

Yorke Mead School

Newsletter

Friday 27th March 2026

This week at Yorke Mead!

Annual Dance Show

The smiles on the faces and the focus shows the passion and enjoyment the children had on dance morning – thank you for supporting this event.



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Walking Wednesday

Well done to everyone who is making the most of 'Walking Wednesday' – the winners again this week are.....

Reds & Greens



Dates for the diary

This week

Fri 27th March

Term ends 1:45pm

Summer Term starts

Mon 13th April

Friends of Yorke Mead

We have been here before but this time the chances that FOYM will fold are very real. FOYM cannot exist without the support of the parents and although there is a small crew who do step forward and help, the number willing to be trustees is incredibly small. For a long time we have only had 2 or 3 trustees and I have been informed that two of the trustees will not be standing again.

This is a sad time for Yorke Mead. I cannot see fireworks happening this year and the events such as the discos etc all seem to be unlikely to go ahead. Each year I seem to write this, people step up for the next few events and then support dwindles again.

The AGM is on Monday 20th April – please attend if you can and please do all you can.

**FOYM PTA
Annual
General
Meeting 2026**

**Monday 20th
April 2026**

8-9PM

THE GUILD SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB
SPORTS PAVILLION, THE GRN, CROXLEY
GREEN, RICKMANSWORTH WD3 3HT

PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT
EMAIL: FOYM@YORKEMEAD.HERTS.SCH.UK



Young Carers Offer

From 1 April 2026, Hertfordshire County Council will be bringing support for young carers in-house, when the young carer contract with Carers in Hertfordshire comes to an end, integrating it fully within the council's services.

The existing Carers in Hertfordshire contract for adult carers will remain in place.

Work has been ongoing with young carers, families and professionals to make sure the change is smooth, and the support will continue and stay very similar. This includes assessments, help with managing caring responsibilities, regular reviews, ensuring the voices of young carers inform the support they receive, and support in preparing for adulthood.

A new Young Carers webpage has been developed in collaboration with young carers and their families and includes information about the support available, team contact details, and 'a Day in the Life of' form to register a young carer online so that we can ensure they can get the support they need.

A Young Carers webinar is scheduled for Thursday 23rd April, 11:30am-12:30pm, offering partner professionals a briefing on the new model, the tools available, and the steps involved in the registration process. Event : [Introducing-a-New-Young-Carers-Offer-for-Hertfordshire---Lite-Bite - 35577](#)

Tesco Award

Tesco Mobile, are offering a £20k grant for online safety for primary schools. A few parents may have already nominated Yorke Mead. If you would like to get involved the link is:

<https://www.groundwork.org.uk/tesco-mobiles-school-and-online-safety-grant/>

Thank you in anticipation.

PEER Newsbites!

INSPIRATIONAL PEOPLE

Freddie Mercury

Freddie Mercury was born in Zanzibar which is off the east coast of Africa. He had a natural talent of singing. He joined the band Queen and changed his name. Queen had a song called Bohemian Rhapsody which was a big hit. All his songs have a good meaning He is inspiring because he faced an illness called aids but never gave up.



Written by Marnie Elliott and Sophia Gomes

Sunglasses, sun hats and sunscreen

After the freezing cold and hail seen this week, I can hardly believe I am writing this, but the weather is fickle in the United Kingdom, and we can swing from winter to summer in a matter of days. Please be ready with:

- A plain red or black cap or bucket hat. (we will not allow other hats to be worn in school)
- A named bottle of suncream – please apply before school and children can top up at lunchtime
- Sunglasses should be safe for your child to run around in and play in



On very hot or sunny days we will not allow children to play freely if they do not have the appropriate, safe sun protection as outlined above.



Readathon update

Thank you to everyone who took part in the readathon. Your efforts have raised a total of £780 to support children in hospital with reading opportunities and also helped your children in finding their love of reading. Our school library will also benefit from your fundraising. We really appreciate all of your support.



Internet Safety – we really need your preferences

Last call for parents to complete the questionnaire ... we are currently sitting with a 50:50 split between the two times so the final responses will really help us. <https://forms.gle/xi6qAu4fYPr8Q2fW6>

Happy
Maternity
Leave!

Miss Welsh Welling

Today Miss Welsh Welling will be leaving us for a short time to start her maternity leave. Baby is due early May and we will all be thinking of her. Mrs Richards will be taking over teaching in Nursery alongside Mrs Stanway after Easter.

Writing Competition

Book Club Winners 2026!

A huge well done and thank you to all the children who entered the Yorke Mead Book Club competition, it was very difficult for the group to pick the winners! The following was announced in assembly on Friday and children were awarded with their book tokens! Keep reading and writing all!

Yorke Mead Book Club

EYFS - Otilie

This was our winner as we can tell what book she is talking about just by looking at it, and it is really cute!
Maya and Ariana V

KS1 - Felicia T

We really liked the detail in the picture and we found the writing very clear and it was nice how you underlined the key information.

Well done!

Macy and Iris

LKS2 - Austin

We liked Austin's book as it was very interesting and keeps you waiting!

Lena and Anabelle

UKS2 - Cheryl

This diary was humorous and engaging!
Great work Cheryl!

Jayren C, Maya and Ariana V



Yorke Sport

Well done to the @yorkemead6 children who took part in the @trw_ssp Tag-Rugby competition 🏉 Their understanding of rules and tactics were spot on and despite losing their first game narrowly, they responded brilliantly to win all their remaining games in style. Yorke Mead's hard work paid off as they finished the day joint first but due to points difference had to settle for 2nd place 🏆 A great effort from everyone- well played! 🙌 #YorkeSport



A MASSIVE result for the @yorkemeaddaisy football team this week as Yorke Mead battled hard to beat Ricky Park 1-0 in their 3rd league game of the season 🙌⚽

With the game goalless at half-time, the boys started the 2nd half sharply, creating lots of chances before a dangerous cross was turned in by a Ricky park defender with 5 minutes remaining.

The boys finished the game confidently, keeping possession well to secure 3 points and a clean sheet.

An important win and a superb effort from everyone involved. 🎉 #YorkeSport. Yesterday, the team followed this up with a carefully played game holding Little Green to a 0-0 draw. Little Green needed the win; Yorke Mead just needed not to lose to be crowned this seasons **league champions** – what an amazing season. Well done to all!

A huge well done to these @yorkemead5 children who took part in the @trw_ssp & @watfordharriers District Cross-Country Finals at Cassiobury Park on Saturday (after getting back from PGL the day before!) 🏃🏃🏃🏃🏃 This is always a very competitive & challenging event with almost 50 runners in each race.

The children represented @yorkemeaddaisy brilliantly, achieving two top 10 finishes in the boys race and congratulations to Connie for earning a silver medal in the girls race 🙌🏅

What a performance from everyone involved! Well done ⭐ #YorkeSport



A fantastic effort from these @yorkemead6 children who took on the @yorkhousesch Cross Country challenge last Friday afternoon 🏃🏃🏃🏃

A difficult course which requires a lot of stamina and resilience to complete 🤖👊

Well done to all our athletes who showed incredible spirit throughout with @yorkemeaddaisy coming away with five top 10 finishes & a podium place (and medal) for Amelia who finished 3rd in her race 🏅

Bravo! 🙌🏆 #YorkeSport

Success doing what they love!



DANCING COMPETITION

Sienna participated in a competition last weekend at the BP Pulse Live Arena in Birmingham with her team, Chiltern Cheertahs, Soar. Soar is an under-10s level 1 team with 14 athletes. Their division was quite a tough one, as they faced 7 other teams from all over the UK, but they managed to secure that 1st place with a hit zero!

BOOK CHARACTER

Marnie made the front page of the Watford Observer for her World Book Day character – she looked amazing and how lovely to have achieved this.

SWIMMER OF THE MONTH

Watford Leisure Centre have named Henry as their swimmer of the month recognising his positive attitude and the way he always gives his best even on the tough days when he is in even more pain. Henry is an inspiration to us all.



As you choose your Easter Eggs look out for the eco friendly ones with less plastic and less packaging. We only throw away the packaging ; it is the egg inside we enjoy



Letters this week!



Year 1 Spellings
Year 2 Spellings
Year 1 Silver Birch Forest School
Year 3-6 Music Day
Cultural Diversity Day Manu – 21st April
FOYM AGM Meeting

Please have a wonderful Easter - enjoy the break and hopefully some spring weather. All the best to Eden, Niamiah and Jacob who are moving away from the area. We hope they are very happy in their new schools and new homes. See you all again on Monday 13th April!

Lucille Pollard

Head teacher