

OCTOBER

Monday 23rd

Open Day/Afternoon 1.30-3.30pm

Thursday 19th-NEW DATE
School photographer (9am)

Friday 20th

Harvest Assembly 9.30am

Thursday 26th

Leeds Mosque & Armouries trip
(Conkers & Oak Trees only)

FOLS Halloween Disco 5.15-6.30pm
£5/child includes drink, snack and
party games with games to be won!
All children welcome-inc nursery

NOVEMBER

Monday 6th-Thursday 9th

Parent/teacher consultations

Week beginning 13th

Extra-curricular clubs start

Monday 13th

Wear odd socks day

Friday 17th

Children In Need Day

Friday 17th

Leavening's Got Talent 1.30pm

Thursday 30th

EYFS (nursery and reception) stay and
play session 9am until 10am

DECEMBER

Thursday 7th

FOLS Non Uniform/Christmas jumper –
exchange for a tombola prize
Parent/carer & child Christmas craft
afternoon

Friday 8th

Christmas Fair – 3.15pm-5pm

Thursday 14th

Pantomime trip-details to follow!

Friday 15th

Christmas productions 9.30am & 2pm
with coffee, mince pies & FOLS Xmas
hamper raffle

Monday 18th

Extra-curricular clubs finish this week
Tues 19th

FOLS Movie afternoon – 3.15pm-5pm

Thursday 21st

Christmas lunch and parties(pm)

Hello from Mr Robinson - Chair of Governors

"It's great to be back at school in this amazing weather. We welcome new school meals which have gone down really well. Well done Hayley! If anyone is willing to try out freedom from pack lunch duties let Susie know in the school office.

For the lucky ones there was a great Peat Rigg outdoor activity trip which saw Miss Templeman thrown in at the deep end and swimming so well. Other new bugs include Mr Mortimer who has already called for lots of discarded cardboard boxes and we expect great things of his creative abilities.

It's been a very positive start. Well done to every member of staff and to the Head teacher for leading the school as she does.

I'm very pleased to say Emma Isaac (Henry's mum) has joined to the School Governing Body as well as being treasurer of Friends of Leavening Schools (FoLS) committee who really do make a difference by raising money for our school

Half term and Halloween 🎃 are nearly here hurrah!"

-James Robinson



EMMA ISAACS - ASSOCIATE GOVERNOR

"I lived in Greece for 16 years; I loved learning the language and culture while working in a restaurant and planning weddings. I returned to the UK in 2013 and now live in Norton with my family. I feel very lucky to have Leavening Primary School.

My youngest son loves it there. My middle-son is autistic and non-verbal. He attends a school in Scarborough. My eldest son Thomas is in his twenties.

I am a very passionate person and love a challenge. I am now studying for my Positive Psychology diploma after completing my Psychology and Counselling diploma. I love to help out at the school any way I can. I am looking forward to being a part of the governing board."

School Attendance

Week commencing: 02/10/2023:

Our school weekly attendance was: 93.7%

This was below the primary national average attendance: 95.1%

Attendance **this week** so far: **93.0%**

Attendance **this term** so far: **95.5%**

Recent highlights from Oak Trees

During the week we have had a lot of fun and done a lot of learning!

This week we have completed a science experiment where we tested the muffling ability of different materials. From cardboard to sleeping bags, year 5 and 6 pupils were able to find out what the best material was to make noise cancelling headphones.

Year 3 and 4 made some pan pipes to test out the different pitch of instruments depending on the different lengths! We have continued our autobiography writing this week and have been learning how to edit our work to be the best it can be. Year 5 and 6 have been enjoying their swimming lessons and I can see their confidence growing each week. We also enjoyed wearing yellow to support Hello Yellow day!



Keep it up Oak Trees!



SCHOOL NOTICES

WATERPROOF ALL-IN-ONES - PLEA REQUEST FOR SCHOOL!

We are in desperate need of waterproof all in ones (with hoods) for our reception children (with hoods). If anyone has any spares or out-grown ones that they no longer need, we would be very grateful for them. Ideally age 7-8 but we are happy to accept any sizes for children to wear over clothes. Thank you in advance.

OAK TREES HOMEWORK

This is due on the 19th of October so please can you ensure your child has completed this.

We will be holding a homework celebration to share all of our hard work with each other in class however Miss Templeman will share photos of the celebration on Class Dojo so parents and carers can see all the fantastic work being produced.

HELLO YELLOW DAY

Thank you for all the support and donations towards this event.

The children all looked great in their yellow clothing and enjoyed the assembly about children's mental health and well-being.

If you have not yet done so, please do consider donating to this very worthwhile cause: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/helloyellow2023>



HARVEST ASSEMBLY

The Harvest assembly this year will take place on **Friday 20th October at 9.30am.**

Parents and carers are very welcome to join us in this event. We would be most grateful for any donations to Ryedale foodbank to be donated the morning of the assembly including:

Breakfast cereal, soup, pasta, rice, pasta sauce, baked beans, tinned meat, tinned vegetables, instant mash, UHT milk, tea, coffee, sugar, tinned dessert and biscuits as well as toiletries and cleaning products

Thank you in advance for your support with this.



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

AMONG US

A multiplayer 'social deduction' game set in outer space, Among Us enjoyed a surge in popularity in 2020, and has since maintained a dedicated fan-base (globally, around 60 million regular players each month) thanks to its unique nature, simple premise and ease of access across numerous platforms. The game's on-screen action revolves around danger, disguise and deception – and there are certain parallels to be drawn with some of the real-life risks that parents and carers of young Among Us players need to be aware of.

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

SENSITIVE PREMISE

In Among Us, up to three players are secretly assigned to be alien imposters, tasked with murdering their colleagues while the survivors try to unmask them. While the concept's not far removed from traditional games like Wink Murder or TV shows such as *The Traitors*, some parents may feel uncomfortable about their child playing a video game in which deception and killing are prioritised.

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

The on-screen death of characters may be fundamental to the gameplay of Among Us, but the majority of the animations depicting this are deliberately cartoonish and only appear very briefly. However, it is worth bearing in mind that the game has a PEGI age rating of 7 – meaning that certain elements (however heavily stylised they may be) could still upset some younger players.

CHAT BETWEEN PLAYERS

With up to 15 people participating in each game online, a large part of Among Us' appeal is speculating with fellow players who the imposters might be and making accusations. This dialogue through the in-game text chat can occasionally become heated – and could, of course, involve your child being put into contact with people (including adults) who they don't know in real life.

GOING OFF PLATFORM

While Among Us provides basic ways to communicate, many gamers prefer to use external services such as Discord: a popular app which offers voice and video chat functions. These undeniably make cooperation easier, but also create a potential route for children to hear inappropriate language – or for strangers to message them privately in an environment which isn't regulated by the game itself.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

Among Us is free to download on mobile devices, and costs less than £5 to obtain on console and PC. A related longer-term pitfall, though, is that the game also includes options to pay for upgrades such as removing ads on the mobile version or adding cosmetic touches to characters (such as different costumes). It's certainly possible that a child could spend a significant sum without realising it.

Advice for Parents & Carers

CONSIDER SOFTER ALTERNATIVES

Although Among Us is hugely popular with young gamers, it's possible that some children might find the murder themes unsettling. If so, plenty of similar social deduction games are available (in both digital and traditional board game formats) which downplay the potentially grislier elements: some centre around undercover spies, for instance, and there's even a Marvel superhero-themed variant.

CHAT ABOUT CHATTING

You might feel it's prudent to talk to your child about the risks associated with voice chat while gaming, explaining in particular that strangers online aren't always who they claim to be. Keeping the conversation relaxed will reinforce your child's confidence that they can always come to you with any online concerns – not just about Among Us, but any potential future issues as well.

DISCUSS DISCORD

In general, Discord is an excellent app for keeping online communities together because of its use of dedicated individual servers, which allow comprehensive control over who can join – and who can't. Once you're familiar with the platform, you could set up a secure server for your child and their friends to communicate during games of Among Us, with no access for people they don't know.

AMONG US, AMONG FRIENDS

When your child and their friends get together, they can enjoy a private game of Among Us by choosing a 'local' lobby – that is, only people connected to the same WiFi (your home network, for example) can enter. This prevents any random online users – who may be total strangers – from joining and removes the need for voice chat, as the players are all physically in the same location.

STOP SURPRISE SPENDING

If you're concerned about the possibility of your child racking up an unexpected bill on Among Us' microtransactions, you could consider using a prepaid card with a set limit. Likewise, you could specify in the game's options that adult authorisation is required for every purchase – or you could make sure that no payment methods are enabled on the device that your child plays the game on.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GGRecon and has worked in the gaming media for around four years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent who understands the value of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar.



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National Online Safety

#WakeUpWednesday



JOIN US FOR OUR

Halloween Disco



THURSDAY | 5.15PM - 6.30PM
26TH OCTOBER

Leavening Primary School
Please Confirm Your Place
via ParentPay

£5

includes a drink & snack



Healthy Families – a new healthy living service for families in North Yorkshire

Information for Professionals and Families

- **Healthy Families** is a new, **free healthy living service for families** across North Yorkshire.
- The service helps families remotely (virtually) over a number of months to make small changes to their lifestyles, all from the comfort of their homes.
- It also signposts families to physical activity and leisure opportunities in their local area and provides information on other useful topics and support such as mental health and wellbeing, sleep, and help with the cost of living.
- The service is for **children and young people aged 4-19 years** (up to aged 25 years for those with SEND) who would like some help with healthy weight and lifestyles. Families must be a resident or registered with a GP practice or school in North Yorkshire.
- **Families can self-refer** (or **professionals can refer them**) by:
 - emailing active.health@brimhamsactive.co.uk
 - calling the team on 01423 556106
 - using the referral form (for professional referral) here:



Healthy families
referral form March 2

- For more information please visit: [Healthy families – Brimhams Active](#)



Healthy Families service is a remote **free, confidential 12 session programme** to fit around your family to support children and young people aged **4 - 19 years** in North Yorkshire, to achieve and maintain a healthy lifestyle.

Providing personalised support, your Health and Wellbeing Coach will guide you through your journey to keep you on track to achieve your healthy lifestyle goals.

Together we will explore a fully holistic approach to becoming more active and eating well by making small positive changes without breaking the bank.

For more information please contact our Brimham's Active Healthy Families team on: **01423 556106** or via our email active.health@brimhamsactive.co.uk

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Other useful information for families on healthy living

- Visit www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/childrens-weight and <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-weight/childrens-weight/> for lots of handy tips such as ideas for getting **moving more**, or **healthy food swaps**.
- Have a look at <https://thegoto.org.uk/> for ideas on looking after your **mental health and wellbeing**.
- For information on **things to do in your area** see: <https://www.northyorkshiresport.co.uk/participate> and <https://northyorkshireconnect.org.uk/>
- For help with the cost of living go to <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/cost-living-support>
- If you have any concerns or are worried about your child's health and wellbeing please contact your family doctor.

OPEN DAY



Look and learn beyond the classroom | Have high aspirations and fulfil our potential
Care, share and belong | Lead, teach and learn with passion

MONDAY 23RD OCT: 1.30PM-3.30PM

FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS & CARERS OF: NURSERY-AGE CHILDREN (3YRS OLD) AND CHILDREN STARTING IN RECEPTION SEPT 2024



- Regular tours with our pupils
- Meet the staff
- Chat with our Headteacher
- See the pupils learning first hand
- Outstanding outdoor learning provision



All welcome.

Please contact the school and make an appointment:

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