



Welburn Hall Weekly

Friday 27 June 2025



Hello and welcome to our weekly Newsletter.....

School dinner arrears

We are £90.00 in arrears for school meals. Can parents please clear any dept. School lunches must be paid in advance. Automatic top-up, for as little as £5, can be set up on Parent Pay.

Thank you for your understanding

Summer 2 Term Food Tech Contributions

Payments can now be made towards Summer 2 Term Food Tech.

So, if you are able to contribute, please do so via [ParentPay](#). Thank you


















ParentPay

Parent Pay activation letters have now been sent home in book bags.

If you haven't already done so, can we please request that you log in and activate your account. Even if your child has free school meals we still need parents to have their own Parent Pay account.

Your help is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Lunch Wk 1	Main option 1	Vegetarian option 2	Options 3 or 4	Pudding
Mon	Sticky pork noodles 	Italian pasta bake VG 	Tuna sandwich Or Jacket potato & beans VG	Chocolate Sponge & Custard V 
Tues	Minced beef loaded wedges 	Veg sausage with wedges VG 	Onion bhaji burger VG Or Cheese sandwich V	Jam doughnut muffin V 
Weds	Sausages, gravy & mashed potatoes 	Tomato & herb pasta pot VG 	Ham sandwich Or Jacket potato & beans VG	Flapjack VG 
Thurs	Chicken Korma 	Cheese & tomato pasta V 	Mexican beef taco Or Cheese jacket potato V	Sponge & custard V 
Fri	Fish fingers 	Cheese whirl V 	Chicken parmesan Or Cheese sandwich V	Jam shortcake VG 

V – Vegetarian VG – Vegan. Jan 2025



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We are a nut aware school



Last week Welburn had some exciting visitors... 30 baby chicks!!

They arrived in the incubator and learners were able to see up close the baby chicks hatching out of their eggs!! They were then transferred into brooding boxes and moved around the school so all classes got to spend some time with them!

They've been an absolute joy to have in the classroom!



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Welburn Hall have taken delivery of the new recycling bins from Ryedale Council. The Thursday morning life skills recycling team used them for the first time last week, which was a lot easier than the old trolley!

The team have reminded classes that all rubbish that can be recycled needs to be washed before we can collect it.



Last Friday we celebrated World Music Day, which included listening to music from all over the globe; doing activities and learning interesting facts about other countries.

In the afternoon everyone enjoyed Party in the Park – music, dancing and ice pops. What a treat!



Our York College group have now completed their City & Guilds Introduction to Construction, which included some woodwork, electrics, plumbing and stone masonry.

We must say a big thank you to Nigel, their instructor and well done to our learners!



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ART CLUB



Another new learner has joined Art Club this week. It's fantastic to see learners from different classes all coming together and bonding over a common interest.

There's been a slight adjustment to Art Club schedule and it now takes place on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday lunchtimes. This is to allow the girls to join the Girl's Football Club on a Thursday if they choose to.

Some learners are still cracking on with wool paintings while others are practicing dot-work, which takes time and patience to get the desired effect.

Well done Art Clubbers!



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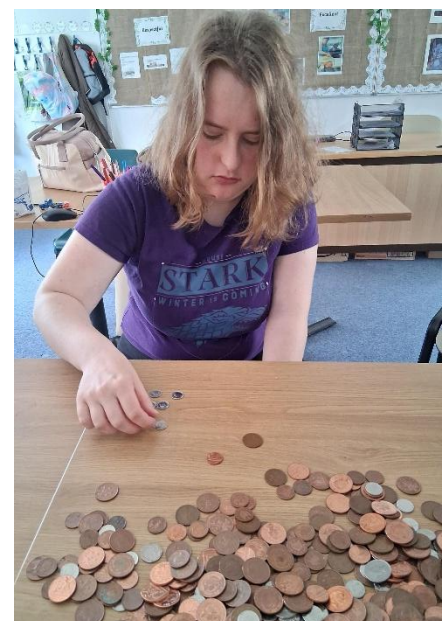
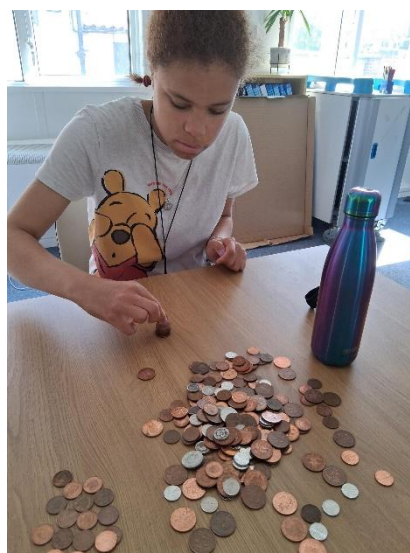
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Anabel's class have been sorting different coins and counting them out to make a pound.



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Jess' class did really well on Wednesday preparing their own bacon and tomato pasta sauce. Everyone enjoyed getting together to cook and then eat.

Wellbeing in Mind Survey ~ Please give us your views

The Wellbeing in Mind team are NHS professionals who work alongside us to support our learners with their emotional and mental wellbeing, including those whose behaviours may be causing them problems. This could be in the form of:

- Classroom based education sessions
- Individual Cognitive Behavioural Therapy sessions
- Staff training

Where needed they can support people to access other services for additional help.

The team is currently conducting a wellbeing audit about the help that is available in school and would really like to know what parents think?

Anxiety in all of its forms is a common issue for many of our learners and the Wellbeing in Mind Team need your input to decide how they can assist both school and parents.

Click the link here to take part:

[Parent Wellbeing in Mind Survey](#)

Pre Formal learners were so gentle with the chicks that came to stay in class for the day. We learnt the chicks need warmth, food, water and a clean, dry place to live.



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Wellbeing & Safeguarding



North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (NYSCP) aims to ensure all children in North Yorkshire are safe, happy, healthy and achieving.



If you are worried about a child – this is the duty number: 0300 131 2 131 Or see their website here:

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about NINTENDO SWITCH 2

Nintendo launched its Switch 2 games console in early June 2025 – its first new console in eight years. While it builds on the original's success by remaining compatible with certain existing games, it also adds powerful hardware and new features like GameChat and a USB-C camera. As more children look to upgrade, it's important to understand how this new console might affect their play and safety.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

EASIER TO ACCESS MATURE CONTENT

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CENSORED

Despite Nintendo's reputation for family-friendly titles, mature games like Cyberpunk 2077 and Hitman have been released onto the platform. With the Switch 2's improved performance, developers will be able to port even more mature-rated games. These may appeal to children due to their popularity, but they contain content that is highly unsuitable for young audiences.

IN-APP & GAME STORE PURCHASES

The Nintendo eShop enables purchases with just a few taps. If payment details are saved and PIN protection is disabled, children may unknowingly make costly purchases – including game add-ons, cosmetic items or entire new releases – without parental approval.

UNRESTRICTED ONLINE PLAY IN SOME GAMES

While GameChat is one feature, Switch 2 also connects to the broader Nintendo Switch Online service. Many free-to-play titles like Fortnite or Splatoon 3 allow voice or text chat with strangers unless chat settings are adjusted, meaning children could encounter inappropriate language or unwanted contact.

GAMECHAT & REAL-TIME VOICE COMMUNICATION

GameChat enables live chatting with up to 12 people, even across different games, with optional video and screen-sharing. Though children under 16 are restricted to chatting only with approved friends, the sheer interactivity could raise privacy concerns or create pressure to remain online longer.

CAMERA COMPATIBILITY & PRIVACY CONCERNS

The optional USB-C camera supports video calling and facial overlays in games; however, this also raises the risk of cyberbullying or the unwanted sharing of personal images. The camera can be disabled, removed or covered, and parental controls are essential to manage how and when it is used.

POWERFUL PULL OF FAMILIAR CHARACTERS

Nintendo's mascot, Mario – along with Pikachu, Donkey Kong and others – remains hugely appealing to younger audiences, especially after the success of the recent film, 'The Super Mario Bros. Movie' (2023). These beloved icons are central to Nintendo's branding and often feature in merchandising, adverts and in-game promotions, creating strong emotional attachments in children and a sense of urgency to keep up with their peers.

Advice for Parents & Educators

CHECK RATINGS & USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Every Switch and Switch 2 game comes with a PEGI age rating. Before buying one, ensure the content matches your child's age. Use the Nintendo Parental Controls app to monitor gameplay, set screen-time limits and manage friend requests.

REMOVE OR RESTRICT PAYMENT METHODS

Avoid accidental spending by unlinking credit cards from the device. Instead, consider adding funds via prepaid eShop cards or requiring a PIN for purchases. Some banking apps can also be set to approve transactions manually.

REVIEW FRIEND LISTS AND CHAT PERMISSIONS

Child profiles are restricted to chatting with approved friends only, but it's good practice to regularly check their friend list and communication settings. Use the Parental Controls app to switch off voice or video chat if necessary.

ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATIONS

Teach children how to block, report and capture any behaviour or content that makes them uncomfortable. The console's built-in tools allow them to create screenshots and video clips, which can aid in reporting any issues. Keeping an open dialogue helps children feel supported and safe.

Meet Our Expert

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