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# The Market Weighton School

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## Parent Newsletter

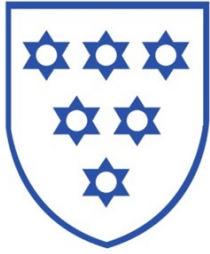
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## Headteacher Update

**Welcome to our Christmas Newsletter with some great pictures from our Christmas events.** It is a great time of year in school with students given the opportunity to demonstrate all our school values, from the compassion shown in supporting those less fortunate to the courage on display by those who have performed on stage or played and read in church.

Our Christmas celebrations began with the traditional 9 Lessons of Christmas Service at All Saint's Church where it was great to welcome a large audience again, without any COVID restrictions. The church is a great venue for our musicians to perform and show off what they have learnt through their peripatetic music lessons. We work with the East Riding Music Service who teach our students in 1 to 1 or group lessons. If you want your child to learn to play an instrument or have formal singing lessons contact Miss Higgs on E-Praise. Our talented performers will also round off 2022 with a concert on Friday afternoon as we end this term and wish all our students a peaceful and happy Christmas.

It has certainly been a fantastic term, starting with a very successful OFSTED inspection and ending with the handover of our long awaited 3G all weather football pitch. Unfortunately the sub zero temperatures of the past week have caused a further delay but the pitch will be ready to use in January. It will be managed by the school but is very much for the local community, and, will be the new home of Market Weighon Town FC. Holme Rovers and Newbald will also be training and playing matches on this FIFA world class pitch. It is available to book outside school hours from 6:00pm—10:00pm every evening and throughout the day on Saturdays and Sundays. Over the coming weeks other partners in this project, East Riding FA, York City and Tigers Trust will also be announcing leagues, coaching sessions and events. Together with our refurbished Sports Hall it has created an amazing facility for our students and the local community. For bookings please contact Julie May on [jmay@tmws.co.uk](mailto:jmay@tmws.co.uk)

The first line of our inspection report, describing us as being at the heart of the community, gives us a challenge to live up to and our students have continued to show their compassion for those less fortunate by collecting an impressive amount of food and other items for the Market Weighon People's Pantry. We have also supported children in crisis across the world through our Christmas Jumper day raising money For Save the Children. In turn we have been astounded by the fundraising at the recent Snow Ball at Langland's to support student wellbeing at TMWS which has raised a massive £11,826. This money will be used to support our Wellbeing Centre, help students struggling to access school, and to support other initiatives to promote positive mental health. Thank you to all who attended and donated at this event.

In this Newsletter you will also read about the Hull Truck production of 'A Christmas Carol' which I would wholeheartedly recommend if you can still get tickets over the Christmas period. We took 250 students and almost filled the theatre. The highlight was seeing one of our students with hearing loss see a fully signed production and deaf actors on stage taking lead roles. Our students watched attentively throughout and thoroughly enjoyed a great performance. Our Year 10 drama group performed their interpretation of Peter Pan on Tuesday night; this will now be a regular feature of our Christmas calendar.

As we end the term we are seeing lots of student absence due to flu but thankfully no cases of scarlet fever. We may be seeing fewer COVID cases but it is clear that the circulation of viruses is having a continued impact on students and staff illness and therefore attendance. We must remember all those good routines of handwashing, cleaning and sanitising we got used to over the past 21/2 years!

Finally I would like to thank you all for your support in 2022 and wish you a peaceful and happy Christmas and a healthy New Year. Enjoy the images of our Christmas events showing our students having fun and enjoying school. We look forward to welcoming all our students back to school on Wednesday 4th January 2023!

**Richard Harrison**

Headteacher





## Former TMWS Student Rows the Atlantic

This December former student Miriam sets off to row the Atlantic solo and unassisted as part of the Talisker Whisky Atlantic Challenge. Starting at La Gomera in the Canary Islands Miriam will row the 3,000 miles across to Antigua in the Caribbean.

This is the ultimate challenge reflecting all our school values: Respect, Honesty, Compassion, Resilience, Industry and Courage.

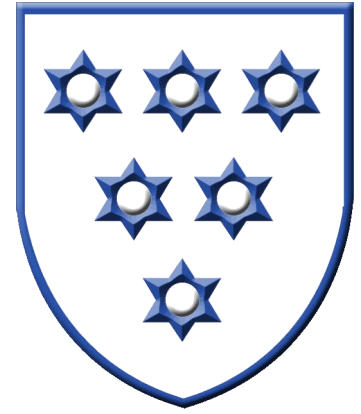
Miriam is raising money for Hull and East Yorkshire Mind as well as Wellbeing of Women, both causes close to the heart of TMWS and our wider community.

Miriam spent her school years at Market Weighton from 2010 until 2015 after which her post 16 education eventually led her to study for a degree in Physics with Astrophysics at the University of Glasgow. Whilst studying for A Levels, Miriam climbed Kilimanjaro and she has also been a successful Polo player.

You can follow Miriam on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter and we are sure she will appreciate any sponsorship you could donate.

The link below takes you to Seas The Day website with lots more information on the challenge ahead and the

[CLICK HERE](#)





# 9 Lessons of Christmas Service - Miss Higgs

On Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December, our students welcomed the festive season through our traditional 9 Lessons and Carols service at All Saints' Church.

Students from Year's 7 – 10 told the Christmas story through Bible passages, and the congregation were able to join with the singing of carols. Our acappella group and school choir performed wonderful renditions of 'Carol of the Bells', 'Somewhere Only We Know', and 'Just Another Star', and our newly-formed staff choir sang 'We Wish You a Merry Christmas'. The audience were also treated to a number of solo and small group performances – from our string players, pianists and singing pupils. Our students then performed for their peers the following day, heavily demonstrating our school value of courage.

With this being my first Christmas service at TMWS, I felt incredibly proud of our students, and thankful to them for putting in their time and effort to make the event such a success. I look forward to seeing how we will tell the Christmas story next year, and hope you will be able to join us.





## Wanted — Chess Sets

Does anyone have any unwanted chess sets—we are looking to put some in our library for students to use and possibly form a club.

Please contact [office@tmws.co.uk](mailto:office@tmws.co.uk) or you could leave at reception.

Thank you.





## All Weather Pitch Update

After years of planning and fundraising and months of construction our new FIFA standard 3G all weather pitch is finally almost complete! The week of sub zero temperatures has created a further delay but all should be completed by the middle of next week.

As a school we will have a first class sports facility we can use in PE lessons and for after school clubs. We will be able to host events at TMWS saving transport costs to other schools and our local football clubs will all benefit from an all weather, all year round training and match play facility.

Our Sports Hall has been fully refurbished creating a comfortable changing facility and with the use of the main school changing rooms we have enough capacity for home and away teams on match days. Market Weighton Town FC are now based at TMWS and Holme Rovers will be using the facility for training for all of their teams. Other clubs will also be able to use the pitch on the remaining nights and other partners, East Riding FA, York City Foundation and Tigers Trust will be running events and football sessions at TMWS. This is great for the school and will bring more sporting opportunities for people of all ages in our local community.

If you would like to book any of our sport facilities please contact our Sport's Centre Manager, Julie May, email: [jmay@tmws.co.uk](mailto:jmay@tmws.co.uk)





# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SETTING UP APPS, GAMES AND SOFTWARE

Millions of new phones, tablets, laptops and games consoles will be nesting under Christmas trees this year. However, even if parents and carers have gone to the trouble of setting up these new devices and enabling the safety features, there are still potential hazards in the apps, games and software that children will want to install and use. Knowing what to look for and discussing those risks with your child may help avoid any nasty surprises this Christmas. Here are our top tips for ensuring that unwrapping this year's presents doesn't unleash any unexpected dangers.

## TAKE NOTE OF AGE RATINGS

Back when most games were bought in shops, checking the age rating was easy: it was on the front of the box. Now that most games are downloaded, it's tougher – but not impossible. All reputable download stores show a game's age rating at the point of purchase, and you can check the suitability of a specific title your child wants to play at [videostandards.org.uk/RatingBoard/games](http://videostandards.org.uk/RatingBoard/games).

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## 'FREE' ISN'T ALWAYS FREE

The games market has changed radically in recent years. Many titles are free to download, but then tempt players to pay for cosmetic items (as in Fortnite) or to unlock additional content. There can be huge peer pressure for children to pay for these items. Agree a budget for in-game purchases before the game is downloaded, and make sure children can't authorise in-game purchases by themselves.

## DISABLE IN-APP PURCHASING

It's not wise to leave children with devices that can make in-app purchases without your permission. Ideally, set up computers, consoles and phones so child accounts need an adult's authorisation to buy anything. On shared devices (like iPads, which don't allow user accounts), check the settings to ensure that in-app purchasing requires the account holder's password, fingerprint or face ID.

## APPS ARE AGE RATED, TOO

Like games, apps in the major stores have age ratings, too – so you can see in advance whether an app's appropriate for your child. Additionally, phones' parental control settings allow you to set age limits, preventing young ones from downloading unsuitable apps themselves. These ratings aren't infallible, however: we've seen TV apps featuring adult shows with an age rating of 3, for example.

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## CONSIDER STORAGE

Most apps and games will tell you in the online store how much space they need on a device. Check this carefully – especially with games, which can run into hundreds of megabytes and beyond. If you don't have enough free storage on a device to run the game or app, you won't get a refund from the store. You can normally check a device's available storage space through the settings menu.

## WATCH OUT FOR IMITATORS

Even in the official stores, untrustworthy rogue apps can slip through the net. Common tricks are apps or games that have a slightly different name to the genuine article (Fortnite rather than Fortnite, for instance) or use logos which deliberately look very similar to the official app. To avoid downloading these imitations, read the app's description and check who the publisher is listed as.

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## LEGAL APPS THAT BREAK THE LAW

There are many apps that are perfectly legal but enable illegal activity – streaming apps which let people watch football matches, say, without paying for Sky or BT Sport. Prosecution for using such apps is rare, but they can lead to risky behaviour like viewing rogue streams on sites teeming with malicious links. Watch for children installing unusual apps with 'TV', 'stream' or 'sport' in the name.

## IN-APP REGISTRATION

It's common for apps and games to ask users to register: entering personal details like email address, date of birth and other information you might not want your child to divulge. Ask them to get your permission before giving any personal info to an app – and consider using your details rather than the child's, so they're not targeted by marketing spam or put at risk of having their data stolen.

## STAY UPDATED

Most games and apps are subject to regular updates, which not only offer new content and features but also provide critical security improvements. Children tend to ignore such updates – usually because they don't understand why they're important, or they simply want to get straight on with gaming. Check your child's devices periodically to make sure these updates are being installed.

## Meet Our Expert

Barry Collins has been a technology journalist and editor for more than 20 years, working for titles such as the *Sunday Times*, *Which?*, *PC Pro* and *Computeractive*. He's appeared regularly as a technology pundit on television and radio, including on *Newsnight*, *Radio 5 Live* and *ITV News at Ten*. He has two children and has writes regularly about internet safety issues.



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# TMWS Library—Miss Theakstone

This month in the library we have been highlighting our books about football to coincide with the Men's World Cup. There has been a display featuring a book or news article connected to each of the 32 qualifying countries. Students have also been encouraged to take part in the World Cup Book Bingo challenge.

We have been counting down the days to the holiday with a Book Advent Calendar. Each day featured a different seasonal book. The advent calendar was displayed on screens around the school and the books are all available to borrow from the library.

To encourage reading during the holidays there is a Christmas Reading Challenge. There are 12 different tasks for students to tick off from reading a book set at Christmas to watching a film/TV adaptation of a book. They are all aiming to encourage reading, and discussion about reading. It would be lovely if other family members could take part too.



## Christmas Reading Challenge

How many can you tick off?

Read a book set at Christmas

Watch a film or TV adaptation of a book

Read a library book

Write a book review

Ask a family member about their favourite book

Read a book that is older than you

Draw a picture from your favourite book

Listen to someone else read

Read to someone else

Read under a blanket

Listen to an audiobook

Read a non-fiction book

Visit Miss Theakstone in the library after the holidays to share how you got on and receive epraise points for taking part.



Don't have the books you need for the challenges? East Riding Libraries lend books, ebooks, audiobooks and more.

Visit their website to learn more: [eastridinglibraries.co.uk](http://eastridinglibraries.co.uk)



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We have a selection of new careers books now on the shelves. The books cover how to get a job in fields such as a social work, game design, and policing. These books were kindly donated to the library by the publisher how2become.

In the Accelerated Reader competition we have awarded our second Gold award for reading 1 million words to Y7 William Russon. William has now read over 2 million words —a fantastic achievement.

We have also given out 4 x Silver, and 31 x Bronze awards. The weekly competition between Y7-9, and within that that Tutor Groups, is being closely fought. Year 7 have been busy reading since the last newsletter and have been the top year group for the last few weeks. The top 5 tutor groups for word count are (at time of writing):

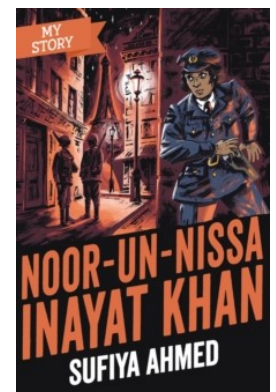
1. 7JBE
2. 7JLI
3. 9PF
4. 7RHI
5. 8RDM

## Book review:

### Noor-un-nissa Inayat Kahn– Sufiya Ahmed

Based on a true story, this book tells the tale of a young woman who refuses to give in to the Nazis. After fleeing from France to England, Noor signs up to join the war effort. Her talent in areas such as messaging using Morse code are noticed and she is chosen to return to France as an undercover agent.

The story is fast-paced and provides an approachable story about wartime events. It doesn't shy away from the truth but infers rather than details. An enjoyable read that features a strong female main character, from a diverse background.



[Visit your local library](#) - for anyone struggling to heat their home this winter your local library offers a warm space to spend the day. As well as free Wi-Fi there are comfy seats, games, and jigsaws. Plus all the books!

Find out more on the [East Riding Libraries website](#).



**Having a clear out?** We would welcome donations of books to the library, both fiction and non-fiction. If your children have now outgrown certain books, we would love to have them on the shelves for our younger students to borrow. Or maybe you have books you've now read and were going to

give away. If so, please consider donating them to the library.



We are also looking for **chess sets** if anyone has an old one they no longer use.



# #TeamTMWS Christmas Appeal for Peoples Pantry 2022

## Thinking of others at Christmas

As ever we have been impressed by the generosity of our students and parents who have been donating items to create Christmas Hampers and ensure the People's Pantry in Market Weighton is fully stocked over the Christmas period. On Thursday morning all the hampers were brought to the canteen where they were placed under our tree before being collected later that day.



Please do donate directly to the People's Pantry if you can and if you know a family who need our help let us know or contact the People's Pantry directly on 07495 303538 or by e-mail [peoplespantry3@gmail.com](mailto:peoplespantry3@gmail.com)



Special Thank You to Shiptonthorpe Food Shed for this donation of Christmas goodies!

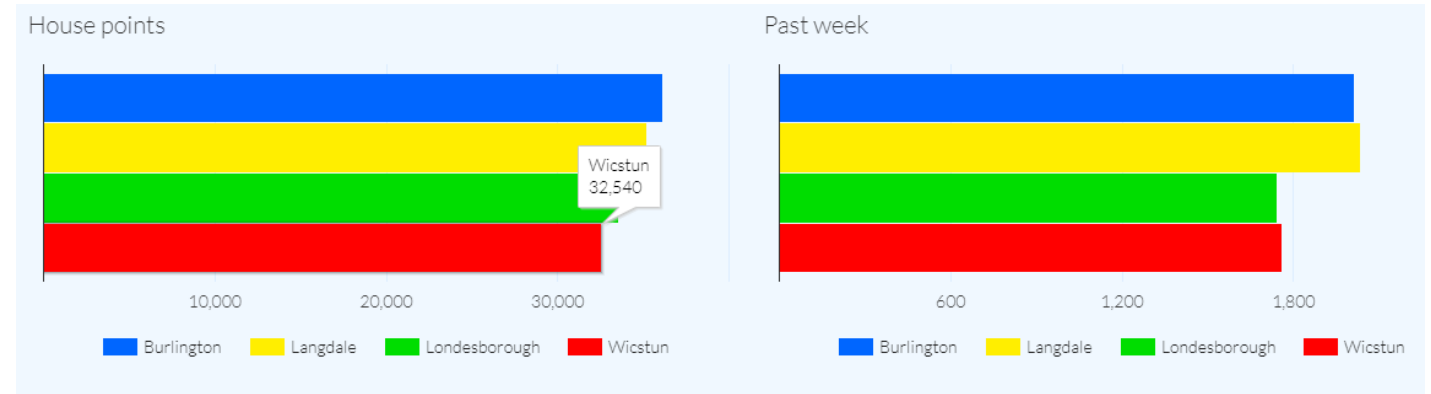


# Epraise House Points and Charities

Emily on 458 points is in the lead with Phoebe hot on her tail for individual points! Mrs Higgs form group is in the lead with a margin of 321 points

Langdale house have had a storming month being awarded 2714 points last week alone.

Burlington are in the lead still but only just.....



## Interested in joining the staff at #TeamTMWS?

If you want to join our team please email [sflorence@tmws.co.uk](mailto:sflorence@tmws.co.uk) for further information.

If you are interested in invigilating for us please contact us.

If you want to join our dedicated, ambitious and positive staff team we advertise all available positions on our website—. Please follow the link below for details of any current positions.

<https://www.themarketweightonschool.co.uk/more/vacancies/>

## Sickness - Student Absence Recording

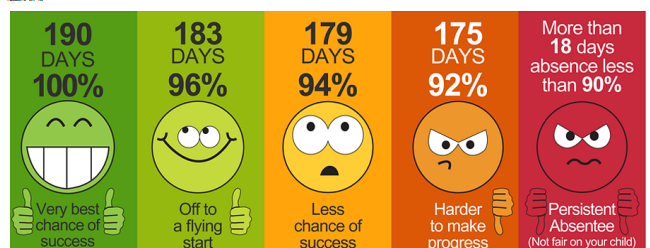
All parents must ring in daily if a student is going to be absent. If we don't get a call we don't know if the student should be back in school or not. This is to safeguard your child.

Full details with updated advice and guidance on student absences in line with East Riding Council and the NHS can be found on our website.

Students missing school for any of the reasons below will be recorded as unauthorised absence.

**There is no reason to keep your child away from school for minor conditions such as:**

- Acne
- Athlete's Foot
- Cold Sores
- Conjunctivitis
- Hand, Foot and Mouth
- Hay Fever
- Head Lice
- Insect Bites/Stings
- Mouth Ulcers
- Musculoskeletal/Period Pain
- Ringworm
- Slapped Cheek
- Sore Throat
- Threadworms
- Tonsillitis
- Warts and Verrucae

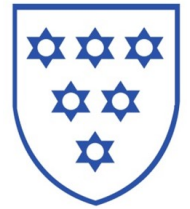






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# Christmas Lunch 2023



Each year we wear our Christmas Jumpers and support Save the Children whilst enjoying our legendary Christmas Lunch prepared by our amazing catering team lead by Clare Narborough. As ever they did an amazing job serving over ??? Christmas lunches.







Find out more about the great work Save the Children are doing around the world and how your donation will make a difference by following the link below:

<https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/christmas-jumper-day/how-you-help>



# Inspiring performance of Dickens 'A Christmas Carol' at Hull Truck Theatre

Last week we took 250 students to see this latest production of Dickens' A Christmas Carol.

One of the key aspirations of this years' production is to increase engagement with the Deaf community through more British Sign Language (BSL) performances. **Adam Bassett**, a Hull-born Deaf actor will take to the stage to play the part of Bob Cratchit, who communicates using BSL. **Emma Prendergast** who is deaf and works in both BSL and spoken English will play the role of Mrs Cratchit. The casting of Adam and Emma will provide young audiences with two extremely positive role models.

Our students were clearly inspired and it was particularly gratifying to see the reaction of students who use sign language themselves to communicate. It will also help with GCSE English Literature as all students study the novel as part of their English Literature GCSE.

Thank you to Mr Warner and the English department for organising this trip.





# Year 10 Peter Pan Pantomime

The Year 10 Drama group performed their version of Peter Pan to Year 7 students and parents and friends this Tuesday evening. Students have been rehearsing for about 6 weeks in lessons as part of their GCSE course. This was the first production to use our new stage set which has been purchased to support school productions and after school clubs. The back stage club have been working hard on painting the set under the guidance of Miss Heany. When we return after Christmas it will need transforming into the set of High School Musical, ready for our next big production in the week before February half term. Tickets will go on sale in January.





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## School Gateway (Lunches) — Polite Reminder

Parents are reminded to keep their child's Schoolgateway account in credit.

Our canteen staff do not like to refuse service to our students, but, if the account is in debt TMWS is not obliged to provide food for students.

If you are having difficulty clearing a debt please contact our finance department who can discuss this with you.

If you are unable to keep your account in credit please send your child with a packed lunch.

You may be entitled to Free School Meals, please follow the link below to see if you qualify.

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## Educational Visits

Planned Educational Visits				
Date	Destination	Trip Leader	Number of Pupils	Year Group
10 Jan 2023	Thackray Museum	RJE	TBC	TBC
1 Feb 2023	Poetry Live	AWA	TBC	Y11
10 Feb 2023	An Inspector Calls—York Opera	AWA	TBC	TBC
20–26 May 2023	Watersports Trip—Italy	KWT	40	Y9 Y10
26–28 June 2023	Kingswood Trip	LG	All	Y8
10–13 July 2023	Belgium WW1 Battlefields	PF	40	Y9 Y10
22–29 March 2024	Ski Trip—Italy	CBR	52	Y8 Y9 Y10



# DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES.....

## Term Dates 2022-2023

Autumn Term	5 September to 31 December
Staff Training Day ( <i>Students not in</i> )	5 September
Half Term	24 October to 28 October
Christmas Holiday	19 December to 2 January
Spring Term	2 January to 16 April
Staff Training Day ( <i>Students not in</i> )	3 January
Half Term	13 February to 17 February
Easter Holiday	3 April to 14 April
Summer Term	17 April to 25 July
Staff Training Day ( <i>Students not in</i> )	17 April
Half Term	29 May to 2 June
Staff Training ( <i>Staff and Students not in, disagg days</i> )	24 & 25 July

To note students are not in school on staff training days.

### SCHOOL TERM DATES 2022 - 2023 ACADEMIC YEAR



AUTUMN TERM 2022					
	August	September	October	November	December
Monday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26
Tuesday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27
Wednesday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28
Thursday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29
Friday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30
Saturday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31
Sunday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25

SPRING TERM 2023				
	January	February	March	April
Monday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24
Tuesday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
Wednesday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
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Friday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24 31	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Saturday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Sunday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30

Autumn	35	70	195
Spring	29	59	
Summer	29	66	
	37		
	School Holiday		
	Bank Holiday		

SUMMER TERM 2023			
	May	June	July
Monday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31
Tuesday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25
Wednesday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26
Thursday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27
Friday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28
Saturday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29
Sunday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30

These term dates are for Community and Voluntary Controlled schools in East Riding of Yorkshire.

Schools can set five non-contact days when the school will be closed to pupils.

**5 - Non Contact Days**