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Healthy Schools
North Yorkshire



Friday 25th September 2026

After School Clubs			
Day	Club	Time	Booking
Tuesday	After School Club	3.10pm to 5.30pm	Arbor
Wednesday	After School Club	3.10pm to 4.30pm	Arbor
Thursday	After School Club	3.10pm to 4.30pm	Arbor

After School Clubs (Private Providers)			
Day	Club	Time	To Book
Monday	Multi Sports (Debbie Drake)	3:10pm to 4:30pm	Arbor
Monday	Cheerleading (ages 6-11)	5.00pm to 6.00pm	Abbie Lynds dkcheer@outlook.com or 07507 891130
Thursday	Multi sports	4.30 pm to 5.30pm	Legacy Sports QR code to book 
Friday	Multi Sports	3.10 pm to 5.30pm	Legacy Sports

Latest news!

Welcome Back!

It has been lovely to welcome our students back to school. We are delighted with how well everyone has settled into their new routines and enjoyed being back with friends and teachers. We are looking forward to a happy, successful and exciting year ahead!

- **Diary Dates:** Please see the diary at the end of this week's newsletter for some key dates for your diaries for the Autumn Term. Christmas events will be confirmed in due course.
- **Music Lessons:** Mrs Smith has spaces available on Tuesday afternoons for children who would like to learn a new skill. Sessions are also available after school from 3.10pm. For more information or to book a session, please contact Mrs Smith directly at amanda@rjsfabs.co.uk.
- **Attendance:** We have noticed that there have already been a number of absences due to holidays and periods of illness. Whilst we completely understand that children will occasionally be unwell and unable to attend school, regular attendance is extremely important. Every day in school matters, and even short periods of absence can result in children missing key learning opportunities, friendships, and important experiences within the classroom. The start of the academic year is particularly important as

Let God's love shine as we care for each other and learn together.

teachers establish routines, introduce new learning, and assess children's understanding to plan future teaching. Missing school at this stage can make it more difficult for children to feel fully settled and confident.

- **Home to School Travel Policy:** We have been asked by North Yorkshire Council to share their consultation on travel arrangements for schools. Parents can take part in the consultation here: www.northyorks.gov.uk/PIRsurvey. The consultation is open now and runs until 4 November 2026.
- **Local Transport plan consultation:** Please follow the link to comment on the Mayor's long term vision for transport in North Yorkshire. <https://yorknorthyorks-ca.gov.uk/local-transport-plan-consultation/>

Arbor Reminders

- School Bus users - please book your afternoon journeys as soon as possible.
- Swimming Transport Eagles – Instalments until the 31st October
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- For those that pay for school meals, and utilise Wrap Around Care clubs (WAC) please ensure that your balance is topped up regularly.

General Reminders

- **Holiday Leave requests-** no holidays should be taken during term time, unless the leave request falls under exceptional circumstances which are:
 1. Service personnel returning from active deployment.
 2. Where there is inflexibility in the parent's employers leave policy and a copy of this policy must be supplied to school. **When parents provide a letter from their employer to show that they are unable to take holidays in school holiday time, only absences for 10 sessions (1 week) will be authorised per academic year.**
 3. Where leave is recommended as part of a child's rehabilitation for medical purposes (evidence must be supplied)
 4. When a family needs to spend time together to support each other during or after a crisis (Evidence must be supplied)
- **Snacks:** We are a healthy School and this is a general reminder that we only allow healthy snacks to be brought in from home to be eaten at breaktimes.
- **Sport Competitions.** If your child has been on competition and used the schools kit, please wash it and return it ASAP so that other children can wear it for the next competition please. We currently have a number of items missing from the kits.
- **Jewellery in school:** Can we please remind parents of the school's earrings and jewellery policy in school, in that we do not allow jewellery to be worn in school with the exception of a wristwatch, which must be removed for PE. We ask that any piercings are done in the school holidays so that they can be removed in time for school.
- **Late pick up:** As per our policy, if a child is picked up 10 minutes or later, there will be a charge of £2 per 10 minutes they are late – this relates to normal school collection as well as after school club

Important Diary Dates

***NEW/UPDATED DATES IN RED* Subject to change.**

Thursday 1 st October	Y5/6 Football Comp
Monday 5 th October	Food Bank Collections – all week
Thursday 8 th October	Harvest Festival in Church
Thursday 8 th October	Y3/4 Football Comp
Thursday 15 th October	Y1/2 Football Comp
Friday 23 rd October	Inset Day
Monday 26 th October	Half Term
Monday 2 nd November	School Opens
Tuesday 3 rd November	Christmas Card Deadline
Monday 9 th November	Shoe Box appeal drop off all week
Thursday 12 th November	Y5/6 Netball Comp
Monday 16 th November	Parents Evening
Friday 20 th November	Children in Need – Non-Uniform Day £1
Friday 20 th November	Flu Immunisations in school
Monday 23 rd November	Book Fair – All Week
Tuesday 24 th November	Parents Evening
Thursday 26 th November	Y5/6 Swimming Comp
Wednesday 9 th December	Y5/6 Bikeability
Thursday 10 th December	Legacy Dance Comp
Monday 14 th December	Christmas Panto in School
Friday 18 th December	School Closes
Monday 4 th January	Inset Day
Tuesday 5 th January	School Opens

Reminders

We are a nut and coconut free school. Please do not send in packed lunches or snacks.

We are a healthy school. Packed lunches should not contain chocolate or sweets.

Useful Contacts

School Office: 01977 620 497

admin@kirksmeaton.com

Debbie Drake 07879 687847

Connor Steel 07477 683305

Abbie Lynds 07507 891130

Rachel 07376 625143

Amanda Smith (Music Lessons) amanda@rjsfabs.co.uk

After School Club Emergency Line: 07521 952 373

Mobile Library Dates

in the Shoulder Car Park

13th October 12-1pm

10th November 12-1pm

Where attendance falls below 96%, parents will be issued with an attendance letter. Persistent absence may result in a fine from your local authority, or even prosecution.

Children with attendance less than 90% are missing more than 4 weeks of school each year, and across their time with us this can reach 1 full school year of absence, making it almost impossible to keep up with the work.

Attendance	Days Absent	
100%	0	Excellent
99%	1.9	
98%	3.8	
97%	5.7	Average
96%	7.6	
95%	9.5	
94%	11.4	Below expected national standard
93%	13.3	
92%	15.2	
91%	17.1	
90%	19	

Attendance

Attendance for This Year 2025/2026 – TARGET 96%						
Current National Attendance for All Schools: 94.48% (2025/2026)						
W/E	Starfish (R)	Dolphins	Lions	Eagles	Whole School (Exc Nursery)	National
Week 2 – 18/09/26	100%	97.92%	95%	96%	96.63%	-
Week 1 - 11/9/26	100%	94.14%	93.33%	94.07%	94.49%	95.34%