

Dates for the Diary – 2023/2024

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Please remember that some of these dates are provisional and are subject to change (especially given the recent pandemic). Regular updated versions of this document will be sent to you via Parent Pay.

Saturday 8 th September	Closing date for the Summer Reading Challenge “ Ready Steady Read ” Go to your local library and tell them what you’ve been reading over the summer.
Monday 25 th September to Wednesday 27 th September	Year 6 Residential Visit to Robinwood
Monday 2 nd October	Full Governing Body meeting
Wednesday 4 th October	Reading workshops – parents invited in 8.45-9.30am to learn about how we teach reading and visit lessons
Friday 13 th October	2pm Harvest Festival Celebration at Heslington Church (children only) – <i>donations for local food bank (non-perishables) can be brought in today in the morning</i>
Monday 16 th October	3.30-5.30pm Parent Consultations (Y2-Y6)
Thursday 19 th October	3.30-7pm Parent Consultations (Y2-Y6) Braiswick Individual School Photographs
Thursday 26 th October	PTA Pumpkin Competition PTA Halloween Disco
Friday 27 th October	School closes for half term
October Half Term	
Monday 6 th November	School reopens at normal time of 8.45am (doors open at 8.40am)
Monday 13 th November	5.30pm NEW Early Years Parents Open Evening (those families interested in applying for an Early Years place for September 2024)
Friday 17 th November	Children in Need – Non Uniform Day – <i>optional donations to be paid for Children In Need</i>
Monday 4 th December	Full Governing Body meeting
Wednesday 6 th December	2pm Phase 1 Nativity Performance (<i>families welcome</i>)
Thursday 7 th December	9.15am Phase 1 Nativity Performance (<i>families welcome</i>)
Wednesday 13 th December	2pm Phase 2 Christmas Show (<i>families welcome</i>)
Thursday 14 th December	9.15am Phase 2 Christmas Show (<i>families welcome</i>)
Friday 15 th December	Christmas Fair (straight after school) [date rearranged from 01/12]
Monday 18 th December	Phase 1 (Early Years/Y1) Christmas Parties (<i>that phase can wear a Christmas jumper to school</i>)
Tuesday 19 th December	10.30am York Theatre Royal Panto and ice cream – whole school visit (£18 per child – subsidised)
Wednesday 20 th December	Phase 2 (Years 2/3) Christmas Parties (<i>that phase can wear a Christmas jumper to school</i>) Christmas Dinner (<i>children only</i>)
Thursday 21 st December	Phase 3 (Years 4/5/6) Christmas Parties (<i>that phase can wear a Christmas jumper to school</i>)
Friday 22 nd December	Carols in Church (<i>children only</i>) School closes for Christmas holidays
Christmas Holidays	
Monday 8 th January 2024	INSET DAY – school closed for children
Tuesday 9 th January 2024	INSET DAY – school closed for children
Wednesday 10 th January 2024	School reopens at normal time of 8.45am (doors open at 8.40am)
Monday 5 th February	3.30-7pm Parent Consultations (Y2-Y6)
Thursday 8 th February	9am Parent/Carer Information IT & Computing meeting, 3.30-5.30pm Parent Consultations (Y2-Y6)
Friday 9 th February	School closes at 3.15pm for February half term

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February Half Term	
Monday 19 th February	School reopens at normal time of 8.45am (doors open at 8.40am)
Wednesday 21 st February	Maths workshops - parents invited in 8.45-9.30am to learn about how we teach maths and visit lessons
Monday 4 th March	Full Governing Body meeting
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day – <i>dress up in your favourite character</i>
Tuesday 12 th March	International Diversity Celebration
Thursday 21 st March	Easter Design Competition – <i>completed in school</i>
Thursday 21 st March – Friday 22 nd March	Year 5 Residential Visit to Robin Hoods Bay (one night)
Friday 22 nd March	Easter Design Competition Prize Giving School closes at 3.15pm for the Easter holidays
Easter Holidays	
Monday 8 th April	School reopens at normal time of 8.45am (doors open at 8.40am)
Monday 6th May	Early May Day Bank Holiday - School closed
w/c Monday 13 th May	Year 6 Statutory SAT Tests to be administered – vital that Y6 children are in school this week
Friday 17 th May	Braiswick Class photographs
Thursday 23 rd May	School closes at 3.15pm for May half term
Friday 24th May	INSET DAY – school closed for children
May Half Term	
Monday 3 rd June	School reopens at normal time of 8.45am (doors open at 8.40am) Y4 Multiplication checks taking place this month
Tuesday 4 th June	5pm Music Concert (<i>families welcome</i>)
Friday 7 th June	Phase 1 races
Monday 10 th June	5.30pm NEW Early Years Parent Information Evening (those joining in September 2024)
Monday 10 th June	Y1 Phonic Screening Checks this week
Monday 17 th June	New 2024 EY Nursery Setting Visits this week Internal Assessment Week Y2-5
Friday 21 st June	Summer Fair (straight after school)
W/c Monday 26 th June	Outdoor Learning Week
Thursday 29 th June	New 2024 EY Stay and Play
Friday 28 th June	Sports fun morning for whole school (<i>families welcome</i>)
Monday 1 st July	Full Governing Body meeting
Thursday 4 th July	New 2024 EY Stay and Play
Friday 5 th July	Race Afternoon at University of York Stadium (<i>families welcome</i>)
Monday 8 th July	Y6 Leaver's Party
Wednesday 10 th July	5pm Phase 3 Show (<i>families welcome</i>)
Thursday 11 th July	5pm Phase 3 Show (<i>families welcome</i>)
Friday 12 th July	Reports out to parents/carers
Tuesday 16 th July	Y6 Leaver's Party
Wednesday 17 th July	Transition Day (children visiting their new classes and teachers) New 2024 EY attending
Thursday 18 th July	Transition Day (children visiting their new classes and teachers) New 2024 EY attending
Thursday 18 th July	PTA Summer Disco
Friday 21 st July	2pm – Leavers' Assembly (Y6 <i>families welcome</i>) School closes at 3.15pm for summer holidays
Summer Holidays	
Monday 2nd September	INSET DAY – school closed for children
Tuesday 3 rd September	School opens at 8.40am for the 2024/25 academic year

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In line with the school's Enrichment Passport there are three "big ticket" opportunities, which we like parents to be aware of as they incur bigger costs (prices to be confirmed nearer the time):

- Year 4 day trip to London (approx. £80) – spring/summer
- Year 5 one night residential to Robin Hoods Bay (approx. £100) – spring/summer
- Year 6 two night residential to Robinwood (approx. £320) – autumn term

We will be adding these to the relevant year groups to enable payment instalments throughout the year leading up to the payment deadline. Pupils in receipt of Free School Meals receive a 50% discount on these three trips. All educational day trips are paid for by the school for these families.

If you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals benefits, please ensure you apply via <https://www.york.gov.uk/SchoolMeals> - your child will receive free educational day visits and vouchers to use in payment for our after-school extra-curricular club programme.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

If you plan to take your child out of school during term time, the following form must be completed and returned to the school office: <https://lordderamores.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Leave-of-Absence-form-Sept-2023.pdf>

Leave of absence cannot be granted due to parental work commitments. The University of York fully supports the need for children to be in school during term time. Unauthorised absences of more than 2 weeks could result in your child being removed from our school's register.

If your child has 5 or more days of unauthorised absence in any academic year, parents and carers will automatically receive a fixed-term penalty notice - issued by the local authority. Our school no longer has flexibility in not issuing these. Therefore, please ensure that you do not book family holidays during school term dates as penalty notices are now issued across all schools in the city.