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Our theme in Collective Worship is Compassion

Clothe yourself with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.' Colossians 3:12. The Hebrew and Greek words translated "compassion" in the Bible mean "to have mercy, to feel sympathy and to have pity." We know that, according to the Bible, God is "a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness" (Psalm 86:15). Like all of God's attributes, His compassion is infinite and eternal. His compassions never fail; they are new every morning (Lamentations 3:22-23).

Dear Families,

VE Day Our school proudly came together to commemorate VE Day, marking the end of World War II in Europe. The day was filled with reflection, learning and community spirit as our pupils and staff paid tribute to the courage and resilience of those who lived through the war.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the incredible staff who made this memorable day possible. The kitchen staff, Mrs Jones and Mrs Wright's creativity, enthusiasm and hard work ensured our VE Day celebration was not only fun but meaningful. Members of our school choir visited the Market Place and Lister House care home during the day to sing for our community. It was a very moving occasion, and we were so proud of the children. As you can imagine, we have lots of photos of the day to choose from and these will be shared with parents on the website as soon as possible.

A new Mayor for Ripon! We are delighted to have received invitations to attend the Mayoral Installation service at Ripon Cathedral on Sunday. Robert Midgley and Oliver Cardin from our Year 6 cohort were lucky to be selected from our draw to represent the school at this service.

Wear a Hat for Dementia Awareness - 'Don't Keep Dementia Under Your Hat'

As part of Dementia Forward's 'Don't Keep Dementia Under Your Hat Day' on Friday 23rd May, we are encouraging all staff and pupils to wear a hat to raise awareness of the condition and the fantastic work that Dementia Forward do in supporting people with dementia and their loved ones. Dementia Forward are an experienced and established local team supporting people with dementia and those who care for them through a range of services. They are keen to develop awareness-raising activities in every district of North Yorkshire and York.

'Don't Keep Dementia Under Your Hat' – is a day of encouraging open conversations about dementia, raising awareness and uniting communities! As part of the day, Years 5 and 6 will participate in sessions delivered by experienced, trained members of the team.



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Amalgamation As part of ongoing consultation, we would like to update you on the proposed amalgamation process so far. Thank you to all parents that attended the public meeting last night. Your concerns regarding the impact on parking and traffic outside of school have been noted and we will be contacting Ripon City Council and North Yorkshire for their support should amalgamation be successful.

Discussions are currently taking place with all relevant stakeholders to explore how a potential amalgamation could benefit our school community. We understand that such a change brings questions and concerns, and we want to assure you that the process is being handled with careful consideration, always putting the needs of our pupils and families first. The consultation is still open for responses and will close on Friday 16th May. To submit any responses to the proposal to amalgamate please use the form on our [website](#).

The Department of Education is due to meet towards the middle of May, and we hope to hear that a decision has been reached. We will communicate this to all parents and carers promptly and clearly. Your views matter, and we are committed to keeping you informed every step of the way. We want to thank you for your patience and continued support as we work towards the best outcome for our children.

Regards

Sue Sanderson

Executive Headteacher



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SEND

A big thanks to all those parents who completed the parent SEND survey. Your views are really important as we work to make sure that we offer the best possible provision for our children and families. I will be sharing the results with you in the coming weeks.

I am hoping to involve some of you more directly in looking at how we communicate with parents about children's targets and progress and also how to involve parents more closely in how we plan provision. Watch this space for ways in which you can get involved!

Please see below a link for the North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children and Young People's page for parents and carers:

<https://safeguardingchildren.co.uk/parents-carers/>

There is all sorts of useful information here about how to access services and support for your child (and also for yourselves!). This includes how to access the brilliant 'Unlocking Autism' online courses which are free to any parent who lives in North Yorkshire!

See below for new dates in June!

Unlocking Autism

A series of unlocking Autism online modules, these sessions build on autism awareness and focus on how to recognise and support autistic children and young people.

[Unlocking Autism Plus Modules for Parents & Carers – Girls | NYES Info](#) 11 June 2025 11:00 – 12:30

[Unlocking Autism Plus Modules for Parents & Carers – PDA | NYES Info](#) 11 June 2025 9:15 – 10:45

[Unlocking Autism Plus Modules for Parents & Carers – Identity | NYES Info](#) 11 June 2025 13:00 – 14:30

[Unlocking Autism Plus Modules for Parents & Carers – Selective Mutism | NYES Info](#) 11 June 2025 14:45 – 16:15

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any worries about your child. My working days are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Mrs Penny

send@htceschools.co.uk





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Safeguarding

Federation Safeguarding Team

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Safeguarding is Everyone's Responsibility	
<p>As a visitor or contractor to our school, you have a responsibility to report any concerns you may have about a child. If you are concerned about the safety or wellbeing of a child in school, you must report this to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) or the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL).</p>	
	
<p>Mrs S Sanderson Executive Headteacher Designated Safeguarding Lead</p>	<p>Mrs A Bell-Walker Deputy Headteacher Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead</p>
<p>headteacher@htceschools.co.uk 01765 602858</p>	<p>a.bellwalker@htceschools.co.uk 01765 602858</p>
<p><i>If you would like to speak to somebody immediately, please ask a member of the office staff to contact the DSL and / or DDSL. Direct contact can be made using the information above.</i></p>	
<p>If you are concerned about the safety or wellbeing of a child outside of school you must report this to North Yorkshire Safeguarding Board. If you are concerned that they are at immediate risk of harm, you should report this to the Police (999). You can also contact the NSPCC to report concerns or ask for advice.</p>	
	<p>www.nspcc.org.uk 01609 780 780</p>
<p>NSPCC EVERY CHILDHOOD IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR</p>	<p>hts@nspcc.org.uk 0800 800 5000</p>
<p>The Federation's Safeguarding policy is available on the Policies page of the school website: www.htceschools.co.uk</p>	

Child Protection Policy This is available on the school website. If you would like a paper copy of the Federation Child Protection Policy please contact Mrs Satariano in the school office.

Spotlight On Safeguarding our monthly parent newsletter can be found on our [website](#) - paper copies are also available at the school offices.



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Census Day Themed Lunch On Thursday 15th May we mark Census Day with a special themed lunch. To support school funding and celebrate this day in school, our kitchen team are preparing a menu that all pupils can enjoy. Please see the poster below.



Year 6 Leavers Hoodies An order form for Year 6 leavers hoodies will be coming home with children today. Please do not return this completed form to school but send all forms and payment directly to Ripon Uniform Shop.

Ripon Grammar Entrance Test All parents who wish for their child to sit the entrance test for Ripon Grammar School must apply. This is open to all current Year 5 children. If you have not yet applied you can do so [here](#).

Holiday and Term dates 2025/2026 Please visit our [website](#) to view next academic year's holiday dates along with training days.



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TECHNICAL CAMP

DATES:
MAY
TUESDAY 27TH
WEDNESDAY 28TH
THURSDAY 29TH

TIME:
9:00AM - 3:30PM

LOCATION:
BISHOP MONKTON VILLAGE HALL
KNARESBOROUGH RD,
BISHOP MONKTON
HARROGATE HG3 3TN

AGES:
YEAR 3 - YEAR 6

COST:
£25 PER DAY
£60 FOR ALL 3 DAYS

CONTACT:
07581043335

What's On in April & May

MONDAY

Ice Pops & Games
We'll be in the Spa Park after school to hear about your days, and play some games
Aged 11+

TUESDAY

SPARK!
Activities, Games & Snacks.
Meet at the Pavilions in Spa Park 6-7.30pm.
Aged 11-16

WEDNESDAY

You Matter
A place for a hot meal, a good chat and space to relax.
@ YMCA Hall from 4-6pm
Aged 16+

THURSDAY

Teen Drop In
Ripon Arts Hub. 3-5pm
Aged 11+

Young Leaders
First Thursday in the month from 4-5pm
@ Ripon Arts Hub. Aged 13+

Ripon Youth Matters **YMCA** Scan QR to join our WhatsApp Community

5 Water Skellgate, Ripon. HG4 1BQ
Email: youth@riponymca.org
www.riponymca.org/youth-work



Government help with Early Years Education and Childcare Costs

Working Parent Entitlement Age 9 months and over	2-Year-old Funding for Eligible Families	3 and 4 Universal Offer				
<p>Eligible working parents*</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <th>15 hours</th> <th>30 hours</th> </tr> <tr> <td>Up to August 2025</td> <td>From September 2025</td> </tr> </table> <p>From September 2025, eligible working parents with children aged over 9 months up to 5 years will be entitled to up to 30 hours of government funded support with their childcare costs. Working parents entitlement can be combined with 2-year-old or 3 and 4-year-old offers to give a maximum of 30 hours per week.</p>	15 hours	30 hours	Up to August 2025	From September 2025	<p>Eligible families receiving some additional form of Government support*</p> <p>15 hours</p> <p>2-year-olds may be eligible for up to 15 hours of government funding childcare if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You are in receipt of: Disability Living Allowance (DLA), Income Support, Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) or Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) You are in receipt of Universal Credit and your household income is £15,400 a year or less after tax, not including benefit payments. You receive the guaranteed element of Pension Credit. The child has an Educational Health and Care plan (EHCP) The child is looked after by the Local Authority, has been adopted or has left care through special guardianship or child arrangement orders. <p>To apply for 2 year old funding, please visit www.northyorks.gov.uk/earlyeducationplaces</p>	<p>All families*</p> <p>15 hours</p> <p>All 3 and 4-year-olds are entitled to up to 15 hours of government funded childcare, irrespective of family income level, benefits status or family circumstances.</p>
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*Funding is available for 38 weeks per year and parents may be required to pay additional charges.

Government Funding

Funding begins the term after the child turns the relevant age. Your 15 or 30 hours can be used for 38 weeks of the year (term-time) or you may be able to stretch your hours over some of the holidays by using less hours each week during term time. Check with your early years provider to find out how they deliver government funded childcare in their setting. Please note, providers may ask for consumable charges in addition to the funded childcare offer.

Tax Free Childcare or Universal Credit childcare

Tax Free Childcare or Universal Credit childcare may be used whilst claiming your 15 or 30 hours of government funded childcare support. To see eligibility criteria for any of the government funding options, please scan the QR code or visit childcarechoices.gov.uk.

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Childcare Choices



For help with finding childcare in North Yorkshire, contact The Families Information Service: fis.information@northyorks.gov.uk





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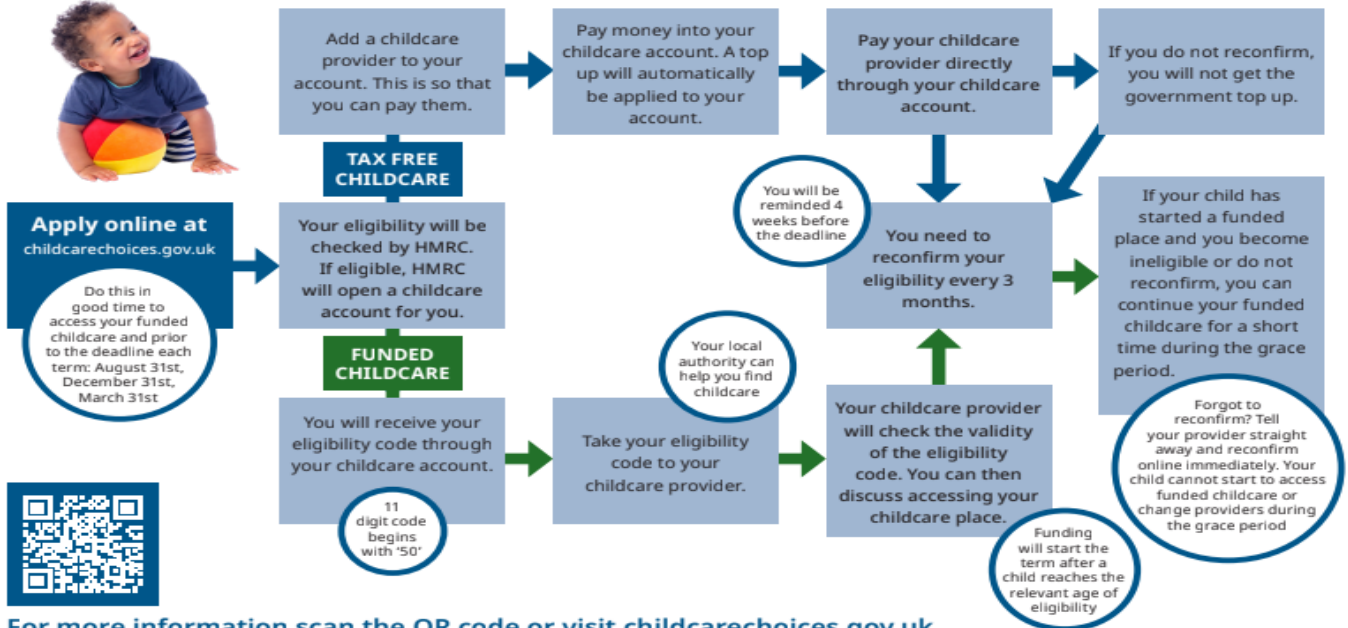
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Information for eligible working parents

How to apply for government funding childcare and Tax Free Childcare



For more information scan the QR code or visit childcarechoices.gov.uk