

Nidd

NEWS

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Year 9 Girls Football Friendly

Year 9 girls recently delivered an outstanding performance to secure a fantastic 6–1 victory in a friendly football match against Outwood Academy Ripon. From the first whistle, their determination and teamwork were clear, with excellent passing, strong communication, and relentless effort across the pitch. Every player contributed, supporting one another in both attack and defence. A well-deserved win and a brilliant team display — well done to all involved! 🌍 🙌

Mr Baxter

Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parent / Carer

Apologies for the late arrival of our Nidd News, which was due to be published just before the half term break. We ended the half term with trips to Poetry Live for Year 11 and the much-anticipated London trip, including a Q&A with our MP Sir Julian Smith. This half term continues in the same way with a science trip to Lime Tree Farm and forthcoming Geography fieldwork. Thank you to all staff involved in planning and running additional opportunities for our young people.

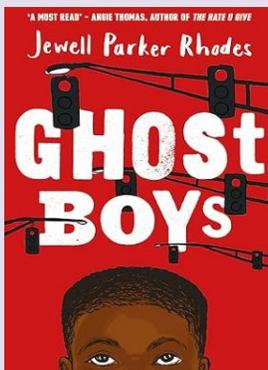
Watch this space for more details about the PTFA Silent Disco, Nidderdale Community Orchestra concert and plans for a range of fundraising activities this half term.

Kath Jordan, Headteacher

Running Club News

The Team Nidd Runners have as always, continued on a Wednesday night all winter with the same happy, positive attitude they bring to all that we do. Whatever the weather, these students consistently turn up to running club, giving 100% effort, enthusiasm & support for each other.

An absolute pleasure to witness such a wide range of age groups mixing with such kindness! Special mention to Emil Leonard, Finlay Kaslow & Joe Hush who have shown great improvements in their fitness & stamina this winter & to Callum Ewbank for taking a leap of faith and being a very strong addition to our team!

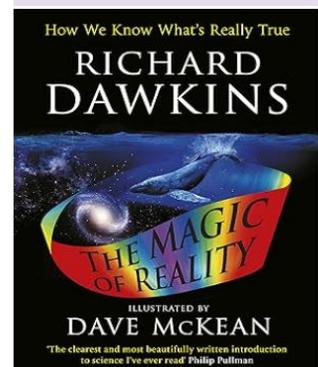


Reading Recommendations

Ghost Boys by Jewell Parker Rhodes Rhodes achieves a lot in this relatively short book, dealing with grief, history, and justice.

The Magic of Reality (illustrated Children's Edition) by Richard Dawkins

See the wonder of science come alive in this beautifully illustrated guide to some of the greatest questions on earth.



Park Run Volunteering

Many thanks to Ben, Josh, Rory, Alex, Tills, Emil, Daniel, James and ex-student Rory H, for their fine efforts in their first attempt at a Fountains Abbey Parkrun Volunteering Takeover on Saturday. This was a mission very much driven by our runners, as result of their desire to give something back and say thank you for all the fun we've had on our trips to Fountains Abbey Parkrun over the last few years. They approached this new adventure with their usual fantastic sporting spirit, positivity & determination to brighten the morning of all Parkrun participants as best they could! Thanks to all parents & staff who assisted them on this successful mission.



Special mention to Rory C who stole the show with his very enthusiastic bugle playing to cheer on every runner - his playing lasted the duration of Parkrun, certainly helped make our presence known in a positive way and produced many smiles!



Floods, rain, snow - nothing stops the NiddVenture Delivery Service, or the fun we have whatever the weather! Thank you John & Rory for your positivity & great work ethic last half term! Miss Tuffs



NiddVenture – real life experience

Well done to Rory, Harry and Kadan, who have very much impressed this half term with their hard work & willingness to rise to new challenges when on their NiddVenture sessions helping restock the shelves in Spar. Many thanks to the staff of **Spar, Pateley Bridge** who continue to support this work - the real-life, hands-on experience they give to our students and the kindness they always show is much appreciated.



Our target for school attendance is **95.5%**

ATTENDANCE FACTS

95% Attendance and above:
91 out of 100 students leave high school with 5 good GCSEs

Compared to

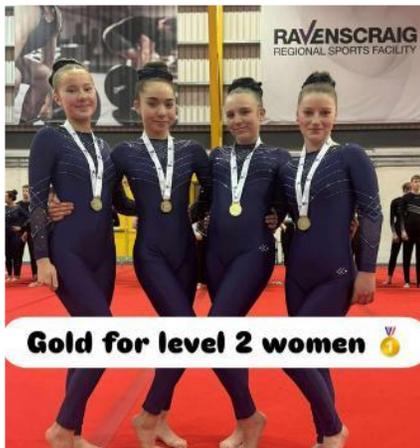
90% Attendance and below:
36 out of 100 students leave high school with 5 good GCSEs

0 days off school in a year 0 lessons missed	100%	Perfect attendance
2 days off school in a year 10 lessons missed	99%	Excellent attendance
5 days off school in a year 25 lessons missed	97%	Good attendance
10 days off school in a year 50 lessons missed	95%	Slightly below average attendance
14 days off school in a year 70 lessons missed	93%	Poor attendance
20 days off school in a year 100 lessons missed	90%	Very poor attendance

The greater your attendance, the greater your achievement.

A student who ends the school year on 90% attendance will have missed four complete weeks of school

Attendance is always included in progress reports in December, April and July



Gymnastics Success

Violet has had an extremely busy weekend 31st January with her gymnastics team. They attended The TeamGym National Micro Team Qualifier (Northern) in Motherwell near Glasgow. This was a fabulous event with some great teams and a lot of inter-team comradery creating a great atmosphere.

Violet and her team emerged as the Level 2 Junior Women's winners. Depending on the results from the southern qualifier, they hope to go to the British finals. Well done to 'Richmondshire Thirsk Dales Gymnastics Club', with great results across the various ages and levels.

Skills based Youth Workshop for young people Y7 – 13

Summerbridge Methodist Church is starting a skills-based youth club called "The Workshop" for years 7-13.

From Friday 27th February, young people will learn different skills each week including woodwork, gardening, painting/decorating, baking, money management, embroidery and much more! They will also have opportunities to use these skills to benefit the community.





Nidd Venture News

Year 10 NiddVenture students had a successful trip to Malham Cove where they appreciated the power of nature & the wonders of limestone pavement. They also visited Janet's Foss, said to be a haunt for fairies and the magic of the area clearly rubbed off on Ben, enabling him to walk on the water. A second trip saw them enjoy Trollers Ghyll, another limestone feature that complemented their visit to Malham Cove.



Julian Smith MP · Follow

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Great to welcome pupils from Nidderdale High School to Parliament this week. They asked excellent questions on issues such as mobile phones and social media, cost of living and life in opposition.

The group were amazingly perky, given that they left Pateley Bridge at 2 am & gave a fascinating answer to my question to them on whether they support a social media ban for under 16s!



North Yorkshire and York Music Hub

VOCAL PROJECT DAYS

**7 March
18 April
16 May
20 June**

10am - 3pm

📍 Escrick C of E Primary School
Carr Lane
YO19 6JQ

**Love to sing?
Want to perform with others?**

Come and be part of our new Vocal Groups

Vocal Project Days are **FREE**, & open to all children and young people from North Yorkshire and York in Years 4 to 13

A fun and inspiring space for young and aspiring singers from across North Yorkshire and York to rehearse, learn, and grow together.

For more details, email: Countyhall.Music@northyorks.gov.uk





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ENSEMBLES PROJECT DAYS

**15 March
19 April
14 June
20 June**

10am - 3pm

📍 The Regent Centre
Landing Lane
YO19 6PW

**Play an instrument?
Love making music with others?**

Come and be part of our Instrumental Ensemble Days

Ensemble Project Days are **FREE**, & open to all children and young people from North Yorkshire and York above grade 2 on their instrument.

A fantastic opportunity to rehearse, perform, and develop your ensemble skills with other musicians from across North Yorkshire and York in a supportive and welcoming environment.

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PTFA

PARENTS, TEACHERS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

Save the Date - 26th March

Shhhhh Silent Disco – coming soon

16:45-18:15 – Key Stage 3 (years 7-9) and 18:30 – 19:45 for Key Stage 4.