



Welburn Hall Weekly

Friday 8 May 2026

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



School dinner arrears

School meals must be paid for in advance. **We are currently over £240 in arrears. Please settle your account in full.** Automatic top-up, for as little as £5, can be set up on Parent Pay.

Thank you for your understanding

Food Tech Contributions

There are **Food Tech payments of £6 on ParentPay**, only for those learners who are doing Food Tech the next half term.

Please look on your **ParentPay** for this; it's **£1 per week** for these life skills lessons. Thank you



Parent Pay activation letters have 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	Chicken nuggets 	Nacho pasta V 	Tuna panini Or Cheesy bean jacket V	Shortbread V
Tues	Beef burrito 	Pizza V 	Tuna pasta Or Cheese jacket potato V	Victoria sponge V
Weds	Roast gammon 	Toad in the hole V 	Creamy pesto pasta V Or Egg mayonnaise wrap V	Jelly & ice cream V
Thurs	Spaghetti Bolognese 	Veggie burger VG 	Ham sandwich Or Cheese jacket potato V	Crumble sponge & custard V
Fri	Fish fingers 	Cheese & bean quesadilla V 	Tomato pasta VG Or Baked bean jacket potato VG	Brownie V

We are a nut aware school

V – Vegetarian VG – Vegan. Jan 2026



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Heads-up!



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to this week's newsletter, packed as always with fabulous photos of some of the activities our learners have been accessing this week. I am particularly pleased to share with you 2 local events that Welburn Hall staff and learners have participated in.

Firstly, Duncombe Park Country Fair saw Welburn Hall learners competing, supported by RDA. Having seen just how excited our learners are to ride in their RDA sessions at school, it is wonderful that they have developed the confidence to show off their skills in public! Well done to all involved, you made us very proud. Secondly, Ewan and Rob from our staff team took part in the Kirkbymoorside 10K and a group of volunteers supported the event to help to raise funds for residential visits for the school. We are keen to get involved more with the local community and now that our school site is fully open, we can host events and local businesses (for a small fee!). Do get in touch if you or your business would like to hire any of our facilities.

Have a lovely weekend.

Alison



We reported last week about three Welburn Hall riders attending Duncombe Park Country Fair and congratulations are now in order for their fantastic results!

One of our riders WON the *Family Pony Class* and also came 2nd in the *First Season of Showing* with Troy. Another rider achieved 2nd in the *Best RDA Pony* on Troy and our other rider got a brilliant 3rd place in the *Best RDA Pony* on DD.

Elspeth Crookenden, RDA Lead Volunteer and Welburn Hall School governor wanted to say thank you to the very professional team of helpers at the Country Fair, as well as parents who came to support our very successful team of riders.

As a school we also want to say a sincere thank you to all of our RDA volunteers who give their own time and their ponies so that our learners can enjoy this fantastic experience. Well done everyone!!



Here are some of the latest pictures of our RDA volunteers and riders.



Some of Paul and Emma's learners made the most of our beautiful grounds. They had grass fights, took their shoes off to feel the earth under their feet and had a game of hide and seek. Lots of fun had by all.



Expanding Free School Meals

From September 2026, the government are changing Free School Meal (FSM) eligibility.

Under new national criteria, all families in receipt of Universal Credit will qualify for free school meals.

This means there will be two categories of benefit-related FSM:

1) Targeted Free School Meals

This category continues to be based on the existing income threshold. Pupils will be eligible if their household:

- Is in receipt of Universal Credit, and
- Has an annual household income of £7,400 or less

Only pupils eligible for Targeted FSM will:

- Qualify for Pupil Premium funding and other disadvantage funding within school; in addition to other education entitlements, such as the holiday activities and food programme (HAF)
- Be eligible for extended rights home to school transport, subject to the eligibility criteria for extended rights travel.

2) Expanded Free School Meals

This category **applies to meals only** and covers pupils who:

- Live in households receiving Universal Credit, and
- Do not meet the income threshold for Targeted FSM (i.e. the annual household income is above £7,400)

Applications and eligibility reviews

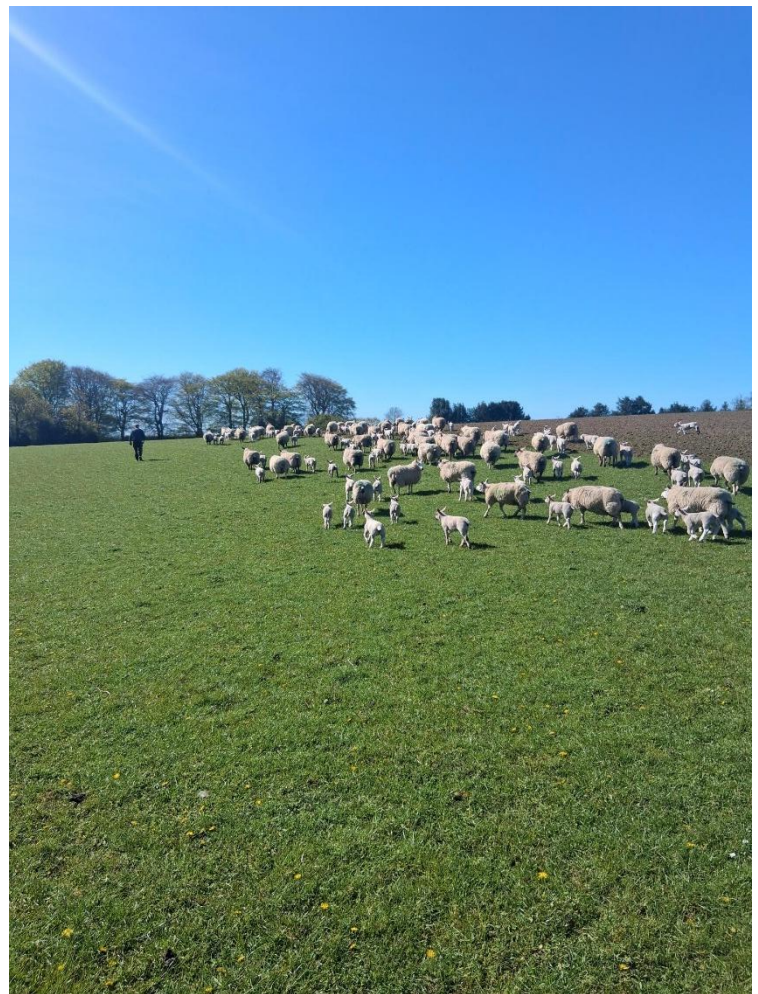
It's important to note that while eligibility will be automatically granted to all Universal Credit recipients, **families will still need to apply to receive the benefit**. North Yorkshire council will publish their own guidance on this shortly.

The government expects that over half a million additional pupils will become eligible for Free School Meals under the new criteria.

Paul's class have been getting crafty making wool wall hangings and pompoms during free time and at break.

It's great to see our learners' showing perseverance, as well as the pride they feel by creating something that has taken a lot of time and effort.





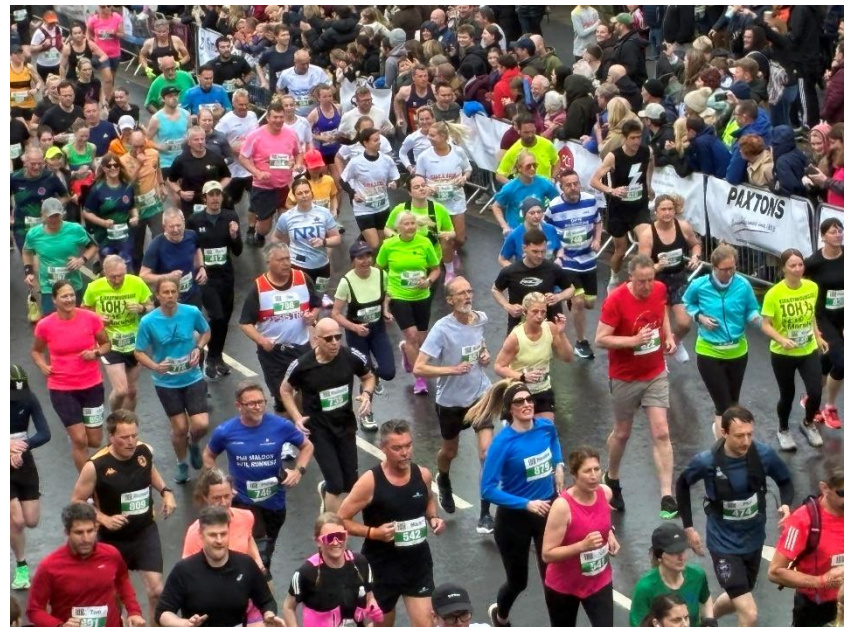
This week during work experience, moving sheep from one field to another proved to be a bit of a tricky job – as there were quite a few who kept escaping. Our learners did however keep going and managed to do it!! And as the pictures show, it was, after all, a beautiful day to be outside.

Later on, they graded potatoes on the machine and one of the learners worked alongside Sam, who is from Western Australia. He is over here playing cricket for the summer and has a job at the farm. They made a great team.

We would like to thank this wonderful group of Welburn staff who volunteered to run the registrations for Kirkbymoorside 10K last weekend.

Helen P, Helen WJ, Rob, Dana, Ewan, Ellie M, Jenna, Lisa, Emma, Vicky, Ellie K and Becky volunteered for most of the day to sign runners into the race, hand out numbers and look after runners' gear whilst they raced.

The 10K committee will give Welburn Hall 10% of the proceeds, which will go towards our residential trips. It was a really lovely experience and a perfect example of fantastic team work!



Here's Rob and Ewan taking part in the race!!
We're told they did a fast run.
Good work!



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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:

<https://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/about-us/worried-about-a-child/>



Fake news can be spread very quickly, especially on apps like TikTok, Snapchat and Instagram where short videos and headlines grab attention.

Signs Something Might be Fake

- The story makes you feel angry, shocked or emotional
- There are no trusted sources (like BBC, Sky, NHS etc.) linked
- The website address looks odd (e.g. .co.biz or spelling errors)
- The image or video looks edited or taken out of context
- The same post appears in many places but with different facts.



How Parents and Carers Can Help

- ★ Encourage your child to pause before sharing something
- ★ Show them how to search the same story on another reliable website

Use websites like:

- ★ BBC Newsround – child-friendly current affairs
- ★ Full Fact – UK fact-checking website
- ★ Google Reverse Image Search – to check if images are real or reused.