

# Willow Tree Primary School

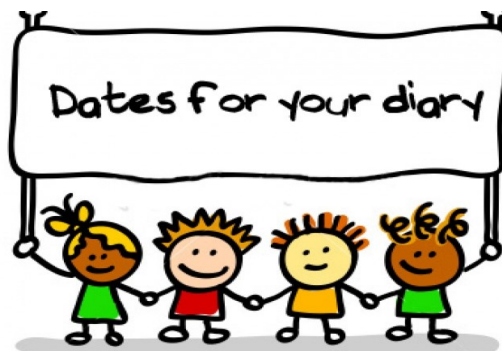
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**PTFA Summer Fair - Friday 8th July**

**Transition Meetings - Thursday 14th July** *Come and find out what happens in your child's new year group and see their new classrooms. Timings to follow*

**Sports Week - Monday 18th July (children to wear PE Kit Mon - Thurs)**

**Y6 Play— Tuesday 19th July 6pm**

**Sports Day - Wednesday 20th July**

**Break up - Friday 22nd July (one hour earlier than normal collection time)**

**INSET Day - Monday 25th July**

**New School Year - Monday 5th September**

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## School Meal Prices

Unfortunately we have had to take the difficult decision to raise the School Meal Price in September. As you are aware the cost of living continues to rise rapidly at present and as you might expect the associated costs of meals are doing the same. We are committed to trying to support you all where we can but the cost of providing a hot school meal has risen to **£2.69** and we will need to pass this increase on to parents from September. Meals remain free for all children in Reception and Years 1 and 2.

Please don't forget you may be entitled to free school meals and I would strongly encourage parents to apply for these if they are entitled to do so. More information is available below and if you would like any support in doing this please contact the office. If your child gets a free meal anyway (in Reception, Years 1 and 2) please also apply for free meals.

For every child who is entitled to and applies for free school meals, our school funding is increased. Like everywhere budgets are tight, so if we are entitled to claim additional Government funding because of this we would like to claim it to support our children. ***Please help us to do that.***

## How to Apply for Free School Meals

It is now easier for parents to apply for free school meals. The new application process means that all applications are made electronically. In just a few simple steps and a matter of minutes you will receive an instant decision on whether your application has been successful.

The new application process is now live and can be accessed immediately here: [Synergy - Enquiry \(northyorks.gov.uk\)](https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/synergy)

You can access the [attached step-by-step guide](#) to help you with your application. If you have any questions or need any further help, please contact the office:

admin@willotree.n-yorks.sch.uk



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## Book Wish List

Did you know that Willow Tree has a wish list of books set up with the Ripon Little Bookshop? This was set up during the pandemic when parents wanted to give a gift to staff at the end of term but we could not accept these into school because of quarantining. It was so successful we have kept it going.

The teachers have chosen books they would like to have in their classroom book corners to share with their class. We put a book plate into each book saying who it is from.

The list is held here and you can purchase a book online and they will deliver it to school.

<https://www.littleriponbookshop.co.uk/willow>

Please do consider this as a gift option - the look on the teachers' and children's faces when they receive a pile of sparkling new books is wonderful!

# THE LITTLE RIPON BOOKSHOP



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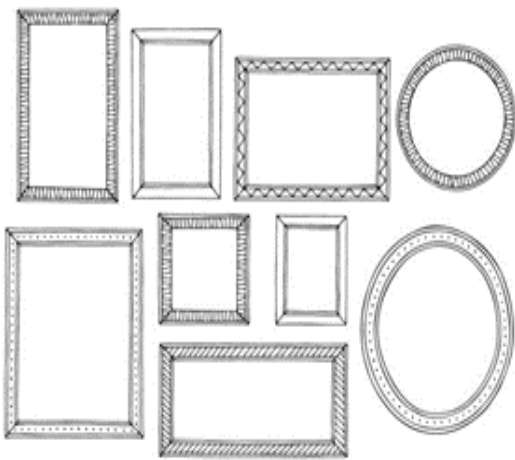
## Bikes and Scooters

A reminder that bikes and scooters **must not** be ridden on school grounds. There was an accident on the school site yesterday afternoon where a Year 2 child was hit by a scooter and suffered a bad nosebleed.

Thank you for your co-operation.



## Do you have any unwanted picture frames?



The KS1 Art and Design team would be very grateful to receive any donations of picture frames that are no longer any use to you. These would be used to revamp some of our current displays around school.

The frames must be made with plastic or Perspex, not glass.

Many thanks!

KS1 Art & Design Team

## Award for Sustainable Menu Choices

NYCC's school meals service has come second in the national Green School Meal League. BBC Look North were in school this week to film a feature about it in the school canteen.

Some of our children were interviewed about what they enjoy about our school meals and the variety on the menu.

Well done to our school cook Mrs Green and to the NYCC Catering Team.

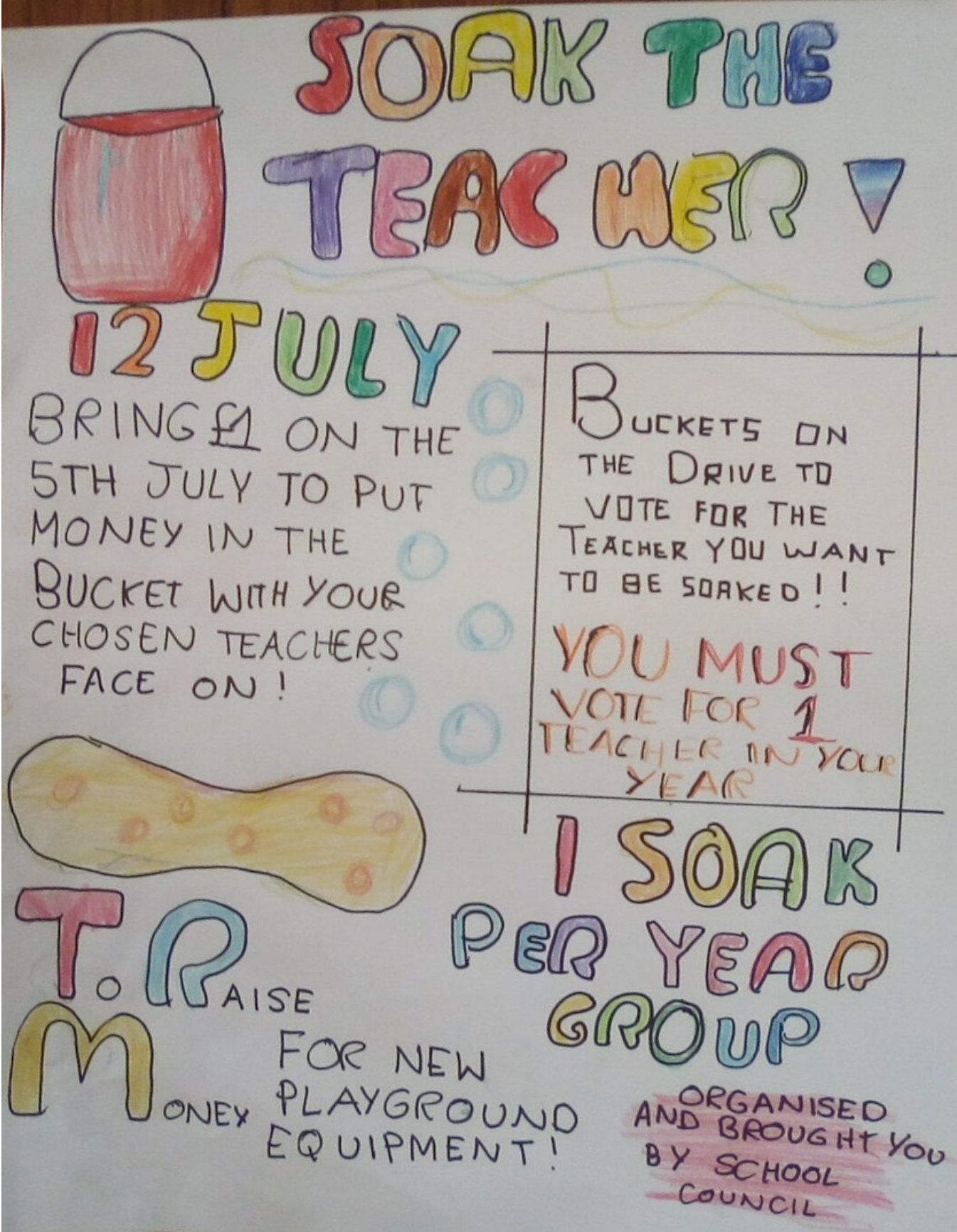
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## Soak The Teacher!



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**12 JULY**

BRING £1 ON THE 5TH JULY TO PUT MONEY IN THE BUCKET WITH YOUR CHOSEN TEACHERS FACE ON !

**BUCKETS ON THE DRIVE TO VOTE FOR THE TEACHER YOU WANT TO BE SOAKED !!**

**YOU MUST VOTE FOR 1 TEACHER IN YOUR YEAR**

**1 SOAK PER YEAR GROUP**

**T.O. RAISE MONEY FOR NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT!**

**ORGANISED AND BROUGHT YOU BY SCHOOL COUNCIL**

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## Sports Week

The last week of term is Sports Week. In addition to Sports Day the children will be participating in a variety of sporting activities throughout the week.

Children are therefore required to come to school in their PE kit every day except Friday, when they will need to wear their school uniform.



## Early Collection

Please note that children can only be collected early if they have a medical appointment. Notice of the appointment must be given in advance.



Please check your ParentPay account and make sure it is not in debit. Please ensure that you credit the account in advance of meals being taken

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## Willow Tree in the News

Willow Tree has been in the news this week, as our PTFA reach out to local businesses to support the playground equipment appeal.

Click on the link below to read one of the articles:

<https://yourharrogate.co.uk/news/harrogate-primary-school-launch-urgent-appeal-for-playground-equipment/>



## Special Mention

Ben and Lara in Year 5 raised £113 for UNICEF last week in support of Ukraine by setting up a bake sale. They sold ice lollies, crisps and cookies to pupils after school near a local secondary school. Well done Ben and Lara!

## Get inventive with the Summer Reading Challenge 2022!



Children can once again sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge at their local library during the holidays. This year the theme is Gadgeteers and is all about getting creative with science and inventions.

The challenge for children is to read 6 library books of their choice and collect special stickers and other prizes along the way – everyone who finishes will receive a limited edition Gadgeteers medal and a certificate. Any child aged 4 to 11 can join in and the challenge runs from Sat 16<sup>th</sup> July until Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Sept.

There will also be a fantastic programme of activities in libraries all summer, many of them free, to go with the challenge – flyers with more details will be sent to school for children to bring home

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## Covid Cases

We are seeing an increasing number of Covid cases within school.

The main symptoms of COVID-19 are a recent onset of any of the following:

- a high temperature or shivering (chills) – a high temperature means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste
- shortness of breath
- feeling tired or exhausted
- an aching body
- a headache
- a sore throat
- a blocked or runny nose
- loss of appetite
- diarrhoea
- feeling sick or being sick

The DfE guidance for schools is as follows:

### **If you choose to use a covid test**

If your child tests positive they may return to school after 3 days as long as they do not have a temperature. For adults this is now 5 days.

### **If you do not choose to test**

If your child has one of the main covid symptoms listed above together with a high temperature they should not return to school until they are well and have no temperature.

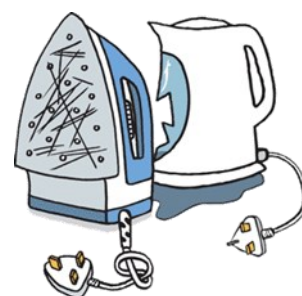
You are advised to carefully follow the general guidance **Coronavirus: how to stay safe and help prevent the spread - GOV.UK** ([www.gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk)) to limit the risk of further spread of COVID-19.

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## Recycling

Did you know that anything with a plug, battery or cable can be recycled? If you have a small electrical appliance like a hairdryer, iron, kettle or toaster that doesn't work anymore and can't be repaired, you can take it to your local Household Waste Recycling Centre. Even very small items like electric toothbrushes, torches, and razors can be recycled. Battery powered items like calculators and toys too.



UK households are hiding an astonishing 527 million unwanted electricals. If all these items were recycled, it would cut as much CO2 as taking 1.3 million cars off the road!



Inside electrical items are precious materials like gold, copper, steel and aluminium. If these items are binned rather than recycled, that potential to reuse those resources is lost forever.

When you recycle waste electricals, recovered plastic and metals can be used to make new products – from bicycles and children's play areas to life-saving equipment.

As well as being able to take items to your local Household Waste Recycling Centre, you can also drop off your broken and unwanted small electricals at 20 participating libraries until 8 July. More at [www.northyorks.gov.uk/SmallElectricals](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/SmallElectricals)

Laptops, tablets and smartphones that still work can be dropped off at participating libraries and donated to the Reboot scheme. Find out more at [www.rebootny.co.uk](http://www.rebootny.co.uk)



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## Champions of the Week

		Spruce	Marnie M	Rowan	Lacey
Ash	Clark	Poplar	Reuben	Sycamore	Jason
Chestnut	Bella	Apple	Zak	Elm	Riley
Holly	Ollie	Hawthorn	Oscar	Walnut	Anthony
Cherry	Abdul- mateen	Larch	Serah	Acer	Matthew
Hornbeam	Lucy	Cedar	Chloe	Silver Birch	Isabelle
Lime	Eddie	Maple	Kieran		



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