



Yorke Mead School Newsletter



Friday 17th July 2026

This week at Yorke Mead!

Making it real...making it memorable!

It was a warm couple of days but well worth it to see the amazing way your children competed against and supported their peers. Their resilience, determination, camaraderie, ability to smile when things went wrong and confidence could only impress. Thank you to all parents who supported this event.



Items this Week

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Sports Day

The winning team this year is



*This is a first win for Green's under my headship so at least 15 years!
Great job Green Team!*

Dates for the diary

This week

Monday 20th

July

Nursery Picnic

Tues 21st July

Y1 Local Walk

Thurs 23rd July

School finishes

1:45pm

SUMMER BREAK

SAT Results

We are very proud of the SAT results which remain above national in all subjects. Particularly impressive is the percentage of children who achieved the higher standard. To help parents understand, these are achieve or not achieve tests so a score of 100 or more means standard achieved; anything below 99 means it isn't. If a child scores above 110 that means achieved at the highest standard – 120 is the highest possible score.

The results were delayed until yesterday, and this means we haven't been able to complete our full analysis, but our headlines are:

Reading	Expected	Yorke Mead:80%	National 75%
	Higher	Yorke Mead 42%	National 33%
Maths	Expected	Yorke Mead:78%	National 74%
	Higher	Yorke Mead 39%	National 26%
SPAG	Expected	Yorke Mead:86%	National 73%
	Higher	Yorke Mead 39%	National 30%

A huge well done to all of the pupils – whether they scored the standard or not; they worked hard and absolutely shone!

Yorke Sport

A Rollercoaster day of football for Yorke Mead on Tuesday 🏈 🏆 🏅 🏆 🏈 🏈

Well done to all 3 of our teams who competed in the Sacred Heart football tournaments- always a brilliant way to finish the year 🙌

In the morning, two Yorke Mead boys teams competed with YM 1 narrowly missing out on a cup semi-final place in the group stage, despite two impressive wins, before being knocked-out in the shield semi-final in a close game.

YM2 battled hard, deservedly topping their group and winning their semi-final without conceding a goal but in the final, the last kick of the game proved to be winner for the opposition meaning the boys would have to settle for runners-up 🏆 A brilliant effort from everyone 🙌

In the afternoon, the girls team managed 4 points in the group stage which was just enough to finish 2nd and make through to the cup semi-final.

The girls knew the knockouts would be tough but they stepped up brilliantly, beating the team that won the other group 2-0 and booking their place in the final. In another fantastic display, Evie was the cup final hero- scoring two wonder goals in another 2-0 win! 🏆 🏆 An incredible achievement and another hard-earned trophy for this team 🙌 🏆 [#YorkeSport](#)



Preparing for September: Back to School

I know we haven't even broken up for summer yet...but my communication with you will stop for a while soon. As you begin to prepare for September here are a few things we would like you to remember.

Pencil Cases (KS2 only)

It is very helpful if your child can bring to school their own pencil case. This should be clear in style and again, not too big. Keep contents simple...too much novelty and they become a distraction. A simple set of colouring pencils, a glue stick, basic school rubber, basic sharpener, ruler, HB pencil, purple biro and handwriting pen is all that the children need. We do not expect you to provide all of this, but if you do it is helpful for your child and saves money. We will provide what the children need, if they can each bring in their own pencil case.



Waterproof Jacket, Trousers and Wellies

It is hard to believe at this moment that we will need these, but weather changes quickly in the UK! These items will be essential next year, not just for Forest School, but also for Opal play. Please ensure these are available for your children.

NB: Coats need to be waterproof not just thick/warm – these coats do not keep children dry and we will be moving towards playing outside no matter what the weather.

Hat

Polite reminder that your children need a red or black school hat.



School bags

Every year we request that school bags are small and a sensible size ...each year full sized rucksacks are the main bag styles. Please do think about this. These bags clog the cloak room pegs and coats end up on the floor; create a trip hazard and often are so big children can't find their items in them. Please keep these items small. If your child needs to carry sports kit, in KS1 and FS this is kept in school in their PE bag and in KS2 a simple nylon kit bag or school PE bag would be much more suitable. Thank you.

School Shoes

A reminder that although we have changed our policy to allow sport shoes as part of uniform, these must be plain black! This includes any logo.

Trainers for PE should also be plain black or plain white.

Thank you

Your opinion needed!

The Children's Commissioner is currently undertaking a survey to find out from parents and children what will support their mental health and wellbeing. Your voice is needed... and if they are able to, so is the voice of your children. **The DfE have contacted me twice now stating that we have not had many Yorke Mead pupils complete this survey. This is for their future – please do complete it.**

Please follow this link to complete the survey:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>

The Office

I appreciate people are busy; I understand that things get forgotten; however, the amount of visits to the office to deliver to children things that have been forgotten by them or by parents is again becoming overwhelming. The office staff are not able to do their other tasks as they are constantly being disturbed.

Everyone who comes is apologetic; everyone will say that it is a 'one off' and we appreciate sometimes it is. However, there are 442 pupils at Yorke Mead and the site is big. The office team cannot run back and forth delivering forgotten hats, suncream, snacks, water bottles, reading books and sports kits.

Moving forward – if something has been forgotten and can be managed without (we can provide a cup for water; if you child has no hat they can play in the shade) please let them do so. This may help them to become more independent in organising themselves. If it has to be brought in, please understand it will be kept in the office and then delivered at 11:30am (in time for lunch) or at 2:30 pm. This means the office make one journey instead of the 20 or so journeys they are currently making.

This is not us being unhelpful; it is what is necessary for things to be able to work in school. I hope you all understand and the office staff are not put under pressure to do things differently.

Thank you

Dental Appointments!

We are seeing an increasing number of children leaving school to attend dental appointments -not a bad thing as this is important but it does result in missed schooling. Thank you to those who make the appointments at the end of the day. Ideally these would be out of school hours but I understand this can be difficult to arrange. It would be helpful if parents could email in, in advance with a copy of the appointment confirmation for records so we can authorise the absence please. This will support us being able to put this absence down as authorised as this is still missed education.

Thank you for your support.

This will be the final newsletter before we break for the summer. A huge thank you to all the parents; I consider myself extremely lucky to work with the most supportive parents. I know that Yorke Mead is lucky!

Summer is here and we are all ready for the break.

Our Year 6 are leaving us and next week will be a special week for them. They are ready for the next part of their journey. We know everyone will wish them well.

For the rest of you... enjoy the last four days and we wish you a lovely summer break.

September will come around quickly as the new term starts Thursady 3rd September.

Lucille Pollard

Head teacher