



Yarlside Academy



October Newsletter 2026

Dear Parents,

We are now well into the first part of the Autumn Term. I am really pleased with how well the children have settled into the new school year.

Harvest Festival our annual celebration of thanks will be held on Friday 9th October. Performances will take place at 9:00am and 1:30pm. Due to limited space in the hall we ask that you only attend one of these events. We will be selling tea and coffee as well as holding a raffle, so please do remember cash. Proceeds raised will be put towards our school PTA funds and this year's charity cause which is the Christmas Shoebox Appeal. Any raffle prizes and cake donations will also be gratefully received—please send any contributions into school thank you!

Harvest Collection this year we will be collecting items to create Christmas Shoeboxes for underprivileged children in Romania and Ukraine. Please send in your contribution of the below items from next Monday.

★ Item suggestions	★ Item suggestions
Toothbrush	Toothpaste
Hair Accessories	Brush
Flannel	Soap
Stationery	Paper
Sharpeners	Pencils
Gloves	Hats
Colouring Book	Pens
New Socks/Underwear	Soft Toy
Packet Sweets	Small ball
Small toy vehicles	Small toys

Any sweets should be in a packet with a long expiry date. Underwear and socks should be new. We will also need empty showboxes with a separate lid and donations of wrapping paper. We will then work with classes to put the shoeboxes together, including a class photograph and message. This is a perfect opportunity to show the children how thankful we are for our everyday items that we can often take for granted. We are looking for any helpers that can help the children put the boxes together on Friday 23rd October between 9:30-11:30am and 1-1:30pm. Please leave your name at the school office if you can help out during any time on this day. Thank you in advance.

Matilda the Musical Trip we have organised a trip to see Walney Amateurs production of Matilda on Saturday 7th November, 1pm years 4-6 at Furness Academy. Tickets are £10 each available to book via Parentpay and are on a first come first served basis. Meeting arrangements will be sent out nearer the time.

Applications to Secondary School Sept 2027 the closing date for secondary school applications is Saturday 31st October. Year 6 parents please ensure these have been submitted in good time to receive your **guaranteed** place at Furness Academy (if this is your first choice).

Reception Class 2027 the window to apply for a Reception.

Place is now open. Nursery parents you have until 15th January 2027 to do this.

Halloween Disco The PTA have organised the annual fancy dress disco for Tuesday 20th October. The event will be £2 entry with hot dogs, refreshments and activities on sale (see diary dates for times). This is an opportunity for our children to wear their Halloween costumes and have fun with their friends. Nursery children will be having their own event in school—more details to follow. If you can help out at our Harvest events or at the Halloween disco join the Yarlside PTA Facebook page. All help is greatly received!

School Uniform As always label **EVERY** item of clothing; including shoes, PE kit and coats. We already have a number of lost property items all unnamed that cannot be returned!

School Website/Social Media Follow us on Facebook and Instagram to keep up to date with school news and activities. Our website also contains lots of useful information, including current curriculum topics for every year group and subject.

Jeans for Genes Day thank you for your support with our first ever Jeans for Genes day. We raised £218—amazing.

Mrs Pierce
Headteacher



Diary Dates

October Diary Dates

Thurs 1st	Work of the Month 8:50 Nur/Infant - 3pm Juniors
Fri 2nd	Tempest Photography Individual/Family
Fri 2nd	Nasal Flu
Mon 5th	Grandparents Event Y1/2 8:45am
Mon 5th	Y5 Puberty Talk — Nurse
Tues 6th	Y5/6 Football County Cup @FA 3pm
Fri 9th	Harvest Festival 9am and 1:30pm
Mon 12th	Y5/6 Girls County Cup @FA 3pm
Mon 19th	Y3/4 Girls Football @FA 1:30pm
Tues 20th	PTA Halloween Disco Infant 4:30–5:30pm Juniors 5:45–6:45pm
Thurs 22nd	KS2 Fun Run 1:30pm @FA
Fri 23rd	Work of the Month 8:50 Nur/Infant - 2pm Juniors
Fri 23rd	Christmas Shoeboxes Help day!
Sat 31st	Closing Date Secondary School Applications

November Diary Dates

Fri 6th	Y4 Anglo Saxon Workshop
Fri 6th	Y5 Mayan Workshop
Sat 7th	Y4-6 Matilda the Musical Trip 1pm @ FA
Tues 10th/ Wed 11th	Parent's Evening 3:30–6pm
Thurs 17th- Thu 19th	Y6 London Residential
Fri 20th	Children in Need
Tues 24th	Cross Country Championships @FA
Wed 25th	Work of the Month 8:50 Nur/Infant - 2pm Juniors

