

Space Week w/c 13th October 2025

The Science team and Year 8 students would like to say a massive thankyou to Lime Tree farm who helped celebrate space week and bring space alive in their planetarium.

We also got an opportunity to practice ecology skills including sampling, observing organisms in the hide and discussing the ecological benefits of compostable toilets.

This was a fantastic opportunity and everyone had a very enjoyable and educational day. As always, Year 8 reflected our Team Nidd values throughout the day.

Mrs Carpenter



Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parent / Carer

We have seen so many examples of our Team Nidd Values in action this half term, not least the resilience shown by all of our community during an 8 week half term.

Our students have shown respect, empathy and kindness in sad circumstances. Students in Years 8 -11 had the opportunity to take part in our memorial services for Mr Connors. Many of our students contributed messages and those who did a reading or performed music did so with respect and dignity.

Our students have shown ambition in their sporting activities and in lessons and have represented the school with pride when showing visitors around school.

It is not surprising then that our recent review in school noted as a key strength that the school is inclusive in its ethos and is values driven and built on strong relationships.

After such a long half term in school, we hope that all students in Year 7-10 will take the opportunity to relax and reset and that Year 11 will find a good balance between revision and rest.

Kath Jordan, Headteacher



Dales Cup Netball Tournament

Recently year 7, 8 and 9 took part in the Dales cup Netball tournament at Settle college.

Year 9 came 2nd overall with a great performance from the team and a special mention to Poppy Thorpe who was selected as the player of the match for her excellent defending skills and Lulu Broadley for her outstanding shooting.

Year 7 & 8 played in a mixed tournament with some debut performances from both year groups. In defence we had Olivia Smith who intercepted incredibly well and Layla Terry with a very impressive shooting performance.

Well done to everyone involved.

Mrs Kay



Attendance

This half term has seen a sustained improvement in attendance with our focus on 'every day in school is a contribution to future success'. Thank you to all parents and carers for support with ensuring good attendance and congratulations to our students for showing resilience during the longest half term. Please see the links below for guidance about attendance if your child feels unwell.

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#)

[Nidderdale High School - Attendance](#)

Inter Schools Cross Country Cup

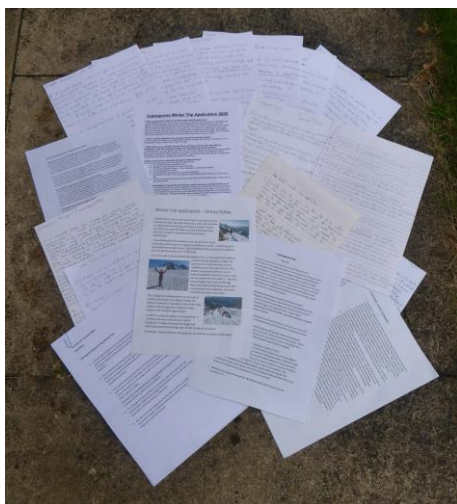
It was another fine performance from our Team Nidd runners in the Inter-schools Cross Country cup at Aireville Park. We might not have been at the front, but certainly held our own amongst some very strong and far more experienced opposition. Some very determined performances were seen from all our runners and what impressed the most, as always, was their outstanding support for one another, enjoyment of the challenge and great sporting attitude.

Typical of the Team Nidd spirit of fun, we were also the only team to be found playing in the park afterwards!



2026 Cairngorms Winter Trip

The selection process is now underway. Thank you to the 2025 team for helping launch the trip with a superb assembly performance that absolutely displayed your enthusiasm, and all that you gained from this year's snowy adventures - some excellent advice passed on to this year's applicants. Well done to everyone who has submitted an application this year. Your responses to the questions have demonstrated thought, effort & commitment and I've really enjoyed reading them. Special mention to Jonny Bullock for his 6-page epic!

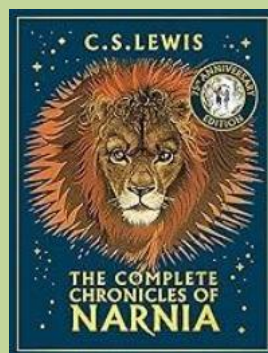


The 15 students who applied have all had an interview that involved questions, a map task and a crampon fitting challenge. The responses from all students were thoughtful, insightful and demonstrated a great deal of enthusiasm for the possibility of new wintery adventures.

Thank you all for the very respectful way you approached the interview process. A pleasure talking to all of you and you're certainly making the selection process a challenge - in a good way!

A fitness testing session will take place in the first week back after half term to help with final team selection. Happy holidays!

Miss Tuffs



Reading Recommendation

Following on from our recent trip to The Alhambra Theatre in Bradford when

40 Year 7 and 8 students saw a production of The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe. The realm of Narnia came alive and we were all captivated by the performance. This week's reading recommendation is C S Lewis' The Chronicles of Narnia.

Talking beasts and heroic deeds await you this classic fantasy series. C S Lewis incorporated many Christian theological concepts into his Narnia stories. This links with our learning in RE where our Year 7 students focus on the life of Jesus. It supports an understanding of symbolism and metaphor.

We will look forward to our next theatre trip in October to the Alhambra to see a performance of The Lightning Thief – The Percy Jackson Musical.



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Courthouse Museum 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Daily: Whodunnit?
25th October Use cryptic clues
 until to solve a crime mystery.
2nd November: Included in price of museum entry.

Prison & Police Museum 10:00am - 4:00pm

Daily: Craft Your Own Scary Story
25th October Included in price of museum entry.
 until
2nd November:



Workhouse Museum & Garden 10:00am - 4:00pm

Daily: Spooky Story Cards
25th October Create a spooky story with
 until Halloween-themed cards.
2nd November: Included in price of museum entry.



10:00am - 4:00pm

Monday 27th October: Autumn Storytime with Ripon Library
 Booking essential via ripn.library@north.yorks.gov.uk **FREE**
 11:00am until 12:00 noon

Wednesday 29th October: Ghastly Goo
 Create your own ghost gunk 10:30am-12:30pm
 Included in price of museum entry. 1:00pm-3:00pm.

Friday 31st October: Ghost Hunters!
 Investigate haunted happenings, make your own ghost goo, listen to a spooky story and grab your torch for a ghost treasure hunt.
 11:00am - 12:00pm
 4:00pm - 5:00pm.
 £5 per child. Adults are free.

Saturday 1st November: Bulb Planting
 Plant up and take home heritage hyacinth bulbs
 Included in price of museum entry. 10:00am until 4:00pm



'All Hallows at the Workhouse'
 Theatre Performance
 Ripon Museums Theatre Group will perform
 Included in price of museum entry. 1:30pm and 3:30pm

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FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

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