

# Yorke Mead School

## Newsletter

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2026

### *This week at Yorke Mead!*

#### Creative Computing

In a technological world it is good to be creative!



#### *Items this Week*

New Electronic Gate
Earth Day
FOYM
Helping Henry
Welcome back...
Readathon
Baby News
Yorke Sport
Internet safety questionnaire survey

### Walking Wednesday

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

**Greens**



## Dates for the diary

### This week

**Mon 20<sup>th</sup> April**

Dental surgery

**Tues 21<sup>st</sup> April**

Y4 Premier League Stars

**Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

Earth Day – litter pick after school

**Fri 24<sup>th</sup> April**

Riversmead Girls Football

### This Term

**Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> May**

Y3 Athletics

**Fri 8<sup>th</sup> May**

Phonics screening check  
parent meeting Y1

**Mon 11<sup>th</sup> May**

Y6 SATs week

Y4 Pine to Batchworth Lock

**Tues 5<sup>th</sup> May**

Y4 Maple to Batchworth

**Fri 15<sup>th</sup> May**

Africa Day

**Tues 19<sup>th</sup> May**

Y5 RAF Museum

Y6 Chessington

**Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> May**

International Day

**Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

INSET Day

**Mon 1<sup>st</sup> June**

INSET Day

**W/B 1<sup>st</sup> June**

Science Week

**Tues 9<sup>th</sup> June**

Y6 Magistrate Visit

Y4 Performance pm

**Wed 10<sup>th</sup> June**

Y4 performance evening

**Wed 17<sup>th</sup> June**

Internet Safety Meeting

**W/b Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> June**

Sports week

**Wed 24<sup>th</sup> June**

FS/KS1 Sports Day

**Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> June**

KS2 Sports Day

**W/b Mon 29<sup>th</sup> June**

Y6 Residential

**Mon 8<sup>th</sup> July**

Y3 Roman Verulamium Visit

**Tues 14<sup>th</sup> July**

Y4 River Trip

**Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> July**

School finishes 1:45pm

SUMMER BREAK

## New Electronic Gate

I appreciate it has taken a while from when we first talked about this, but the electronic gate, improving site security has now been installed. We realised that the best way for you to know when you don't need to press the buzzer is for the gate to be physically open so we are doing this.

When you leave there is a post with an exit button on it which releases the lock.

May I remind you that should you be on site when the gate is locked to please not just let anyone waiting at the gate in as this defeats the purpose of the locked gate.

I know this has been an area of concern for many parents; hopefully this has helped everyone feel more secure. It has certainly kept the office busy with late arrivals and forgotten items this week, so a plea to both arrive on time and to check you have everything your child needs for the day with you please.

Thank you

## Earth Day

Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April is Earth Day. We are celebrating by organising a local litter pick around Croxley Green. After school, Mrs Rann will be in the bike shelter handing out litter pickers and bags so you can join in with your children.

All children will need to be accompanied by a parent, there will be no school supervision of this event. You can return your full bags and litter pickers to Mrs Rann by 5pm to claim a reward for your hard work (these are limited and will be given out on a first come, first served basis).

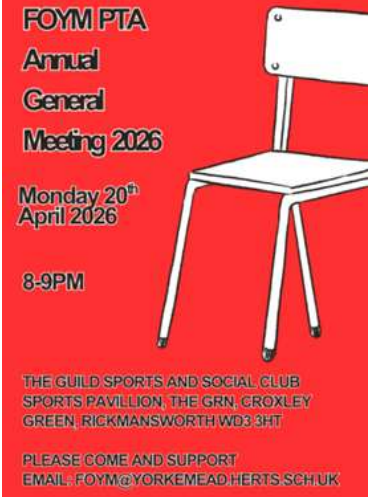
## Friends of Yorke Mead

A reminder that FOYM are holding their AGM on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April (today!)

As stated before Easter, 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 20<sup>th</sup> April between 8-9pm – please attend if you can and please do all you can.



FOYM PTA  
Annual  
General  
Meeting 2026  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup>  
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

## Learning Next Week

<b>Nursery – Acorns</b> <b>Focus:</b> Dinosaurs: Key texts - dinosaur non fiction books; Phoneme – f; Rhyme of the week - hey diddle diddle Learning new facts about dinosaurs, Creating dinosaur footprint artwork with different textured paints, counting dinosaurs and matching amounts with numerals, moving and dancing like dinosaurs		<b>Reception – Lime &amp; Willow</b> <b>Focus:</b> 'Ready, steady grow!': Key text 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle (Drawing Club text); Phonics: reading and spelling CVCC words (e.g. went, help, hand); Reading and handwriting practice; Maths: counting ten and some more; PHSE: Making friends and what friendly behaviour looks like; Physical Development: enjoying dance in PE; Understanding the World: studying caterpillars and Tasty Tuesday.
<b>Year 1 – Elder &amp; Silver Birch</b> <b>English:</b> Traction Man <b>Phonics &amp; spelling:</b> Phase 5 -ie/i-e/o/o-e <b>Maths:</b> Sharing into equal groups <b>Science:</b> What have I learnt about the four seasons? <b>Wider Curriculum:</b> What is the Bible? Who was Mary Seacole? Can I sing a call and repeat song controlling my pitch? <b>P4C/Growth Mindset:</b> What makes a family and who is in your family? <b>Reading for Pleasure:</b> We will explore lots of short stories including 'The Troll' and 'Dadaji's Paintbrush'	<b>Year 2 – Cedar &amp; Horse Chestnut</b> <b>English:</b> Non-chronological report on African elephants <b>Phonics &amp; spelling:</b> How do you spell the sound /zh/? <b>Maths:</b> Multiplication <b>Science:</b> What is a food chain and how could I use one to show how animals get their food from plants and other animals? <b>Wider Curriculum:</b> Why is Africa hot? <b>P4C/Growth Mindset:</b> Which relationships are in my family and how does this compare to others? <b>Reading for Pleasure:</b> Matilda by Roald Dahl; Cedar - The Boy Who Grew Dragons by Andy Shepherd	<b>Year 3 – Laurel &amp; Sycamore</b> <b>English:</b> Researching information to build an explanation text <b>Phonics &amp; spelling:</b> Suffix –sion –sure <b>Maths:</b> Division Problem Solving <b>Science:</b> Does a toy car change speed when travelling on different surfaces and why? <b>Wider Curriculum:</b> How is a volcano formed? <b>P4C/Growth Mindset:</b> How can we negotiate conflicts in relationships? <b>Reading for Pleasure:</b> Tim Tie your Shoe Laces by Sally Barton (Laurel) and Happy to Help by Tom Gates (Sycamore)
<b>Year 4 – Maple &amp; Pine</b> <b>English:</b> biographies <b>Phonics &amp; spelling:</b> apostrophes for plural possession <b>Maths:</b> short multiplication <b>Science:</b> Can I describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system? <b>Wider Curriculum:</b> How do I develop observational drawing skills in the style of William Morris? How can historical items and artefacts be used to build a picture of the past? <b>Reading for Pleasure:</b> Pine – Hari Jumar – Ultimate Superstar	<b>Year 5 – Ash &amp; Rowan</b> <b>English:</b> Write a balanced argument about whether evacuation is right or wrong. <b>Phonics &amp; spelling:</b> Use of apostrophes for possession. <b>Maths:</b> Convert between decimals, fractions and percentages <b>Science:</b> What are the similarities and differences in the life cycles of a collection of animals? <b>Wider Curriculum:</b> Are faith sources of wisdom relevant today? What was the impact of the war on London and our local area? <b>P4C/Growth Mindset:</b> Why should I use technology safely? <b>Reading for Pleasure:</b>	<b>Year 6 – Red Oak &amp; White Oak</b> <b>English:</b> Spiderwick- writing a non-chronological report <b>Phonics &amp; spelling:</b> Etymology <b>Maths:</b> statistics <b>Science:</b> Does light travel in straight lines? <b>Wider Curriculum:</b> How did Lichtenstein create an impact? <b>P4C/Growth Mindset:</b> How to look after my mental well being <b>Reading for Pleasure:</b> Red Oak The Imaginery by A F Harold and White Oak: Spiderwick field guide

# Welcome back Mrs Richards

We are thrilled to have welcomed Mrs Richards back to Yorke Mead and to our Nursery team. Mrs Richards returned to us this term to cover the final term in Nursery as Miss Welsh Welling is now on her maternity leave. Whilst Mrs Richards is covering the maternity leave this term, she is a permanent member of the team and will be staying with us when Miss Welsh Welling returns.



# Baby News

I would like to ask you to join us in sending our congratulations to Miss Deacy, who is expecting her first baby in September. I know you will be as pleased for her as we are. What an exciting time!

# Helping Henry



We are aware that Henry needs a new wheelchair that is powered to help give him the independence all children want and need as he enters this next stage of his life and leaves us to head into secondary school.

His parents have organised a fund raising event (see poster) which some of you may wish to attend.

School council will be meeting with Mrs Bancroft next week to consider if there are any other ways we are able to support Henry and his family with this.

# Readathon

The final Readathon total is £1,056...what an amazing result! Thank you to everyone who took part for supporting children to read, but especially for supporting your child to develop their love of reading.



# Yorke Sport

Our girls football team faced a very strong Little Green side this week in their 2nd league game on the season.

The girls responded brilliantly to going 2-0 down in the first half by scoring twice themselves to bring the game level with 10 minutes to go.

The girls battled so hard for the point but a goal in the final few minutes meant the game finished 3-2 to Little Green.

A fantastic defensive performance with clinical finishing and the girls should be so proud of their efforts- it was a great game ★ Well played girls!

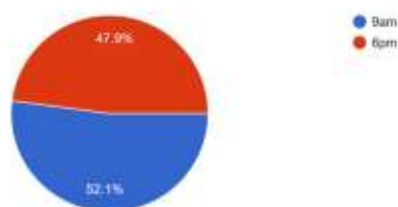


👤 Connie

👤 Amelia

# Internet Safety Questionnaire Survey

What time would you prefer for the ECF safeguarding workshop?  
73 responses



Thank you to the parents who completed their preferences for the internet safety briefing. It was a close vote, but in the end there appears to be a slight lean towards a morning session. I will now make contact with the organisation running the session for us and try to secure this for 9:00am. Please keep this date free in your diary – this is part of helping you to keep your child safe!



# Eco Minute

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April is Earth Day.

Our natural world is precious and incredible. Unfortunately, we take this for granted and all too often it is the behaviour of humans that presents the greatest risk to our planet.

If you cannot help with the litter pick, perhaps help you children to understand the importance of doing all we can to protect the earth by sharing with them some of the wonders of our planet.

If you take a look at the WWF website there are some wonderful experiences you can share with your child.

[https://www.wwf.org.uk/learn/world-days/earth-day?utm\\_source=Grants&utm\\_medium=PaidSearch-Brand&pc=AWS014007&gclid=CjwKCAjwIfPBhAzEiwAv9RTJmx7jDAKo3osAySxUVJkBMQ9b3Edo-F19oiu4o9dEztfkhhkvHuTzhoCCJ8QAvD\\_BwE](https://www.wwf.org.uk/learn/world-days/earth-day?utm_source=Grants&utm_medium=PaidSearch-Brand&pc=AWS014007&gclid=CjwKCAjwIfPBhAzEiwAv9RTJmx7jDAKo3osAySxUVJkBMQ9b3Edo-F19oiu4o9dEztfkhhkvHuTzhoCCJ8QAvD_BwE)

## Letters this week!



*Welcome to the Summer Term letters  
Year 4 Multiplication tables check  
Y2 Africa Day  
Y6 Chessington Trip*

*Lucille Pollard*

Head teacher