# Clifton Green Primary Newsletter

Friday 6th November 2026 | Issue #07

## This Week's Certificate Winners

| Class | Excellence | Nurturing |
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| Nursery Wild Cherry | Esther | Peyton |
| Reception Pear | Tommy | Lana |
| Y1 Field Maple | Primrose | Zuri |
| Y1 Beech | Isabella | Skyla-Leigh |
| Y2 Holly | Zach | Eden |
| Y2 Hawthorn | Jenson | Oshean |
| Y3 Laurel | Tommy-Lee | Maverick |
| Y3 Alder | Leon | Aurora |
| Y4 Horse Chestnut | Izaac | Ellie |
| Y4 Silver Birch | Aiana Kate | Kwame |
| Y5 Cottonwood | Lynden | Ronnie |
| Y5 Ash | Ella | Maisie |

Better Never Stops...

## 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 **92.0%**
Last weeks 93.1%

Our School Target **94%**

## Weekly Class Attendance Stars

- Gold-Silver Birch=96.5%
- Silver-Horse Chestnut=95.0%
- Bronze-Laurel= 94.7%

## Nurturing November

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**Bringing Wellbeing Home**

Five minutes of kindness, gratitude and connection each day.

**Mindful Mondays**
Take three slow breaths together, then spend two quiet minutes spotting clouds, birds or swaying branches.

**Thankful Tuesdays**
Start a Gratitude Jar. Write down one good thing from your day and pop it inside.

**Warmth Wednesdays**
Hide a kind note or little drawing under a family member's pillow.

**Take-Notice Thursdays**
Wrap up warm for a five-minute walk. Enjoy the autumn leaves and a break from screens.

**Feel-Good Fridays**
Put on a favourite song and enjoy a kitchen dance party!

**End-of-month celebration:** Read your Gratitude Jar notes together over a warm drink and enjoy your happy memories.

## Download Studybugs

Download the app today!

Report all absences and send messages to the school office

Find out more: studybugs.com/about/parents

Report absences | Send messages | Stay connected

Working together for brighter days

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# Year 6 • Newby Wiske

**2–6 November 2026**

## *You made us so proud!*

We are so proud of our Year 6 children following their residential at Newby Wiske this week. They stepped outside their comfort zones, and many faced their fears.

Being away from home for four nights can be a huge challenge. Every child showed resilience, discipline and courage in their own way, whether taking on the big jump or finding the bravery to stay for a night.

They represented Clifton Green fantastically. From the kitchen staff to the centre leaders, so many people praised their politeness, teamwork and wonderful manners.

We are proud of each and every one of you. We hope you have made memories that will last a lifetime!



***Resilience • Teamwork • Courage***

# CLIFTON GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Newby Wiske memories

Year 6 residential • 2–6 November 2026



## A HUGE thank you!

A HUGE thank you to **Mr Williamson** for organising such a fabulous trip, and to our fantastic team who gave up time with their own families to make it such a success.

Thank you to **Miss Harris, Miss Schofield, Mr Brichieri, Mrs Procter, Mrs Graham** and **Mr Prest** for assisting and supporting all the children throughout the trip.



***Memories to last a lifetime***

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about ROBLOX

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Roblox is an online platform where users can play and create games known as 'experiences' made by other users. Roblox has a large UK audience. ITV News has reported that millions of people in Britain use the platform regularly, with children forming a significant proportion of its users. The sheer scale of it makes it extremely difficult to moderate effectively, creating risks for unsupervised children, though a June 2026 update has improved things greatly.

### A PLATFORM RATHER THAN A GAME

Roblox differs from traditional video games in that it hosts millions of user-created experiences rather than a fixed set of developer-produced content. Each experience is self-rated by its creator rather than independently age-rated in advance, as is the case with PEGI-rated games. With millions of user-created experiences, moderation is largely automated which means that inappropriate content may reach younger players and have a harmful effect.

### RISK OF ADDICTION

Roblox encourages repeated and extended play. Many experiences are made of short tasks, rewards, and progression systems that can prompt users to keep playing for longer periods of time. Some games also use reminders, daily rewards, or timed events to encourage frequent logins. These designs can make it difficult to stop playing. Spending long periods online may affect sleep, schoolwork, or other activities if boundaries are not in place.

### IN-GAME SPENDING

Roblox is free to play, but many experiences and cosmetics include optional purchases using Robux, the platform's virtual currency, to get advantages in games. This business model is common across online games, but reporting has highlighted cases where children have spent large amounts of money unintentionally or without understanding the real-world cost.

### MATURE CONTENT

With much of Roblox's moderation aut through AI and creators self-certifying suitability, inappropriate content frequently appears on the platform. Some experiences may include content intended for older players. As of June 2026, Roblox defaults to only showing games from trusted developers to under 15s, following tests with older players to filter out riskier content. But these automated systems are not infallible, and younger players may encounter content you deem unsuitable.

### COMMUNICATION WITH OTHER USERS

Roblox includes text and voice features that allow players to chat in shared game spaces. While the platform uses automated filters and moderation tools, media investigations have found that inappropriate and potentially harmful messages can still get through. There are risks that children could be targeted by groomers. In a June 2026 update, Roblox changed its default settings to prevent under 8s from chatting entirely, with gradual relaxation of restrictions between the ages of 9 and 15. The platform plans to use facial age-estimation technology to enforce these rules.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Roblox's parental controls provide an important starting point. Linking a child's account to an adult account allows parents to apply spending controls, limit communication features, and review recent activity. Regular supervision, use of parental controls, and conversations with children about what they see online can help reduce the risk of exposure to inappropriate content.

### PLAY TOGETHER WHERE POSSIBLE

Playing Roblox with a child can help adults understand the types of experiences available, how monetisation works, and how children interact online. This shared engagement can also make it easier for children to raise concerns if something feels wrong. Parents and educators should monitor all games played on Roblox due to its largely self-rating nature.

### CONSIDER LIMITING OR DISABLING CHAT

Although Roblox has introduced tighter age-based chat restrictions, some pare and educators may prefer to disable chat entirely to avoid the risk of stranger dan This is the default for under 8s, but can be applied for any account up to the age of 16. Children can still play games while communicating with friends they know through other platforms, such as Discord.

### ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATIONS

Many Roblox experiences are creative and age appropriate, and for many children, the platform is an important way to socialise with friends. Rather than banning it outright, parents and educators should talk openly with children about online safety, spending, and how to respond to inappropriate behaviour.


## Meet Our Expert

Alan Martin is a technology journalist who has written for publications including Wired, TechRadar, The Telegraph, The Evening Standard, The Guardian and The New Statesman.




See full reference list on our website

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# CLIFTON GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

BBC CHILDREN IN NEED

## Children in Need & World Diabetes Day

**NON-UNIFORM DAY**

World Diabetes Day

# Friday 13th November

**Come to school in your own clothes, with comfortable footwear suitable for dancing!**

**A £1 donation is welcome but entirely optional.**

**All money raised will be split equally between BBC Children in Need and Diabetes UK.**

## Let's get dancing for Pudsey!



We're taking part in the Strictly 26 Step Dance Challenge! Children will learn a fun routine to 'Dynamite' by BTS, created by the professionals from Strictly Come Dancing.

The routine is broken into manageable steps, helping everyone build confidence, encourage one another and celebrate their efforts.

**Try the moves together at home: bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/schools/strictly/**

## Raising awareness of diabetes

**World Diabetes Day • Saturday 14th November**

World Diabetes Day

We will mark World Diabetes Day alongside our Children in Need celebrations on Friday.

This cause is particularly close to our hearts at Clifton Green, as one of our Year 5 pupils lives with Type 1 diabetes.

Through age-appropriate discussions, children will learn more about the condition and the daily challenges it can bring, encouraging kindness, understanding and support.

**A day of dancing, learning and celebrating together!**

**Thank you for your continued support.**

# CLIFTON GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Class & School Reminders

## Reception • Home learning

Please return your child's home learning book every **Wednesday** so that we can prepare their new activities. Books will be sent home every **Friday.**

## Year 2 • PE

A reminder that Year 2 PE now takes place on **Mondays.**

## Year 3 • PE

From next week, Year 3 will have PE on **Fridays.**
Please send your child in PE kit on **Fridays only.**

## Whole-school reminders

### Parents' Evening

**Tuesday 10 & Wednesday 11 November**

If you haven't already booked, please make an appointment on the Arbor app or call the school office.

### Football • Tuesday 10 November

Football is cancelled due to Parents' Evening.

### End-of-day collection

A friendly reminder of our school finishing times:

**3:00pm** — Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & Year 2

**3:10pm** — Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6

Please arrive promptly to collect your child.

## Coming up • Week commencing 16 November

### Anti-Bullying Week & Road Safety Week

Keep an eye out for further details in next week's newsletter.

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# KS1 Christmas Songs

## Year 1 & Year 2

We know it feels a little early to be thinking about Christmas, but after half term our festive preparations will begin!

### We'll be learning:

- We Three Kings
- We Wish You a Merry Christmas
- Away in a Manger

It would be lovely if you could spend some time listening to these songs together at home so the children become familiar with the tunes and words before we start practising in school.

**Thank you for your support!**



## Dates for Diaries

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| **10th & 11th November** | **Parents Evening** Please book via Arbor |
| **16th November** | **Odd Socks Day** for Anti-Bullying |
| **10th November** | **Flu Injections** |
| **17th November** | **Open Day** for New Reception Starters 2027 |
| **Friday 13th November** | **Non Uniform Day** for Children in Need and World Diabetes Day |
| **18th November** | **Individual School Photos** |

*We look forward to seeing you at all of these events!*

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# OPEN DAY

for Reception Starters for 2027

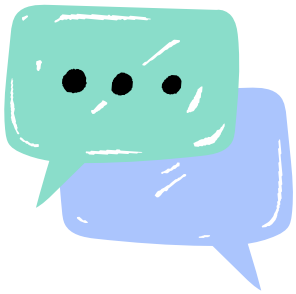
Tuesday 17th November

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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# Clifton Green Primary

# 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.

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# AN UPDATE ON WRAPAROUND CARE

***Investing in quality care, enriching experiences and happy children***

At Premier Education, we are committed to providing high-quality, engaging and reliable Wraparound Care (WAC) that supports families, complements the school day and gives children a positive start and end to their day. We understand that changes to childcare costs are important to families, and we would like to explain the reasons behind our recent adjustment to after-school session prices, as well as provide further information about our booking fee.

## Why have our prices increased?

Since taking over the provision, we have continued to review the costs involved in delivering a successful, sustainable and high-quality Wraparound Care service.

The cost of running childcare provision has increased in several areas, including:

- ***Food and refreshments:*** Rising food costs, while continuing to provide children with suitable, enjoyable and nutritious refreshments.
- ***Resources and equipment:*** Investing in sports equipment, games, arts and crafts materials and other resources needed to keep children active, creative and engaged.
- ***Quality staffing and safeguarding:*** Ensuring appropriate staffing, training and safeguarding procedures are in place to provide a safe and supportive environment for every child.
- ***Enriching experiences:*** Developing a varied programme of activities that gives children opportunities to learn new skills, build confidence, socialise and have fun.

Following a review of these costs, the full after-school session price has increased from £9 to £11. This adjustment helps us meet the rising costs of delivery while continuing to invest in the quality and variety of experiences available to children.

## Understanding the £1.25 booking fee

The £1.25 booking fee is a standardised fee set by Premier Education's head office and applied nationally across our services. Our booking system offers families flexibility and convenience, allowing you to manage your childcare arrangements and make changes when needed. We understand the importance of keeping childcare costs manageable, so we recommend booking your child's sessions for the full term in one transaction wherever possible. This means you will only pay the £1.25 booking fee once, rather than paying it separately for multiple bookings made throughout the term. Additional separate bookings may incur further fees.

## Introducing our brand-new enrichment programme

We are excited to introduce our brand-new enrichment programme, designed to provide children with a wider range of engaging, purposeful and age-appropriate activities.

Premier Education

# How to book wraparound care

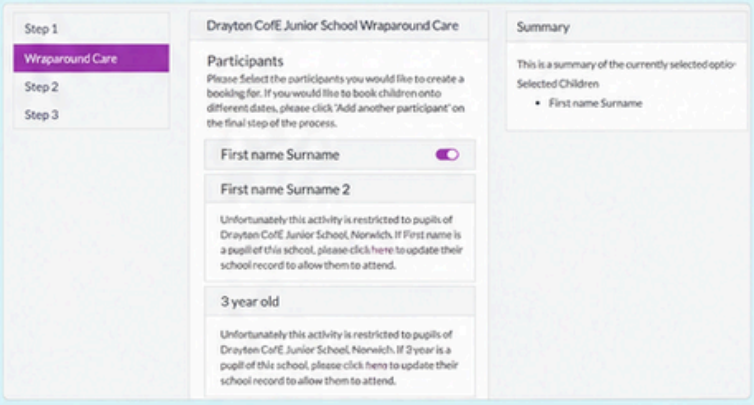
## A guide for Clifton Green families

**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.

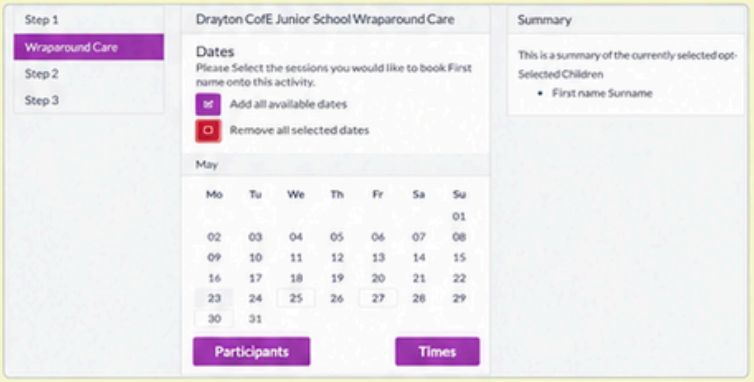
## 1. Select your children

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



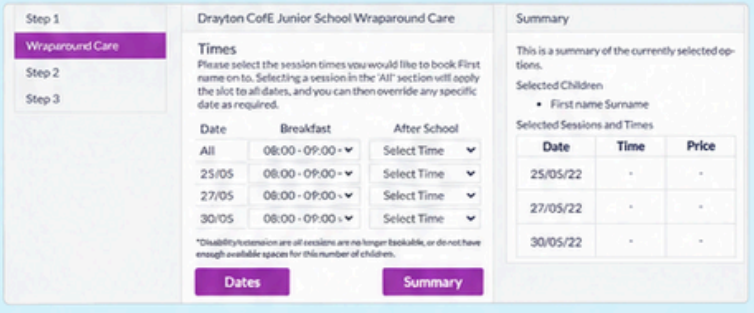

## 2. Choose your dates

Select the available dates you need on the calendar.



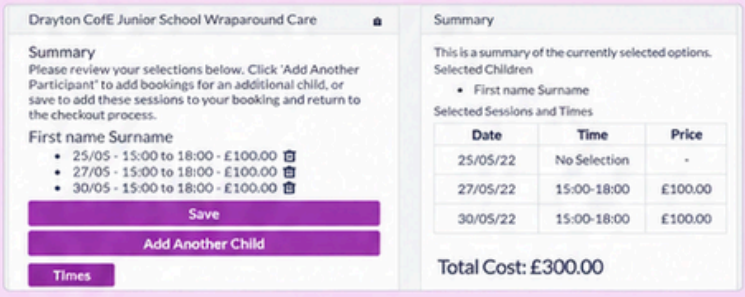

## 3. Choose your times

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



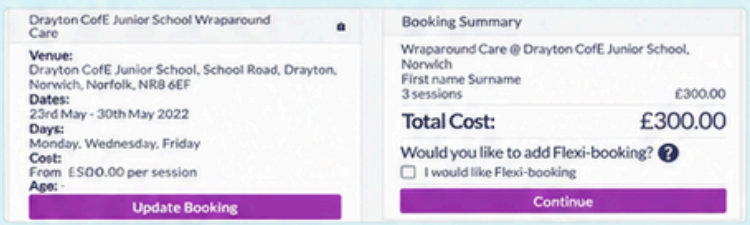

## 4. Check and save

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.

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# winter

**Loads of activities. Tonnes of fun.**

For children aged 4–11.

BOOK TODAY!

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Excellent

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# your nearest Holiday club...

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| **Venue:** | Clifton Green Primary School York YO30 6JA |
| **Dates:** | 21st Dec / 22nd Dec / 29th Dec / 30th Dec 2026 |
| **Times:** | 8:30am 15:30pm / 8:00am 16:00pm |
| **Price:** | From £22 Per Day |
| **Ages:** | 5 11 Years |
| **Additional info:** | Refer a friend / Sibling / Full Week Booking DISCOUNTS |








Our Holiday Clubs keep children active, safe, and entertained throughout the school holidays.

Join us this Winter as we offer a wide range of fun activities, including sports, performing arts, and games, all at great value. There's something for every child to enjoy as they start 2027!

**Book now** for a holiday full of excitement!

Download the Premier app

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

Download on the App Store

GET IT ON Google Play

# Local Information

Useful information for families

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# Inspire Challenge Enrich

BOOTHAM SCHOOL

**FREE** ACADEMIC MASTERCLASSES FOR ANY LOCAL STUDENTS IN YEARS 3 & 4

**THURSDAY 19TH NOVEMBER**

**16:15 TO 18:00**

## WHERE LITTLE MINDS THINK BIG

- Little Worlds: Create Your Own Terrarium
- Print, Press, Reveal: Exploring Trace Monoprinting
- Introduction to Laser Shooting
- Ready, Set, Inflate! The Balloon Car Challenge
- The key to Creative Writing
- Code Breaking



**MORE INFORMATION AND BOOKING HERE**

# Phonics with Robot Reg York

A gentle introduction to learning letters and sounds through actions, songs, games and dance.

## MINIS CLASS

(For ages 12-36 months)



- Nursery rhymes with puppets and props
- Play-led speech, listening, turn-taking and confidence activities
- Gross motor activities to develop core strength

## PRESCHOOL CLASS

(For ages 3-4 years)




- Letter sounds through fun interactive games
- Oral blending and segmenting for early redding
- Fine motor skills for handwriting
- Preparing children for school

## WEEKLY TIMETABLE

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| **MONDAY** | Wigginton - John Jeffery Community Pavilion, YO32 2PY<br>❤️ 10:15am Minis 12 - 36 months<br>💛 11:15am Minis 12 - 36 months<br>❤️ 12:30pm Preschool 3 - 4 years<br>❤️ 1:30pm Preschool 3 - 4 years |
| **TUESDAY** | Clifton Moor Church and Community Centre, YO30 4WD<br>💛 9:30am Preschool 3 - 4 years<br>❤️ 10:30am Minis 12 - 36 months |
| **WEDNESDAY** | St Andrew's Church Hall, Bishopthorpe, YO23 2QG<br>💛 10am Preschool 3 - 4 years |
| **THURSDAY** | Wigginton - John Jeffery Community Pavilion, YO32 2PY<br>💛 9:30am Preschool 3 - 4 years<br>❤️ 10:30am Minis 12 - 36 months |
| **FRIDAY** | Copmanthorpe WI Hall, YO23 3SX<br>💛 9:30am Preschool 3 - 4 years<br>❤️ 10:45am Minis 12 - 36 months |

## Booking & enquiries

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www.robotreg.co.uk/pages/york

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OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

# Safer Schools

## Your voice matters

A University of York research project

Parents and carers of primary-aged children are invited to share their views on challenging behaviour, including sexist and sexualised language and the influence of online figures who promote negative attitudes towards women and girls.

Your experiences will help researchers better understand these issues.

**5–10 minutes**
To complete the survey

**End of November**
Survey closes

## Have your say

Complete the Parent/Carer Survey

Click Here

**Questions about the project?**
Contact Dr Abby Gilsenan
abby.gilsenan@york.ac.uk

**Thank you for your support.**



Kinship

For family or friends who step up to raise a child.



# Managing challenging behaviour with children in kinship care

## Workshop in York

**Are you raising the child of a relative or family friend?**
We'rehostinga freeworkshop for kinship carers, where you can explore reasons why your child's behaviour may be challenging, and develop strategies to effectively manage it.

## Thursday 3 December | 10am - 1pm

St Saviourgate Venues (Fulford Room)
Central Methodist Church
St Saviourgate, York, YO1 8NQ

- Morning tea and lunch provided
- Connect with kinship carers like you
- Gain helpful strategies and support

SCAN ME!

**We'd love to see you there!**

Registration essential. Click/scan the QR code to sign up, or contact **workshops@kinship.org.uk** to find out more.

Charity Registration: 1093975

# SEND CENTRAL

York SEND Local Offer

## NOVEMBER 2026 ONE OFF SESSIONS AT SEND CENTRAL IN COLLABORATION WITH PARENT CARER FORUM YORK

**Tuesday 3rd November 1pm-2pm**

**SENDIASS Information Session about transitions for parents and carers of children with SEND in Year 4 and Year 5 thinking about Secondary School 1pm- 2pm**

Its never to early to start to think about the next step for your child. This is an information session led by SENDIASS to explore the importance of planning for the next stage in your child's education. This will consider when you should consider secondary school visits, what support can be expected and if there are some key pieces of advice that will make the difference in knowing now rather than later. No booking needed.

**Monday 9th November from 1pm - School Admissions Appointments**

Providing information, advice and guidance for parents and carers applying for a mainstream school place especially those who might be applying for reception or Year 7 school places for September 2027. Parents and carers for children with an EHCP should speak to their SEN Caseworker and website https://www.yorksend.org/education-childcare-0-25/applying-school-place-york

Email SENDCENTRAL@york.gov.uk to book your 20 min appointment.

**Monday 16th November 1pm – 2pm Recognising Big Emotions in Secondary aged young people**

A one off session led by the School Wellbeing Service for parents and carers to pop in and seek some advice and have a look at different resources that may support your child when experiencing big emotions for secondary aged young people. No booking needed.

**Friday 20th November 11am - 12.30am A Multi Agency Preparation for Adulthood Drop In**

SEND CENTRAL are hosting a multi agency drop in that consists of The City of York Specialist Learning & Employment Adviser (SLEA) Team who can advise around pathways that may be available for young people Post 16 in York, a Preparation for Adulthood Social work service manager, social worker and our NHS Transitions Nurse. No Booking needed

**Thursday 26th November 1pm-2.30pm Supporting Better Sleep: Practical Strategies for Parents and Carers of Children with Additional Needs**

Are you looking for support with your child's sleep? Join our practical and informative workshop led by our NHS Advanced Clinical Practitioner and Registered Nurse designed for parents and carers of children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

The session will cover: Understanding sleep, Why children and young people with complex needs find sleep difficult, Sleep hygiene and creating healthy sleep habits, Establishing effective routines, Practical strategies to support better sleep, Local support and advice available in your area, When sleep may need medical assessment , Helpful resources, including sleep diaries, apps, and useful guidance documents. This workshop aims to provide simple, realistic strategies and resources to help improve sleep for the whole family. No booking needed

**All held at SEND CENTRAL , Clifton Family Hub on the site of Clifton Green Primary School, Water Lane York YO30 6JA**
**Tel: 01904 555076 Email: SENDCENTRAL@york.gov.uk**