Clifton Green Primary Newsletter

Friday 16th October 2026 | Issue #05



We raised £1,969.72!

York Racecourse Bucket Collection

Last Friday, our fantastic school community raised an incredible £1,969.72 at York Racecourse to support our school.

A huge thank you to our wonderful children, everyone who helped and all those who donated so generously. We are so proud of you!

Why Attendance Matters

Every day in school builds learning and friendships. Missing just one day can impact progress and wellbeing. We know that attending school regularly will increase confidence, well-being and achievement.

Our whole school attendance this week is **91.2%**

Last weeks 90.9%

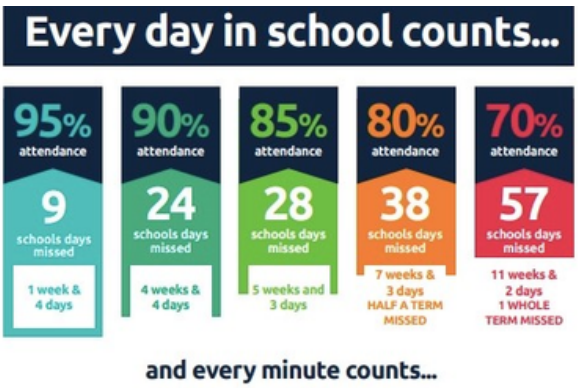
Our School Target **94%**

Weekly Class Attendance Stars

- Gold-Silver Birch=97.1%
- Silver-Horse Chestnut= 96.0%
- Bronze-Laurel= 94.5%

Well-Being

Sleep matters to every one of us. When we sleep well, we feel better, think more clearly and cope better with everyday life. But when sleep becomes difficult, knowing what to do or where to turn can feel overwhelming. Quality sleep is essential for children's growth and development. Sleep deprivation causes increased hyperactivity and other behavioural problems, as well as damaging physical and mental development. The Sleep Charity offer trusted advice, practical support and friendly guidance to help you and your family. Click on the link above to make positive steps towards sleeping better!





CLIFTON GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Better never stops.

Class updates

Nursery & Reception	No updates this week.
Year 1	No updates this week.
Year 2	No updates this week.

Year 3 reminder



Please bring your reading log and reading books to school **every Friday** so your books can be changed.
Thank you!

Year 4	No updates this week.
Year 5	Ash class started their swimming lessons this week!
Year 6	Any outstanding payments for Newby Wiske must be paid by **Thursday 22nd October.**



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Please keep toys at home

To help our school day run smoothly, please make sure your child leaves toys and personal play items at home.

These items can cause distractions and disagreements, and we would not want your child's belongings to be lost or broken.

This includes:



Fidgets



Pokémon cards



Cuddly toys

Teacher authorisation

If your child needs a fidget or similar item to support them in school, this must be authorised by their class teacher.

Items brought into school

Any unauthorised items brought from home will be confiscated and returned at the end of the school day.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

YORK Learning

Supporting Children with Communication



Boost Your Child's Communication Skills



Would you like to support your child with their listening skills or to talk with confidence?
This lively course helps you build stronger communication and storytelling skills with your child through play and everyday moments.

FREE COURSE

5 Weeks

Date
Starting: Wednesday 4th Nov 2026 at 9.30am

Location
Clifton Green School, Kingsway North, YO30 6JA

To book visit **l.yorklearning.org.uk/communication**
or call **01904 554277**

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Important dates for October and November

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please see below for some important dates coming up in the school calendar. Please add these to your diaries!

OCTOBER

22nd October	Harvest Celebration at St Luke's Church
23rd October	Pumpkin Competition
23rd October	Half-Term Holiday Begins



NOVEMBER

2nd November	Year 6 Trip to Newby Wiske
10th November	Flu Injections
10th & 11th November	Parents' Evening (Please book via Arbor)
17th November	Open Day for Reception Starters 2027
18th November	Individual School Photo Day

Thank you for your continued support.

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CLIFTON GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Harvest Celebration

Thursday 22nd October

St Luke's Parish Church
Burton Stone Lane

KS1 • Years 1-2	KS2 • Years 3-6
9:15am–10:00am	10:15am–11:00am

All families warmly welcome

Supporting York Foodbank

Donations of long-life food in cans, packets or jars, and unopened toiletries, are gratefully received.

Bring donations into school from Monday 19th October, or to the church on the day.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity

2026 PUMPKIN COMPETITION

Friday 23rd October

Bring your spookiest, silliest, or most creative pumpkin!

Carve it, paint it, decorate it, or dress it up — **no candles/open flames please.** Battery tea-lights are fine.

Who can enter?

- EYFS
- Key Stage 1
- Key Stage 2
- Staff members

How to enter

1. Add a **name label** to your pumpkin (pupil name & class).
2. **Bring it to the main hall** accessed via the main playground on **Friday 23rd October from 8.20am** and all entries need **to be in by 9am.**
3. **Pop it on the display table** for your child's key stage and strike a spooky pose!

We're looking for a pumpkin with...

- Creativity
- Craftsmanship
- WOW!

Friendly rules

- No real candles (battery lights only).
- Keep designs school-appropriate (nothing too scary).
- Pumpkins go home the same day, please.
- Adults may help little ones — teamwork and family fun encouraged!

Small Treat for all who enter and awards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd from each phase (EYFS, KS1, KS2 and Staff)

Let's fill the hall with pumpkins and Autumn magic!



🌟 Pupil Leadership Team – Your Voice Matters! 🌟

We're choosing Clifton Green's new Pupil Leadership Team on Thursday 22 October, and every pupil is welcome to put themselves forward!

Our pupil leaders will help run class meetings, share children's ideas with adults and turn those ideas into positive changes around school.

You don't have to be the loudest or most confident to make a difference.

We need thoughtful listeners, organisers, creative thinkers, question-askers and children who enjoy getting things done. Being helpful with technology or happy to speak to adults are valuable skills too!

If your child has ideas for our school and cares about what others think, please encourage them to get involved.

Interested? Application forms are available from class teachers.

Friends of Clifton Green

JOIN OUR PTA!

Parent & carer volunteers wanted

Help us bring our school community together and raise funds for our children.

How you can help

- Support school events
- Help with fundraising
- Share ideas and skills
- Lend a hand behind the scenes

Your paragraph text



Whether you can help occasionally or more regularly, every contribution makes a difference.

Interested in getting involved?

Register your interest below

Register your interest here

Together, we can make a difference!

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OPEN DAY

for Reception Starters for 2027

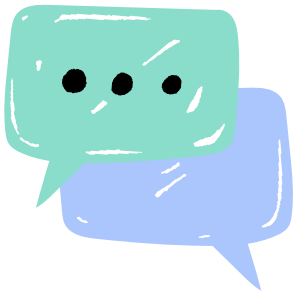
Tuesday 17th November

4pm – 5pm

Come and look at our amazing school for your child's next chapter!

Learn ★ Grow ★ Belong

Have Your Say: School Admissions for 2028–2029





CITY OF YORK COUNCIL

City of York Council and some local academy trusts are inviting families to share their views on proposed school admission arrangements for the 2028–2029 academic year.

What does this mean?

Admission arrangements explain how school places are allocated, including how applications are prioritised when a school has more applicants than places. The consultation also includes the proposed number of places available at each school in its year of entry.

This is an opportunity to read the proposals and give your feedback before decisions are made. It is not an application for a school place, and parents, carers and other interested parties are welcome to respond.

The consultation runs from 12 October to 24 November 2026.

To view the draft documents and share your views, visit:

www.york.gov.uk/AdmissionsConsultation

Select the parents, carers, stakeholders and interested parties survey to submit your response.

If you need paper copies of any documents, please email education@york.gov.uk or call 01904 551554.

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DANESGATE COMMUNITY

STRIVE - THRIVE - ACHIEVE

You may have noticed some recent building work taking place at Clifton Green since the start of the term in September!

We are absolutely thrilled to introduce 'Danesgate Reach', an exciting new initiative developed in close collaboration with the Senior Leadership Team at Clifton Green and the Local Authority. This brilliant new venture provides the Danesgate Inreach and Outreach teams with a central hub right in your local community, serving to support primary-aged pupils from mainstream schools across the city through in-school guidance as well as short-term, dual-registered interventions.

Please rest assured that this project will have no impact on your child's day-to-day experience at Clifton Green. Our facility operates completely separately with repurposed, newly renovated classrooms and its own designated entrance and reception.

New signage will be going up shortly near the main school reception area to mark our space.

Over the weeks following the October half term, we will gradually begin moving our classroom resources, staff, and pupils into the Danesgate Reach hub. We are truly looking forward to being based within your school community! I

If you have any questions at all, please feel free to speak with your child's teachers or say hello to our team if you see us around.

Thank you

Chris Nichols

Danesgate Community Headteacher

TAKEHOME

19th - 25th October



In the news this week

Eleven-year-old Bodhana Sivanandan from London has become the youngest person ever to earn the woman grandmaster title in chess. She achieved this while playing for England at an international competition in Uzbekistan. Bodhana said she was happy with her achievement and wanted to keep making history.

Things to talk about at home ...

- How do you think adults might feel competing against someone much younger than them?
- What could you teach someone older than you?
- Should age decide what we're allowed to do?
- When might an age limit be fair?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss

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At Clifton Green, we use Picture News to help children explore the world around them through news stories, photographs and thought-provoking questions. It encourages children to share their ideas, listen to different viewpoints and develop respect for others. Our latest topic explores the achievements of young chess player Bodhana Sivanandan and asks, "Should age decide what we're allowed to do?" Take a look at the Picture News resource below and enjoy a conversation together at home. What could your child teach someone older than them, and when might an age limit be fair? We would love to hear their thoughts!

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Nursery Admissions

Do you have a little one you would like to start nursery or know someone who may be interested?



We can take on children aged 3+ at our nursery provision and can provide 15 hours or 30 hours childcare.

If you are interested please fill out our Google Form link for our

Expression of Interest

and we can add your child to our waiting list.

Nursery Expression of Interest form

Register your interest here



Clifton Green Primary School

Look, Say, Sing and Play Group



FREE PLAYGROUP

For children aged 0–3 years

Every Thursday

8.45am – 10.00am

Come along with your little one!





How to find us

Access via the main path that leads towards the school office.

CLIFTON GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Premier Education

How to book wraparound care

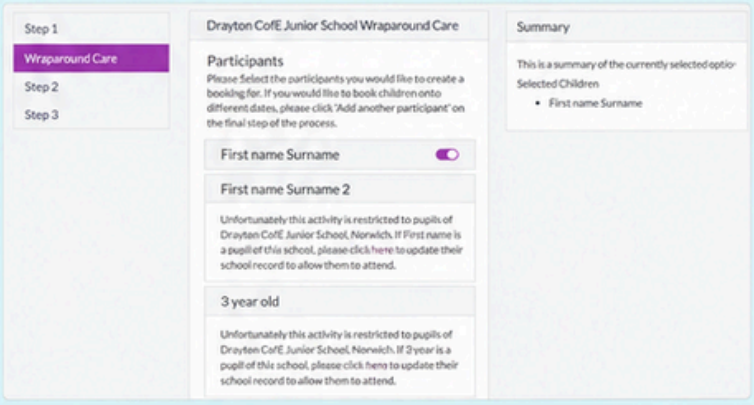
A guide for Clifton Green families

Use Premier Education's School Finder to find Clifton Green Primary School. Add Breakfast Club, After School Club or both, then continue to the Family Portal checkout.

Before booking: select a class for each child. School and age restrictions apply.

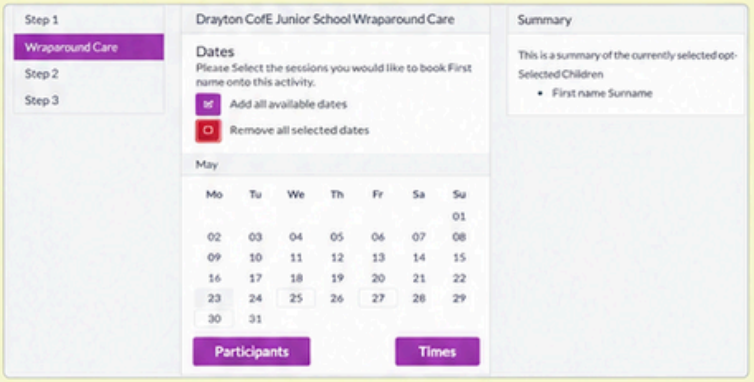
1. Select your children

Choose the children you would like to attend from My Family.



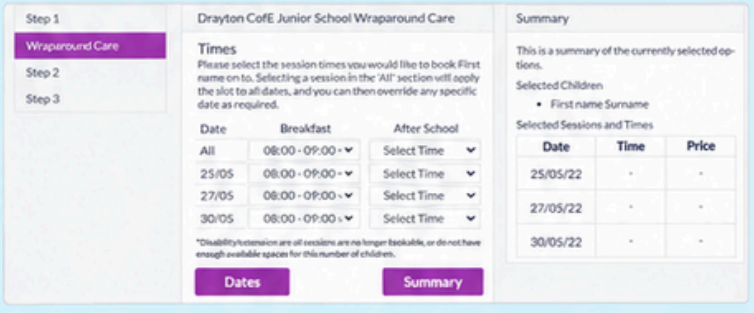
2. Choose your dates

Select the available dates you need on the calendar.



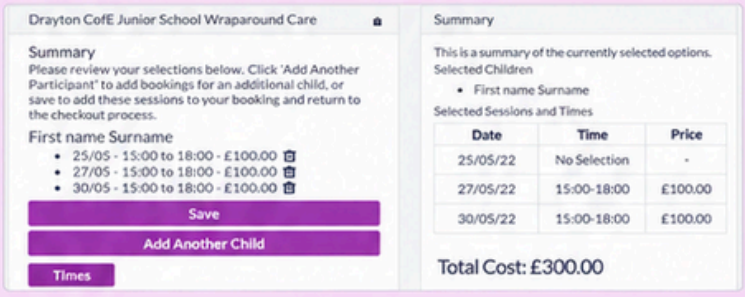
3. Choose your times

Select a time for each session. Use "All" to apply the same time to every date, then adjust individual dates if needed.



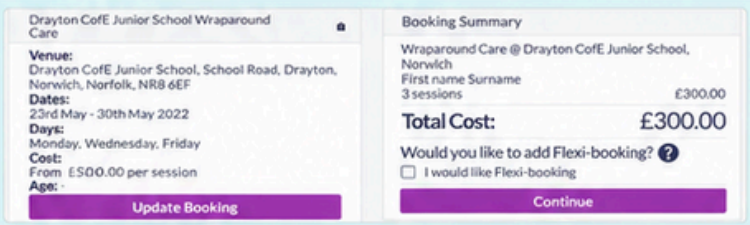
4. Check and save

Review your dates and times, then click Save to add them to your checkout order.



5. Complete checkout

You can still amend your booking after saving. When you are happy, click Continue and complete the remaining checkout steps.



Saving your sessions is not the final step — please complete checkout.

Screenshots are examples from the provider's guide. School details, dates, times and prices shown are illustrative.



Book and change your child's clubs,
manage your account – all in one place!

Local Information

Useful information for families



GALACTICOS.

JR FOOTBALL ACADEMY

YORK KIDS

6-12 YRS



KIDS FOOTBALL

LNER YORK STADIUM

WE HAVE FUN!

BOOK HERE

WE DEVELOP SKILLS.

OCTOBER CAMPS NOW LIVE

MONDAY 26TH OCTOBER
9AM -3PM

galacticosfootball.co.uk

The Little Yorkshire Coffee Company

HOLLY TAYMAR'S HALLOWEEN KIDS GIG

THE KNAVESMIRE COFFEE SHOP

SUNDAY 1PM - 3PM | **01** | **NOVEMBER 2026**

We are collecting for Dogs Trust

GREAT COFFEE & HOT CHOCOLATE

FREE FACE PAINTER

(Donations to Dogs Trust)

LIVE MUSIC

Holly Taymar brings the tunes



HALLOWEEN DRESS UP

Give those outfits a second outing!

BRING + SWAP TREAT TABLE

Bring your unwanted trick or treat goodies, swap them for stuff you like!

This week at SEND CENTRAL

York SEND Local Offer

19th October - 23rd Oct 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Parent Carer Forum York Navigator **9.30am-4pm** Advice and information drop-in No need to book just come along	**Parent Carer Forum York Navigator** **9.30am-4pm** Advice and information drop-in No need to book just come along	**Parent Carer Forum York Navigator** **9.30am-4pm** Advice and information drop-in No need to book just come along	**Parent Carer Forum York Navigator** **9.30am-4pm** Advice and information drop-in No need to book just come along	**Parent Carer Forum York Navigator** **9.30am-4pm** Advice and information drop-in No need to book just come along
Wellbeing in Mind- Elective Home Education Workshop 11am -12.30pm	**SEND Casework Duty Worker** **10am-2pm** Advice and information bookable slots. Please book via SENDCENTRAL@york.gov.uk or call 01904 555076	**Early Years SEND Playgroup- Rainbow Tots** **10am - 11.30am** All welcome no booking required	**Family Matters Handling Anger in the family** **10-12 Book at www.fmy.org.uk**	Bookable Appointments around **preparation for adulthood.** If you contact our navigator at SENDCENTRAL@york.gov.uk with a brief summary we can book an appointment with an education, health or social care practitioner.
Wellbeing in Mind - Elective Home Education consultation appointments available throughout the day - please email SENDCENTRAL@york.gov.uk to book an appointment.	**Portage Music Group** **1.30pm-2.30pm** Workshop- Invite only	**Think Together Workshop 10am - 11.30 Energy Accounting Theory: Helping manage energy levels with Autistic young people.**	**Course: Early Start, Play Speak and Learn together 10-12am** https://book.yorklearning.org.uk/Page/Prospectus_CourseOverview?uio_id=43313	11am - 12pm Post 16 Education and Employment Pathways
YIKS Autism Hub **4.30pm- 6.30pm** Bookable Only via YIKS	**2pm – 3pm PCF Listening Event - The plans for SEND Reform in York**	**Course: Supporting Children with SEND 12.30-2.30** https://book.yorklearning.org.uk/Page/Prospectus_CourseOverview?uio_id=43366	**Healthy Child Team** **9am - 12pm** Drop in **2pm -3.30pm** 4 month workshop- invite only.	**YIKS Autism Hub** **4.30pm- 6.30pm** Bookable only via YIKs
	YIKS Autism Hub 4.30-6.30	**Educational Psychology Drop in 9.30am - 12.30pm Please book via SENDCENTRAL@york.gov.uk or call 01904 555076**	**1pm- 2pm School Admissions Drop In- Book an appointment by emailing SENDCENTRAL@york.gov.uk**	
	YIKS Siblings Group **6.45pm- 8.00pm**	**YIKS Autism Hub** **4.30pm- 6.30pm** Bookable Only via YIKS	**YIKS Post 16 Group** **6.30pm -8pm**	

This week at SEND CENTRAL

York SEND Local Offer

26th October - 30th Oct 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
SEND CENTRAL CLOSED	**SEND CENTRAL CLOSED**	**SEND CENTRAL CLOSED**	**Parent Carer Forum York Navigator** **9.30am-4pm** Advice and information drop-in No need to book just come along	**Parent Carer Forum York Navigator** **9.30am-4pm** Advice and information drop-in No need to book just come along
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