



## January Newsletter 2026

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and welcome back to the start of the Spring Term. I hope you had a lovely break with your children and families. It was great to have welcomed our pupils back into school today, ready for a whole new term of exciting learning opportunities.

**Welcome** to Miss Cairns our new Year 1 teacher who has joined us from Brisbane Park Infant School. I am sure that you will make her feel very welcome.

**Reception Class 2026** the window to apply for a Reception Place is still open. Nursery parents have until 15th January 2026 to do this. If you miss the deadline you could miss out on your first choice place. Parents will be notified of their child's school place on National Offer Day on Thursday 16th April.

**School Performance Data 2024-25** you may have seen the recent Evening Mail article or Sunday Times Parent Power Supplement that reported Yarlside to be one of the top performing schools in England based on end of Key Stage 2 data. Yarlside has been ranked in the top 200 performing schools in England at number 19 and number 2 in the North West. This is an amazing achievement and one that we are very proud of. We continue to strive to provide an excel-

lent education for our pupils, alongside offering an ambitious curriculum that is exciting, interesting and brought to life with visits, trips and lots of practical opportunities. I think it was evident at the Christmas performances that we don't just strive for academic excellence; developing our children's self-esteem, well-being and social skills is also paramount in everything we do. I would like to thank our whole staff team for their continued dedication and commitment to providing the very best for our children. Well done Yarlside!

**Inclement Weather** it is highly unlikely that school would close due to bad weather/snow. It is a schools duty to stay open wherever possible and as long as it is safe to do so, this is to avoid the disruption that it would cause for working parents and families. All decisions would be communicated as soon as possible via email, text and on our social media platforms. If we do have a 'snow day' children will come to school in non-uniform with a change of clothes. We will allow the children to play out and enjoy the snow with their friends.

**Extra Curricular Activity Clubs** for the Spring Term will start the week beginning 19th January. We will send out further information via Parentpay by next week. Places continue to be open to allow all children to have an

commend parking slightly away from school and walking the remainder. Thank you for your support with this.

\*When Dropping Off for breakfast club please avoid using staff car park spaces as this is a very busy time of the school day.

opportunity to attend their chosen club. If certain club numbers become too large we will split into half-term groups. Please check dates carefully and discuss with your child if they are wanting to attend the club before booking. If you do not receive information about splitting clubs then presume that your child has a place. We had a number of issues last term with children dropping out of clubs or deciding not to turn up. This caused problems in terms of registers at the end of the school day. If your child signs up for a club they must attend. If they have an appointment or cannot attend then parents must let the school office know. Thank you in advance.

Contact Details if you have changed mobile, email or home address recently, please update the school office. This can be done in person or via email [admin@yarlsideacademy.co.uk](mailto:admin@yarlsideacademy.co.uk)

**Our Core Value** for this half-term is **RESPECT**. Our assembly themes will be focused around this, focusing on the British Value of Mutual Respect. We will be discussing having respect for other's opinions, beliefs and difference.

If you have any questions or queries regarding any of the above please do not hesitate to contact school.

**Mrs Pierce**  
Headteacher



Wednesday 7th January

### January Diary Dates

- ☺ Wed 7th Return to School—Spring 1
- ☺ Wed 7th Y2/3 Swimming Starts
- ☺ Mon 19th Y3/4 Basketball Festival, Furness Academy
- ☺ Thurs 22nd Nur/Rec Little City Workshop
- ☺ Thurs 22nd Y1 Object Control Festival, Furness Academy
- ☺ Fri 23rd Y4/5 Star Engineers Show
- ☺ Mon 26th Y3/4 Basketball Festival, Furness Academy
- ☺ Tues 27th Y2 Sportshall Athletics, Furness Academy
- ☺ Wed 28th Y5 FESP Skill's Conference, Furness College
- ☺ Thurs 29th Work of the Month 8:50 Infants 3pm Juniors
- ☺ Thurs 29th Y3/4 Basketball Competition, Hoops
- ☺ Fri 30th Y3 Stone Age Day Trip, Ambleside

### February Diary Dates

- ☺ Thurs 5th Rec/Y6 Heights & Weights, NHS
- ☺ Thurs 5th Y5 Basketball Competition, Hoops
- ☺ Wed 11th Y4 & Y6 Electricity Workshop
- ☺ Thurs 12th Y6 Basketball Competition, Hoops
- ☺ Thurs 12th Valentine's Disco
- ☺ Fri 13th Young Voices, Manchester
- ☺ Fri 13th Break for Half Term
- ☺ Mon 23rd Return to School—Spring 2
- ☺ Tues 24th y3/4 Girls Football County Qualifier, Furness Academy
- ☺ Thurs 26th Work of the Month, Infants 8:50am, Juniors 3pm
- ☺ Thurs 26th Foot Skills Festival, Furness Academy

### Reminders

\***PARKING** please be respectful of local residents and the safety of our children by avoiding blocking driveways, parking in the bus stop and parking on zig-zag lines. We frequently receive complaints from residents about parking issues. We rec-

