



## Newsletter – 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025

Dear Parents,

Spring has finally arrived, the spring flowers have been basking in the lovely sunshine over the last few days, fingers crossed that the lovely weather stays with us over the weekend.

I outlined that Headteacher coffee morning would be a regular feature, somewhat later than I originally envisaged, I can confirm the dates below:

Follifoot – 04.05.25 at 9.00am

Spofforth – 02.04.25 at 2.30pm

The goal of these sessions will be to discuss initiatives running at school, informing parents of what is on the horizon and listening to views on the school. As ever if parents wish to discuss aspects relating to their individual child, please speak to class teachers or leaders at school, coffee mornings are informal and not a forum for pupil level concerns.

I was disappointed to hear of the transport challenges for the dance festival earlier this week, fortunately children were able to celebrate their skills back at school in assembly or a special performance.

Thank you to all parents that attended parent evening sessions this week, I trust messaging was clear and positive professional discussion was received.

Lots of exciting initiatives are on the horizon as we build towards the Easter break, please see the dates and events within the newsletter or reach out to the school admin team for clarification.

Kind regards,  
Rob Lakin  
Interim Headteacher

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## Attendance

### Attendance Matters



	Follifoot	
Year Group	This week	Last Week
Recep	99.58%	99.57%
Year 1	91.35%	91.18%
Year 2	97.67%	97.84%
Year 3	88.89%	88.88%
Year 4	87.74%	88.19%
Year 5	98.25%	98.29%
Year 6	93.65%	94.06%

National expectation 97%

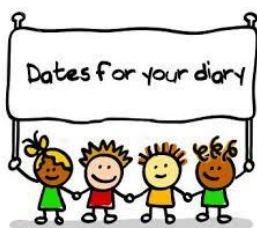
## Our Worship Themes



Values for Life: **Service**

British Values: **Democracy**

## Dates for the diary



### **Follifoot School:**

2<sup>nd</sup> April, Easter Service at Follifoot School at 9.30am, followed by egg rolling in the front garden

4<sup>th</sup> April, last day of term, school closes at 2.30pm

4<sup>th</sup> April, FoFS disco afterschool

### **EASTER HOLIDAYS**

22<sup>nd</sup> April, School re-opens

5<sup>th</sup> May, School closed, Bank Holiday Monday

Week commencing 12<sup>th</sup> May, Year 6 SATS week

19<sup>th</sup> May, Sharing Assembly 3pm

23<sup>rd</sup> May, Last day of term, school closes at 3.30pm for half term

### **HALF TERM**

2<sup>nd</sup> June, School re-opens

3<sup>rd</sup> June, Year 6 Bikeability

4<sup>th</sup> June, Year 6 Bikeability

13<sup>th</sup> June, Sports Day-AM at the Cricket Club

16<sup>th</sup> June, Sharing Assembly, 3pm

20<sup>th</sup> June, Reserve date for Sports Day-AM at the Cricket Club

26<sup>th</sup> June, Class photo's including leavers photos

1<sup>st</sup> July, Years 5&6 School Production, 2pm & 6pm

7<sup>th</sup> July, Sharing Assembly, 3pm

13<sup>th</sup> July, Follifete, 12noon – 4pm

17<sup>th</sup> July, Year 6 Leavers Service at 9.30am

18<sup>th</sup> July, End of term, school closes at 2.30pm

## General School News



### **Safeguarding Update**

Please find below information about the campaign 'Clever Never Goes' which teaches children how to stay safe from abduction whether they are outside or online.

It's the modern, child-friendly alternative to the 'Stranger Danger' message. Rather than fearing the worst in everyone they don't know, Clever Never Goes helps children to recognise specific situations that are unsafe and gives them the tools to respond.

**OUT WITH STRANGER DANGER IN WITH CLEVER NEVER GOES**

**TEACH THE CLEVER OPTION AT HOME**

**CLEVER NEVER GOES** is the new, child-friendly lesson that teaches children how to stay safe from abduction when they are outside (e.g. walking to or from school), or online.

It's been created to help parents/guardians talk to their children about staying safe in a simple way.

Instead of creating a fear of people it teaches them to recognise the danger in a situation, regardless of who's involved.

**THE RULE:**  
If anyone asks you to go - even someone that you know - if it hasn't been agreed, remember: **CLEVER NEVER GOES**

The **CLEVER NEVER GOES** rule means children shouldn't go anywhere with anyone - even if they know them - if it hasn't been agreed in advance by a parent or guardian.

And please remember, children learn through repetition so make sure you remind them regularly of **CLEVER NEVER GOES** when they're going outside or online.

For more information, ideas and resources to have that clever conversation go to: [clevernevergoes.org](http://clevernevergoes.org)

**WHY CHANGE?**

Since it was introduced in the 1970's, the 'stranger danger' message has been fundamentally flawed.

Most strangers will help rather than harm a child, and many people that do pose a risk to children are not strangers.

Furthermore, it demands that all strangers should be treated with suspicion, which breeds fear in our communities. This has led to children spending less time outdoors, fuelling a rise in obesity and mental health problems.

Add to this, children are spending more time online, increasing their risk of being groomed. Now is the time for a new approach that creates safer, happier and healthier children.

Backed by more than 1,000 schools across the UK, **CLEVER NEVER GOES** is more practical than stranger danger and gives children the skills and confidence to safely explore their outdoor and online worlds without fear. And gives parents the reassurance to let them.

**clever never goes**

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### Parent Governor Vacancy

Please remember the deadline for any nominations for the above vacancy is Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March.

### Healthy Eating

For those children who choose to bring in a packed lunch could I please remind parents we encourage healthy options e.g. sandwiches, vegetable sticks, fruit. Please do not send sweets or fizzy drinks to school. At break time a piece of fruit / vegetable is provided for Early Years and KS1 children, in conjunction with the School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme, which is provided free to children under 7 years of age by this government funded scheme. Children in years 3-6 can bring in their own **fruit/vegetable** for snack time. Please find the 'Healthy Schools North Yorkshire' leaflet attached.

### 📍 SCIENCE 📍

Years 5 and 6 started their science topic looking at light. They learnt about light sources and investigated how light travels.



### Easter Service & Egg Rolling

Our annual Easter Service will take place on Wednesday 2nd April in Follifoot Church, starting at 9.30am. All Parents/carers and families are welcome to attend.

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After the service, we will return to school and enjoy the Follifoot School tradition of egg rolling in the front garden. Children can bring in a decorated hard-boiled egg with a chance to win a Fair Trade Easter Egg from The Meaningful Chocolate Company.

### **KS 1 Dance**

We were so sorry the Early Years and KS1 children couldn't attend their Dance Festival this week. KS1 did however get the opportunity to perform to parents in the playground on Tuesday afternoon. Thank you to everyone for being so supportive.



### **Free School Meals-Important Update**

From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 children entitled to Free School Meals (FSM) at any time remain entitled until they finish either primary or secondary education. This continues even if the family finances improve.

From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 entitlement to FSM will end **IF** income increases above £7,400 annual net income over a three-month period (for example more than £1850 net income in the last three Universal Credit assessment period). Please call the school office if you need any further information.

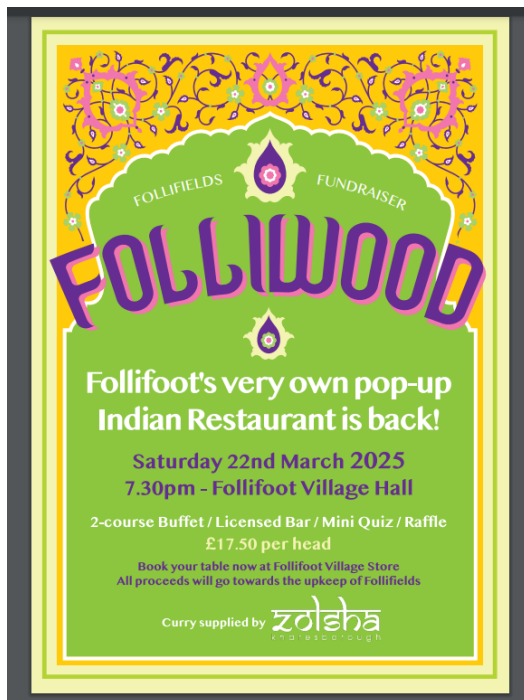
### **FoFS Disco**



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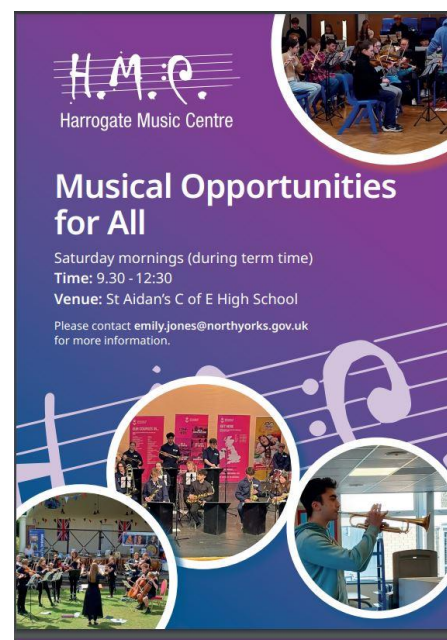


### Harrogate Music Centre

Offer opportunities in small groups as well as individual tuition for a variety of instruments on Saturday mornings at St.Aiden's High School.

There is now the opportunity for Early Years music with two groups on offer – Musical Munchkins (age 2-4) and Sound Explorers (age 5-7).

For more information visit [Harrogate Music Centre](http://Harrogate Music Centre) | [Friends of Harrogate Music Centre](http://Friends of Harrogate Music Centre).



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New members get free ensemble membership for one half term!

## Music Centre Ensembles & Times

9.30 - 10.05	Musical Munchkins. For children ages 3-4
10.15 - 10.50	Sound Explorers. For children ages 5-7
9.30 - 10.45	Blast Off!
9.30 - 10.45	Concert Orchestra
9.30 - 10.45	Harrogate Youth Percussion Ensemble (HYPE)
9.30 - 10.45	HYJO (Harrogate Youth Jazz Orchestra)
11.15 - 12.30	Concert Band
11.15 - 12.30	String Ensemble
11.15 - 12.30	Youth Choir
11.15 - 12.30	Adult Ukuleles (Adult Ensemble)
11.15 - 12.30	Parental Guidance (Adult Wind Band)

For more information about our ensembles or to enquire about lesson availability, please visit [harrogatemusiccentre.org.uk](http://harrogatemusiccentre.org.uk) or contact [emily.jones@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:emily.jones@northyorks.gov.uk)

We also offer tuition in the following disciplines:

- Bowed Strings
- Woodwind
- Brass
- Guitar & Bass Guitar

Facebook: Harrogate Music Centre  
Website: [harrogatemusiccentre.org.uk](http://harrogatemusiccentre.org.uk)



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