

School Newsletter

Barnabas the Encourager

Courage, Compassion, Creativity

Message from Miss Richards

Welcome back to the final half term of this school year! I hope you all had a wonderful half term. The children have certainly come back to school refreshed!

This week, it has been a pleasure to welcome our new starter families into school. We have many transition events planned this half term and we started off with a welcome meeting for families of children joining our reception class in September. Thank you to Miss Pomfret for an informative and welcoming session.

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the Fathers' Day lunch today. It is always lovely to welcome families into school and we look forward to hosting this again next week. A reminder that whilst this is to celebrate Fathers' Day, we welcome other role models and special people from within the family. Please speak to your child's teacher if you have any questions about this and make bookings via ParentPay.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend

Miss Richards
Executive Headteacher

Dates

Click [here](#) to view term dates for 2023-24

**new dates added this week*

Wednesday 3rd July—Y6 transition to secondary school

Thursday 4th July—Y6 transition—Manor only
(Children attending Manor have 2 days transition)

Friday 5th July—School choir attend 'Big Sing' event—details to follow

Thursday 11th July—Sports Day (am) - details to follow next half term. Reserve date—18th July

Thursday 18th July—Leavers' Disco—details to follow

Friday 19th July—last day of term, break up for summer

Certificates

Congratulations to the superstar children receiving awards this week:

Attenborough: Sonny, Sebastain and Noah

Hadid: Rakim, Austin and whole class for reading

Farah: Eliza, Aria and Holly



Thank you to everyone who has contributed towards and supported the non-uniform days and bake sales throughout the year.

Next year, we would like to work with parents and carers more to fund-raise and offer further experiences for the children at St Barnabas. Our school has a strong community and it would be wonderful to be able to enhance our enrichment offer through funds raised.

If you are interested in being involved or setting up a PTA, please speak to your child's class teacher or contact the school office.

York Trailblazers is an exciting and inclusive city-wide programme of events and activities across 2023 – 25, celebrating York's heritage, supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

As part of this, Y5 and Y6 enjoyed workshops this week in which they discovered and celebrated the history and heritage stories of people who are important to our local communities.



Uniform

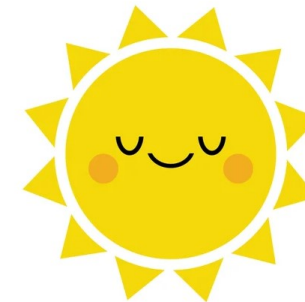
We have had a few queries from parents about summer uniform.

Whilst it may be getting warmer, children must wear shoes that cover their toes and that are closed at the back; **crocs cannot be worn at school**. This is for health and safety reasons as well as maintaining high expectations around children looking smart in their uniform.

Shoes should be black.

Jumpers and cardigans are navy, but could be V-necked if parents feel this is more lightweight for the summer.

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.



Summer weather...

Whilst we are not quite experiencing the lovely summer weather just yet, the weather recently has been very changeable.

Please remember that your child needs a coat/ light jacket in school everyday.

PALWORLD



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

In Palworld, players head out into an environment where they must craft items and survive alongside creatures called 'Pals'. In this sense, it's similar to Minecraft: fight monsters while maintaining a base. Palworld has sold more than six million copies and often has over two million people playing online simultaneously.

MATURE CONTENT



While Palworld may look cute and cuddly, the game does have its more mature moments. For example, if you try to catch a Pal and don't succeed, the game displays a mild swear word. There are also minor references to inhumane acts like slavery when getting your Pals to perform certain tasks for you. While the presentation is intended to be humorous, this could still be seen as being in poor taste.

VIOLENCE



Palworld has been referred to as "Pokémon with guns" and with good reason. As the game progresses, Pals can be given firearms, explosives and other weapons, allowing them to fight by the player's side. There are several moments where cute animals use these guns to kill other Pals or fight against bosses. The violence is cartoonish and bloodless, but it's present.

SUGGESTIVE WRITING



Some of the Pals' descriptions – found in the game menu – can be very suggestive and adult in nature. The game makes a joke of balancing on the line between age-appropriate and mature content: playing on the contrast between the two while never being outright explicit. While it's possible that younger players won't notice this content, it's just as conceivable that they will.

ONLINE PLAY



Palworld can be played with other people online. On Xbox, players can only play with people on their friends list. On PC, however, up to 32 players can share in the same game, playing in a large online world, and these players may not necessarily be known to the host beforehand. It can be quite complicated to set up these servers. However, it can be quite complicated to set up these servers (online worlds) and they cost money to keep active.

DIFFICULTY



Despite its endearing visuals, Palworld is actually an extremely difficult game in places: defeating bosses, catching Pals and exploring the environment can all be very tricky. It takes a lot of skill – or working together with a friend – to be successful, which could be off-putting or even aggravating to a player expecting something more like Minecraft or Pokémon.

Advice for Parents & Educators

WATCH GAMEPLAY



Watching gameplay and reviews for Palworld on sites like YouTube is the best available means of gathering information on it, second only to playing it for yourself. Currently, there are plenty of videos showing this game off to the internet at large, along with detailed breakdowns of what can be found or done within it.

LEND A HAND



By learning the basics of the game – Pal catching, battling, crafting items and building up a base – you can help to lower the difficulty for younger players. This, in turn, decreases the likelihood that such players will need to look online for tips and tricks, where they could quite easily stumble across more violent and mature content associated with the game.

SET CONTENT LIMITS



As Palworld is available on Xbox Game Pass, it's easy for players to access it. Any player subscribed to this service can simply find the title on Game Pass and hit the download button. If a child or young person isn't allowed to play Palworld, the best way to prevent them downloading it regardless is to enable age limits on their account. Setting the limit below 12 will not allow users to install Palworld.

PLAY TOGETHER

PLACE BOUNDARIES



OUR SCHOOLS ARE



Support Staff Vacancies



Job	Cleaning Assistant
School	Archbishop Holgate's School
Details	Required as soon as possible Currently £11.52 per hour Part Time: 20 hours per week, Term Time Only Hours of work: Mon-Fri, 3.30-7.30pm
Closes	N/A

Job	After School Club Manager
School	Rufforth Primary School
Details	Grade 5 Level 1 Monday to Friday – 3pm – 6.15pm term time only plus 8 hours per year for training requirements. There could be flexibility regarding working hours.
Closes	N/A

Job	Teacher
School	Huntington Primary Academy
Details	Grade M1 – M6 Maternity Cover, anticipated to be for two terms from 1 September 2024
Closes	Sunday 9th June at Midnight

Job	Teaching Assistant
School	Huntington Primary Academy
Details	Grade CD SCP 3-4 (£22,737- £23,114) reduced pro rata 30 hours per week, 8.40—3.10 daily. Term time only, Fixed term to 31 August 2025
Closes	Sunday 9th June at Midnight

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Job	Teaching Assistant
School	Huntington Primary Academy
Details	Grade CD SCP 3-4 (£22,737- £23,114) reduced pro rata. 18 hours per week, 8.40—3.10 Wednesday—Friday. Term time only, Fixed term contract to 31 August 2025 Start date: 2nd September 2024
Closes	Sunday 9th June at Midnight

Job	Teaching Assistant Level 2—Early Years Nursery
School	Tang Hall Primary School
Details	Level 2 Teaching Assistant— Grade 4 Level 1-4 (£23,045 – £24,213 reduced pro-rata) 20 hours per week (11.30am to 3:30pm, Monday through to Friday)
Closes	10th June 2024 at Midday

Job	Teaching Assistant Level 2
School	Tang Hall Primary School
Details	32.5 hours per week (8:30am to 3:30pm) Level 2 Teaching Assistant— Grade 4 Level 1-4 (£23,045 – £24,213 reduced pro-rata) The role is Permanent, term time only.
Closes	10th June 2024 at Midday

Job	Teaching Assistant
School	Poppleton Road Primary School
Details	TA2 Grade 4, level 1 –4 (£23,045 – £24,213 per annum, reduced pro rata). 29 hours 15 mins, Monday – Friday 8.45am to 3.15pm (including some lunch and break duties). Required from September 2024.
Closes	10th June 2024 at Midnight

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Job	Teacher of PE
School	Archbishop Holgate's School
Details	Mainscale Required from September 2024
Closes	10th June 2024 at 09.00am

Job	Assistant Estates and Facilities Manager
School	Pathfinder Multi Academy Trust
Details	Required as soon as possible Full Time: 37 hours per week, full year Grade: 9 Level 1-4 currently £35,737 – £40,230 Starting point negotiable depending on experience
Closes	14th June 2024 at 08.00am

Job	Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
School	Archbishop Holgate's School
Details	Grade 9 (currently £35,737-£40,230 pa). Part Time, 3 or 4 days per week, Full Year. Required from September 2024.
Closes	17th June 2024 at 08.00am

Job	Teacher of Science
School	Archbishop Holgate's School
Details	Mainscale/UPS. Required from September 2024
Closes	18th June 2024 at 08.00am