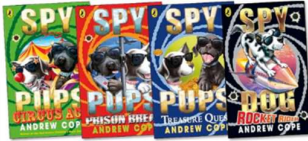


Headlands Primary School: Monday 13th October 2025

Safeguarding: Walking to school

It has been reported that last week two boys bolted straight across the road without looking left or right. At school we teach specific road safety through pedestrian training for Year 3/4 and cycle training for Year 6, as well as general road safety throughout the school. We have spoken to all the children last week, however, please ensure that your child is walking safely or closely supervised on their way to and from school. Thank you.

Safeguarding: Children's "Spy" Books



We want to make you aware of a recent issue affecting some popular children's books by Andrew Cope, including the *Spy Dogs*, *Spy Cats*, and *Spy Pups* series.



Some editions of these books include a printed web address at the back. This link used to go to the author's website, but the domain is no longer under his control. It has since been taken over by another party and now leads to inappropriate adult content.

The publisher, Puffin, has paused sales and distribution of the books and is working with schools, libraries, and retailers to remove copies from circulation. They have stressed that the website has no connection to the author or publisher.

What this means for you:

If your child has any *Spy Dog*, *Spy Cat* or *Spy Pups* books at home, please check the back for website links and make sure they do not try to visit the site.

It is safe for children to read the stories themselves — the concern is only with the outdated link. We recommend talking with your child about the importance of not following web addresses in books without checking with an adult first.

Parking

We have been asked by a local resident to remind all parents to please park with consideration to residents and restrict your engine from constantly running to reduce air pollution. Thank you.

Books for Bugs virtual book fair



Thank you to every one for ordering their books through the Book for Bugs website.

We look forward to passing on your purchases in due course and receiving the free books for the school library.

MONDAY 20th OCTOBER



Please note that **school is closed on Monday 20th October as this is a training day.**

Bonfire Night: Special school lunch menu

On Wednesday 5th November we will be having a special lunch menu to celebrate Bonfire Night.



- ***BANG** sausage in a bun
- ***WHOOSH** Southern fried burger in a bun
- ***SPARKLER** Fries
- Vegetables or baked beans
-
- ***EXPLODING** jacket potato
-
- ***WHIZZ** Tuna sandwich
-
- ***CRACKLING** Flapjack



Open Evening in partnership with Headlands Primary School and Haxby Playgroup



We warmly invite families of children starting school in September 2026 and September 2027 to visit our school and pre-school setting on **Wednesday 22nd October 2025**.

Please pass this on to any families who have children starting school next year. Thank you.

City of York Admission Consultation for admissions in 2027 – 2028

This year's Admissions Consultation is being held by City of York Council and involves a number of Academy Trusts with schools within the city. The consultation will run between **8th October and 21st November 2025**. The consultation includes the admission policies and planned number of places available at each participating school/MAT in the year(s) of entry 2027-2028. All documents can be found in their draft (pre-determined) form at www.york.gov.uk/admissionsconsultation during the consultation period.

Headlands Primary School is proposing a reduction of the school PAN (Admission number) from 45 to 30. This is in alignment with the reduced birth rate in our catchment and locality.

Responses are being collated by the online surveys, schools, trusts, parents/carers and any interested parties may all contribute to the Admission Consultation. Anyone wishing to contribute is invited to go to www.york.gov.uk/admissionsconsultation and complete the appropriate survey online.

Following the consultations, each admission authority will formally set ('determine') their admission arrangements for admission in 2027 - 2028 by 28 February 2026. Determined policies will be on the City of York Council website by 15 March 2026 after which objections can not be raised.

All documents can be found in their draft (pre-determined) form at www.york.gov.uk/admissionsconsultation. Determined policies for the 2026-27 can be found at <https://www.york.gov.uk/SchoolAdmissionPolicies>

If you require a paper copy of any document, you can request this from education@york.gov.uk or 01904 551554.

PTA Disco



We are currently planning our end of term disco on Friday 24th October for the children. If you are able to support in any way PLEASE contact a member of the PTA or Alison Haddon through the PTA facebook page. We rely on parent volunteers to ensure we have enough supervision in the hall, quiet/activity room and school shop, as well as providing activities for the children to enjoy.

Dates for your diary

16.10.2025: Year 4 swimming 4/5

20.10.2025: SCHOOL CLOSED AS TRAINING DAY

22.10.2025: School Open Evening

23.10.2025: Year 4 swimming 5/5

24.10.2025: PTA Disco

24.10.2025: Break up for Half Term

03.11.2025: School re-opens

03.11.2025: Year 1/2 Alan Ahlberg dressing up day

05.11.2025: Special Bonfire celebration lunch

12.11.2025: Parents evening 3.35-6.00pm

13.11.2025: Mellors 30th Birthday Bash (Special party lunch)

18.11.2025: Parents evening 3.45-6.00pm

20.11.2025: Parents evening 3.45-6.00pm

28.11.2025: PTA Non Uniform Day



Best wishes,
Headlands Primary School



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