

NEWSLETTER

Thursday 27th February 2025

Spring 2 Term

TERM DATES

MARCH

6/3/25 Popup library in school

19/3/25 Yr5/6 Basketball

Tournament. Leaving school 12.30pm

W/C 24/3/25

Parent/Teacher Consultations

26/3/25 FOLS Easter Movie

Afternoon. 3.15pm-5pm. £5/child

27/3/25 Popup library in school

28/3/25 Spring concert all welcome.
9.30am

31/3/25 RockSteady concert. 9.15am.

APRIL

2/4/25 Malton School Science Bus

4/4/25 End of term

7-18th Half term

21/4/25 Bank holiday

22/4/25 Start of term

24/4/25 Swimming starts for
Yrs 3&4

30/4/25 KS2 Cross Country &
Rounders. Leaving school 12.30pm

MAY

2/5/25 Tea & Talk Event at Leavening
Allotment. Meet at school at morning
dropoff time.

W/C 12/5/25 KS2 SATS Week

22/5/25 FOLS Family Quiz

5pm-6.30pm. All welcome!

JUNE

W/C 9/6/25 Year 1 Phonics
Screening

12/6/25 Sports Day

18/6/25 Yr3/4 Basketball

Tournament. 1pm start

19/6/25 Reserve Sports Day

JULY

3/7/25 Reports out

W/C 7/7/25 Transition week.

Children move classes in preparation
for Sept 2025.

11/7/25 End of year show

Performances at 9.30am & 2pm

16/7/25 Yr 1/2 Summer Sports

Tournament. 1pm start

18/7/25 End of year celebration
assembly followed by rounders &
parents lunch for Yr6 pupils

Hello everyone,

Welcome to Spring term 2 and our new topic of "Muck, Mess and Mixtures!" As the weather improves, we will be aiming to use our school field and Multiuser Games Area daily and so please ensure that children have suitable coats and footwear each day as the ground is still a little boggy with the remnants of winter.

We will be holding our parent/carers and teacher consultations during the week beginning 24th March 2025. Appointments are ready to book and so please do so via the school office. We strongly encourage all parents and carers to attend these meetings, even if you do not have any questions or concerns to discuss. It is important that you know how your child is doing across all aspects of school life and how you can support them. These meetings are only 10 minutes per child and are very informal and relaxed.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

All my very best wishes



Sian Mitchell

Headteacher

School Attendance

10 February 2025 - 14 February 2025

Our school weekly attendance was: 94.4%

This was above the primary national average of **94.3%**

Attendance **this week** so far: **93.5%**

Attendance **this term** so far: **93.8%**

Our Safeguarding Team at Leavening CP School:

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is: **Mrs Mitchell**

Our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead is: **Mrs Bennett** | Our Safeguarding Governor is: **Mrs Isaacs**

Traffic Management Plan

This can be found on our website. We strongly encourage parents and carers to read it.

It can be accessed, along with our other school policies, using this link:

<http://leavening.n-yorks.sch.uk/policies/>

Education from the National Crime Agency

The CEOP Education programme aims to help you support your children to be safer online from sexual abuse.

They need your invaluable feedback to help them deliver this in the most helpful way for you. By completing their questionnaire, you will help them understand and shape their information, guidance and resources for parents and carers and, in turn, better protect children. By completing their questionnaire and providing them with your invaluable feedback on what they currently offer, you will help them do this.

Please follow this link: <https://go.ceopeducation.co.uk/e/1070903/r-CEOPEducationPCfeedback/b5ps88/1731433039/h/G5QHKmRou7Wz2WxNYv68XerJO3NzX4hz3afv3ybcogg> or scan the QR code below to be taken to the questionnaire. It will take approximately 10 minutes to complete, and your responses will be anonymous.

You will need to be able to access the CEOP Education parent and carer website: www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents to answer some of the questions.



Thank you for your time and support.



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Crime Agency

Open The Book

We had our brilliant friends from 'Open the Book' visit our school again! The children loved joining in with the story of Joseph and his brothers.

We loved singing the songs! This was a lovely highlight of the week.

The story was left on a cliff hanger, so we are excited to welcome the team back soon to find out what happens next!



Recent Highlights from Conkers

Dodgeball Tournament

Before half term, the Key Stage One children had a fabulous time at Malton School, competing in a local schools' dodgeball tournament. Teamwork was strong, energy high and the highlight of the whole afternoon occurred when the school coordinator commented that "Leavening makes my job easy; you guys are the 'happy team'". Indeed we were! Well done team; a great afternoon was had by all!



Lego Workshop

In the final week of term, the whole school participated in a Lego workshop hosted by Steven from Creative Builders Workshops. The children created their own futuristic cities as a 'landing' activity for our 'Tomorrow's World' whole school theme. All children were required to think creatively, problem solve and work as a part of a team - all of the key skills we endeavour to promote here at Leavening! A huge thank you to Steven - the children thoroughly enjoyed their day (as did the adults!).



Recent Highlights from Oak Trees

Big Sing Event

On Friday 14th February, Oak Trees Class participated in the first ever Big Sing coordinated by Mrs Stockill with Mr Lee (Malton School) and Miss Copley (Singing with Miss Nicky) hosted at Malton School. We were joined by St Mary's School Malton's Singing Squad, Malton School Choir and Malton School Chamber Choir. It was great to see some of our alumni performing too. What an amazing afternoon of music making we enjoyed - each group performed their own songs and then we all performed together in a choir of approximately 80 students ranging from age 8 to 18.

It was inspiring to see the older children singing and really rewarding to sing in a massed choir in which we could hear each and everyone of our voices. Thank you to Malton School and Mr Lee for the fabulous backdrop you created and for the lovely refreshments too. This was quite a different and nerve-wracking experience for Oak Trees class as we performed in quite an intimate setting - in Malton School's 'theatre' with a real stage, lighting and a sound crew! Our huge audience filled the raked seating and we couldn't see them at all when we performed as it all went dark other than the lights on us!

Oak Trees class excelled themselves and performed to an incredibly high standard with passion and accuracy. Several members of staff had tears in their eyes when we rehearsed in the afternoon. Behaviour and manners were excellent. Thank you Oak Trees class, you were amazing.





Malton School

A Specialist Science School

WE WILL ROCK YOU

SCHOOL EDITION

Music and Lyrics by QUEEN
Story and Script by BEN ELTON

Tue 25 – Fri 28 March 2025, 7pm

Malton School Studio Theatre

Tickets: West Wing Reception or call 01653 692828

Communication and Interaction

SLCN Advice Session for Parents & Carers

'Come and talk to us for advice and support around all aspects of your child's speech, language & communication skills'.

Where & When

- 4th April 2025, 10:00am - 1:00pm at Eastfield Community Library, High St, Scarborough, YO11 3LL.
- 23rd April 2025, 1:00pm – 4:00pm at Malton Library, 6 Saint Michael Street, Malton, YO12 7LJ.
- 25th April 2025, 1:00pm - 4:00pm at Whitby & District Children's Centre, Byland Road, Whitby, YO21 1HY.
- 29th April 2025, 2:00pm – 4:00pm, at Cherry Tree Children's Centre, Cherry Tree Avenue, Scarborough, YO12 5HL
- 2nd May 2025, 1:00pm – 3:00pm at Atmosphere Children and Family Hub, The Old Court House, Malton Road, Pickering, YO18 7JJ
- 9th May 2025, 10:00am – 12:00noon at Newby and Scalby Library, 450 Scalby Road, Scarborough, YO12 6EE.

Who will be there?

Helen Hunter - Speech, Language & Communication Needs Specialist

Amancay Topping - Speech & Language Therapist

Charlotte McIntyre - Speech & Language Therapy Assistant

Zoe Green - Speech & Language Therapy Assistant

Please contact us to book a slot, or for any queries

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Services for disabled children and young people in Ryedale

RYEDALE SPECIAL FAMILIES

1 to 1 Flexible Care Service

A support worker supports a child/young person/young adult on a 1-to-1 basis, in the home or in the community. This is a paid for service. Includes (not an exhaustive list);

- Extra support for parents in the home
- Supporting a child in the community e.g. swimming/cubs/brownies
- Supporting a young adult at a daytime activity

Junior Club

A leisure group for 8 to 12 year olds, they participate in a variety of activities including swimming, sports, crafts, play parks. Sessions run monthly on a Saturday.

Youth Group

Youth group for 13 to 18 year olds, based at Kirkbymisperton Village Hall. Term-time on Thursday evening 6.00 to 8.00pm.

RSF Q & A

An LGBTQ+ group for disabled young people, meeting monthly for social events and exploring ways to promote equality and diversity.

Over 18's

Fortnightly sessions on Friday evenings for 18 to 25 year olds, mixing leisure activities with social and independence skills.

Education

RSF, as an Alternative Provider, can support children and young people with education & life skills when they are unable to attend mainstream or special schools.

School Holiday sessions

5 hour activity sessions in the summer school holidays, groups are for 5 to 12 year olds and 13 to 18 year olds and Over 18s. Activities are based in the community covering trips out, sports, music, crafts etc.

Transport

RSF can sometimes arrange transport to and from all the above services where families may have difficulty accessing a service.

THERE MAY BE A COST INCURRED WITH THE ABOVE ACTIVITIES

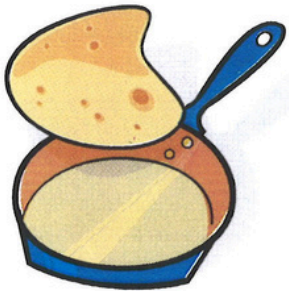
Contact us

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Pancakes

Shrove Tuesday

4th March



3 to 6pm



Leavening Church

Donations to the
Food Bank

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about MARVEL RIVALS



ESRB advise nobody under the age of 13 should play

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Marvel Rivals launched in December 2024 and amassed a player count of nearly 150,000 in mere weeks. This player versus player (PvP) shooter packs in a host of recognisable comic-book characters, pitting two teams of six against each other. Despite the game's cartoonish nature, there are several potential risks for parents and educators to be aware of.

IN-GAME CHAT

Voice chat allows players to speak to teammates and opponents within the game, but in a competitive environment, some conversations can become unpleasant. Text chat is equally prominent among those playing on PC and will be shown on the side of the screen. Moderation on chats is relatively lax, so it's important to recognise that potentially inappropriate messages could arrive at any time.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

While Marvel Rivals is free, there is an in-game store, selling character skins from recognisable movies and comic-book titles. Each season also includes a £10 Battle Pass (much like those seen in Fortnite and Call of Duty), offering a series of exclusive cosmetic items. These passes don't expire – but they can't be purchased once the next season rolls around, creating a fear of missing out.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With such a huge player base, it's impossible to predict whom your child will be teaming up with or playing against. They're virtually certain to run into strangers through voice and text chat, for starters. Most of these people will just be ordinary gamers enjoying the action, but there is the risk of some users behaving inappropriately with younger players – either intentionally, or because they don't realise that they're speaking to a child.

VIOLENT CONTENT

There's no gore in Marvel Rivals, and the violence depicted is comparatively cartoonish – but the playable characters available vary between more traditional superheroes and supervillains, and figures like Black Widow and The Punisher, who use more realistic firearms. Given the game's nature as a shooter, this may make some parents and carers uncomfortable as some players will be firing these weapons at each other.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

The game includes some innuendos and mature themes in the dialogue, which could expose youngsters to content unsuitable for their age, detracting from a safe and family-friendly gaming experience. As we mentioned previously, the content of the in-game chat could also be age-inappropriate, ranging from swearing to mature themes to potentially harmful content.

FAMILIAR CHARACTERS

The inclusion of iconic characters might make Marvel Rivals appear more approachable than other games in the genre, with recognisable heroes and villains like Spider-Man and Venom. This could lead to more interest from younger players, increasing the likelihood of children playing the game without properly understanding the risks.

Advice for Parents & Educators

FOLLOW ESRB RATINGS

The ESRB rating for Marvel Rivals says the game shouldn't be played by anyone under 13. Most children of that age will be able to appreciate the moral compass of the roster of characters (people can play as Hela, the Goddess of Death, for example), while also ensuring that the violence, however cartoonish, won't overwhelm them.



FAMILIARISE YOURSELF

The game's inclusion of fan-favourite characters like Iron Man and the Hulk, plus its increasing popularity, means that younger Marvel fans will likely be eager to see what the fuss is about. Since it's free, consider playing Marvel Rivals yourself to gauge how you feel about a child playing it. Alternatively, you could let them play against the game's AI in Practice Mode, until they're old enough to compete online.

MONITOR OR TURN OFF CHAT

Voice and text chat can both be adjusted within the in-game settings. If you're particularly concerned about exposing children and young people to them, however, you can disable both forms of chat in the game's settings. If a child wants to play alongside friends, remind them that they can use their console's party chat feature or host a call on a third-party service like Discord.



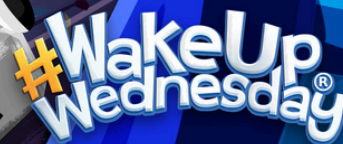
DISCONNECT PAYMENT OPTIONS

Parents should ensure that no payment options – such as debit cards – are linked to the game, to prevent unauthorised purchases and charges. Children can be tempted by enticing in-game offers without fully understanding the costs. Removing payment methods avoids impulsive in-game spending and instils a sense of financial awareness, teaching young people to be careful with their money.



Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Games Editor at the Daily Star and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for five years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, he has been published on sites including IGN, TechRadar and plenty more.



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