



Bilton Grange Primary School



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term ~ Issue 5 ~ Friday 15th November 2024

This week's **SPECIAL MENTION**



EYFS – Beau, Lavyansh, Oliver,

KS1 – Poppy, George, Archie,

KS2 – Emilia, Emily, Natali, Oakley, Jack, Tianna, Harry, Amelia, Libby, Jayden, Mikey,

Message from Mrs James

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope everyone had a lovely half term holiday and are now ready for the busy next few weeks in school running up to Christmas. Please see below an updated Dates for Your Diary to include all the festivities this half term.

Unfortunately, I need to mention parking in the area around the school again as we have received further complaints from both our neighbours and the local CO-OP. Please park considerately at all times. Today I have seen photos of cars clearly parked on double yellow lines near to school. Thank you to all parents who are parking with car when dropping off and picking up children.

Also, a reminder the climbing equipment in the KS1 playground must not be used before and after school as it is not supervised by school staff during these times. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

Finally, today's Children in Need fundraising-activities have raised a fantastic £278 (this does not include the on-line donations). Thank you to Mrs Ashby-Smith and the School Council for organizing today and to everyone for taking part.

Have a lovely weekend!
Mrs James

Bilton Grange PTA News!

Discos

Thank you to everyone who helped and came to the school discos. They have rased over £500 towards upgrading the playgrounds!

Christmas Shopping Evening

Thursday 21st November
6.30-8.30pm

Christmas Fair

Friday 13th December

All funds raised this year will continue to go towards upgrade of play areas in KS1 and KS2 playgrounds

Please contact the school office if you would like to get involved in our PTA



Dates for Next Week

- **Saturday 16th November 9.30-11.30am**
New Starter Open Day
- **w/c 18th November**
School Book Fair afterschool
- **Wednesday 20th November**
Reception Trip to Born of the Forest
- **Friday 22nd November**
Walk to School Day
- **Friday 22nd November**
Christmas Jumper Swap – pick a new to you Christmas Jumper
Coming up!
- **Wednesday 4th December**
Year 5/6 Trip to Harewood House

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SCHOOL?

New Clubs

This week has seen the start of our KS2 lunchtime book clubs and our Christmas craft clubs across Years 1- 6. We are looking forward to seeing the Christmas crocheted Granny squares and sewn Christmas tree decorations the children will be making!

The Bilton Grange Christmas Jumper Swap

This year as part of our ECO group initiatives we are going to have a Christmas Jumper Swap Event. The idea is to donate jumpers to school that no longer fit or are no longer wanted. School will then sort and put the jumpers into sizes and then our families can come into school and take a jumper for these years celebrations. We are hoping this will mean Christmas Jumpers are re-used and not just thrown away. Thank you to Mrs Young and the Eco Group for organizing this. See below for more details. If you have any unwanted, clean jumpers, please bring these in school up to Thursday next week. Friday 22nd November is our Pick your New to You Christmas Jumper stall in the school hall after school.

School Lunches Survey

Thank you to everyone who completed our school lunch survey. We are currently looking at your responses and will feed-back the results and any changes we are going to make as a result in the next few weeks

This Term's Clubs

Sports Club Timetable for the Autumn Term 2024

Dates (13 weeks)	Type	Age Group
Mon 9 th Sep – Mon 9 th Dec (not including half term)	Netball	KS2 (Year 3,4,5,6)
Wed 11 th Sep – Wed 11 th Dec (not including half term)	Multi-skills	Year 1&2
Thurs 12 th Sep – Thurs 12 th Dec (not including half term)	Tag Rugby	Year 3&4

Sporting influence also offers a variety of competitions throughout the term for children to participate in.

Dates	Competition	Age Group
September 18 th , 25 th and October 2 nd	Football	Year 1&2
October 9 th and 16 th	Girls Football	Year 3/4/5/6 Girls Only

November 6 th , 13 th and 20 th	Football	Year 3&4
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SCHOOL OFFICE UPDATES

Please make sure you pre order your child's lunch via your Schoolgrid account
Lunches cannot be ordered in school

Have a lovely weekend

Thank you!
Mrs Miller & Mrs Hornby

 <p>Bilton Grange Primary School</p> <h2>CALLING ALL NEW STARTERS!</h2> <p>APPLICATION FOR A PLACE AT BILTON GRANGE FOR SEPTEMBER 2025</p> <p>We are delighted to announce our plans for new starter admissions for September 2025 and would like to invite you to our open sessions at the school.</p> <p>Saturday 12th October 2024 9.30-11.30am Saturday 16th November 2024 9.30-11.30am</p> <p>School day show rounds, Wednesday mornings at 11am (from 18th September 2024)</p> <p>To visit us for either an open session or a school show round, or both, please register your interest by emailing biltongrange@ycatschools.co.uk or calling 01423 502375 and we will confirm your place. We have to limit numbers so please register early.</p> <p>Together we can achieve anything!</p>	 <p>Bilton Grange Primary School</p> <h2>WHY CHOOSE BILTON GRANGE PRIMARY?</h2> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Fantastic reputation✓ Excellent teaching and learning✓ A broad and balanced curriculum✓ Modern facilities/resources✓ Nurturing and caring ethos✓ Great provision for the 'creative arts' and sport✓ Friendly children and staff✓ Excellent wrap around childcare✓ Excellent opportunities for outdoor learning✓ Above average school performance  <p>School show rounds each Wednesday at 11am from 18th September 2024</p> <p>If you would like to visit our fantastic school, please call 01423 502375 or email biltongrange@ycatschools.co.uk</p> <p>Together we can achieve anything!</p>
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Dates for your Diary!

Date	Event
Saturday 16 th November 9.30-11.30am	School Open Day for New Starters 2025
Monday 18 th - Thursday 21 st November	School Book Fair
Wednesday 20 th November	Reception Trip to Born of the Forest
Thursday 21 st November 6.30pm	PTA Christmas Shopping Event
Friday 22 nd November	Walk to School Day
Friday 22 nd November	Christmas Jumper Swap - Pick a New to You Jumper
Wednesday 4 th December	Year 5/6 Trip to Harewood House
Tuesday 10 th December 9.30am	EYFS & KS1 Nativity
Wednesday 11 th December 1.30pm	EYFS & KS1 Nativity
Thursday 12 th December 1.30pm	EYFS & KS1 Nativity
Friday 13 th December 3.30pm	Christmas Jumper Day PTA School Christmas Fair
Wednesday 18 th December 2pm	School Trip to the Pantomime
Friday 20 th December 2pm	School closes for Christmas Holidays

Bilton Grange PTA Christmas Shopping Night

FREE ENTRY

Come and join us for
a festive night of shopping at Bilton Grange
School.

Our School Choir will perform.

We have lots of local businesses to help with
your Xmas Shopping....



Candles
Crochet
Christmas Crafts
Sweets
Personalised Gifts
Macrame
Beauty Gifts



And many more!

Refreshments available to purchase on the night.

This is a predominantly cash only event please.



Thursday 21st November 18.30-20.30

What a busy last two weeks at Bilton Grange!



THE
Harrogate
Hive 
 CHILDRENS CLUB

The Harrogate Hive is located on Bilton Grange Primary School premises & is the perfect place to keep your children safe and entertained before & after school. Meet up with friends, play, socialize & unwind after a busy school day or during holidays. We open during school holidays until 4:30pm, except for bank holidays when the club is closed. Our team are fully DBS checked & hold relevant qualifications in first aid, safeguarding & food hygiene. A small team of experienced play leaders take children to and from their classrooms to ensure they reach club safely. All you need to do is register and book a place using our online booking system IPAL. (Details of how to do this can be found below.)

The club aims to provide parent/carers with flexibility. IPAL will help you to make payments, manage your own account, book sessions last minute, in advance & make any amendments required in one secure place.

Through the account you will be able to access & print any invoices.

Each week we have fun event evenings which are organized by staff, these include wet, wild days, talent contests, scooter squad, sports tournaments, reading club, quiz nights, forest school & much more. During the holidays our club gives a relaxed home from home vibe. We have different activities each day and children can choose to participate. Our setting is relaxed; we aim to give children choices and follow their lead as much as possible with regards to the activities each day. A free flow system is in place so your child can choose to play inside or outside during their session. Healthy breakfast options, snacks, and light tea during club are provided to keep hunger at bay until home time.

Sessions & Pricing
Before & Afterschool

Sessions	Times	Includes	Price
Breakfast	7:30am - 8:50am	Breakfast	£9.00
Afterschool	3:10pm - 5:30pm	Light Snack's	£11.00
Afterschool Top up	5:30pm - 6:00pm	Light Snacks	£3.50

Sessions & Pricing
Holiday Club

Sessions	Times	Includes	Price
Short Day	9:00am - 3:00pm	Breakfast (children to bring own packed lunch)	£25.00
Working Day including early bird 7:30am start	7:30am - 4:30pm	Breakfast & light tea snack (children to bring own packed lunch)	£35.00

Registering with ipal

Please drop us an email once you have booked your first sessions so we can arrange to show you around, introduce you to staff & give you further information on our policies & your child's key person.

Step 1. Visit <https://biltongrangeprimary.schoolipal.co.uk>

Step 2. Select parent login in the top right-hand corner

Step 3. Complete the new parent registration form and click register, at this point you will receive a confirmation email, please note this email may go into your junk folder, please mark it as safe. **Step 4.** Once you have completed your registration you will then need to add your child or children **Step 5.** When booking a session select the date/dates you would like, select the session you would like – your children's name will then appear, and you are able to select and complete the booking. **Step 6.** If using a voucher please enter the full voucher amount you are paying not just the cost that the sessions add up to, any funds remaining will then automatically transfer to your wallet once verified. Use the pay by wallet tab to book any further sessions until your wallet is empty again. You will only need to select pay with voucher again when you have a new voucher to use and notify us of.

For any block booking/same sessions each week the system will enable you to manage your payments in monthly.

For more information and to watch the tutorial video to guide you through the registration process and learn how to book, pay and manage activity clubs visit www.ipal.education/parents-user-video , there are also helpful tips on the booking site. For additional questions, support or bookings please contact us directly on

childcare@harrogatehive.com

Kindest regards

Stephanie & Harrogate Hive Team

Attendance

Pupil Absence from school during Term Time

Leave of absence will only be authorised if the appropriate criteria has been met - please see the note below. Following Government Guidelines since September 2013, a Headteacher is not authorised to grant leave of absence during term time in any other circumstances than those stated.

The last academic year saw a significant decline in school attendance at Bilton Grange Primary School. Taking a pupil on leave during term time interrupts teaching and learning and can disrupt educational progress. Please note that NYCC is issuing penalty notices to parents/carers for unauthorised absence.

The school will be closely monitoring all absences and patterns of absence to ensure our attendance figures return to our normal level of 97 to 98% - this will include requesting confirmation of appointments etc. We would be grateful for your support in ensuring your child attends school regularly in line with government regulations.

Medical Appointments

Please ensure where possible that all medical appointments are made outside school hours. We understand that this may not always be achievable but would urge you to ensure that your child has the highest attendance levels as possible.

Holidays in term time

In response to enquiries we have received from some parents about holidays in term time, please read the following information carefully before considering taking your child out of school.

Parents whose children are registered at a school or other educational establishment are responsible for ensuring that they attend punctually and regularly. This applies to all children of compulsory school age. (Children are deemed to be compulsory school age the term following their 5th birthday).

We are obliged to take the attendance register twice a day and record whether children are present or record the reason why a child is not present. This attendance data is then sent to the Department for Education as part of the termly census.

Authorised leave - Valid reasons for absence

There are valid reasons why a child may not be present, for example illness, a medical appointment, a religious festival, music or dance exam or an open day at a secondary school.

Parents should advise school by leaving a message on the telephone answer service or email biltongrange@ycatschools.co.uk before 9.15am on each day of absence to allow the attendance registers to be completed accurately. If the absence is due to a medical appointment then please show your child's class teacher or Mrs Miller in the school office the appointment card

or the text or email appointment notification. Where possible please make routine appointments in the afternoon or school holidays.

Exceptional Circumstances

There are other reasons, classed as 'exceptional,' why a child may not be present. Examples of these exceptional reasons are given to us by the Department for Education and are as follows;

Service personnel returning from active deployment

Where inflexibility of the parents' leave or working arrangement is part of the organisational or company policy. This would need to be evidenced by the production or confirmation from the organisation / company.

Where leave is recommended as part of a parents' or child's rehabilitation from medical or emotional problems. Evidence must be provided.

When a family needs to spend time together to support each other during or after a crisis.

Such leave must be applied for at in advance by completing the forms available in the office. Any leave taken without an application being made in advance is automatically deemed to be unauthorised leave.

