to secondary school. There was lots of excitement and some worry around this change. This session was a chance for pupils to share any worries they had, and for them to practise problem solving any issues which may arise.

We also had the pleasure of saying hello the other end of the school when we had a stall for the new nursery and reception starters, at the 'Welcome to Reception' parents evening. It was lovely to chat to those of you who came along to say hello. Our monthly coffee morning this term was around the theme of transitions and how to help prepare our young people for changes in their life. We had great attendance here, and it was lovely to see so many of you.

Lastly, we'd like to thank the Wellbeing Ambassadors alongside Mrs Currie and Mrs Selley for accompanying our stall at POPfest, where we got to say hello to families and young people. It was a wonderful event, and so lovely to see so many happy, smiley faces.

If you have any concerns about your child's wellbeing or mental health, please do talk to their teacher about it, who can then come and talk to us about the support we might be able to offer. Also, if there are any topics you would like us to cover in a parent/ carer session, do let school know. We hope you all have a wonderful Summer break.

Best wishes, Laura, Laura and Emily (Wellbeing in Mind Team)



The Raise York website is designed to support parents, carers, children, young people and anyone who works with children, young people and families. If you're not sure where to find information or answers to your questions contact

York Family Information Service on telephone: 01904 554444; text telephone: 07786202241 or email: fis@york.gov.uk and an Information Officer will try and help you. <https://www.raiseyork.co.uk/>

Autumn Term

Monday th Tuesday 8th September Training days. School closed.		
Wednesday 9th September	School opens	
Monday 14th September	Y3/4 Welcome meetings	Classrooms 3:30 - 4:00 pm
Tuesday 15th September	Y5/6 Welcome meetings	Classrooms 3:30 - 4:00 pm
Thursday 17th September	Y1/2 Welcome meetings	Classrooms 3:30 - 4:00 pm
w/c 21st September	After school clubs start	
Wednesday 23rd September	Individual/Sibling photographs	
Monday 12th October	Early Years/ KS1 Phonic workshops	3:30 - 4:15pm Classes
Tuesday 20th October	Parents' evening	3:30-6:00pm Classrooms
Thursday 22nd October	Parents' evening	3:30-6:0pm Classrooms
Friday 23rd October Training Day. School Closed		
w/c 26th October Half Term		
Tuesday 10th November	Early Years R/N open afternoon 26/27	4:00-5:00pm
Friday 13th November	Children in Need	Plans TBC by School council
w/c 16th November	Anti-bullying week - Break the Silence	Plans TBC by School council
Monday 16th November	Odd Socks day	Wear odd socks to celebrate being unique.
Tuesday 17th November	Y5 Dance Festival	York Theatre Royal
Wednesday 18th November	Reception Bog Babies Forest school day	All day - in school.
Wednesday 25th November	Y3 Stone Age visit	
Monday 30th November	Flu Vaccinations	
Tuesday 1st December	Tree day	Bring a bauble to hang. Non glass and named.
Tuesday 8th December	Y2 Christmas show	1:15pm 2:15pm
Wednesday 9th December	Y1 Christmas Show	1:15pm 2:15pm
Thursday 10th December	Reception Christmas Show	1:15pm 2:15pm
Monday 14th December	Nursery Christmas Songs	2:30 -3:00pm
Wednesday 16th December	Pantomime afternoon	EY/KS1- In school show KS2 York Theatre Royal
Thursday 17th December	Festive day Christmas dinner	Wear your Christmas jumpers/party clothes
	Friday 18th December	School closed Training day

Spring Term

Monday 4th January Training day. School closed.		
Tuesday 5th January	School opens	
w/c 11th January	Clubs start	
Monday 18th January	World Religion Day	A day celebrating other faiths
Monday 25th January	Nursery Stay and Play	2:30- 3:00pm
Wednesday 27th January	Y3/4 VR Workshops	
Tuesday 2nd February	Early Years/ KS1 Phonic workshops	3:30 - 4:15pm Classrooms
w/c 8th February Half Term		
Monday 22nd February	Young Voices	Sheffield Arena
Tuesday 23rd February	Parents' Evening	3:30-6:00pm Classrooms
Thursday 25th February	Parents' Evening	3:30-6:00pm Classrooms
Monday 1st March	Y4 Parents residential meeting	3:30-4:00pm Classrooms
Thursday 4th March	World Book Day	Plans TBC
Thursday 4th March	Reception 'Someone Special' reading	Reception Ouse/Foss 2:30 - 3:00pm
Friday 19th March	Red Nose Day	Plans TBC by School council
Wednesday 17th March	Y3/4 Production	2:00pm 5:00pm
Thursday 18th March	Y3/4 Production	2:00pm
Thursday 18th March	Nursery Stay and Play - phonics	9:00 - 9:30am
Friday 19th March	Red Nose Day	Plans TBC by School Council
Friday 19th March	Last day of school	

Summer Term

Monday 5th April	Back to school Careers Week	
Monday 12th April	Clubs begin	
Thursday 15th April	Y4 Residential - Malham	One night, return Friday
Tuesday 20th April	Class Photographs	
Monday 3rd May Bank holiday. School closed.		
w/c 10th May	Y6 SATs	
w/c 17th May	Walk to school week	
Monday 17th May	Early Years/ KS1 Phonic workshops	3:30 - 4:15pm Classrooms
Monday 24th	Y6 Residential parent meeting	3:30 - 4:00pm Classrooms
Friday 28th May	POPS Got Talent	2:00pm Hosted by School Council
w/c 31st May Half Term		
w/c 14th June	Y1 Phonic Screening check	Y4 Multiplication check
Friday 18th June	Nursery sports morning	10:30- 11:00am
Friday 18th June	Sports Afternoon	R/KS1 1:00pm KS2 2:00pm School field
Tuesday 22nd June	Welcome to Early Years	4:00-5:00pm
Wednesday 23rd-25th	Y6 Residential	Robin Wood
Weds 8th & Thurs 9th July	Whole School Transition days	TBC
Wednesday 14th July	Reception trip	Big Sheep Little Cow
Tuesday 13th July	Y6 Production	2:00 pm 5:00pm
Thursday 15th July	Y6 Production	2:00pm
Friday 16th July	Reports go out	
Friday 23rd July	Y6 Leavers' assembly	2:30pm Hall
Friday 23rd July	Last day of term	
Monday 26th - School closed Training day		

Other important dates for your diary

Training days

Monday 7th September
Tuesday 8th September
Friday 23rd October
Friday 18th December
Monday 4th January
Monday 26th July

Class sharing assemblies

Friday 9th April Y6 Nile
Friday 16th April Y6 Niagara
Friday 23rd April Y5 Mekong
Friday 30th April Y5 Mississippi
Friday 7th May Y4 Danube
Friday 14th May Y4 Douro
Friday 21st May Y3 Rhone
Friday 28th May Y3 Rhine
Friday 11th June Y2 Avon
Friday 18th June Y2 Aire
Friday 25th June Y1 Tyne
Friday 2nd July Y1 Thames
Friday 9th July R Foss/Ouse Graduation

