

## Stillington Primary School

**Weekly bulletin**  
**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2025**



Good morning everyone,

I hope you have all had a wonderful week!

We are having lots of fun today at our sports enhancement with Terrington, Foston and Langton schools as part of our federation enhancement day. We are meeting new friends, learning new skills and developing our sportsmanship! Great work everyone!

### Open events and Stay & Play

Please see below for our upcoming events.



**Open events and Stay & play at Stillington Primary School**  
*Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October & Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November 4:00-5:30pm*



*Fostering a nurturing, inclusive and stimulating learning environments, Stillington School develops each pupil through a personalised, creative and engaging curriculum.*

*With an exceptional outdoor space, peaceful learning environments and tailored curriculum enhancements, Stillington School has everything to offer. We are a 'small, welcoming school with a strong sense of community' and 'Adults have positive relationships with pupils and a good understanding of their needs' - Ofsted 2024*

**Free Stay & play sessions**  
*Fridays from 10-11:30am*

Why not join our Free stay and play sessions to explore our Reception and Nursery learning environment through stories, songs, messy play and Craft workshops?

*We offer:*

- *Wrap around care from 8am-6pm*
- *Tiered provision*
- *Purpose built outdoor area*
- *Personalised learning experience*
- *Enriching federation and collaboration enhancement*






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or 01347 819347 to confirm your attendance.  
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Have a wonderful weekend everyone!

Thanks,  
Miss Tordoff  
Head of School



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# Wow Class work



## EYFS and Year 1 & 2 – Miss Allwood

We have really enjoyed exploring new things again this week.

KS1 have been looking at food chains, and we have had some really valuable discussions about predators and the things that they eat.

EYFS have been really enjoying their music. We have been using the instruments to make fast music and slow music and even got out the big speaker to dance to and join in with the sounds! It was lots of fun.

## Year 3,4,5 & 6 – Miss Jackson

We have had a very busy week this week in KS2. We ended last week with the Science Bus coming into school and showing us how our organs worked and what they did to our bodies, which most of the children really enjoyed. This week we have been to Malton Sports Centre for a football tournament; we played really well and were very supportive of one another as well.

In English this week, we have been learning about persuasive writing, and we have written a persuasive letter, which are really good. In maths, we have finished our place value topic, and we are moving onto the 4 operations. In Music we have been looking at different ways of warming up our voices, as well as different techniques in singing, this week's focus was on breath control. The children were great and are enjoying music a lot.

# Parent News

## Do you know what your child has access to if they use YouTube?

YouTube is a video-sharing social media platform that allows billions of people around the world to watch, share and upload their own videos with a vast range of content – including sport, entertainment, education and lots more. It's a superb space for people to consume content that they're interested in. As a result, this astronomically popular platform has had a huge social impact: influencing online culture on a global scale and creating new celebrities.

To use YouTube, you must be 13 years old. However, if you are under 13, a parent or guardian can set up a supervised experience, allowing you to use YouTube or YouTube Kids under their supervision. Children of all ages can watch videos with parental permission, and parents can use Google Family Link to manage their child's YouTube experience.

For users under 13 years of age:

### **Supervised Accounts:**

A parent or guardian can set up a supervised account to allow children under the age of 13 to use YouTube.

### **YouTube Kids:**

An alternative for younger children is the YouTube Kids app, which provides an age-appropriate platform with parental controls.

If your child has full access to YouTube without any supervision or restricted modes in place, they will be at a higher risk of having access to content that is not suitable and be at risk of connecting with strangers.

There are things you can do to help keep your child safe:

### **Family Link App:**

Use the Google Family Link app to set up and manage a supervised account for your child, including turning on Restricted Mode to filter mature content.

## Restricted Mode:

This mode helps filter out most mature content from appearing for your child.

## Parental Responsibility:

If you allow your child to use YouTube, you are subject to the [YouTube Terms of Service](#) and are responsible for their activity on the service.

In the guides attached you'll find tips on avoiding potential risks such as connecting with strangers, inappropriate content and high visibility.

A healthy and safer alternative is YouTube kids. YouTube Kids promises a safe, child-centric experience with colourful visuals, age-filtered content, and robust parental controls. Designed to appeal to younger viewers, the app has grown rapidly, being used by tens of millions of children worldwide.

Despite YouTube Kids' safeguards, reports have highlighted worrying issues, such as inappropriate content slipping through filters, subtle advertising, and the use of manipulative design to keep children engaged.

Please see the attached guide which explores how to navigate these pitfalls, offering practical advice for making sure children get the most from the platform – without the risks.

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit [nationalcollege.com](#).

# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS

**AGE RESTRICTION 4+**

**WHAT ARE THE RISKS?**

As its name suggests, YouTube Kids is a child-friendly version of Google's online video-sharing platform. Its colourful user interface is designed with young people in mind, and offers a curated, family-friendly experience with features like age-based content settings and parental controls.

**INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT BYPASSING FILTERS**

YouTube Kids is less likely to show inappropriate material than YouTube, but there have been reports of this app showing age-inappropriate content. Our investigation found that YouTube Kids had allowed content that parents and carers would not want their children to see. Inappropriate content had bypassed the platform's algorithms and moderators.

**BE WARY OF ADVERTISING**

Like Google's regular YouTube app, YouTube Kids features persuasive advertising before a video plays. While these adverts are designed to be family-friendly and are subject to strict review processes, it's worth noting that YouTube Kids collects information around children's viewing to inform targeted content and advertisements.

**DESIGNED TO BE ADDICTIVE**

YouTube Kids is designed to be addictive. The platform's design features, such as the constant stream of new videos and the constant prompts on virtual stickers, can be very engaging and make it difficult for children to stop watching. Research has shown that spending too much time using digital services such as YouTube can lead to screen addiction, affecting children's daily routines, studies, and even their social lives.

**AI-GENERATED MISINFORMATION**

There is a risk of children accessing videos that contain disinformation and misinformation. A BBC investigation found that some YouTube channels are using artificial intelligence (AI) technology to create misleading 'scientific' videos that are recommended to children as educational content. These videos included conspiracy theories and false health advice.

**DATA COLLECTION RISK**

While there are limits on the data that YouTube can collect on children aged 13, children can still inadvertently give away sensitive information when using YouTube Kids. The platform collects data such as device health, content searches and location, which YouTube and third-party advertisers can use.

**SETTINGS CAN BE CIRCUMVENTED**

YouTube Kids offers built-in parental controls, enabling you to set screen time limits and curate the content children are able to view. However, children are often more tech-savvy than we think. They can easily bypass or tweak their settings if they have access to the associated Google account password, thereby exposing themselves to age-inappropriate and potentially dangerous content.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

**PARENTAL CONTROLS**

YouTube Kids offers several settings that allow you to manage what content children can view. For example, you can choose what level of content you want them to access, such as 'preschool' or 'mature'. You can also turn off the search function to limit only those videos approved by the YouTube Kids team themselves will appear on a child's recommendations list.

**SET TIME LIMITS**

The built-in parental controls let you keep a tab on how long children spend watching videos. You can set a timer that limits screen time and disables the YouTube Kids app once a specified length of time has been reached. It's also worth speaking to children about the dangers of spending too much time on YouTube to ensure they remain focused on other, more important activities.

**CHECK WATCH HISTORY**

YouTube Kids has made it easy for you to keep an eye on what the children in your care have been watching on the app. By clicking on the 'recommended' icon on the top right of the home screen, you can see which videos they've been watching, and how much of each. If a child watches YouTube Kids while signed into a Google account, you can check their history through Google's 'My Activity' page.

**WATCH TOGETHER**

It's important that you try to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for children. One way to do this is by introducing watching sessions, where you sit together around and share the most enjoyable videos that you have recently watched. This can be a great way of giving your child a chance to talk about and keeping an eye on what they're watching.

**Meet Our Expert**

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Source: See full reference list on [youtube page at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=youtube\\_kids\\_2023](#)

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**AGE RESTRICTION 4+**

Almost everyone with an internet connection knows YouTube. The Google-owned site lets anyone upload videos to be shared around the world, and as a result, it's an incredible resource with instant free access to material covering every conceivable topic. But with over 500 hours of video uploaded every minute, not all of it will be appropriate for young eyes.

**WHAT ARE THE RISKS?**

**INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT**

YouTube is free and can be accessed via numerous devices, even without creating a YouTube account. Some content is tagged as age-restricted (requiring the user to be logged into an account with a verified age of 18), but children can still view some highly inappropriate content. This can include homophobic violence, which some young users may find upsetting.

**CONNECT WITH STRANGERS**

YouTube recommends videos related to what the user has previously watched on their account, aiming to provide content that will interest them. This is intended to be helpful but it can also lead to binge-watching and screen addiction – especially if you're a frequent user. Users without an account or whose parental videos from the last 24 hours, which might not always be suitable for children.

**CONNECT WITH STRANGERS**

YouTube's algorithm tends to promote content that's getting the most traffic – a lot of which can be quite extreme, and can be free for harmless topics, but YouTube also has a history of promoting content that means that conspiracy theories, false news and harmful ideologies can occasionally surface to wrap impressionable minds of low-easily-malleable – the media they watch, the more they'll be recommended.

**CONNECTION WITH STRANGERS**

YouTube is a social media platform which allows people to connect with other (usually unknown) users. Account holder can leave comments on any video they have access to, and if they message other users directly, connecting with strangers online can lead to children being exposed to adult language, cyberbullying and other risks. In the worst cases – online predators, if a child is contacted by an adult, this can increase the likelihood of them becoming a target.

**TRENDS AND CHALLENGES**

YouTube is teeming with trends and challenges, some of which are fun to watch and join in with. Children often find these challenges are safe and fun, but might not be safe, but many others may be dangerous, especially those that encourage children to watch or copy them. The point is that children will watch these people use these two ingredients to burn their skin, or get one of many examples.

**SNEAKY SCAMMERS**

The comments sections of popular content creators regularly host scammers, seeking to influence, persuade YouTube users by adopting their names and profile pictures, often offer cash gifts or 'get rich quick' schemes, and have a history of scamming these users' who they claim to be friends.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

**APPLY RESTRICTED MODE**

For older children, the Restricted Mode is an optional setting that prevents YouTube from showing any explicit content, including videos and any other content, including videos, and restricts the platform's recommendation algorithm. In the platform, we will recommend content that is safe for children to watch. Using Restricted Mode is a good way to ensure that your child's YouTube experience is safe and appropriate.

**TRY GOOGLE FAMILY**

Creating a Google Family account allows parents and carers to manage what their children can see and do on YouTube. When you set up a Family Link account, you can share your account with other users. It will also display their recently watched videos, family and recommended videos. In general, a Google Family account gives a parent greater oversight of how their child uses sites like YouTube and helps to ensure that they are only accessing appropriate content.

**MONITOR ENGAGEMENT**

YouTube is the online viewing platform of choice for millions of people, many of whom are children. It offers a wide range of different content to cater users of course. You may be surprised to learn that children interact with this material – and, if applicable, with content creators. It's important that you're interested in. Remember that creators often share content outside of YouTube, so don't ignore their web presence elsewhere.

**CONSIDER YOUTUBE KIDS**

It's possible to step up most inappropriate content to a safe level. YouTube Kids is a platform that filters out content that is not suitable for children (ages 13+). This isn't a perfect substitute for parental supervision, as the app's filtering system is automated, and Google can't manually review all videos.

**CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS**

YouTube gives users the option of uploading videos as 'private', 'unlisted', 'public' and 'made for kids'. Parents should ensure that their child's videos are set to 'private' to ensure that they are only accessible to those they are intended for.

**LIMIT SPENDING**

Although YouTube is free, it does offer some in-app purchases. For example, users can buy and use virtual stickers. Parents should be aware that these purchases can be used to avoid children purchasing content online, but they can also be used to purchase services. Many parents have discovered the hard way that these purchases can be used to purchase services quickly leads to an unexpected bill.

**Meet Our Expert**

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## Eye Tests for Children

Please see the information flyer below regarding free eye tests for children, the key messages are:

- Please take your child for a FREE eye test.
- Check this website to find your local opticians: [Sight Tests - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)
- Encourage children & young people to manage their screen time and get outdoors more often to help their eyesight.



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 at [nhs.uk/service-search/find-an-NHS-sight-test/location](http://nhs.uk/service-search/find-an-NHS-sight-test/location)

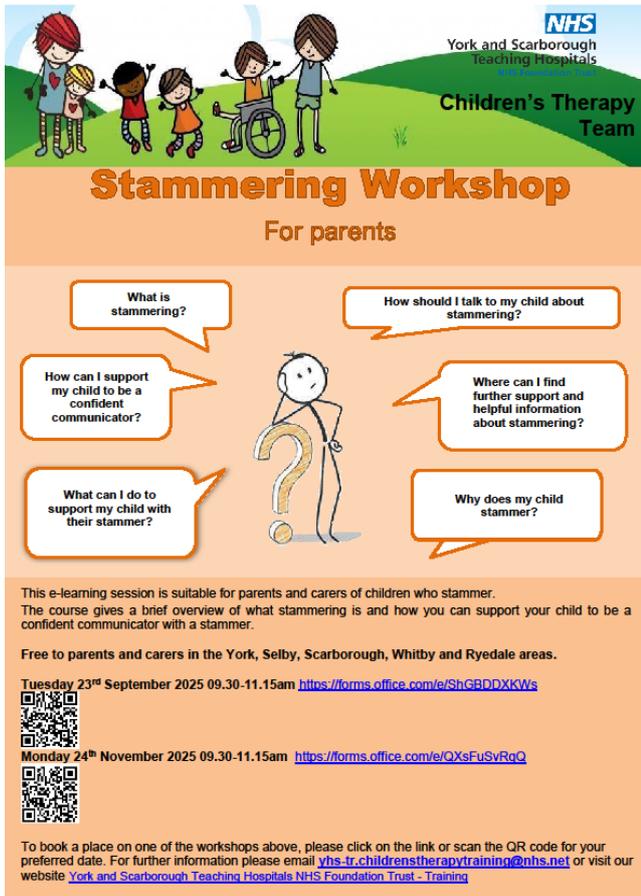
### What will it cost?

**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 **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.

**Support for Parents:** NHS York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals have provided the following flyers to support parents on early communication skills, stammering, picky eaters and advice and services on offer for supporting children and young people who have a physical and functional difficulty due to sensory processing differences. Please note if you are interested in a particular workshop you will need to book these in advance.



**Stammering Workshop**  
For parents

York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals  
Children's Therapy Team

What is stammering?  
How should I talk to my child about stammering?  
How can I support my child to be a confident communicator?  
Where can I find further support and helpful information about stammering?  
What can I do to support my child with their stammer?  
Why does my child stammer?

This e-learning session is suitable for parents and carers of children who stammer. The course gives a brief overview of what stammering is and how you can support your child to be a confident communicator with a stammer.

Free to parents and carers in the York, Selby, Scarborough, Whitby and Ryedale areas.

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2025 09.30-11.15am <https://forms.office.com/e/ShGBDDXKWz>

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2025 09.30-11.15am <https://forms.office.com/e/QXsFuSvRqQ>

To book a place on one of the workshops above, please click on the link or scan the QR code for your preferred date. For further information please email [yhs-tr.childrenstherapytraining@nhs.net](mailto:yhs-tr.childrenstherapytraining@nhs.net) or visit our website [York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust - Training](http://York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust - Training)



**Supporting Children with Early Communication Skills**

York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals  
Children's Therapy Team

How does typical speech, language and communication develop?  
What helps children make sense of spoken language?  
When should I seek support for a child?  
What is communication?  
What strategies can I use when playing with a child to support their language development?

This online training session explores the evidence-base around supporting children who are at an early stage of communication development and considers how early communication skills can be practically supported within the EYFS framework.

This \*FREE\* training session is suitable for parents/carers of children who are at an early stage of language development, across York, Selby, Scarborough, Whitby and Ryedale.

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 3.45-5.15pm <https://forms.office.com/e/iKY8sbZYKu>

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 09.30-11am <https://forms.office.com/e/7PuH5gxJT4>

To book onto one of the above dates please click on the link or scan the QR code. For more information, please email [yhs-tr.childrenstherapytraining@nhs.net](mailto:yhs-tr.childrenstherapytraining@nhs.net) or visit our website [York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust - Training](http://York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust - Training)



**Supporting Children who are picky eaters or avoidant/restrictive**

York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals  
Children's Therapy Team

How do I know who is picky and who is restrictive?  
How is a diagnosis of ARFID made and what are the challenges?  
What will help at mealtimes?  
What is ARFID?  
Where can I go for further support?  
What strategies will help with sensory sensitivities?

This online training session discusses the difference between picky eating and avoidant/restrictive eating, how to identify children with these difficulties and provides ideas of strategies that will help.

This \*FREE\* training session is suitable for parents and professionals who live or work in the following areas – York, Selby, Scarborough, Whitby, Ryedale

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2025 1:00-2:30pm <https://forms.office.com/e/CtvR3iHhtn>

To book a place please click on the link or scan the QR code above.

For more information, please email: [yhs-tr.childrenstherapytraining@nhs.net](mailto:yhs-tr.childrenstherapytraining@nhs.net) or visit the website [York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust - Training](http://York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust - Training)



**LET'S MAKE SENSE together.**

Let's Make Sense Together is a virtual service that has been developed by our Occupational Therapists for York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. It is part of our sensory processing pathway, supporting children and young people who have a physical and functional difficulty due to sensory processing differences.

Please use the QR code or link below to access our free advice and further details on how to access our service.

[www.yorkhospitals.nhs.uk/childrens-centre/your-childs-hospital-journey/introduction-to-childrens-therapies](https://www.yorkhospitals.nhs.uk/childrens-centre/your-childs-hospital-journey/introduction-to-childrens-therapies)

York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals  
NHS Foundation Trust

## Half term at Helmsley Arts Centre

### Little Seeds Music: Cinderella Ice Cream Seller

Sat 1 November, 2.30pm



Get your dessert spoons ready for a tale of perseverance, princes, palace balls, glass slippers and, um, ice cream?

Over the last four decades, Cinderella's has become the kingdom's most beloved ice cream company, with a parlour on every street corner. But how did a humble ice cream maker with not a penny to her name end up as a multimillionaire business woman with her own ice cream empire?

In this new musical for families and children, join Talvi and Caldwell, loyal employees of Cinderella's, as they share her rags to riches tale, and confront their own desires, hopes, and the magic that lies within each scoop of Cinderella's legendary ice cream.

Perfect for children and families alike, this exciting musical retelling of a fairytale classic promises a delightful blend of storytelling, stunning live music, and theatrical magic that will capture your heart and tickle your taste buds.

TICKETS - [Little Seeds Music: Cinderella Ice Cream Seller - What's On - Helmsley Arts Centre](#)  
TRAILER - [Cinderella Ice Cream Seller - Official Trailer - YouTube](#)

### Creative Circus - Art Workshops

Tue 28 October - Wed 29 October, 10am / 1pm



Roll up Roll up. Attention all budding artists! The Creative Circus is landing at Helmsley Arts Centre this October half term for a series of exciting workshops with local artist Nicola Hutchinson.

Set in a relaxing space, participants are encouraged to dive into their imaginations and draw inspiration from the circus creating fantastic masterpieces of their own cast of performers, expect flamingos on a trapeze, A ringleader with a lion's roar or your imagined cartoon characters on unicycles and tightropes. Will you design your own rollercoaster, or perhaps a mystical labyrinth with lurking surprises along the way. All ideas are welcome at this super exciting fun filled event and Nicola will provide plenty of inspiration to help you develop your artistic skills and leave with artwork to be super proud of.

All levels and abilities are welcome; snacks and drinks are provided; please dress to get messy!

TICKETS - [Creative Circus - Art Workshops - What's On - Helmsley Arts Centre](#)

Link: <https://www.helmsleyarts.co.uk/whats-on?filterselect=21&submit=go>

**Dates for the Diary**

<b>Open Events and Stay &amp; Play</b>	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> October & Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> November
<b>Celebration Assembly</b>	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October - 3pm
<b>Fantastic Friday</b>	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>Autumn Half Term</b>	Last day 24 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>Pupils return to school</b>	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November
<b>Parents Evening</b>	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November