



Nidderdale National Landscape Project

Thank you to Rory, Daniel, Callum, Leo & Oliver for their fine work planting 30 trees for the Nidderdale National Landscape 'Farming in Protected Landscapes Project'.

The aim of this project is to restore habitats, increase biodiversity and promote engagement with nature. The boys accomplished all of this and more in their days work, including rubbish removal, pruning of trees and even power washing the very green roof of our school minibus - possibly a first in the life of the bus! Their hard work was rewarded with a very eagerly anticipated feast, kindly funded by the project and beautifully prepared for us by Julia Hardcastle of Nidd Way Catering. Thank you to Tiplady Farm for providing us with this opportunity and continuing to support our students - a huge amount of fun is had and so much knowledge gained from our visits!

Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parent / Carer

This half term there are several staffing changes to update you about. We are pleased to welcome Mrs Bate to our Learning Support team, working across a range of year groups and supporting young people in class and intervention sessions. We have also welcomed Mrs Dixon to the Design Area of Learning as she covers the final weeks of Mrs Brown's maternity leave. It is with sadness and huge gratitude that we say goodbye to Mr Gibson as he moves onto a new teaching role and Miss Wilcock returns from her maternity leave.

During National Careers Week, students have had lots of opportunities to reflect on the different ways to achieve your career goals and to learn more about how our staff team have progressed through their careers. Thank you to our Careers Lead, Mrs Ashton, for all the activities she has set up this week.

Congratulations to Year 11 who have shown resilience and ambition in their final mock exam sessions across the last two weeks. As their next steps for education, training and employment come into focus, we encourage them to access support and engage with a focused revision plan to ensure their career goals are realised.

Kath Jordan, Headteacher



Online Safety Guidance

The internet offers incredible opportunities for learning, creativity and connection – but it also comes with risks. Young people spend more time online than ever – studying, gaming, and socialising. For students with Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND), online spaces can be a great way to connect and learn. However, they can also be confusing or unsafe without clear guidance. Please [click here](#) to see **latest Online Safety** guidance on our Help for Parents page of our school website.



School Uniform – Reminder

The School Uniform Policy is available [by clicking here](#). Please support your child to be Ready for Learning. Non-permitted items are listed in the Policy.



NEARLY NEW UNIFORM

The school has a stock of second-hand uniform that can be purchased or borrowed. Please contact the school office or members of the pastoral team for more information.

Showstopping Swiss Rolls



Year 10 food pupils were recently given the challenge of making showstopping Swiss rolls and both groups genuinely impressed. They showcased both skill and creativity, each sponge being rolled with confidence and finished with thoughtful decoration. Their final results looked professional, tasted fantastic and reflected the growing confidence of the GCSE Food groups. Well done Year 10!

Craven College & The Aviation Academy



EVENTS

We'd love to welcome you at one of our Open Events. Discover our Apprenticeship, Degree, T Level & Vocational courses.



JANUARY 2026

TASTER MORNING

Fri 30 January - 9:30am - 11:30am

Join us for an exciting, fun and interactive Taster Morning to explore courses and careers in a subject of your choice. Booking required.

FEBRUARY 2026

APPRENTICESHIP JOB FAIR

Wed 11 February - 3:00pm - 6:30pm

MARCH 2026

OPEN EVENING (SKIPTON)

Wed 11 March

5:30pm - 7:00pm

OPEN EVENING (AVIATION ACADEMY)

Wed 18 March - 5:30pm

JUNE 2026

OPEN EVENING (SKIPTON)

Mon 15 June - 5:30pm - 7:00pm

OPEN EVENING (AVIATION ACADEMY)

Wed 17 June - 5:30pm

FUTURE STUDENT MORNING

Fri 26 June

YEAR 10 TASTER MORNING

Tue 30 June



Scan the QR code or visit our website to register for our next event: craven-college.ac.uk/events

FEAST is back for Easter! FEAST (Food. Entertainment. Arts. Sport. Together) FEAST offers loads of different things to do in the school holidays. All children and young people across North Yorkshire can get involved in a range of holiday activities, with free places and a free meal for children and young people receiving benefits-related free school meals. There is so much to choose from - come and take a look at the [fantastic selection of free holiday activities near you](#). If you need help with transport to these activities you can request support on our [transport form](#).

Safeguarding Information – Help for Parents



What is Rumble?

Rumble is a user-generated video-sharing platform, similar to YouTube, available on web and mobile. Users can watch and upload videos, create channels, join live streams and monetise content. The platform promotes itself as a “free speech” alternative with fewer restrictions, which has contributed to its rapid growth.

Why it matters for safeguarding

Rumble's limited content moderation and weak safety controls present safeguarding risks, particularly for children and young people. The platform is known to host politically polarising, misleading or controversial content, including material removed from other mainstream platforms.

Key concerns include exposure to violent, hateful, extremist or adult content; misinformation and conspiracy-based narratives; hostile or abusive commenting; and limited protections against inappropriate contact. While Rumble states a minimum age of 13, there is no robust age-verification or child-specific safeguarding framework.

Rumble offers basic reporting and blocking tools, but provides minimal in-app safety guidance compared to more established platforms.

Prepare Young People with SEND for their future

For information about Post 16 Pathways, Apprenticeships, Technical Education, Supported Internships [click here](#) to see a flyer on our Help for Parents page of our school website.

Information for Parents and Carers

Helping Young People with SEND Prepare for Their Future

Understanding Post-16 Pathways

APPRENTICESHIPS

What they are:

A real job with training and a salary. Typically, apprentices go to work 4 days a week and spend one day a week in training or at college.

Who they're for:

Young people aged 16+ who are ready for work and want to learn skills in a practical setting

Support for SEND learners

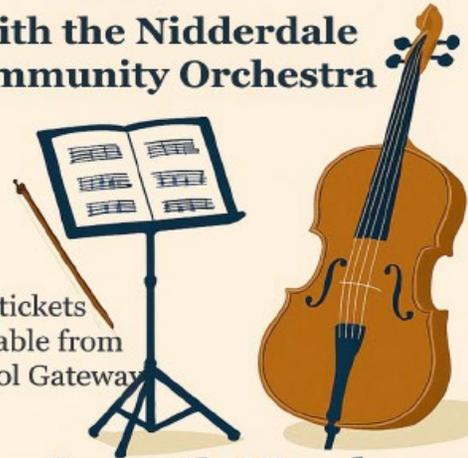
- ▶ Employers must make reasonable adjustments in the workplace
- ▶ Functional Skills requirements (Maths and English) can be adapted for some learners with additional needs
- ▶ Extra support is available through Access to Work grants, job coaches and learning support teams.

Popup Concert

FOR ALL STUDENTS, PARENTS AND STAFF

Introducing a short programme of classical music

With the Nidderdale Community Orchestra



Free tickets available from School Gateway

Tuesday 24th March 2026
6-7pm

School Hall, Nidderdale High School

Refreshments available from 5.30 p.m

Retiring collection 'Remembering Mr Connors'

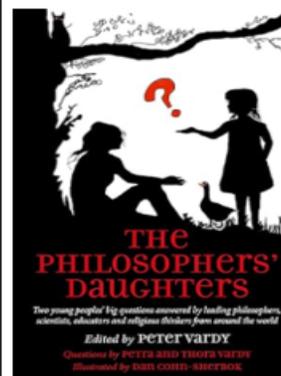
NiddVolunteers Team

The Pateley Methodist Church grounds were weeded and tidied up in 30 minutes after school. It was especially nice to see the team identify further projects where they feel they could make a difference. An offer to repaint the gate and railings of the Church has been made, along with an intention to clean up our own school minibus.

Thank you all for your proactive attitude towards making these sessions as valuable to the community as we possibly can.



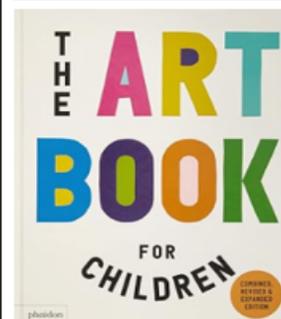
READING RECOMMENDATIONS



The Philosophers' Daughters Edited by Peter Vardy

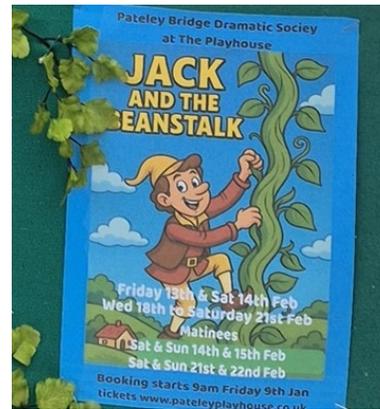
Peter Vardy, a much-respected theologian-philosopher, answers 54 profound questions about life asked by his young daughters in this unique and thought-provoking book.

The Art Book for Children by Amanda Renshaw



Inspiring a curiosity and appreciation for the Visual Arts. This single volume features 60 artists through a wide range of large-scale, full-page reproductions of their artworks, including paintings, photographs, sculptures, video, prints, and installations from across time and space.

Jack and the Beanstalk
Pateley Bridge Dramatic Society at the Playhouse



Absolutely loved it — a truly **five-star** panto!



From start to finish, *Jack and the Beanstalk* was everything a great pantomime should be: warm, funny, and bursting with heart. The Pateley Players completely knocked it out of the park. The cast threw themselves into every moment with infectious enthusiasm, the jokes landed beautifully (with plenty for both children and adults), and the audience participation was spot-on — enthusiastic boos, big cheers, a fantastic shout out to Mr Harrison, and laughter echoing around the hall.

A huge well done to **Emma White** as the heroine Jill, who was captured by the Giant and delivered a standout solo performance with real confidence and feeling. **Poppie Thorpe** was a joy to watch as Simple Simon, the loveable inventor and frequent butt of the jokes, before triumphantly saving the day with his brilliant chainsaw invention to cut down the beanstalk. **Maddy Hacker** and **Alanna Lock** were excellent as villagers, showcasing superb comic timing and some wonderfully delivered one-liners that consistently raised laughs. **Layla Chandler, Theo Thorpe** and **Edward Hacker** deserve special mention for their energy and versatility, appearing in most scenes as concerned villagers and providing a delightful turn as the Three Blind Mice.

The costumes were colourful, the staging was inventive, and the whole production had that unmistakable sense of community spirit that makes village theatre so special. You could see how much hard work, care, and love had gone into every detail. A fantastic night out for all ages and a real credit to everyone involved. Roll on the next show — we'll definitely be back!

Mr Harrison - Maths Teacher and Theatre Critic



After being hugely inspired by the Cairngorms Winter Trip, Yr 10 student Jonny has continued his wintery adventures by joining Wharfedale Fell Rescue Youth Club. Jonny is pictured here on the summit of Great Whernside, which he ascended on one of the recent club nights in deep snow. Thank you for sharing your adventures and new-found enthusiasm for all things mountains related Jonny!

Running Club Star!

Well done to Finlay for continuing his commitment to running whilst on holiday in the USA over half term. Finlay was determined to rise to the challenge of completing a 5km course in 30-degree heat, which he did successfully and with a lot of subsequent pride at having achieved his goal.

