



## Welcome to Our SUMMER TERM 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

The first half of the summer term has come to an end and though it has been a bit of a disappointment with the weather, there have been some really sunny times at school! As ever, I would like to begin by saying a massive thanks to you and your incredible children. You make each day an exciting and unique experience. I would also like to shine a light on all the spectacular staff who have given their all, every single day. Their continued hard work and commitment fills me with pride.

There have been a number of things taking place this half term but it would be remiss of me to not begin with our epic Year 6 class. This term, they, along with all the other Year 6 children across the country, have completed their SATs and my goodness me, did they give it their all. Their focus and effort was up there with the best I have seen during my career and they should feel incredibly proud. This is just one step on your journey, Year 6 and I know the future will be very bright for you all. Thank you to Mrs Collier and all the staff who have worked so hard to make the process as smooth and enjoyable as possible for the children from SATs breakfast club, to after school maths booster club. Year 6 have also attended their residential in the final week of this half term and it has been a huge success. The children have challenged themselves and should be proud. Thank you to Mrs Collier, Mr Challenger, Mrs Kaufman and Mrs Kennedy who went away with the class, it is greatly appreciated that you have taken time away from your families and friends to ensure the trip could happen. Also, thank you to Mrs van Huet for making the trip up on Thursday to be with the group.

We have been focusing on writing, among other things, this half term and it has been lovely to hear the children talking so enthusiastically about their learning. There have been so many children coming to my office to proudly show their work – long may this continue! There has also been a big push on attendance and I want to thank you all for working with school on this – it is making a big difference and our attendance is improving! Well done to all our sporting stars who have taken part in competitions this half term – your resilience in relation to the weather has been first class.

Work has begun on our outdoor provision in Reception and Nursery and due to an incredibly generous donation from the Thirsk Infants Trust, we are well on the way to creating an environment and provision which will enhance the children's learning and also be something we as a school and community can be proud of. Thanks to Mrs Wall and her husband, who have given up so much of their time to make this project happen. Children and families for many years to come will benefit from all your hard work.

Looking ahead to next half term, we have the Year 6 leavers show, PE enrichment week, transition week and sports day amongst other things. Please keep an eye out in usual places for dates etc.

Thank you once again for all your continued support and I look forward to another amazing half term at Thirsk Community Primary School.

Mr Harrison



### The Early Years

#### Nursery

It's been an exciting time in our nursery as we've immersed ourselves in the wonders of our forest school! From the rustling leaves to the gentle hum of bees, every moment has been a learning adventure.

Our little explorers have been busy taking care of our environment, tending to plants, trees, and even crafting bug hotels to provide cozy retreats for our insect friends. We're thrilled to announce our latest project: planting a butterfly and bee garden! With vibrant blooms and sweet nectar, we hope to attract these beautiful creatures, turning our nursery into a haven for biodiversity.

In our journey of discovery, we've also dived into the captivating world of weather, flipping through pages of "The Sun and Moon" book to understand the mysteries of the sky above. And through phonics, we've unlocked the magic of language, exploring rhymes and timeless tales like "The Three Little Pigs," where bravery and cleverness know no bounds.

#### Reception

This half term we have been 'Incredible Investigators', looking at the change in the weather- both hot and cold! Our recent weather in April and May has certainly given us some real hands on experience of this! We have studied shade and shadows, as well as heat and melting. This theme started with the fable The Sun and the Wind, which the children really loved. As interest grew and expanded, the children became fascinated with flooding- which again has led to some very practical activities! Reception have done many experiments, but their favourite by far was the 'create your own wind' challenge!! The children made their own 'coat' from tracing paper, and a tube from paper. They generated 'wind' to move the coat by hitting the tube on the floor behind the coat. They then used math skills to measure how far the wind had blown their coat.





## KS1

We have had a very busy half term in year 1! In English we have been focusing on the book 'Lost and Found' children have written a post card based on the story, using past tense verbs and rewritten the narrative using their own characters, animals and locations! All children have been working extremely hard in phonics, preparing for our phonics screening check in June. In ICT, we have been programming Bee Bots! Children have really enjoyed making and following instructions, knowing left and right, quarter, half and full turns.

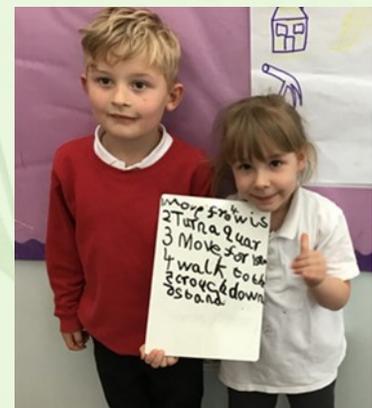
### Simply the Best! (KS1)

Our unit of learning this term has been under the umbrella term 'Simply the Best!' Children have been learning all about what our bodies needs to survive, what we need to have a healthy, and our senses. We enjoyed creating our on fruit kebabs, even trying some fruit we had not tried before! We have explored our different senses by tasting things that are sweet and sour, c

Completing blindfolded assault courses, testing how our hearing words and using feely bags! In History and Geography, we have been focusing on the Olympic Games! Children have discovered new sports, worked with globes and maps, thought about how fair it is, learnt the history of the games and researched some sporting heroes.

### Year Two

In Year 2, we have been reading 'Geroge's Marvellous Medicine'. We have created our own potions and written instructions. In ICT, children have been letting their creative juices flow by recreating art on the computers!



## YEAR 3

This half term in Year 3 we have been learning all about money and time! We have been working super hard to be able to tell time on both and analogue and a digital clock. I am super proud of all the effort all the children have been putting in and the determination they have shown, it is super tricky!

In English, we have been reading 'Marcus Rashford: The Breakfast Club Adventures'. All the children have loved this book and shown great enthusiasm towards it. We have written some brilliant narratives and even a newspaper report about the BC! The children have shown fantastic perseverance and enjoyment in our reading and writing lessons, which has reflected in the work they have produced. Keep up the great work Year 3!





## Year 4

What a fantastic start to the Summer Term we have had in Year 4.

We have been learning all about The Amazon Rainforest in both English and our curriculum work. In English we have been reading The Explorer book and the children have thoroughly enjoyed it. They have listened so well and now they are using all the narrative features we have discovered to write their own adventure story!

This linked well to our afternoon work where they have been looking at the plants and animals that live in the rainforest and comparing the biodiversity to a forest in the UK. We looked at the fruits of the rainforest and made our own tropical fruit salad, it was delicious and fantastic to see such great teamwork when preparing it.

In Maths, we have been looking at Time, a tricky concept but they have been smashing it and help remind me when its nearly lunchtime. We are moving onto shape before we have our Times Table test after half term which they have been practising for daily, keep it up.

We are looking forward to our school trip to Waterfall farm next half term, seeing all the baby animals and discovering how a working farm operates including making our own sausages.



## Year 5

Year 5 have had a fantastic half term!

In Maths, we have spent time learning about angles and shapes. We have spent time learning about different angles, measuring them with a protractor and then drawing them. We have also looked at coordinates and plotting them on graphs. We then used this knowledge to move and translate shapes.

In English, we have been reading 'Floodland' by Marcus Sedgwick. This book is about a girl, who gets lost on a new island and has to try and get out. The children really enjoyed this book and were so keen to find out what would happen. We have worked on our prediction skills a lot this term, so they have really enjoyed guessing what could happen next! Year 5 have also produced some amazing writing this half term! They have all written a diary entry, imagining that they have found treasure in a scrapyard. They then spent a long time editing and improving their work with their peers, something they do very well!

In our afternoons, we have been learning about the Ancient Greeks. We have looked at their society and how it has influenced the way we live today. We researched how Athens ran a country with democracy and could compare this to us now. We also looked at the geography of Greece and how this may have impacted how they lived. In Science, we have been learning to classify animals in different groups and the children had a go at doing this themselves. Year 5 have been so enthusiastic when learning about all of this and have worked so hard!

## YEAR 6

Year 6 have had the busiest half term of their school lives so far! They have worked their socks off in revising for their SPaG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar), Reading and Maths SATs tests. They have done a lot of laps of the playground (some have achieved a personal best) as a movement break to help break away from their daily revision.

With SATs over and done with, they have had their sights set firmly on their residential to Peat Rigg on the last three days of the term and are now looking ahead to the Year 6 Leavers' Production in July. Scripts, songs, stages, props, costumes and rehearsals aplenty! In addition to this, there will be their preparation for Year 7 transition - work around this will be completed within the next half term. There is no rest for Year 6; it is all GO GO GO!

# Competitions

## Multi Sports year 1 &2



**Girls Football Year 3 &4**



**Dynamo Cricket Year 3&4**



# The PTA DUCK RACE BIG FINALE !!!!!

As the sun kissed the tranquil waters, our intrepid flock of ducks took to the starting line with boundless enthusiasm, their hearts aflutter with anticipation. With a resounding quack, the race was on, and our feathered contenders wasted no time, their synchronized flapping propelling them forward with admirable speed and determination.

At the forefront of the fray was none other than Quackmaid, a vision of elegance and grace as she effortlessly glided over the cascading waterfall, her feathers glistening in the morning sunlight. With each stroke of her mighty wings, she carved a path of triumph, leaving her competitors in awe of her aquatic finesse.

But as the race unfolded, a challenger emerged from the depths of the pond, none other than the swashbuckling Captain Quack Sparrow! Despite a momentary setback, wherein he found himself entangled in a particularly stubborn patch of pondweed, Captain Quack Sparrow rallied with the resilience of a true seafaring duck, his steely gaze fixed firmly on the prize.

Meanwhile, amidst the flurry of flapping wings and splashing waves, Quacky Chan displayed his mastery of the ancient art of quack-fu, his swift movements and precision paddling propelling him ever closer to victory. With each agile maneuver, he danced upon the water's surface, a true martial maestro in the midst of avian athleticism.

Not to be outdone, Officer Quackson executed a daring strategy, deftly navigating the perilous currents with the precision of a seasoned navigator. With a keen eye for strategy and a knack for exploiting every available opportunity, Officer Quackson surged ahead, determined to uphold the honor of the duck constabulary.

But alas, even the most seasoned competitors are not immune to the whims of fate, as demonstrated by the unfortunate plight of Quack Vader. Amidst the chaos of the race, our dark-feathered hero found himself ensnared in the murky depths, his ominous silhouette obscured by a tangle of reeds. It was only through the valiant efforts of our dedicated duck rangers, Ashton Hayden and Josh, that Quack Vader was freed from his watery prison, emerging triumphant and undaunted by the ordeal.

And so, as the race reached its thrilling climax, it was the dynamic duo of Sir Quackspeare and King Quackulus III who emerged as the frontrunners, their regal bearing and indomitable spirit propelling them ever closer to the finish line. With a mighty quack heard 'round the pond, Sir Quackspeare surged ahead, his wings beating a triumphant rhythm as he soared across the final stretch of water, claiming victory in the name of all quack-kind! In a stunning display of avian prowess, Sir Quackspeare soared to victory, followed closely by the majestic King Quackulus III. Quackmaid claimed the third spot on the podium, while Captain Quack Sparrow and Quack Vader shared a joint fourth-place finish. Officer Quackson and Quacky Chan rounded out the field, their noble efforts ensuring a race filled with excitement and camaraderie.



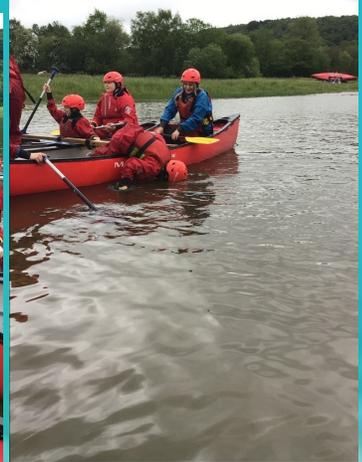
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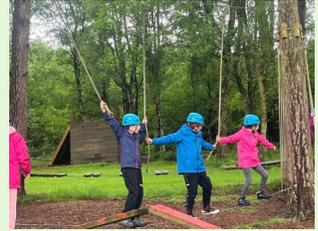
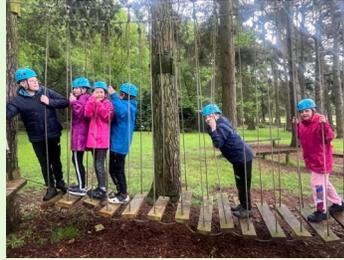
# PEAT RIGG YEAR 6 Residential



## Canoeing and swimming



# PEAT RIGG 2024



## Low ropes and Team work



# PEAT RIGG 2024



More Peat Rigg  
adventure photos can be  
found on facebook and  
our website







# Thirsk Community Primary School

## Attendance Matters W.C

**Our School attendance target is 96%**

Reception/ Hive 96.1 % expected

Sutton 96.7% expected

Roseberry 97.8 % expected

Helvellyn 97.4 % expected

Scafell 96.2% expected

Snowdon 97.1% expected

Ben Nevis 97.8% expected

**Whole school 97% expected**

### **Attendance Matters:**

School gates open at 8.40am ready to start learning at 8.50am

**Good attendance at school improves your child's learning at school**

Good attendance and punctuality at Primary school help form good attendance habits – for high school and eventually for the world of work!

**If your child is ill or not able to attend school, please always contact as soon as possible. Telephone: 01845 524349**

**If your child's attendance is below 90%, it is classed as Persistent Absence**  
**Persistent Absence from school affects your child's learning and achievement.**  
**If you need support with improving your child's attendance, please speak to the schools attendance leader Mr Harrison .**

## Summer Term 2 After School Clubs

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Within School				Guitar and keyboard lessons	
	<p><b>Miss Wood's Gardening Club</b>  <b>KS2</b>                      10th June—1st July                      4 wks                      Collect from side gate</p>	<p><b>Mr Steel's Summer Sports and multi skills Club</b>  <b>Year 1&amp;2</b>                      4th June—9th July                      6 weeks                      Collect side gate</p>	<p><b>Mr Steel's Tennis Club Followed by 2 wks of fun sessions 2 weeks</b>  <b>Year 3 &amp; 4</b>                      5th June—10th July                      6weeks                      Collect side gate                      4 wks tennis                      2 weeks fun sessions</p>	<p><b>Mr Steel's Summer Sports and athletics Club</b>  <b>year 5&amp;6</b>                      6th June—11th July                      6 weeks                      Collect side gate</p>	

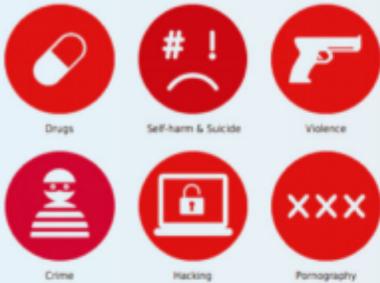
## Dates for your Diary

<b>Tuesday 4th June</b>	<b>School opens for summer term 2 Y 1 &amp; 2 trip to Duncombe Park</b>
<b>Wednesday 5th June</b>	<b>YEAR 4 Swimming every wk until 17th July</b>
<b>Thursday 6th June</b>	<b>Sportshall athletics tournament y3 &amp; 4</b>
<b>Thursday 13th June</b>	<b>Sportshall athletics tournament y 5 &amp; 6</b>
<b>Friday 21st June</b>	<b>Whole Class photographs taken</b>
<b>Monday 24th June</b>	<b>Year 3 Waterfall Farm Trip</b>
<b>Tuesday 25th June</b>	<b>Year 4 waterfall Farm trip</b>
<b>Thursday 27th June</b>	<b>Year 5 Enrichment Day at High School Mini Tennis tournament y3 &amp; 4</b>
<b>Friday 28th June</b>	<b>Sports Day (times to be confirmed)</b>
<b>Thursday 4th July</b>	<b>Multi Skills tournament y1 &amp; 2</b>
<b>Tuesday 2nd July</b>	<b>Music For Life</b>
<b>Thursday 4th July</b>	<b>Year 6 Production 5.30 pm</b>
<b>Friday 5th July</b>	<b>PTA Summer Bouncing Bonanza 5-7pm</b>
<b>Monday 8th– Fri 12th</b>	<b>Year 6 transition week at High School</b>
<b>Thursday 11th July</b>	<b>Circus workshops</b>
<b>Friday 12th July</b>	<b>Reception and Nursery Graduation celebration</b>
<b>Monday 15th - Fri 19th</b>	<b>PE Enrichment Week—various activities</b>
<b>Friday 19th July</b>	<b>Break up for Summer at 2.30pm</b>

## Summer Term 2024

	<b>WEEK 1</b> Week commencing 8 <sup>th</sup> April, 29 <sup>th</sup> April, 20 <sup>th</sup> May, 17 <sup>th</sup> June, 8 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>WEEK 2</b> Week commencing 15 <sup>th</sup> April, 6 <sup>th</sup> May, 3 <sup>rd</sup> June, 24 <sup>th</sup> June, 15 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>WEEK 3</b> Week commencing 22 <sup>nd</sup> April, 13 <sup>th</sup> May, 10 <sup>th</sup> June, 1 <sup>st</sup> July,
<b>M O N D A Y</b>	Pizza (v) Potato wedges Peas and sweetcorn Home Baked 50/50 bread Tuna Sandwich Bean Jacket jacket potato PASTA POT – tomato and basil ***** Waffle, fruit & ice-cream Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt	Beef burger in a bun Potato wedges Carrot and cucumber sticks  Ham Sandwich tuna Jacket potato PASTA POT– tomato and basil ***** Summer berry flapjack Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt	Cheese and tomato pasta (v) with crusty bread Summer veg sticks  Tuna sandwich Baked bean jacket potato ***** Chocolate crispie cake Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt
<b>T U E S D A Y</b>	Chicken pitta pocket 50/50 rice Broccoli & carrots Cheese Sandwich Tuna jacket potato ***** Fruit muffin Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt	Creamy mac and cheese (v) Homebaked garlic bread Peas and sweetcorn Tuna sandwich Baked bean jacket potato ***** Iced lemon finger Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt	All day breakfast (hash browns, sausages, beans, egg, tomato, ketchup Homebaked 50/50 bread Ham sandwich Baked bean jacket potato ***** Oat cookie and cheese Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt
<b>W E D N E S D A Y</b>	Minced beef and Yorkshire pudding Mashed potato, gravy & medley of veg. Crusty Bread Chicken sandwich Cheese jacket potato PASTA POT - tuna & sweetcorn ***** Cheese & Biscuit Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt	Roast gammon, gravy, baby potatoes, medley of veg Homebaked 50/50 bread Cheese sandwich Baked bean jacket potato PASTA POT – tuna ***** Apple crumble and custard Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt	Roast chicken and stuffing, mashed potato, gravy, medley of veg Sliced wholemeal bread Egg mayo sandwich Tuna jacket potato ***** Lemon shortcake Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt
<b>T H U R S D A Y</b>	Sausage and tomato pasta Green beans & cauliflower Homebaked garlic flatbread  Ham sandwich Baked bean jacket potato ***** Chocolate orange sponge choc sauce Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt	Chicken Korma 50/50 rice Green beans & carrots Naan bread Egg mayo sandwich Cheese jacket potato PASTA POT – tomato & basil ***** Chocolate & vanilla swirl muffin Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt	Pasta Bolognese Peas & sweetcorn Homemade garlic bread  Chicken sandwich Cheese jacket potato ***** Fruity jam sandwich & custard Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt
<b>F R I D A Y</b>	Fish fingers Chips Baked beans & peas Ketchup Homebaked wholemeal bread Egg mayo sandwich Cheese jacket potato ***** Summer drizzle cake Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt	Harry Ramsdens battered fish Chips Sweetcorn & peas Ketchup Sliced wholemeal bread Chicken sandwich Baked bean jacket ***** Custard cookie with orange wedge Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt	Crispy salmon bites Chips Mixed summer salad ketchup homemade sunflower seed bread Cheese sandwich Baked bean jacket potato PASTA POT – tomato & basil ***** Jelly mousse pot Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

### A Parent's Guide to Safety and Privacy Settings

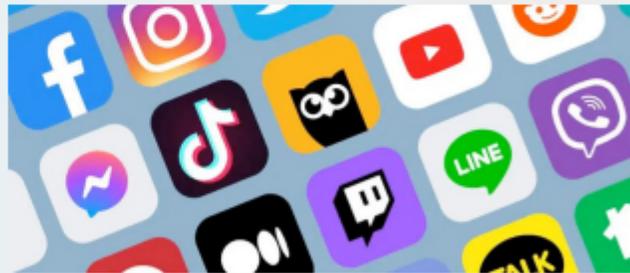


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**When you give a child access to the Internet, you give them access to the adult world.**

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**What happens online has an effect to what happens offline and what happens offline has an effect to what happens online.**



**Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.**

**Parents** please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

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## Enchanted Trail

Come and see which magical creatures have come to visit Thorp Perrow this half term.



A host of magical creatures have created their very own trail within the Arboretum - a maze of doorways, hidden spaces and enchanting scenes. They are asking families to come and share in the beauty of their mythical world this half term.

Nestled in 100 acres of woodland, our enchanted trail will be running daily from Sat 18th May - Sun 2nd June. Our resident Gnome will also be here to hand out prizes and to help with the odd bit of fishing!

Standard admission applies and trail sheets are £2.50 and can be bought on the day, a prize is given to all.

**(Gnome visiting dates 19th May, 26th May - 2nd June except 1st June)**

### Thorp Perrow Arboretum

Thorp Perrow, Bedale  
United Kingdom

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For more details contact Glen Hilton:

[hiltonglen444@gmail.com](mailto:hiltonglen444@gmail.com)



Your child will need:

- A packed lunch
- Plenty of fluids
- Warm clothes

Location address: Scruton Cricket Club, Station Rd, Scruton, Northallerton DL7 0QN



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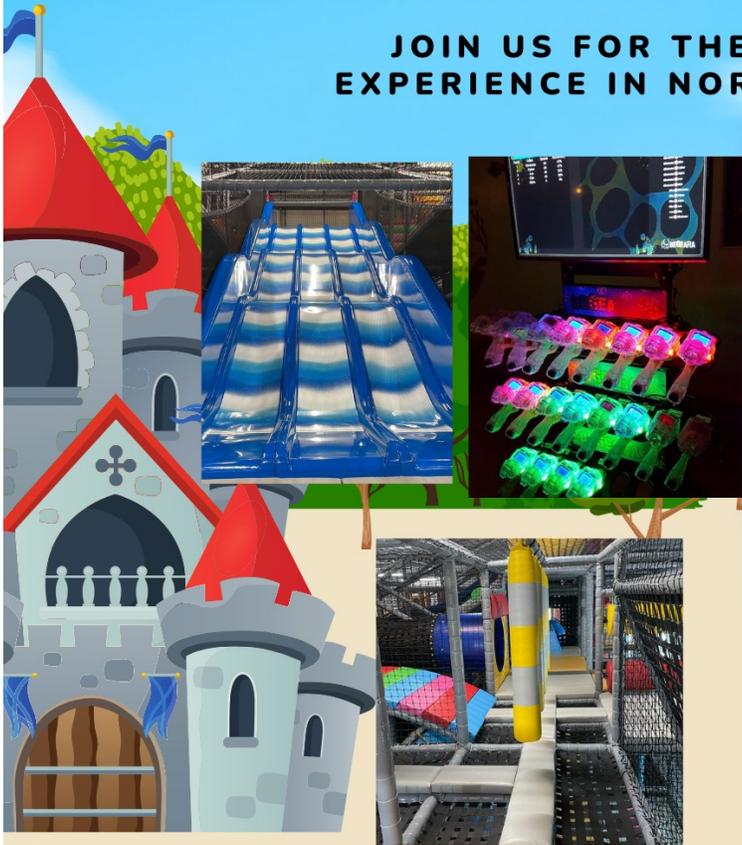
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# HOLIDAY ROCK CLIMBING



Our holiday climbing sessions are an ideal way for kids to get out and enjoy the great outdoors during the holidays. With activities including climbing, abseiling and weaselling, it is an action-packed day.

Just a packed lunch and clothes for climbing, scrambling, crawling and squirming amongst the rocks and we'll provide the rest.

**£52.50, or £97.50 for siblings**

**Ilkley Cow & Calf:** Tuesday, 28th May, 9.30am-4.30pm

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