

Welcome  
to our new  
fortnightly  
newsletter!

## Headteacher's Message

### Welcome Back to a New Year

Dear Parents, Staff and Pupils,

With tremendous optimism, I welcome you all at the beginning of a new academic year to our new-look bi-weekly newsletter. The first days of September always carry a special sense of possibility, which is why the staff look forward to sharing a year of learning and discovery with you all.

This year our focus will be on continuing to support a confident, resilient and compassionate school community. School is not just a place for lessons; it is a place where every voice matters, where curiosity is celebrated and where challenges are embraced.

Over the summer, a number of improvements have been made across the school to further enhance our learning environment. You may have already noticed our fresh new school signage and vibrant values displays, including British Values posters, which reflect the heart of who we are as a community. Our three nursery rooms have also been updated with new vinyl wall displays and furniture to create bright, engaging and welcoming spaces for our youngest learners.

Behind the scenes, we have been working hard on a brand-new school website and prospectus, both of which will be launched very soon. In addition, we are currently creating a **Family Guide** which we believe will be an invaluable resource for parents and carers. And these are just the beginning, many other projects are already in planning as part of our ongoing school improvement journey.

I am incredibly proud of the dedication of our staff, the support of our families and the energy of our children. What a powerful combination! I know we can achieve wonderful things in the months ahead.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate our school mascot, Moz, on the growth of their budding family. I am sure that as the term gathers speed you will all catch glimpses of Moz and their family dotted around school.

Here's to another year of achievement.

**Hadley Nicholson: Acting Headteacher**



### Open Morning: School, pre-school and nursery

We're excited to be opening our doors for our next **Open Morning on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September from 10 am until 12 noon!**

This will be a wonderful chance for prospective families to see our school, pre-school and nursery in action, meet staff, and discover what makes Ghyll Royd so special.

We'd love your help in spreading the word. Please share the date with friends, neighbours, and family who might be interested.

Don't forget, you can also support us by following our Facebook page (**Ghyll Royd School, Pre-School and Nursery**) and sharing our posts when you can. Every like, share, and comment helps us reach more families in the community. Thank you for being such brilliant ambassadors for our school!

## SHARE YOUR NEWS

### We Love to Share Your News!

We're always so proud of what our children get up to outside school, from sports and music to hobbies, adventures, and achievements big or small. We'd love to celebrate these moments by sharing them on our school social media and in this, our fortnightly newsletter.

If your child has taken part in something special recently, please email the details (and a photo if you're happy to share one) to [yvonne.hare@ghyllroydschool.co.uk](mailto:yvonne.hare@ghyllroydschool.co.uk). It's a wonderful way to showcase the talents and interests of our pupils, and the children love seeing their achievements celebrated!



**A huge thank you to all the parents who have already put their names down to help, your support is truly appreciated!**

**We're still looking for more volunteers to join in with upcoming events, including school discos, fundraising activities, concerts, sports days, and maybe some larger community events after Christmas. You don't need to commit lots of time, just an hour here and there makes a big difference.**

**Whether it's setting up, serving refreshments, running a stall, or lending a hand on an event day, your help means we can make these occasions extra special for the children and raise funds for our lovely school.**

**If you'd like to get involved, please email [Yvonne.hare@ghyllroydschool.co.uk](mailto:yvonne.hare@ghyllroydschool.co.uk)**

## First Day of Term Photos

We were delighted to welcome pupils and their families back to school on the first day of the academic year, and what a wonderful start it was! A professional photographer was on hand to capture those special moments, and the children looked fantastic in their smart new uniforms (parents looked great too!).

We'll be working hard to email photos out to all families who had them taken over the next few weeks. As this is quite a big job, we kindly ask for your patience while we get them to you. Thank you for helping us start the year with such a happy occasion! Here are just a couple of our sibling pupils looking fantastic





## Exciting News! Our new website is coming soon!

We're thrilled to announce that a brand-new school website is on its way for Ghyll Royd!

Over the past few weeks, we've been working hard behind the scenes to design a more easy to navigate online home for our school community. The new site will showcase everything that makes our school so special, from our vibrant classrooms and creative curriculum to our forthcoming events (we have lots planned for 2026!), achievements and more.

What you can look forward to:

- A cleaner, more user-friendly design with fabulous photography
- Updated calendar and news sections
- A clearer view of our school values, mission, ethos and curriculum
- Easier access to key information for parents and prospective families

**We're looking forward to launching in the coming weeks and we'll let you know as soon as it's live! In the meantime, thank you for your continued support and patience as we take this exciting digital step forward.**

### Request from Art!

We are collecting large 12 capacity egg boxes and toilet roll tubes for the children's art projects and would really appreciate it if pupils could bring these in for Art lessons rather than throwing them away.



**We're fortunate at Ghyll Royd School to enjoy a wonderful range of facilities and 7 acres of beautiful grounds and we're delighted to let you know that these are available for hire by our families and the wider community.**



**Whether it's the sports hall for clubs, classes, or team training, or our beautiful grounds for weddings, celebrations, and festivals, our spaces can provide the perfect setting. If you, your friends, or your family are planning an event or know of clubs and organisations looking for a venue, please do share this opportunity with them. Hiring our facilities not only makes use of our excellent spaces but also directly supports the school. For further details, availability and booking enquiries, please contact [information@ghyllroydschool.co.uk](mailto:information@ghyllroydschool.co.uk)**

### Second-Hand Uniform Sale

Our second-hand uniform sale is back! It's a great chance to pick up some spare bits of uniform, grab a bargain, and give pre-loved clothes a new home. Every item you buy helps raise funds for the school, so it's a win-win for families and our children.

Date: Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Where: Main foyer, Greystone Manor

Time: 3pm - 4.15pm

If you have any good-quality uniform your child has grown out of, please drop it into the school office, we'd be so grateful. Come along, find what you need, and support our school at the same time! If you cannot attend the sale but would like to purchase items, please email [information@ghyllroydschool.co.uk](mailto:information@ghyllroydschool.co.uk)

## Hugo & Oli's summer escapades!



### A Fantastic Summer for Hugo and Oli!

Hugo and Oli have had an amazing summer, full of achievements and new experiences!

In July, they joined their Uncle at the **Ilkley Half Marathon**, proudly handing out medals alongside other children from Ilkley Round Table families. Oli also began **riding lessons**, quickly developing a love for horses and horsemanship.

August was just as busy, with Hugo and Monty (Form 5) attending a **residential rugby course at Sedbergh School**, where they built new skills and made lots of friends. Both boys then shone at the **York Triathlon**, Oli finishing with a phenomenal sprint, and Hugo (aged 9) bravely stepping up to the **11-13 age category** and setting a new personal best!

To round off such a brilliant summer, they even learned to **kneeboard on Lake Windermere**. What fantastic achievements, well done, Hugo and Oli!



### Well done, Ben!

A huge congratulations to Ben, who has shown fantastic confidence and determination by stepping outside his comfort zone and following his passion for football.

On Saturday, Ben attended his very first training session with **Burley Trojans Football Club**. Not only did he win the **“Hero” award**, but he was also selected to join the squad for a match the very next day, an amazing achievement after just one session!

We're all so proud of you, Ben, what a brilliant start to your football journey!

Congratulations to Sebastian!  
A big well done to Sebastian, who was awarded **U11 Presidents Player of the Year** at Otley Cricket Club's Junior Presentation evening.

Seb's mum told us Sebastian has shown amazing skill and determination. He played 16 games (including 3 cup matches) for Otley U11s, scoring an incredible 400 runs with a top score of 33. In two of the cup games, he even had to retire after reaching 26\* and 28\* runs!

Sebastian also finished with the second highest number of runs in the whole U11 Wharfedale league, just behind a Yorkshire player!



#### Music Lessons – Spaces Available!

We're excited to let you know that our wonderful visiting music teachers have a few spaces available for lessons this term. These are offered on a **first come, first served basis**.

Children are always encouraged to try out an instrument, sometimes a trial lesson helps them discover which one suits them best!

Instrument lessons currently available are:

Piano, Violin and Harp with Mrs Richards

Drums and Guitar with Mr Pryde

Saxophone, Flute and Clarinet with Mrs Wells

If your child would like to try one of the above instruments, please contact **Mrs Evans** via the school office at [information@ghyllroydschool.co.uk](mailto:information@ghyllroydschool.co.uk) and she will be happy to send more details and arrange a trial lesson.



#### The Story of Moz – Our School Mascot Pictured with our Head Girl & Boy (Nell & Seb)



Before our school was even built, the land was filled with the songs of birds, the rustle of trees, and the whisper of the wind. Moz wasn't the biggest or the fastest, but he was full of **curiosity**. He loved exploring – climbing trees, peeking into burrows, and asking questions like "What's over that hill?" or "How do stars shine?".

One day, Moz wasn't just curious. He was also **caring and considerate**. He always stopped to help other creatures, even if it meant changing his plans. One day, Moz heard a cry from deep in the forest. A baby owl had fallen from her nest, from high up in a tree. Moz rushed over and saw the little owl sitting at the bottom, frightened and alone. Now Moz had **never** climbed a tree that high before. The tree was tall, and the bark was rough. His paws slipped at first, and he **almost** gave up. "I can't do it," whispered Moz, sitting at the bottom of the tree – "It's too high".

But then, he looked at the baby owl and remembered something: **being brave doesn't mean you're not scared. It means you try anyway**. Moz took a deep breath, he looked at the tree and said, "Okay, one step at a time." He started again, slowly and carefully. A squirrel spotted him and showed him an easier way to climb. A robin flew beside him

to cheer him on. And little by little, Moz reached the nest. He gently lifted the baby owl back into her home. Her mother hooted her thanks, and all the animals cheered.

**Moz felt proud** – not because he had done something big, but because he hadn't given up. He'd asked for help, kept going, and done something kind and brave. That's when Moz knew what he wanted: to find a place where everyone tried their very best, helped each other, and weren't afraid to make mistakes.

And when our school was built, Moz felt right at home. He saw children who were curious like him, kind like him, and brave like him – even when things got hard. So, Moz stayed! And, now he's our mascot, reminding us **to be creative, to be caring and to be co-operative and challenging** – just like that day in the forest.

## **SPORT NEWS!**

We are looking forward to an exciting half term of sport across the school! Pupils are working hard in their PE lessons and we are also preparing for some upcoming fixtures, details will be shared soon.

This half term, each year group has a special focus:

- Reception: Me, Myself and I - exploring movement, space, and learning all about our amazing bodies.
- Forms 1 & 2: Agility, Balance and Coordination - developing key movement skills through fun games and activities
- Forms 3 & 4: Basketball - learning the skills of dribbling, passing and teamwork.
- Forms 5 & 6: Health and Fitness - exploring how to stay active, strong and healthy.

We are proud of the effort and enthusiasm pupils bring to their lessons and can't wait to see their skills in action during matches and events throughout this new academic year!

**Bookings for our October Holiday Sports Camp are now open on Class For Kids and places are filling up fast already!**

# **HOLIDAY SPORTS CAMP**

FOR PRIMARY AGED CHILDREN



  Book your place through Class for Kids

Email: [information@ghyllroydschool.co.uk](mailto:information@ghyllroydschool.co.uk)

**BOOK NOW!**

We are delighted that our Summer Holiday Sports Camp was our busiest and most successful ever! We received numerous calls and emails from parents to say how much children were enjoying themselves and asking if they could book on for extra days. Thank you to our very own Mr O'Connor for making the camp such a huge success!

Bookings for our October Holiday Sports Camp are now open on Class For Kids and places are filling up fast already.

Please visit: <https://ghyll-royd.classforkids.io/camp/9> to book your child's place. Places are limited and on a first come, first served basis.

## **Spaces in Extra-Curricular Clubs...**

We still have a few spaces left in some of our clubs this term! The clubs are a wonderful way for children to try something new, build confidence and have fun with friends.

**Available spaces include:**

### **Mondays**

|                   |                 |                     |
|-------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| 08.00am - 08.35am | Running Club    | Reception to Year 6 |
| 15.40pm - 16.40pm | Sensible Soccer | Reception to Year 4 |

### **Tuesdays**

|                   |                |                  |
|-------------------|----------------|------------------|
| 13.00pm - 13.30pm | Music Ensemble | Year 3 to Year 6 |
| 13.00pm - 13.30pm | Multi-Sports   | Year 1 to Year 2 |
| 15.40pm - 16.15pm | Multi-Sports   | Year 1 to Year 2 |

## Wednesdays

|                   |                  |                              |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| 10.00am - 10.30am | Modern Dance     | Reception to Year 6          |
| 10.30am - 11.00am | Dancing Dolphins | Age 2 to Age 4 (Early Years) |
| 13.00pm - 13.30pm | Futsal           | Year 3 to Year 6             |
| 15.40pm - 16.40pm | Rugby Club       | Year 3 to Year 6             |
| 15.40pm - 16.40pm | Clay Time        | Year 3 to Year 6             |

## Thursdays

|                   |                    |                     |
|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 12.30pm - 13.00pm | Senior French Club | Year 3 to Year 6    |
| 13.00pm - 13.30pm | Junior French Club | Reception to Year 2 |
| 15.40pm - 16.15pm | Young Voices       | Year 3 to Year 6    |
| 15.40pm - 16.15pm | Rubik's Cubers     | Year 3 to Year 6    |
| 15.40pm - 16.15pm | Advanced Computing | Year 5 - Year 6     |

## Fridays

|                   |                       |                  |
|-------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| 10.40am - 11.00am | Inspiration Tree Lego | Year 1 to Year 4 |
| 10.40am - 11.00am | Gym Club              | Year 3 to Year 6 |

If you would like to book in to one of the clubs for your child, please email [information@ghyllroydschool.co.uk](mailto:information@ghyllroydschool.co.uk)

## Our new 3 Week Menu Rotas!

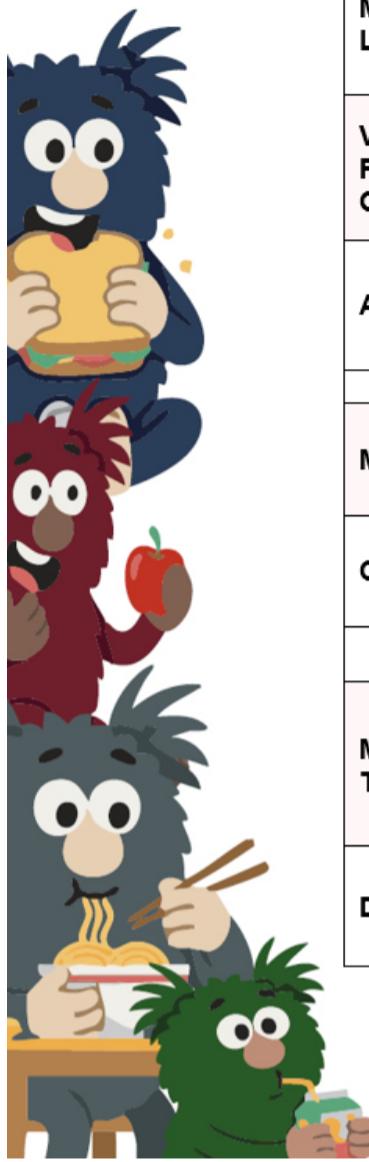


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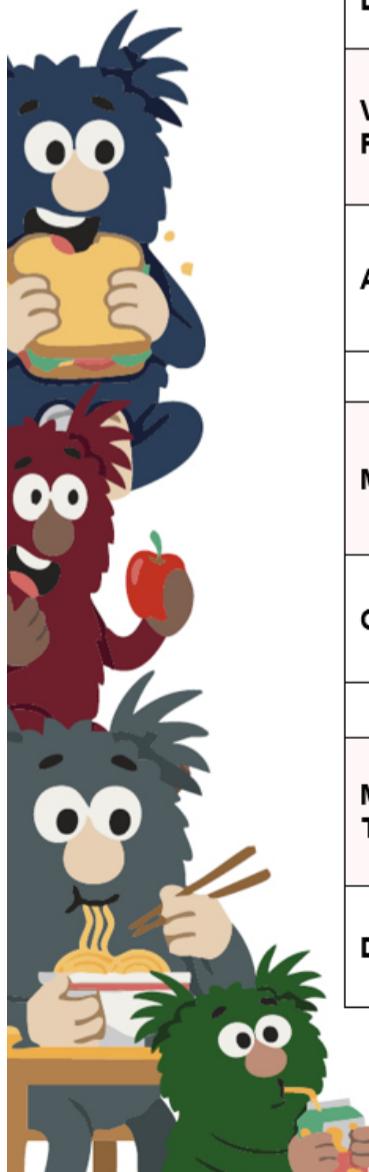
| WEEK ONE                               | MONDAY                           | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY                          | THURSDAY                       | FRIDAY                                  |
|--|----------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| <b>MAIN COURSE - LUNCH</b>             | *Turkey meatballs & pasta        | *Cottage pie & Yorkshire pudding                    | *Sweet & sour chicken & rice       | *Beef lasagne & garlic bread   | *Pizza with assorted toppings and salad |
| <b>VEGETARIAN / PESCATARIAN OPTION</b> | Cheese & vegetarian quesadilla   | Vegetarian sausage roll, vegetables, roast potatoes | Creamy salmon tagliatelle          | Homemade vegetable soup        | Fishcake, potatoes, peas                |
| <b>ALTERNATIVE</b>                     | Jacket potato, cheese & beans    | Ham cheese or tuna bap with salad                   | Pesto pasta                        | Jacket potato, cheese & beans  | Tomato & vegetable pasta bake           |
| <b>MAIN DESSERT</b>                    | Natural yoghurt, honey & granola | Marble cake   | Warm pancakes, jam & squirty cream | Coconut & vanilla rice pudding | Rocky road cake                         |
| <b>COLD DESSERT</b>                    | Fresh fruit or yogurt            | Fresh fruit or yogurt                               | Fresh fruit or yogurt              | Fresh fruit or yogurt          | Fresh fruit or yogurt                   |
| <b>MAIN COURSE - TEA</b>               | Cheese/ham toastie & salad       | Ravioli on toast                                    | Jacket potatoes cheese & beans     | Spanish chicken & rice         | Sausage casserole & Yorkshire pudding   |
| <b>DESSERT</b>                         | Flapjack                         | Fresh fruit or yogurt                               | Chocolate mousse/fruit             | Bakewell slice/fresh fruit     | Fresh fruit or yogurt                   |

\*Reception, Pre-school and Nursery Lunch



| WEEK TWO                               | MONDAY                                      | TUESDAY                                   | WEDNESDAY                          | THURSDAY                      | FRIDAY                          |
|--|---|---|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>MAIN COURSE - LUNCH</b>             | *Chicken tikka masala & basmati rice        | *Beef stew & dumpling & Yorkshire pudding | *Sausage, mash, peas & gravy       | *Chicken fajita pasta bake    | *Beef or chicken burger & salad |
| <b>VEGETARIAN / PESCATARIAN OPTION</b> | Quiche, new potatoes & vegetables           | Creamy vegetable pasta bake               | Fish pie & mixed vegetables        | Fish finger subs & salad      | Asian style veggie noodles      |
| <b>ALTERNATIVE</b>                     | Cheese pasta                                | Jacket potato, cheese & beans             | Ham/cheese bap & salad             | Jacket potato, cheese & beans | Pesto pasta                     |
| <b>MAIN DESSERT</b>                    | Apple crumble & custard                     | Lemon drizzle cake                        | Waffles & ice cream                | Cheesecake                    | Chocolate cake                  |
| <b>COLD DESSERT</b>                    | Fresh fruit & yoghurt                       | Fresh fruit & yoghurt                     | Fresh fruit & yoghurt              | Fresh fruit & yoghurt         | Fresh fruit & yoghurt           |
| <b>MAIN COURSE - TEA</b>               | Cheese & onion crisp bakes, potatoes & peas | Tomato & vegetable pasta bake             | Beef chilli, rice & tortilla chips | Beef meatballs & spaghetti    | Tuna pasta bake                 |
| <b>DESSERT</b>                         | Fresh fruit & yoghurt                       | Fresh fruit & yoghurt                     | Strawberry mousse                  | Fresh fruit & yoghurt         | Fresh fruit & yoghurt           |

\*Reception, Pre-school and Nursery Lunch



| WEEK THREE                      | MONDAY   | TUESDAY                                    | WEDNESDAY                                    | THURSDAY                                   | FRIDAY                       |
|---------------------------------|--|--|--|--|------------------------------|
| <b>MAIN COURSE - LUNCH</b>      | *Pasta bolognese & garlic bread                | *Spaghetti carbonara                       | *Roast chicken dinner with all the trimmings | *All day breakfast                         | *Macaroni cheese & peas      |
| <b>VEGETARIAN / PESCATARIAN</b> | BBQ veggie sausages, new potatoes & peas       | Vegetable stir fry                         | Cheese panini & chips                        | Fish, chips & peas                         | Jacket potato cheese & beans |
| <b>ALTERNATIVE</b>              | Jacket potato with cheese & beans or tuna mayo | Cheese/ham bap & salad                     | Tomato & vegetable pasta                     | Pesto pasta                                | BBQ chicken wrap & salad     |
| <b>MAIN DESSERT</b>             | Natural yoghurt, honey & granola               | Parkin & custard                           | Jelly & ice cream                            | Chocolate or strawberry mousse/fresh fruit | School cake                  |
| <b>COLD DESSERT</b>             | Fresh fruit & yoghurt                          | Fresh fruit & yoghurt                      | Fresh fruit & yoghurt                        | Fresh fruit & yoghurt                      | Fresh fruit & yoghurt        |
| <b>MAIN COURSE - TEA</b>        | Chicken goujons, waffles & beans               | Steak pie, vegetables & Yorkshire puddings | Cheesy bean & potato pie & peas              | Soup of the day & assorted sandwiches      | Chicken jambalaya            |
| <b>DESSERT</b>                  | Angel cake slice                               | Fresh fruit & yoghurt                      | Fresh fruit & yoghurt                        | Butterfly buns & fresh fruit               | Fresh fruit & yoghurt        |

\*Reception, Pre-school and Nursery Lunch

## Exciting News from Nursery!

We are very lucky to have such a dedicated and experienced team running our nursery for 50 weeks of the year. As you all know, recently, we have opened a **third nursery room** and made some changes to our staffing structure to make sure every child enjoys consistency, continuity, and the very best experience.

Here's a quick update on our teams:

### Little Adventurers

- Miss Gibson (Room Leader and also Deputy Nursery Manager and Designated Safeguarding Lead)
- Miss Mason (EYFS Practitioner)

### Great Explorers

- Miss Rizzello (Room Leader and also Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead).
- Miss Trotter (EYFS Practitioner)

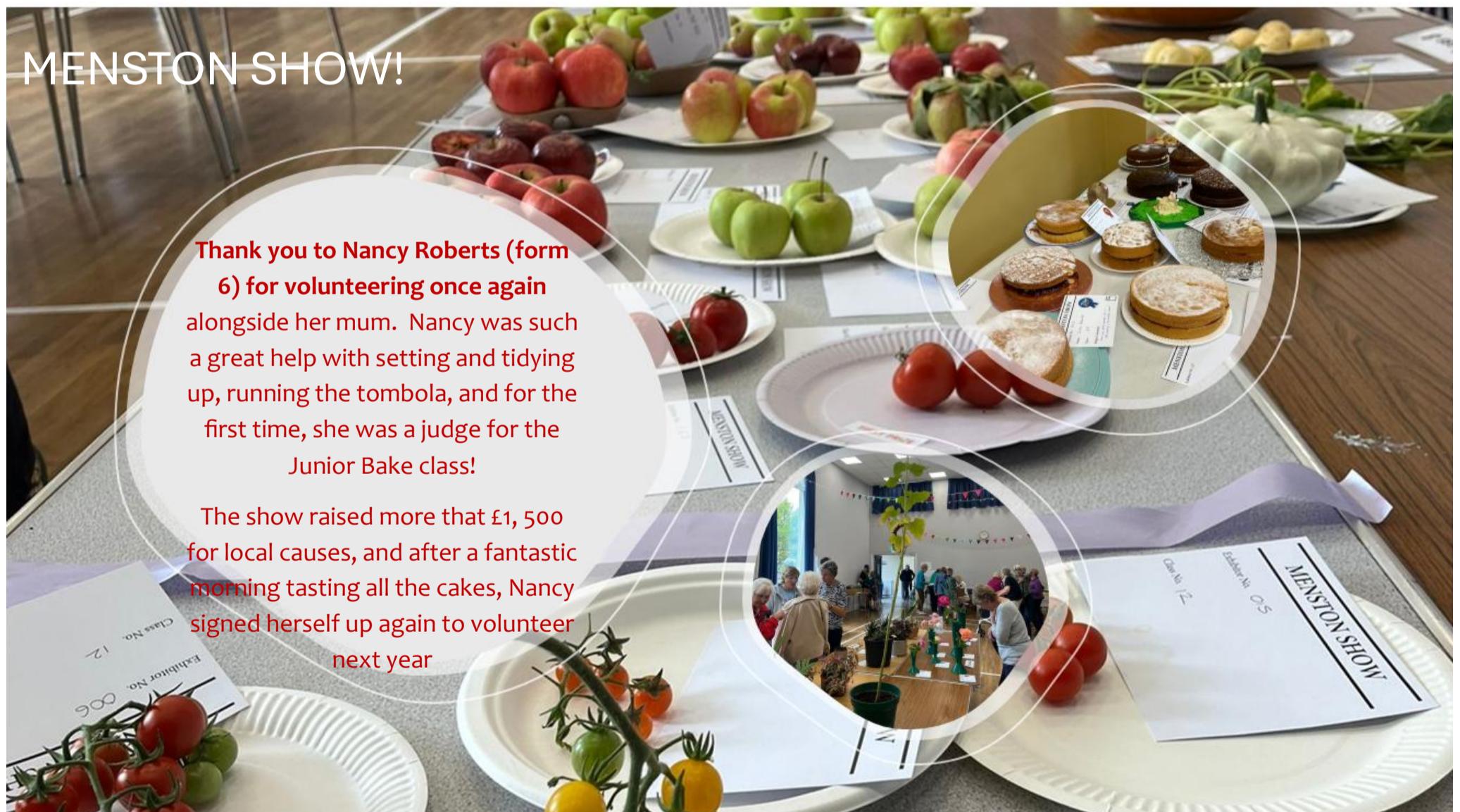
### Brave Pioneers

- Miss Stacey (EYFS pre-school teacher and Nursery Manager)
- Miss Brock (EYFS Practitioner)

Miss Hughes (EYFS Practitioner) works across **all three rooms** providing support wherever it is needed. Her flexible role means she can bring her skills and experience to each team, ensuring children benefit from her knowledge and care in every part of nursery life.

We are so excited to start the new term across our three rooms. Over the summer, we've been busy with DIY, decorating, and adding new vinyls and furniture to make our spaces even more welcoming.

This term, children are enjoying fun and engaging activities linked to the **EYFS framework**, and we've got lots of exciting trips planned, including a visit to the pumpkin patch and the garden centre.



## Term Dates & Autumn Term Calendar

| September       |  |  |  |  |  |
|-----------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| <b>Mon 15</b>   |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Tues 16</b>  | Ghyll Royd School & Pre-School <b>OPEN DAY</b>         |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Weds 17</b>  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Thurs 18</b> | Swimming   | Reception Parents 'Information Event: MATHS 3.00pm to 3.40pm   |  |  |  |
| <b>Fri 19</b>   | Celebration Assembly 8.50am                            |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Mon 22</b>   |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Tues 23</b>  | F1&2 Trip Bradford Industrial Museum                   |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Weds 24</b>  | Form 5 Parents' Residential Information Meeting 3.40pm |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Thurs 25</b> | Swimming   | Reception Parents' Information Event: ENGLISH 3.00pm to 3.40pm |  |  |  |
| <b>Fri 26</b>   | Celebration Assembly 8.50am                            | Grandparents" Morning for Forms: 1,3,4,5 8.30am to 11.00am...  | Including....School Council Macmillian Coffee Morning From 10.40am |  |  |
| <b>Mon 29</b>   | U/9 & U/11 Swim Gala @ QE                              |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Tues 30</b>  | U/9 Rugby @ Cundall Manor                              |  |  |  |  |

| October         |  |                                 |  |
|-----------------|--|---------------------------------|--|
| <b>Weds 1</b>   | <b>Buckden House F-3 October F5</b>                    |                                 |  |
| <b>Thurs 2</b>  | Swimming   |                                 |  |
| <b>Fri 3</b>    | Celebration Assembly 8.50am U/11 Hockey @ QE           |                                 |  |
| <b>Sat 4</b>    | Wharfe League Cross Country @ Ilkley Rugby Club 9.00am |                                 |  |
| <b>Mon 6</b>    | Optional Parents' Evening                              |                                 |  |
| <b>Tues 7</b>   |  |                                 |  |
| <b>Weds 8</b>   |  |                                 |  |
| <b>Thurs 9</b>  |  |                                 |  |
| <b>Fri 10</b>   | House Assembly   |                                 |  |
| <b>Mon 13</b>   | Eden Camp: F3, 4                                       |                                 |  |
| <b>Tues 14</b>  | U/9 Rugby @ Terrington Hall                            |                                 |  |
| <b>Weds 15</b>  |  |                                 |  |
| <b>Thurs 16</b> | Swimming   | Reception 2026 Play Date 9.00am |  |
| <b>Fri 17</b>   | Harvest Assembly 8.50am                                |                                 |  |

| November        |   |  |  |  |  |
|-----------------|---|--|--|--|--|
| <b>Date</b>     |   |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Mon 3</b>    |   |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Tues 4</b>   | F3&4 Games Afternoons start: Hockey                       |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Weds 5</b>   |   |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Thurs 6</b>  | Swimming  | Reception 2026 Play Date 9.00am  |  |  |  |
| <b>Fri 7</b>    | House Assembly  | F5&6 Games Afternoons start: Rugby   |  |  |  |
| <b>Mon 10</b>   |   |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Tues 11</b>  | Remembrance Day   |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Weds 12</b>  |   |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Thurs 13</b> | Swimming  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Fri 14</b>   | Celebration Assembly 8.50am                               | Grandparents" Morning for Rec, F1 & 6 8.30am to 11.00am<br>Including....<br>'Children in Need' Bake Sale By the School Council |  |  |  |
| <b>Sat 15</b>   | Wharfe League Cross Country @ Ilkley Swimming Pool 9.00am |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Mon 17</b>   |   |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Tues 18</b>  |   |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Weds 19</b>  |   |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Thurs 20</b> | Swimming  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Fri 21</b>   | Celebration Assembly 8.50am                               | U/11 Rugby CUP @ KRUFC   |  |  |  |
| <b>Mon 24</b>   |   |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Tues 25</b>  | U/9 Hockey @ BRHC Hosted by GRS                           |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Weds 26</b>  | Year 3/4 trip to Murton Park                              |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Thurs 27</b> | Swimming KSI ONLY   | <b>Polar Post Box Arrives</b>  |  |  |  |
| <b>Fri 28</b>   | Celebration Assembly 8.50am                               | U/11 Hockey @ BRHC Hosted by GRS   |  |  |  |

**December**

|                 |  |   |
|-----------------|--|---|
| <b>Mon 1</b>    | Parent Event: Christmas Wreath Making <b>TBC</b>   |   |
| <b>Tues 2</b>   | Nativity Dress Rehearsal 2pm   |   |
| <b>Weds 3</b>   |  |   |
| <b>Thurs 4</b>  | Swimming KS2 ONLY  | Early Years and KS1 Nativity Production 2pm                                   |
| <b>Fri 5</b>    | Christingle Service 9.00am   | End of Term Reports   |
| <b>Sat 6</b>    |  |   |
| <b>Mon 8</b>    | School Christmas Day and Lunch<br><b>NO PE lessons</b>   | Parents' Evening 4.00-6.00pm  |
| <b>Tues 9</b>   | Christmas Carol Service Rehearsal<br>Children in Form 3 to 6 to be dropped off at the church from 8.30am |   |
| <b>Weds 10</b>  | Form 1 & 2 Pantomime trip to Harrogate Theatre   |   |
| <b>Thurs 11</b> | No Swimming  | Christmas Carol Service 4.00pm @ St Mary's Church, Burley Reception to Form 6 |
| <b>Fri 12</b>   | <b>End of Term Awards Service 2.00pm</b>   |   |

**Term dates from September 2025 to July 2026**

|                    |                       |  |
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| <b>Autumn 2025</b> | <b>Staff Training</b> | <b>Monday 1st September</b>            |
|                    | <b>Staff Training</b> | <b>Tuesday 2nd September</b>           |
|                    | <b>Staff Training</b> | <b>Wednesday 3rd September</b>         |
|                    | <b>School Opens</b>   | <b>Thursday 4th September</b>          |
|                    | <b>School Closes</b>  | <b>Friday 17th October</b>             |
|                    | <b>School Opens</b>   | <b>Monday 3rd November</b>             |
|                    | <b>School Closes</b>  | <b>Friday 12th December</b>            |
|                    | <b>Nursery Closes</b> | <b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b> |
| <b>Spring 2026</b> | <b>School Opens</b>   | <b>Monday 5th January</b>              |
|                    | <b>School Closes</b>  | <b>Friday 13th February</b>            |
|                    | <b>School Opens</b>   | <b>Monday 23rd February</b>            |
|                    | <b>School Closes</b>  | <b>Friday 27th March</b>               |
| <b>Summer 2026</b> | <b>School Opens</b>   | <b>Monday 13th April</b>               |
|                    | <b>MAY DAY</b>        | <b>Monday 4th May</b>                  |
|                    | <b>School Closes</b>  | <b>Friday 22nd May</b>                 |
|                    | <b>School Opens</b>   | <b>Monday 8th June</b>                 |
|                    | <b>School Closes</b>  | <b>Friday 17th July</b>                |



## WELCOME to YV26

Prepare for an unforgettable experience as we celebrate 30 years of Young Voices. Your child will join thousands of other young singers at one of the UK's most iconic venues, becoming part of the legendary YV Choir of 26. The full music pack will be available in June, but to get you started, we've included the special song "Power In Me".

### What to Expect

Your child will perform alongside choirs from schools across the country in a breathtaking concert featuring spectacular sound, lighting, and special guest performances. Young Voices is more than just a performance! It's a year-long, inspiring and educational programme designed to build confidence, support wellbeing and create lasting musical memories.

**The Music Room – Your Child's Rehearsal Hub**  
The Music Room is an interactive online tool that helps your child rehearse at home and provides useful information about the concert.



We're super excited for YV26 as we **celebrate 30 years** of singing together and making memories that will last a lifetime. Your support makes all the difference!

**Get Ready!** Visit the YV Music Room shop to purchase your child's official choir t shirt and audience tickets from late May.

**YV Choir of 26 t shirt**, to be worn at the concert, is a special keepsake that will remind your child of the unforgettable moment they sang to a sold-out audience at one of the UK's largest venues.

**Audience Tickets** Don't miss the chance to be part of the excitement! Secure your tickets as soon as they become available. Tickets will sell out, so be sure to get them early to enjoy this memorable concert with your child.

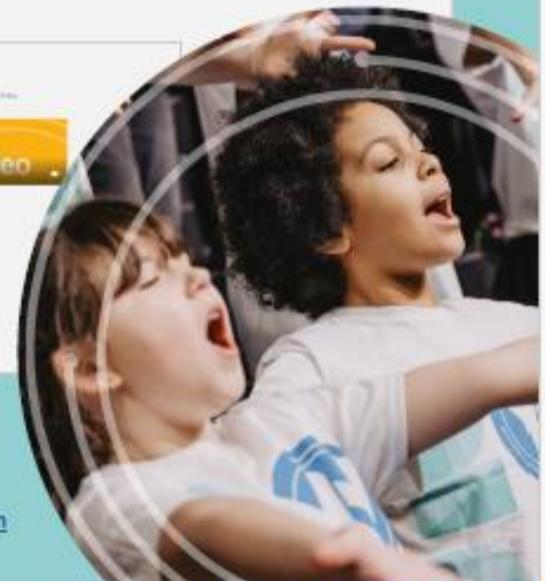
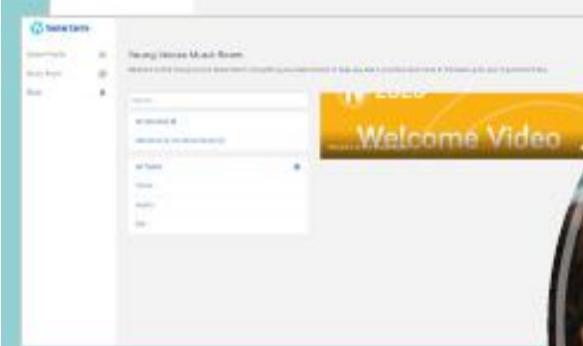
## How to use the YV Music Room

Now that you're in the Music Room, you can manage your child's YV26 choir journey, from rehearsals to ordering tickets and t-shirts!

Here's What to Do Next:

- **Sign Your Child Up** – add your child's name to create their profile.
- **Practice Anytime** – access all concert songs and supporting resources.
- **Order your Official YV t shirt and tickets** – purchase YV t shirts and tickets directly from the Music Room Shop from late May. Orders placed will be delivered to your school.

Below, you'll find a helpful visual with key feature descriptions.



[Here to help >>>](#)

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## Looking ahead

### Year 7 and Sixth Form

#### Open Events

Friday 19 September 2025 - 8.45am - 12 noon  
Saturday 11 October 2025 - 9am - 12 noon  
Wednesday 12 November 2025 - 8.45am - 12 noon



#### Bursaries

To learn more about our bursary programme, please join us for our Virtual Bursary Information Evening on **Tuesday 16 September, 6pm - 6.45pm**.

We offer means-tested bursaries to new pupils who join us into Year 7 and Year 12. Successful applicants must meet both our academic and financial criteria.

The Year 7 bursary application deadline is **Tuesday 30 September 2025**.

The Year 12 bursary application deadline is **Sunday 30 November 2025**.

For further information please contact:  
0113 228 5121 | [admissions@gsal.org.uk](mailto:admissions@gsal.org.uk)



#### Sixth Form

Information Evening  
5.45pm – 8pm  
Thursday 20 November 2025



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**WOW!**  
What an opportunity for these young children to experience singing at this huge arena. A once in a lifetime experience all of us will never forget.

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