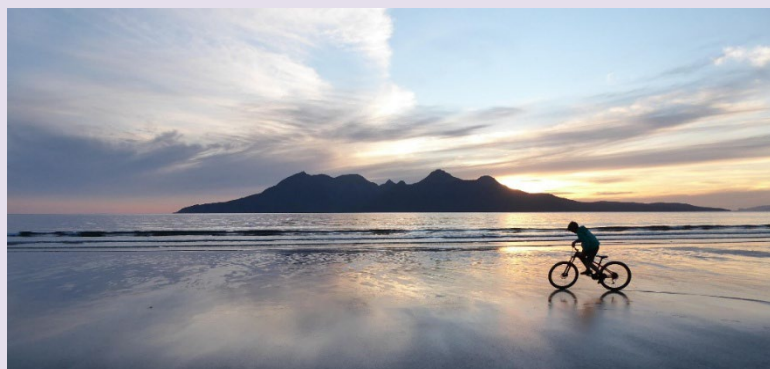




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Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parent / Carer

The many pages of this newsletter are a testament to the hard work, commitment and ambition of our school team as we have seen out the final weeks of term with a wide range of opportunities for success and personal growth.

As we prepare to wind down and relax for the summer, the Trust Estates team are gearing up for a very busy few weeks with a great many site improvements planned to be completed by September. We hope that students will welcome the improvements on their return.

The positive feedback and focused next steps we have received from our peer reviews and Ofsted this year allow us to step into the holidays with confidence that we can achieve even more in 2026-27.

Wishing all students, staff and families a restful and enjoyable summer holiday.

Kath Jordan, Headteacher



As this term ends, we are saying a sad farewell to **Mr Day** who joined us during the pandemic in his first teaching role and leaves us to become a full-time minister.

We also wish **Mrs Murgatroyd** well as she leaves us to take on another Exams Leader role. Don't worry Year 11, she will still be with us on results day!

Mrs Nightingale, Ms Sampey, Ms Gilbert, Miss Reinsch (Jnr) & Miss Parkin (Jnr) have all helped us out enormously in temporary roles this year. It has been great to have them as short-term members of Team Nidd and we wish them well for new adventures in education.

We are delighted to welcome Mr Lang to our Team as Teacher of Maths. He will also be teaching some year 7 & 8 science.

The Nidd High Runners have finished the year as strongly as they began it - full of enthusiasm, effort and great support for one another. There was much fun & laughter in the 'Snake Relays' at Coldstone Cut and also on our very enjoyably wet descent of Foster Beck in the hot weather!



22 days for Mr Connors



This year started with such sadness for the loss of Mr Connors but we were determined to honour his memory in true Team Nidd fashion. With thanks to Mrs Witherwick, the '22 days of Mr Connors' challenge was planned with the aim of raising £22000 across 22 days to honour 22 years of incredible Team Nidd service.

This wasn't just a fund-raising challenge, it was intended to be a celebration of all things Mr C. From Burnley FC to cakes, car counting, quizzes, tidying and facing a challenge, every member of Team Nidd played their part.

Some stand out efforts include: Year 11 and their relay run from Pateley to Turf Moor raising £2194.51 and the Three Peaks in a day challenge team raising £1,930.00.

We are also hugely grateful to Mrs Cawley for her far reaching Just Giving campaign to raise funds and gather amazing memories from ex-students and staff.

We also received very generous financial donations from Dales Market Corner and a wide range of other local businesses supported our 'squares' raffle.

Thanks also to the PTFA for their donation to the Mr Connors fund from the Family Quiz Night and Key Stage 4 Colour Run.

Our final fund-raising total stands at £18,646.39. This is quite a remarkable achievement for such a small school community and is testament to the positive impact Mr Connors had on the lives of so many young people across two decades.

In September we will share our plans for the covered seating areas we hope to install in lasting memory of Mr Connors.

Thank you all for your kind words, support and donations.

Parent Wellbeing Newsletter

We have been asked to share this newsletter with you – it is an NHS learning space of helpful resources for parents created by psychologists. [Click here.](#) Your family has free access to expert learning about childhood development, wellbeing, brain changes, and much more to help you to connect with your children.

Above and Beyond

Many thanks to Rory for not only assembling our new NiddVenture bike trailer (*kindly donated by Corn Close Farm*), but also voluntarily giving up his time on Friday morning of the training day (*when he didn't need to be in school*) to come and do Spar deliveries - even culminating with an ascent of The Raikes, having never ridden with a trailer before! A fine display of commitment and Rory certainly brightened the morning of all our delivery recipients.



Eigg 2026 Report

Team Eigg 2026 have had another fantastic adventure to our special island! We achieved everything we wanted to and more. There were a lot of individual successes within a fine team effort, and a huge amount of support and kindness shown to one another during some of their more challenging moments. There have been some great gains in confidence, resilience, independence, teamwork skills, fitness, cycling ability and generally in discovering the joys of adventuring. I loved spending the week with them and they certainly maintained the strong reputation set by our previous Eigg Teams - I've had nothing but positive comments from Norah (*the wildlife ranger we work with on Eigg*), all the accommodation owners, Eigg shop, Eigg Primary School, the farm we visited and Charlie the taxi man. This year, rather than me retelling the highlights and the learning that's taken place, I decided the words should come from Team Eigg themselves...

'I loved being able to ride my bike everywhere. I learnt more patience whilst teaching others. It was really fun talking to the locals about the island and how they live & earn money.' *Jonny*

'I loved the whole trip. It was something I've never experienced before. Everyone struggled with something, but we all helped each other, no matter what. The biking was so fun because it was our main transport. The accommodation was lovely. It felt so cosy. If I could go again, I would. Thank you for making this trip real and I hope Heather & Greg continue to do this trip every year.' *Finlay*

'This trip was brilliant. We all struggled with something - teamwork, patience, being away from home and much more. But we all helped each other manage and have fun together.' *Ben*

'I really learnt how to be patient and to concentrate on a task. I really enjoyed the scenery and enjoyed helping the Primary School. And I liked that our main transport was bikes.' *Callum*

'I learnt all about teamwork and resilience, especially in the tougher moments on Eigg. The biking, running & hiking were all my favourite moments, especially riding on the beach.' *Emil*

'On the Eigg Trip I have learnt to be resilient, independent and to face your fears & problems and just go out of your comfort zone, even if you don't want to, to enjoy myself and have a good time on the trip with my teammates. I've really enjoyed it and I have learnt a lot about myself on this Eigg Trip!' *Daniel*

'On Eigg I loved all the adventurous activity and exploring. I found you were never bored on Eigg. There was always something to do like wheelying, whittling or washing up. I particularly enjoyed biking on the rocky trails that you can zoom down. We had brilliant weather, especially when it was stormy and Me, Greg, Emil, Daniel & Heather all bravely went in the sea, but it was ok because we had a hot shower after. Over all, it was a brilliant trip that we all loved.' *Ollie*

'The Eigg Trip was so much fun and it has helped me learn more confidence on my bike and it has helped me become more independent & resilient. It is also a great opportunity to understand what life is like on a small island and it is all so nice to see how connected the community is. I really enjoyed the stunning scenery and finding out about the history & geography of the island.' *James*

And last but absolutely not least, I need to mention Greg who as usual, was the very best second member of staff I could ever wish for. His generosity of time, spirit, care and the fun he always brings should never be taken for granted - he plays a huge role in making these trips the very special things that they are and I am enormously grateful for his absolutely top-quality support & assistance. I can't imagine running these trips without him - which is a statement of how much I value his presence - not to be perceived as pressure to make him feel like he needs to keep doing it! Thank you All for another very fine Eigg adventure. Onwards to Eigg 2027! Miss Tuffs





PTFA AGM Celebrates a Successful First Year

On Thursday 9 July, we held our PTFA Annual General Meeting and reflected on what has been a fantastic first year for the group.

Since its formation, the PTFA has achieved so much, raising valuable funds that will benefit all children across our school community. Their dedication, enthusiasm and support have already made a significant difference, with exciting plans for the future.

A huge and heartfelt thank you goes to every member of the PTFA for the time, energy and commitment they have given throughout the year. Their efforts are greatly appreciated by students, staff and families alike.

If you would like to get involved and join our PTFA, please email nidderdaleptfa@gmail.com to find out more.

Further information about upcoming events and opportunities to support the PTFA will be shared in the near future.

School Catering – Price Increases

Please note that owing to increases in supply costs and staffing, there will be a small increase in catering prices from September 2026:

- 15p increase on all Meal Deals
- 10p increase on selected sundry items

Value Meal Deals (hot meal and sandwich selection deals) are now £3.30. The Free School Meals (FSM) allowance has also increased to £3.30.

[Click here](#) to view the current menu options and price lists.

The last catering price increase was in April 2025.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW



Celebrating Our Strongest Attendance Since Before the Pandemic

We are delighted to celebrate that attendance at Nidderdale High School is now at its strongest level since before the COVID-19 pandemic.

This improvement reflects the commitment of our students, families and staff to ensuring that young people are in school, learning and benefiting from everything that school life has to offer. We were particularly pleased to see the improvements in attendance recognised in our recent Ofsted report.

While this is an achievement to celebrate, we know that strong attendance requires continued focus and partnership. Every day in school matters, and we ask all families to continue treating attendance as a priority.

We also recognise that there can be genuine barriers that make regular attendance difficult. If your child is experiencing challenges that are affecting their attendance, please contact the school as early as possible so that we can work together to provide support and help overcome those barriers.

Our ambition for the next academic year is clear: to build on the strength of this year, sustain the progress we have made and ensure that every student has the best possible opportunity to attend, belong, learn and thrive at Nidderdale High School.

Thank you to our students, families and staff for their continued commitment and support.

Mr Devanney

Sports Day 2026 – A Wonderful Success!

Nidderdale High School's annual Sports Day was a fantastic celebration of teamwork, determination and sporting talent. Students from Years 7 to 10 represented Pen-y-ghent, Whernside and Ingleborough across a wide range of track and field events.

Competitors took part in the 100m, 200m, 400m and 800m races, alongside javelin, shot put and high jump. The morning concluded with exciting relay and cross-country events, with students earning valuable points for their houses. A special mention to some spectacular performances from Will, Heather, Chloe, Jack and Max in year 10 and Seb in year 9 and Emil and Taylor in year 8. Will also went on to beat the school record for year 10 boys 100m with 11.99 seconds, a tremendous effort.

Boys' relay winners

- Year 7: Pen-y-ghent
- Year 8: Ingleborough
- Year 9: Pen-y-ghent
- Year 10: Whernside

Girls' relay winners

- Year 7: Pen-y-ghent
- Year 8: Pen-y-ghent
- Year 9: Pen-y-ghent
- Year 10: Whernside

The afternoon was a whole school effort where students were taking part in either rounders, cricket, tennis or capture the flag which saw the live results from the athletics change. The eagerly awaited tug of war finished sports day on a high.

The end result was incredibly close. Pen-y-ghent were crowned Sports Day champions with 163 points, finishing only two points ahead of Whernside, who achieved 161 points. Ingleborough finished third with a strong total of 149 points.

Final standings

1. Pen-y-ghent – 163 points
2. Whernside – 161 points
3. Ingleborough – 149 points

Congratulations to every student who competed, supported their teammates or helped the event run successfully including our sports leaders and past student helpers. The commitment, resilience and sportsmanship shown throughout the day were outstanding. A special congratulations goes to Pen-y-ghent House on securing the overall victory in such a closely contested competition.



Personal Development Careers Week Activities week commencing 6th July 2026



Year 10 students have taken part in **Work Experience Week 13-17 July**, gaining meaningful insights that support young people in shaping their future pathways. Every experience, whether confirming interests or highlighting areas to avoid, contributes to their growth. Alongside developing practical skills and confidence, students build relationships with local employers that can benefit them long after the placement ends. Look out for our new September Careers Newsletter which will share more highlights and celebrate their achievements.

To prepare Year 10 students for Work Experience Week, **RISE Talent Foundry** were welcomed into school to deliver their award-winning core skills development programme that gave our students the chance to showcase their strengths and fulfil their potential through hands-on tasks ranging from managing budgets and interviewing a business professional live streamed into the workshop.

The **Aviation and Engineering Day** at Ripon Grammar School gave Year 10 students from Nidderdale opportunity to meet industry professionals from the Aerospace Careers Programme. The event featured flight simulators, virtual reality technology, drones and AI robots giving Year 10 hands-on insight into modern industry roles and inspire students into STEM, aviation and industry roles.

All year groups enjoyed the motivational workshop presented by Andy Hadfield of **Inner Spark**. An inspirational session with the message of resilience, positive mindset and respecting others alongside raising aspirations.

Mrs Ashton
Head of KS4 and Careers Lead



RAF Hydrogen STEM Challenge

Year 7 students recently took part in the exciting **RAF Hydrogen STEM Challenge**, demonstrating not only their scientific knowledge and engineering skills but also the **Team Nidd values of ambition and resilience** with plenty of team spirit.

The challenge required students to design, build and test hydrogen-powered vehicles, encouraging them to think creatively, solve problems and work together under pressure. Throughout the event, our students showed tremendous enthusiasm and determination.

A highlight of the competition was the outstanding performance of our **winning team**, whose vehicle travelled an incredible **55 meters**. This was just **20 meters short of the world record distance of 75 meters**, making their achievement even more impressive. Their willingness to keep refining their design, learning from setbacks and striving for excellence perfectly reflected the Team Nidd value of **ambition**.

Students also demonstrated exceptional **team spirit**. Team members supported one another, shared ideas, listened to different viewpoints and worked collaboratively to improve their vehicle's performance. Whether testing designs, making adjustments or encouraging each other during the competition, they showed that success is built on cooperation and mutual respect.

Congratulations to the winning team 'six seven': **Orla Jowett, Fearne Spittlehouse, Chelsea Clark, Wren Newton & Harriet Walmsley**.

Their success was a result of hard work, resilience and effective teamwork. They embraced challenges, stayed positive when things didn't go perfectly and celebrated each other's contributions throughout the project.

The RAF Hydrogen STEM Challenge provided a fantastic opportunity for students to develop their STEM skills while experiencing how innovation and sustainable technologies can shape the future. Most importantly, our Year 7 students represented Nidd brilliantly, showing both **ambition in aiming high** and **team spirit in supporting one another** every step of the way. Well done to all who took part—we are incredibly proud of your achievements and look forward to seeing what you accomplish next.



Congratulations – Prizewinning Art

Congratulations to Eric Jameson who has a piece of art in the Royal Academy Young Artists' Summer Show - which is a pretty amazing achievement.

He's had a lot to come to terms with this year including his diagnosis of Cerebral Vision Impairment. He's shown real courage and resilience. He chose to share his experience in art form in the hopes that it will help others with CVI.

Not only does his work give an amazing insight into the way Eric sees the world, it's also an impressive piece of art. **Please follow the link below to vote for Eric in the People's Choice Award.**



Struggles of Cerebral Vision Impairment

Eric, Age 13

Prizewinner

To view all art in the category & cast your vote, click the link below, search 'Eric' to speed up finding his artwork then click the prize winner button to access the People Choice vote.

<https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/exhibitions/2026>

Thank you to former student Oscar Appleton of **Nidderdrone** for some fine drone footage of the school site and the floral piece created by Green Hat Gardeners.



Flamingo Land Trip Success!

What a fantastic day we had at Flamingo Land! The weather was great throughout the day, although it was a little windy at times. Unfortunately, a few rides were closed, but this did not stop our students from making the most of the experience and enjoying everything the park had to offer.

Our students were an absolute credit to Nidderdale. They truly demonstrated our school values throughout the day. Despite some disappointment when certain rides were unavailable, they showed remarkable resilience, adapting their plans and maintaining a positive attitude.

Their kindness and empathy towards each other were evident throughout the trip, with students supporting friends and ensuring everyone felt included and had a great time. It was wonderful to see so many examples of the true Nidd spirit on display. Students behaved impeccably, represented the school brilliantly, and embraced every opportunity to have fun and create lasting memories.

A huge thank you must go to Mrs Jaques, and Mrs Witherwick for all their hard work in organising the visit and ensuring the day ran smoothly. Trips like these require a great deal of planning and coordination, and we are very grateful for their efforts. Thanks also to the staff who gave up their time to support on the day.

Most importantly, thank you to all of the students who made the day such a success. You were a pleasure to take out and should be very proud of how you represented Nidderdale.

Mrs Carpenter

Congratulations to Joseph Martin Year 7, Ingleborough

We are delighted to celebrate Joseph's success in achieving **Grade 5 Piano with Merit**.

This is a significant accomplishment that reflects his dedication, hard work, and musical talent. Reaching Grade 5 is an important milestone, and earning a Merit demonstrates a strong level of performance and commitment to his studies.

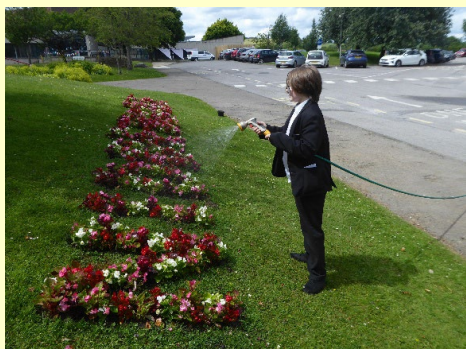
Well done, Joseph! We wish you every success as you continue to develop your musical skills and pursue your passion for piano.

Congratulations on this excellent achievement.



Green Hat Gardeners

Many thanks to all who kept our floral 'Nidderdale' alive & battled the rabbits during the hot spell whilst we were away on Eigg.



Stage 2 of the Nidd Green Hat Gardening project has begun - the relandscaping of the large bed in front of the school building. A fantastic day's work & play from Callum, Archie, Ollie, Harris, Billy & Rory began the project - they shifted a full ton bag of soil, weeded the Methodist church grounds, picked gooseberries, weeded the entire bed at school and unloaded all that soil! This certainly wouldn't have been achieved without their superb work ethic, teamwork, enthusiasm and desire to do all those jobs to a high standard.

Thank you for all your hard work and positivity - I've very much enjoyed working with you and the front of school is already looking so much better. Many thanks to all the parents who have donated resources for this project so far.



Nidderdale High School Awards Evening Celebrates Success and School Values



Nidderdale High School was delighted to welcome students, families, staff, governors and members of the wider school community to our annual Awards Evening, a special occasion celebrating the achievements and contributions of our students.

The evening recognised outstanding academic success, progress and commitment to learning across all areas of the curriculum. Awards were also presented to students who consistently demonstrate our school values of respect, responsibility, ambition, empathy, inclusion, resilience, kindness and pride.

Congratulations to everyone recognised — your achievements and contributions are a wonderful reflection of the values and spirit of Team Nidd.

HERE COMES Summer!

Our Bewerley Park and East Barnby teams can't wait to welcome you!

MONDAY 20 JULY TO THURSDAY 20 AUGUST

If you're looking for fun and adventure in the great outdoors, our action-packed activities are available to book now for the school holidays. From Adventure Club and skills courses to Family Activity Days, there's something for everyone!

outdoored.co.uk/schoolholidays

NOLS North Yorkshire Outdoor Learning Service

SUMMER HOLIDAY ROCK CLIMBING



Holiday climbing sessions are an ideal way for kids to get out and enjoy the great outdoors. Activities include climbing, abseiling and weaselling, an action-packed day.

Holiday Session - from £62.50 (7-17 years old)

Ilkley Cow & Calf: Every week except w/c 3rd August
Brimham Rocks: Every week except w/c 3rd August
Rock Skills Introduction (1-day) and Intermediate (2-day) Courses are also available

Childcare Vouchers accepted



Book online or contact us via email

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SUMMER ACTIVITIES



July 21st - September 6th

All these activities are included in the price of your annual ticket



VICTORIAN BAKING

Roll up your sleeves and get stuck in! Learn a new recipe and take your freshly baked goods home to enjoy!

Tuesday - Thursday 10.30am-3.30pm Workhouse Museum



STORYTIME

Get hands on with history in these fun, interactive stories and free play sessions.

- Let's Find Mummy
- Pig On The Loose
- Jailhouse Boogie

Visit the website for exact dates and times



CRAFTY WEDNESDAYS

Weekly craft activities at The Workhouse Museum

21 & 22 July	Make your own slime	19 August	Mini book making
29 July	Marble making	26 August	Metal frame embossing
5 August	Textiles	2 September	Window Wonderland
12 August	Willow Lantern making		

FIND FULL DETAILS AND PLAN YOUR VISIT
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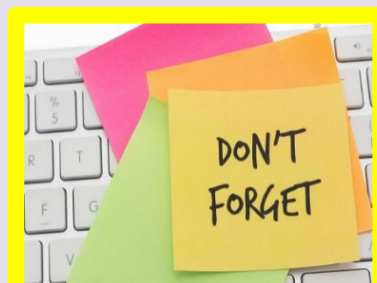
Please click on the link below to see an important safety communication from North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service.

Keeping Children Safe Around Water - focuses on helping parents and carers speak to children about staying safe around water, highlighting key risks such as cold-water shock and providing simple, potentially life-saving advice like "float to live".



Mind in Harrogate District supports children and young people's mental health throughout the summer holidays and beyond.

With the summer holidays bringing changes to routine, reduced access to school-based support, and, for some young people, increased feelings of anxiety, isolation, or uncertainty; please click on the link to see **Young People's Services** over the holiday period for students and families/carers.



Reminders

Summer term ends **Friday 17.7.26** at 12:30pm

Monday 7.9.26 is a staff training day and school remains closed to all students.

Tuesday 8.9.26 we welcome Year 7 and Year 11 into school at 8:45am

Wednesday 9.9.26 all students return to school

Please check **uniform** expectations [via this link](#).

All students must have a **school bag** and basic **school equipment**.

The school has a **legal duty** to ensure **mobile phones are not seen or heard** on the school site at any time - students will be expected to switch off their phones and put them in their school bag if they choose to bring a phone to school.

