



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term ~ Issue 2 ~ Friday 27th September 2024

This week's **STAR LEARNERS**



This week's whole school celebration assembly was replaced with a live performance of Peter Pan by M & M Productions for years 2-6. Year 1 watched their own production of the story in the classroom!

Message from Mrs James

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week you should have received a link to book parent evening meetings for your child. These are a valuable opportunity to discuss with your child's class teacher how they are settling into their new classes.

All our families at school know that Bilton has always operated an open-door policy and that we value the great communication between ourselves and parents. However, wherever possible, if you have a concern you wish to raise with a teacher or any member of staff that is more than quickly passing on a message at the door, please contact the school office to arrange a phone call or make an appointment. Alternatively, please come and speak to myself in the playground at the start and end of the day or via the school office though out the school day.

This week we have been looking at dates in the school calendar. The Autumn term is always a busy term and to try and give parents as much advance warning as possible of upcoming events, attached to the end of this newsletter are the main dates for this term up to the Christmas holidays. I hope you find this useful.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs James

Bilton Grange PTA News!

Thank you to everyone who attended our New Starter's Coffee Morning last Friday and today's first PTA meeting of the new school year. Especially welcome to our new parents who came along.

PTA Quiz Night
Tickets available for our not to be missed PTA Quiz Night at Bilton Cricket Club on Friday 4th October at 7-9pm!
See notice below for more details



Dates

- **Friday 4th October** for Next Walk to School Day **Week**
- **Monday 7th October**
Harrogate High Headteacher visit to see Year 6
- **Tuesday 8th October**
Harvest Festival
Internet Safety and Stranger Danger KS2 Assembly
- **Thursday 10th October**
Hello Yellow Day
- **Saturday 12th October**
School Open Morning 9.30-11.30am. All new starters for September 2025 welcome!
- **Tuesday 15th October**
School photos- Individuals and Siblings
Parents Evening
- **Wednesday 16th October**
Parents Evening
- **Thursday 17th October**
Menwith Hill Fire visit

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SCHOOL?

Fire Safety Assemblies

This week all KS1 and KS2 children have listened to fire safety assemblies lead by the local fire brigade. These assemblies form an important part of our personal development curriculum for the children, developing their skills to keep themselves safe. All children from Reception to Year 6 had the opportunity to look round the fire engine. Unfortunately for UKS2 this was cut short as the crew had to leave to attend a fire! They will be back to visit Bilton again in November though!

Harvest Festival Celebration

This year our Harvest Festival celebration will take place in St John's Church, Bilton on Tuesday 8th October. We will be asking for donations of store cupboard foods and various toiletries to support Resurrected Bites to be brought into school for Harvest Festival. The children will take the donations to the church on the day of the assembly. shortly You should have received a letter about this recently.

Upcoming Trips, Events and Swimming

In the coming half term school is running trips to Harewood House, The Jorvik Centre and loaning Roman artefacts from a museum in York. Alongside this there are weekly swimming lessons for children in KS2. To run all of these we rely on contributions being made by the parents of the children taking part. Where we do not get enough contributions, school funds have to be used to pay for trips and events meaning less money is available for much needed resources for your children in school. We always try to make asked for contributions as low as we can but it is important that the costs of trips, events and swimming are covered as much as possible by the requested contributions. Thank you for your help with this.

This Term's Clubs

Sports Club Timetable for the Autumn Term 2024

Dates (13 weeks)	Type	Age Group
Mon 9 th Sep – Mon 9 th Dec (not including half term)	Netball	KS2 (Year 3,4,5,6)
Wed 11 th Sep – Wed 11 th Dec (not including half term)	Multi-skills	Year 1&2
Thurs 12 th Sep – Thurs 12 th Dec (not including half term)	Tag Rugby	Year 3&4

Sporting influence also offers a variety of competitions throughout the term for children to participate in.

Dates	Competition	Age Group
September 18 th , 25 th and October 2 nd	Football	Year 1&2
October 9 th and 16 th	Girls Football	Year 3/4/5/6 Girls Only

November 6th, 13th and 20th Football Year 3&4

SCHOOL OFFICE UPDATES

Please remember to get your Parents Evening appointment booked in.

Please make sure you pre order your child's lunch via your Schoolgrid account
Lunches cannot be ordered in school

Have a lovely weekend

Thank you!
Mrs Miller & Mrs Hornby



Dates for your Diary!

Date	Event
Friday 4 th October	Walk to School Day
Tuesday 8 th October	Harvest Festival
Thursday 10 th October	Hello Yellow Day
Saturday 12 th October 9.30-11.30am	School Open Morning for New Starters 2025
Tuesday 15 th October	Individual and Sibling photographs
Tuesday 15 th October	Parents Evening
Wednesday 16 th October	Parents Evening
Wednesday 23 rd October	Reception visit to Bilton Library
Monday 28 th October -Friday 1 st November	Half Term Holiday
Wednesday 13 th November	Reception Trip to Born of the Forest
Friday 15 th November	Children's Flu Vaccines
Saturday 16 th November 9.30-11.30am	School Open Evening for New Starters 2025
Monday 18 th - Thursday 21 st November	School Book Fair
Thursday 21 st November 6.30pm	PTA Christmas Shopping Event
Friday 22 nd November	Walk to School Day
Wednesday 4 th December	Year 5/6 Trip to Harewood House
Tuesday 10 th December 9.30am	EYFS & KS1 Nativity
Wednesday 11 th December 1.30pm	EYFS & KS1 Nativity
Thursday 12 th December 1.30pm	EYFS & KS1 Nativity
Friday 13 th December 3.30pm	PTA School Christmas Fair
Wednesday 18 th December 2pm	School Trip to the Pantomime
Friday 20 th December 2pm	School closes for Christmas Holidays

The Last 2 Weeks in Bilton Grange.....

author visits, fire safety, music lessons, writing, netball and reading rucksacks!!





**Bilton Grange
Primary School**

CALLING ALL NEW STARTERS!

**APPLICATION FOR A PLACE
AT BILTON GRANGE FOR
SEPTEMBER 2025**

We are delighted to announce our plans for new starter admissions for September 2025 and would like to invite you to our open sessions at the school.

Saturday 12th October 2024 9.30-11.30am
Saturday 16th November 2024 9.30-11.30am

**School day show rounds,
Wednesday mornings at 11am
(from 18th September 2024)**

To visit us for either an open session or a school show round, or both, please register your interest by emailing biltongrange@ycatschools.co.uk or calling 01423 502375 and we will confirm your place. We have to limit numbers so please register early.

Together we can achieve anything!



**Bilton Grange
Primary School**

WHY CHOOSE BILTON GRANGE PRIMARY?

- ✓ Fantastic reputation
- ✓ Excellent teaching and learning
- ✓ A broad and balanced curriculum
- ✓ Modern facilities/resources
- ✓ Nurturing and caring ethos
- ✓ Great provision for the 'creative arts' and sport
- ✓ Friendly children and staff
- ✓ Excellent wrap around childcare
- ✓ Excellent opportunities for outdoor learning
- ✓ Above average school performance



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Friday 4th October
Bilton Cricket Club
7pm

Come and join us for Quiz Night and get to know the parents of Bilton Grange.

Prizes to be won!

£2 per person. Max of 6 per team, you don't need to be a full team to come, you can join up on the night.

Limited tickets available

Tickets available to buy from Reception

THE Harrogate Hive

CHILDRENS CLUB

The Harrogate Hive is located on Bilton Grange Primary School premises & is the perfect place to keep your children safe and entertained before & after school. Meet up with friends, play, socialize & unwind after a busy school day or during holidays.

We open during school holidays until 4:30pm, except for bank holidays when the club is closed. Our team are fully DBS checked & hold relevant qualifications in first aid, safeguarding & food hygiene. A small team of experienced play leaders take children to and from their classrooms to ensure they reach club safely. All you need to do is register and book a place using our online booking system IPAL. (Details of how to do this can be found below.)

The club aims to provide parent/carers with flexibility. IPAL will help you to make payments, manage your own account, book sessions last minute, in advance & make any amendments required in one secure place.

Through the account you will be able to access & print any invoices.

Each week we have fun event evenings which are organized by staff, these include wet, wild days, talent contests, scooter squad, sports tournaments, reading club, quiz nights, forest school & much more. During the holidays our club gives a relaxed home from home vibe. We have different activities each day and children can choose to participate. Our setting is relaxed; we aim to give children choices and follow their lead as much as possible with regards to the activities each day. A free flow system is in place so your child can choose to play inside or outside during their session. Healthy breakfast options, snacks, and light tea during club are provided to keep hunger at bay until home time.

Sessions & Pricing

Before & Afterschool

Sessions	Times	Includes	Price
Breakfast	7:30am – 8:50am	Breakfast	£9.00
Afterschool	3:10pm – 5:30pm	Light Snack's	£11.00
Afterschool Top up	5:30pm – 6:00pm	Light Snacks	£3.50

Sessions & Pricing

Holiday Club

Sessions	Times	Includes	Price
Short Day	9:00am 3:00pm	Breakfast (children to bring own packed lunch)	£25.00
Working Day including early bird 7:30am start	7:30am – 4:30pm	Breakfast & light tea snack (children to bring own packed lunch)	£35.00

Registering with ipal

Please drop us an email once you have booked your first sessions so we can arrange to show you around, introduce you to staff & give you further information on our policies & your child's key person.

Step 1. Visit <https://biltongrangeprimary.schoolipal.co.uk>

Step 2. Select parent login in the top right-hand corner

Step 3. Complete the new parent registration form and click register, at this point you will receive a confirmation email, please note this email may go into your junk folder, please mark it as safe. **Step 4.** Once you have completed your registration you will then need to add your child or children **Step 5.** When booking a session select the date/dates you would like, select the session you would like – your children's name will then appear, and you are able to select and complete the booking. **Step 6.** If using a voucher please enter the full voucher amount you are paying not just the cost that the sessions add up to, any funds remaining will then automatically transfer to your wallet once verified. Use the pay by wallet tab to book any further sessions until your wallet is empty again. You will only need to select pay with voucher again when you have a new voucher to use and notify us of.

For any block booking/same sessions each week the system will enable you to manage your payments in monthly.

For more information and to watch the tutorial video to guide you through the registration process and learn how to book, pay and manage activity clubs visit www.ipal.education/parents-user-video , there are also helpful tips on the booking site. For additional questions, support or bookings please contact us directly on

childcare@harrogatehive.com

Kindest regards

Stephanie & Harrogate Hive Team

Attendance

Pupil Absence from school during Term Time

Leave of absence will only be authorised if the appropriate criteria has been met - please see the note below. Following Government Guidelines since September 2013, a Headteacher is not authorised to grant leave of absence during term time in any other circumstances than those stated.

The last academic year saw a significant decline in school attendance at Bilton Grange Primary School. Taking a pupil on leave during term time interrupts teaching and learning and can disrupt educational progress. Please note that NYCC is issuing penalty notices to parents/carers for unauthorised absence.

The school will be closely monitoring all absences and patterns of absence to ensure our attendance figures return to our normal level of 97 to 98% - this will include requesting confirmation of appointments etc. We would be grateful for your support in ensuring your child attends school regularly in line with government regulations.

Medical Appointments

Please ensure where possible that all medical appointments are made outside school hours. We understand that this may not always be achievable but would urge you to ensure that your child has the highest attendance levels as possible.

Holidays in term time

In response to enquiries we have received from some parents about holidays in term time, please read the following information carefully before considering taking your child out of school.

Parents whose children are registered at a school or other educational establishment are responsible for ensuring that they attend punctually and regularly. This applies to all children of compulsory school age. (Children are deemed to be compulsory school age the term following their 5th birthday).

We are obliged to take the attendance register twice a day and record whether children are present or record the reason why a child is not present. This attendance data is then sent to the Department for Education as part of the termly census.

Authorised leave - Valid reasons for absence

There are valid reasons why a child may not be present, for example illness, a medical appointment, a religious festival, music or dance exam or an open day at a secondary school.

Parents should advise school by leaving a message on the telephone answer service or email biltongrange@ycatschools.co.uk before 9.15am on each day of absence to allow the attendance registers to be completed accurately. If the absence is due to a medical appointment then please show your child's class teacher or Mrs Miller in the school office the appointment card

or the text or email appointment notification. Where possible please make routine appointments in the afternoon or school holidays.

Exceptional Circumstances

There are other reasons, classed as 'exceptional,' why a child may not be present. Examples of these exceptional reasons are given to us by the Department for Education and are as follows;

Service personnel returning from active deployment

Where inflexibility of the parents' leave or working arrangement is part of the organisational or company policy. This would need to be evidenced by the production or confirmation from the organisation / company.

Where leave is recommended as part of a parents' or child's rehabilitation from medical or emotional problems. Evidence must be provided.

When a family needs to spend time together to support each other during or after a crisis.

Such leave must be applied for at in advance by completing the forms available in the office. Any leave taken without an application being made in advance is automatically deemed to be unauthorised leave.