

# NEWSLETTER

Thursday 27th March 2025

Spring 2 Term

Hello everyone.

We look forward to welcoming you to our Springtime Concert held at school tomorrow at 9.30am. As usual there will be refreshments on sale from 8.45am with donations going towards the Friends of Leavening School. Thank you to Mrs Stockill for arranging this showcase of our musical talents at Leavening. This will be followed with another excellent musical performance on Monday 31st March when all of our children in reception to Year 6 will perform in their bands at our rocksteady concert.

I would like to say how beautifully engaged and behaved all of the children were on the whole school visit to Piglets Farm last week. All the adults who attended the visit commented on what a pleasure the children were. We are always very proud of our children and how they conduct themselves and represent our school.

A reminder that after easter we will become an 'early adopter' school for the free 30 minute breakfast club initiative from our government. This is available to all children in reception to Year 6 and if you would like to use this provision you need to contact the school office. We ask that you book at least 24 hours in advance for planning purposes. Mrs Kemp has communicated separately about this, but I would like to reiterate that we would encourage our families to use this, even if only some of the time. In order for these initiatives to be sustainable, we need our community to engage with them.

Wishing you a super weekend.



Sian Mitchell  
Headteacher

## School Attendance

17 March 2025 - 21 March 2025

**Our school weekly attendance was: 97.1%**

This was above the primary national average of **94.9%**

Attendance **this week** so far: **95.0%**

Attendance **this term** so far: **94.4%**

## TERM DATES

### MARCH

**28/3/25** Spring concert 9.30am.

Refreshments from 8.45am.

**31/3/25** RockSteady concert. 9.15am.

Please arrive at 9.10am prompt.

*Only 1 parent/carer per child to watch  
due to hall space restrictions*

### APRIL

**2/4/25** Malton School Science Bus

**3/4/25** Non-uniform day

**3/4/25** FOLS Chocolate Bingo

**4/4/25** End of term

**7-18th** Easter break

**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  
drop-off time.

**W/C 12/5/25** KS2 SATS Week

**22/5/25** FOLS Family Quiz  
5pm-6.30pm. All welcome!

**W/C 26/5/25** Half term week

### 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

**20/6/25** Scarecrow Village Festival

### JULY

**3/7/25** Reports out

**5 and 6/7/25** Leavening BBQ & Fete

**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

**18/7/25** Last day of term

## 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**

# Good Attendance means...

Being in school at least 97% of the time or 184 to 190 days

### Remember

Education is important - don't miss out!

### Did you know?

A two week holiday in term-time means that the highest attendance a child can achieve is

**94.7%**



## Good attendance affirmations...

- Good attendance at school is not just about learning, it's essential for your child's wellbeing.
- Good attendance will help your child make friends and develop social skills.
- Good attendance will help your child learn life skills, team values and have fun.
- Good attendance will support your child with a more well-rounded cultural awareness.
- Good attendance will support your child in learning more about possible career pathways.

## Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school or nursery when they're unwell. If you do keep your child at home, you must phone the school office and report their absence by 8.30am.

For further NHS guidance, please see their website:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school>

# SCHOOL AND VILLAGE COMMUNITY REMINDERS

## Springtime concert: 28/3/25

All welcome. 9.30am start. Refreshments available from drop off. Duration approx 70mins

## RockSteady concert: 31/3/25 9.15am

Please arrive at 9.10am prompt via the office. Only 1 parent/carer per child to watch due to hall space restrictions

## FOLS Chocolate Bingo event: 03/04/25 | 5pm to 6.30pm

Tickets for this fun event will be on sale from the office *very soon - watch this space!*

**Adult tickets: £5/each | Child tickets: £3/each.**

This entertaining evening will take place in the school hall. We encourage parents to bring their own snacks/nibbles for their table. We will be having a 'donation bar' with various refreshments on offer, in return for a donation towards FoLS. Can we please remind parents to bring in a chocolate donation (which will be the prizes for this event) in exchange for the **non uniform day on the same day (3rd April)**. Prizes of chocolate treats (such as easter eggs and bars of chocolate) should be brought in on the day. Please support the school with this event if you can 😊

## Year 3 and 4 swimming reminder - Summer Term (starting weekly 24/04/25-22/5/25)

In the Summer 1 term, swimming lessons will take place for children in Years 3 and 4.

Please ensure you have completed the consent form for your child; outlining their swimming ability.

These need to be returned to school by Monday 31st March. Payment for the lessons is via ParentPay.

## Leavening Summer Community BBQ and Fete - 05/07/25 and 06/07/25

Leavening Parish Council and Events team are organising this over the weekend of 5th July. There will be a community BBQ with music on the Saturday evening and the full village fete with games, performances and stalls on the Sunday. We are in talks with the committee for Leavening School choir to participate. Confirmed times and details TBC. We will also be selling ice lollies and running a 'hook a duck' stall raising funds for FOLS.

**If you can help with this for a short time (we can create a rota), please get in touch with the office.**

Your support would be very much appreciated.

## VE Day Beacon Lighting - 08/05/25 at 9pm

This will include a short commemoration ceremony at the Picnic Site

## Scarecrow Fest in Leavening - 20/06/25

This opens in the Village – its back this year with the them of characters from Children's literature with a trail and prizes to be won – announced at the Village Fete

## Parent and carer 'Tea and Talk' 02/05/25 at 9am at our allotment

Mrs Mitchell would like to warmly invite as many of you as possible to our next 'Tea and Talk' parent and carer session which will be held on Friday 2nd May at 9am.

This time, we will be heading to the school allotment to get our hands dirty and tend to our plot with some weeding, planting and chatting. In return we will equip you with a breakfast bap and a hot drink before we start, sat at the allotment enjoying the magnificent views of the Wolds.

We will meet in the hall at drop off and make hot drinks/gather our equipment etc before we head off together at 9am. All we ask is that you bring your wellies and a lidded mug/thermos flask/camping chair and let the office know in advance if you can join us and whether you would like a bacon bap, sausage bap or veggie sausage bap.

Please can all interest be expressed by Monday 28th April

These sessions have been really well attended this year and we are keen to carry them on but with a different take in the warmer weather.





# Netball & Basketball Tournament

Oak Trees had a fantastic time at the netball and basketball tournament. They represented our school beautifully and were great sports! Well done to the teams for their super effort. All the children came back proud and happy after having so much fun!

Great job year 5 and 6!

## Piglets Adventure Farm Trip - 14th March 2025

Our school and nursery children had a lovely time at Piglets farm last Friday. All children behaved beautifully and were great representatives of the school. The children loved hearing about how the farmers look after the lambs and the dedication it takes during lambing season.

We listened to information about how the site is run throughout the year.

There were some fantastic opportunities to work as a team, practise listening and communicating, and have fun through hands on learning. Some Oak Trees children used their knowledge of rivers to build one in the sand area!

We ended the day in the play barn where children built up the courage to go down the big drop slide! There was some lovely encouragement from peers and lots of people challenged themselves to face their fear! Well done everyone!



# Early Adopter FREE breakfast club offer

This new scheme will offer FREE daily breakfast club provision to ALL children in **Reception to Year 6** from **8.05am-8.35am**. After this time, they will be supervised until the start of school at 8.45am.

Children can enjoy a healthy breakfast **at no cost**.

This includes a choice of cereal, toast with preserves, fruit, yoghurt, fresh juice and water along with themed breakfasts on special occasions.

Food allergies are catered for.

Breakfast club takes place in the Learning Zone.

Engaging activities are planned each morning and led by our existing school staff; Miss Woodcock, Mrs Isaacs, Mrs Taylor and Ms Kemp.

Breakfast club will still continue to run as usual from **7.30am** for those needing provision at an earlier time.

For the duration of this scheme for the summer term-

Any child (Reception-Year 6) that arrives **before the free 8.05am** session- will be charged at a **reduced** rate of **£3.50/child** (usual rate: £4/child).

**To book your child into Breakfast club** and take advantage of this scheme, please email the office- [admin@leavening.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@leavening.n-yorks.sch.uk) giving at least 24hrs notice before the date of the booking. Remember, you may book in for the occasional morning or just for a couple of mornings a week; it does not have to be a regular commitment.



*"Out of 10, I would give Breakfast Club an 11"*

(Jenny, a regular pupil at Breakfast Club)





Humber and North Yorkshire  
Health and Care Partnership



**Healthier Together**

Improving the health and wellbeing of babies, children  
and young people in Humber and North Yorkshire



**LET'S  
MAKE  
SENSE**  
*together.*

**Let's Make Sense Together** is a free resource that anyone can use. It provides information and support to children and young people with sensory processing differences.

On the Healthier Together Webpage you can find a series of videos to help parents, carers, teachers, and others who support children with sensory processing differences. You'll also find helpful advice sheets and links to other support and information.

All information has been created by local therapists.

[www.hnyhealthiertogether.nhs.uk/parents-carers/your-childs-development/lets-make-sense-together](http://www.hnyhealthiertogether.nhs.uk/parents-carers/your-childs-development/lets-make-sense-together)

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NHS Foundation Trust

An update on

# WELLBEING FOR SCHOOL PARENTS

From [inourplace.co.uk](https://inourplace.co.uk)

An NHS learning space developed by psychologists



## March 2025

Inourplace is funded in your area to provide your family with free access to expert learning about childhood development, wellbeing, brain changes, and much more to help you to connect with your children and make sure they thrive.

Here's a quick round up of what we think is great on **Inourplace** this month.

### Emotional health learning for teens and preteens



#### Understanding your brain and feelings (for teenagers only!)

Listen to what teenagers think of our online courses for teens

[\(5 minute watch\)](#)

### Preparing for the move up in school



#### Moving up

A digital hub of resources for parents of nursery, Reception and Year 6 children to support them to thrive as they move up in school

[\(easy reads and watch digital hub\)](#)

**Anxiety: all feelings welcome**



## Understanding anxiety

A Clinical Psychologist's view on anxiety and how to keep it in check

[\(3 minute watch\)](#)

**Support with a prem baby**



## Understanding your preterm or sick baby

Two online courses to support you and your baby's emotional health in hospital and at home. Written by Neonatal Care Specialists and Consultant Clinical Psychologists

[\(bitesize e-learning\)](#)

**A wellbeing guide for SEND parents**



## Understanding your child with additional needs

Your space for thinking about parenting with specialist information for neurodiversity and/or other SEND wellbeing and support for your child

[\(bitesize e-learning\)](#)

**The impact of the pandemic: 5 years on**



## Understanding the impact of the pandemic on your child/teenager

For parents of children and teens to understand the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on development and emotional health

[\(bitesize e-learning\)](#)



# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about STREAMERS

Livestreaming has become a big part of the entertainment people consume, and what began as a series of gamers sharing their screens has grown into a huge industry packed with personalities – and potential risks for your children. With over 2.5 million people watching Twitch, the most popular streaming service, at any one time, it's important to remain aware of the risks associated with streamers.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT



Some gaming streamers will stick to family-friendly titles, but others will play more violent games that tend to be more popular. Non-gaming streamers could, in theory, discuss just about anything, and some streamers will often stream in revealing outfits.

### NEGATIVE INFLUENCES



While things have improved, streamers are often paid by companies to promote products, and this isn't always stated explicitly. While it's unlikely these goods will be harmful to your child, some streamers and influencers have engaged (knowingly or not) in scams in the past.

### FINANCIAL HARM

Streamers will often have donation buttons on their screens for users to submit money. What can start as small amounts can quickly spiral as streamers engage with paying viewers more often, potentially leading to financial issues.

### UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS



Influencers often showcase how glamorous their lives are, making some users feel as though they are lesser. However, it's important to stress that, in many ways, this is an act, or at the very least, not common. Logan Paul, who has been successful as a streamer and influencer, has a Pokemon card worth \$5 million, but this is atypical of anyone working in the medium.

### MISINFORMATION



Streamers are, in many ways, just like us – and they can get things wrong or reel off an opinion without having thought about it. Some can simply say awful things to get a rise out of viewers or to sway them to their side of a hot topic.

### ADDICTION AND SCREEN TIME



If your child is watching a lot of a particular streamer, it can be just as damaging to their social life as playing too many video games.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### EXPLAIN HOW STREAMING WORKS



For a younger viewer, being a streamer or influencer seems aspirational, but it involves a lot of work and no small degree of good fortune. Streamers are often managed and unable to speak freely due to sponsors, and influencers are just that – influencing young minds, for better or for worse.

### CHECK OUT STREAMING PLATFORMS



While Twitch was the de facto streaming service for years, YouTube has gained popularity, too. Then there are Kick and Rumble, which have grown in popularity with moves for big-name streamers – despite many being dogged by controversy.

### DO NOT LOG PAYMENT INFORMATION



Streamers can reward donations with additional content, on-camera "shout outs" and more. If you're unsure about who or what your child is watching, consider avoiding linking payment information. This is especially notable with Twitch, which is owned by Amazon and therefore has some crossover.

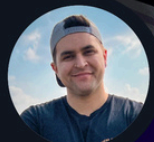
### SET SCREEN TIME LIMITS



You can set screentime limits for mobile apps on iOS and Google, but with other platforms like a PC it may be more difficult to keep tabs. Consider checking in regularly to ensure your children aren't watching content they shouldn't be.

### Meet Our Expert

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Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/streamers>

# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about BLUESKY SOCIAL APP

AGE RESTRICTION  
**13+**

With an App Store rating of 17+ & Google Play rating Mature

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

While Bluesky has been around since 2019, it's suddenly taken off in a big way thanks to a significant exodus from X (formerly Twitter). Indeed, it looks and behaves a lot like Twitter before Elon Musk bought the platform. Bluesky has been touted in recent months as a safer, more open-minded alternative to X – but like any social media site, it still has its share of risks.

## NO PRIVATE ACCOUNTS

While most social networks allow accounts to be private, at the time of writing, all Bluesky accounts must be public. The development team has indicated this might change in the future, but the app is built on a public-first protocol. If private accounts are ever introduced, it may only be in a limited way – such as through the implementation of group chats.

## INTERACTIONS WITH STRANGERS

Every account being public means that anyone can be contacted by anyone else. While users don't have to respond and can easily block people and move on, it does mean that youngsters are at particular risk of being conned by scammers, messaged by predatory adults or exposed to others with ill intentions. These hazards can be compounded by the fact that Bluesky doesn't require its users to provide their real name.

## TROLLING AND BULLYING

While Bluesky currently feels a lot friendlier than X seems to have become, its lack of private accounts means that there's nothing to stop users from trolling and cyberbullying younger people. While accounts can be blocked and reported, a persistent bully could simply create a new profile, potentially making their victims feel unsafe in continuing to use the app.

## DANGEROUS MISINFORMATION

Established news organisations have fact-checking and editing processes, but social networks have no such controls and can often serve as breeding grounds for misinformation and disinformation. Bluesky will possibly be no different once it reaches a certain size, and children may not have the critical thinking skills to tell fact from fiction – or to discern an informative, honest user from a malicious one.

## ADULT TARGET AUDIENCE

Bluesky isn't designed with children in mind, and there aren't many parental controls on the platform. In an interview with the BBC, Bluesky's CEO originally said that the app would only allow users aged 18 and above to sign up, but a spokesperson later clarified its age restriction as 13+. This could imply the app was originally meant for an adult audience and suggests that making the platform more child-friendly might not currently be a priority.

## RAPID GROWTH

At the time of writing, Bluesky seems calm in comparison with other social networks where moderation is lax and the atmosphere toxic – but that's due at least in part to its smaller community. The app has recently been adding as many as a million users per day, and if that continues, there'll be more unpleasant users to handle, and moderators could struggle to maintain the pleasant environment Bluesky is currently known for.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### USE THE ADULT CONTENT FILTER

Bluesky doesn't have much in the way of parental controls, but there are content filters which can hide sexual and graphic imagery. These are enabled by default for underage accounts but can be manually turned on in the 'Moderation' section of the app's settings. The 'advanced' Bluesky Moderation Service lets you restrict content even further, hiding – for example – self-harm content, extremist rhetoric, and even rude posts.



### LOOK OUT FOR FAKES

Impersonation is a problem on all social networks. While the consequences are usually benign, imposters sometimes attempt to scam or groom children by pretending to be a popular influencer or online personality. Bluesky is unique in that it can be connected to official domains, with users' handles linking to other sites; while this isn't widely used right now, it could be a reliable way to verify celebrities and public figures in future.



### ENCOURAGE BLOCKING AND REPORTING

Another tool that Bluesky uses to ensure a decent experience is muting and blocking accounts. The former prevents you from seeing a specific user's content, while the latter stops them from seeing yours. If a child is encountering trolls or bullies on the platform, encourage them to use this function, while also reporting the offenders to help make the platform a nicer place for everyone.



### KEEP AN OPEN DIALOGUE

As with all social media platforms, moderation and content filters can only do so much; it's highly likely that a child will eventually face something unsavoury. For that reason, it's important to make sure that young people are aware of the risks and know how to handle the technology if anything they see on the app makes them feel unsafe or uncomfortable.



## Meet Our Expert

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