



# RIPLEY ENDOWED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

*'Growing Together, Guided by Love'*

## NEWSLETTER – MAY 2023

### HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers,

We cannot believe that we are already approaching the halfway point of the Summer Term! To begin we would like to celebrate our Year 6 and Year 2 children for the composure and determination that they have demonstrated in undertaking their national assessments this month. We hugely appreciate all of the hard work and commitment from the children, the teaching teams and our parents and carers. We are incredibly proud of all of the children and we hugely thank everyone for their support.

We very much look forward to all the exciting activities we have planned next term including, community week, open day, new starter transition days, inter school activities and events, end of year production, sports day, residential, trips and so much more!

It has been wonderful to see the children enjoying the warmer weather and we hope that the sunshine will continue over the half term break. We wish you a relaxing and fun-filled half term and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school for the final half term of this academic year on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June.

Miss Victoria Kirkman

Interim Executive Headteacher



As you already know, Ripley is now a GOOD School in every area!

We could not have done this without the tireless work of our wonderful children, the hugely committed school staff and you, our dedicated and supportive parent/carers body. Next stop....outstanding!

### COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Our collective worship theme this half term was

**TRUTH**

'Tell the truth to each other' - Zechariah 8.16

### REMINDERS

#### Appointments

We recognise that some appointments during school time are unavoidable (e.g. some medical appointments) but we do ask that all parents and carers do their best to make any appointments for pupils outside of school hours so that the children don't miss out on any of their learning in school. We have noticed an increase in the number of pupils being collected early from school recently. The office staff will now be asking for a medical appointment card or confirmation email of appointments in order to add this information on to your child's attendance records.

#### Uniform

Please ensure the correct uniform is being worn to school and correct PE kit is provided, as per the school uniform policy.

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

DATE	EVENT
29th May - 2nd June	Half term
5th June	Summer 2 - School re-opens
WC 5th June	Yr4 Multiplication (2 weeks)
6th June	Football Club restarts (every Tuesday for the Summer term)
8th June	Swimming lessons restart (every Thursday for Summer Term)
9th June	Diversity Pupil Workshop - KS2
WC 12th June	Phonics screening KS1
13th June	Ripon Cathedral Director of Music visit and Road Safety talk.
15th June	Year 6 Quidditch day at Admiral Long
16th June	Class and leavers photos - School House Photography
16th June	Inter Schools Football Tournament (info to follow)
19th - 23rd	Community Week
19th June	Class 2 and 3 Farm visit
20th June	Class 1 Farm visit
21st June	Water Safety Zoom
22nd June	NSPCC Y5/6 talk
23rd June	Careers morning and PCSO visit
23rd June	Open afternoon 1.30pm - 3pm - prospective parents
23rd June	No Celebration Assembly this week
23rd June	School Council movie night
28th June	Sports Day - 1-3pm cricket ground
30th June	Walk to School
6th July	New Reception transition morning
7th July	Yr6 Leaver service at Ripon Cathedral (non parent event)
11th July	End of year production
12th July	Leavers assembly - Town Hall
13th July	New Reception transition, and whole school moving up morning
14th July	Special assembly with Richard Whitely Summer reading challenge
19th - 21st July	Yr6 Residential - Low Mill
21st July	Last day of term
21st July	End of year Prom 5.30pm –7pm further details to follow

## Reminders, Updates, and Information

### PARENTMAIL ACCOUNTS - Dinner and Comet Club

Please ensure all accounts are in credit before returning for Summer 2 term. A reminder that all dinners and Comet Club sessions should be paid for in advance of them being taken.

All Voucher payments should ensure that sessions are covered in advance of the session being taken.

### KS2 - DIVERSITY ROLE MODELS WORKSHOP - 9th June

Following on from our Diversity Role Models Workshop for parents, we are delighted to be welcoming Lindsey Parr back into school for our KS2 pupil workshops. These fun and educational classroom-based workshops allow students to explore different types of families through activities, storytelling and interaction with LGBT+ or ally role models, adapted throughout the year groups to maintain developmentally appropriate content. Students are inspired to celebrate diversity, challenge bullying and create a safe and welcoming school environment for all. You can find more information on their website:

<https://www.diversityrolemodels.org/education-services/student-workshops-primary>

### RIPON CATHEDRAL CHORISTERS - 13th June

Could your son or daughter be a Cathedral Chorister? Dr Krippner, the new Director of Music at Ripon Cathedral, will be visiting our school to talk to the children during an assembly about the Choristers of Ripon Cathedral and how to become a Cathedral Chorister. All interested children are invited to see Dr Krippner after the assembly for an informal audition. Being a chorister is an outstanding opportunity, so it is very much worth considering! Dr Krippner will visit us on Tuesday 13th June. Meanwhile, do have a look at the Cathedral's new chorister recruitment video: <https://youtu.be/9li3sNhDfF>

### YEAR 6 QUIDDITCH EVENT - 15th June

We have organised for the year 6 children across the Federation, and Collaboration of Admiral Long and Birstwith Primary Schools to take part in a Quidditch event day run by Enrich Education. The day will provide an exciting opportunity to get to know some of their high school peers, as well as having lots of fun.

We want to say a huge 'THANK YOU' to FORS who have very kindly paid for this event.



Do you need wraparound care for your child? Our morning and after school Comet Club has been successfully running for over 2 years now and provides the perfect solution to all your wraparound needs.

Our Morning Comets will have a healthy and nutritious breakfast consisting of cereal (such as multigrain hoops, Weetabix bites, Rice Krispies), toast or bagel with butter/margarine. Water or milk will be provided too.

The Evening Comets will have a light tea at 4.30pm, before carrying on with the evening entertainment. This meal could be hot dogs in a roll, scrambled egg, toasted sandwich, beans on toast, jacket potato with a filling etc. The children will have water to drink throughout the evening.

Each night will be themed so the children have an activity to do after playing outdoors when possible.

Morning Comets 8am – 8.45am for a fee of £5.00 (including breakfast)

Evening Comets 3.15pm – 5.30pm for a fee of £11.50 (including light tea and activity)

If you are interesting, please contact Mrs Randall for a booking form and book your child's place today.

## Reminders, Updates, and Information

# House Point Tally



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## Ripley's Reading Challenge Winners - May

Class 1 - Olivia B

Class 2 - Albert

Class 3 - Hannah



## UPCOMING EVENTS

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

**RIPLEY ENDOWED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**OPEN AFTERNOON**  
**FRIDAY 23RD JUNE 2023**  
**1:30PM - 3:00PM**

Join us for our community week finale by visiting our idyllic village setting. Take a tour of our school led by our pupil leadership committees as well as view our work showcase.

We are a family friendly centred church school that has strong links with our local village community.

We have small class sizes (equal private educational settings) and pride ourselves on providing a first class education. With access to an Astro pitch, forest school, gardens as well as Ripley Castle and local cricket club your child will flourish at our school.

Please Contact: [admin@ripley-n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ripley-n-yorks.sch.uk) to book your place.

**PLACES NOW AVAILABLE. JOIN OUR RIPLEY FAMILY.**

**Ofsted**  
Good School

"Pupils feel safe and happy at this welcoming school. They are proud to live up to the school's ethos. This can be seen represented in 'The Ripley Star' around school. Both the moral values of friendship and respect are visible throughout the school."

"Pupils with SEND achieve well, they are completely included in the life of this most inclusive school!"

"I love Ripley because we have great teachers who are always kind and supportive. We learn lots about computing and I like it because it is interesting. We also go to church and listen to Rev Paul tell Bible stories." Year 4

"I love this school because we learn lots of new things like the Tudors, bus stop method and lots of fractions. We also get special day like Italy Day and World Book Day where we dress up." Year 4

Everyone at Ripley works as a team and no one is left out. We have lots of events like visits and going for ice cream." Year 5

[RIPLEYENDOWEDPRIMARY.ORG.UK](http://RIPLEYENDOWEDPRIMARY.ORG.UK) @RBKFED

**COMMUNITY WEEK**  
Join us at  
**RIPLEY ENDOWED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**CAREERS MORNING**  
**FRIDAY 23RD JUNE 2023**

**WE NEED YOU!**

We are looking for adults to teach us about their jobs. If you or another family member is interested in volunteering to teach our children a little about your job then look out for the letter home.

Please return the letter before 16th June 2023 to book your slot.

[www.ripleyendowedprimary.org.uk/](http://www.ripleyendowedprimary.org.uk/)

ORGANISED BY  
**RIPLEY ENDOWED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL COUNCIL**  
AS PART OF COMMUNITY WEEK

**MOVIE NIGHT**  
JOIN US ON 23 JUNE

HELP US TO RAISE FUNDS FOR RIPLEY SCHOOL

<b>RIPLEY TOWN HALL</b> MAIN STREET	<b>RIPLEY, HARROGATE</b> HG3 3AX
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DOORS OPEN AT 3:30 PM  
FILM STARTS AT 4 PM  
PICK UP AT 6 PM

ADMISSION: £5  
FEES COVERED:  
FILM, FOODS & DRINKS

## Friends of Ripley School



So far we have raised  
£171.50 for the following  
fundraising activities:

Adopt a Valentines Teddy Bear  
Bake Sale  
Easter Egg Decorating Competition  
Coronation Tea-Towel



YOU'RE INVITED TO DANCE AT THIS YEAR'S  
**PROM NIGHT**  
WITH RIPLEY ENDOWED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

JULY 21 2023	RIPLEY TOWN HALL Ripley, Main Street	FRIDAY 5:30 PM
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**COMING SOON!**

Full details and tickets go on sale after half term.

## WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING

### Class 1 - Reception

Reception have had a very busy half term. This half term has been all about 'growing'. The children loved the story 'The Extraordinary Gardener', and have loved designing their own extraordinary garden and the items they would like to grow. We also planted sunflowers, strawberries and pumpkins. The children also enjoyed 'The Hungry Caterpillar' book where they even had their own caterpillars within the classroom that they could observe, and watch grow into butterflies!



### Class 1 - KS1

In Year 1 and 2 the children have really enjoyed making 3D sculptures as part of their art topic. The children explored folding, twisting and bending paper to make their sculptures they particularly enjoyed their 'tree of life' creations! As well as Art the children have been learning all about plants as part of Science, the children had the opportunity to plant sunflowers, learn what plants need to survive as well as a plant life cycle. In R.E we also had the opportunity to go and look round the local church and identify features of a Church and the Christian faith.

The Year 2's have also worked extremely hard on their SATs tests and we are very proud of all of them!



### Class 2

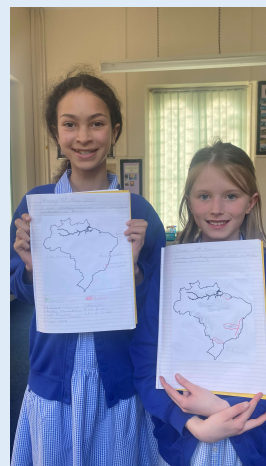
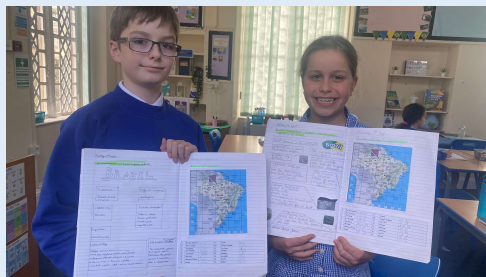
Class 2 Art - We have been learning about sketching in art this half term. We have explored how to sketch properly as well as how to add tone. Class 2 used the sketching pencils and learnt what the letters on the pencils mean. We then had a go at sketching our own Botanical Images.



## WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING

### Class 3

Class 3 have really been enjoying their new topic 'Brazil' in Geography. We have created fact files and discussed human and physical geographic features. We then plotted these on our own maps of Brazil.



### Year 6 SATs

Year 6 have worked extremely hard up to and during their SATs week. They have been revising each day as well as enjoying their morning SATs breakfast courtesy of Miss Kirkman. Year 6 showed real perseverance and resilience during each and every test and we are all so proud of their efforts.



Miss Lear treated them all to an ice cream as recognition of their hard work!



### National share a story month

As part of National share a story month, KS2 have enjoyed joining together and sharing their favourite story books. We listened to each other read; spoken about our favourite authors and why we like each story and characters.



### Mental health awareness week

To celebrate mental health awareness week. Class 3 have discussed different things in our classroom that we can use when we are feeling anxious. We have kindly been gifted worry dolls and breathing technique cards from Arlo and Jude (a brand which instils self-belief and increases confidence). We also have our class worry monsters in each of our class calm corners.

Children have then joined together to complete activities such as yoga to relax.

## WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING

### Road Safety Winner

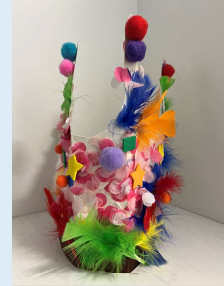
Huge congratulations again to one of our Y4 pupils for her excellent winning design for the Road Safety Banner Competition! Thank you to everyone who submitted a design for their hard work. All of the submissions were fantastic, making it a hard decision as ever to choose a winner.



### Fit for a King!

Huge congratulations to one of our year 1 pupils who won the Ogden of Harrogate Crown Competition in collaboration with the Stray Ferret.

We are so proud of you for winning the best design out of all the primary schools in the local area - what a fantastic achievement!



## CORONATION CELEBRATIONS



What a celebration to remember!

A wonderful afternoon was had by all, enjoying a family afternoon tea, a royal quiz, throne building House activity, cake tasting and a very fitting celebration assembly. We were delighted to mark the occasion by inviting our families into school to join in the celebrations. Thank you once again to everyone who made it such a special and successful event, to Mrs Metcalfe for the wonderful afternoon tea, to all the children who made such beautiful crowns, and all the families who entered our royal bake off. We were hugely impressed by all the competition entries and so very grateful for your support.



# Safeguarding

This month, with the arrival of warmer weather, we would like to focus on

## Royal Lifesaving Society UK (RLSS) Top Tips

Enjoy Water Safely



Drowning accidents are especially high in the summer months and over the last few years, RLSS have heard of too many tragedies that could have been avoided. Every year people drown both at home and on holiday because they don't take simple precautions, RLSS want people to enjoy the water safely. In the last 5 years, 39% of all UK drownings occurred in June, July and August. Here are their top

### Look out for lifeguards

If you're looking for a place to cool off always find a lifeguarded swimming site.

### It's colder than it looks

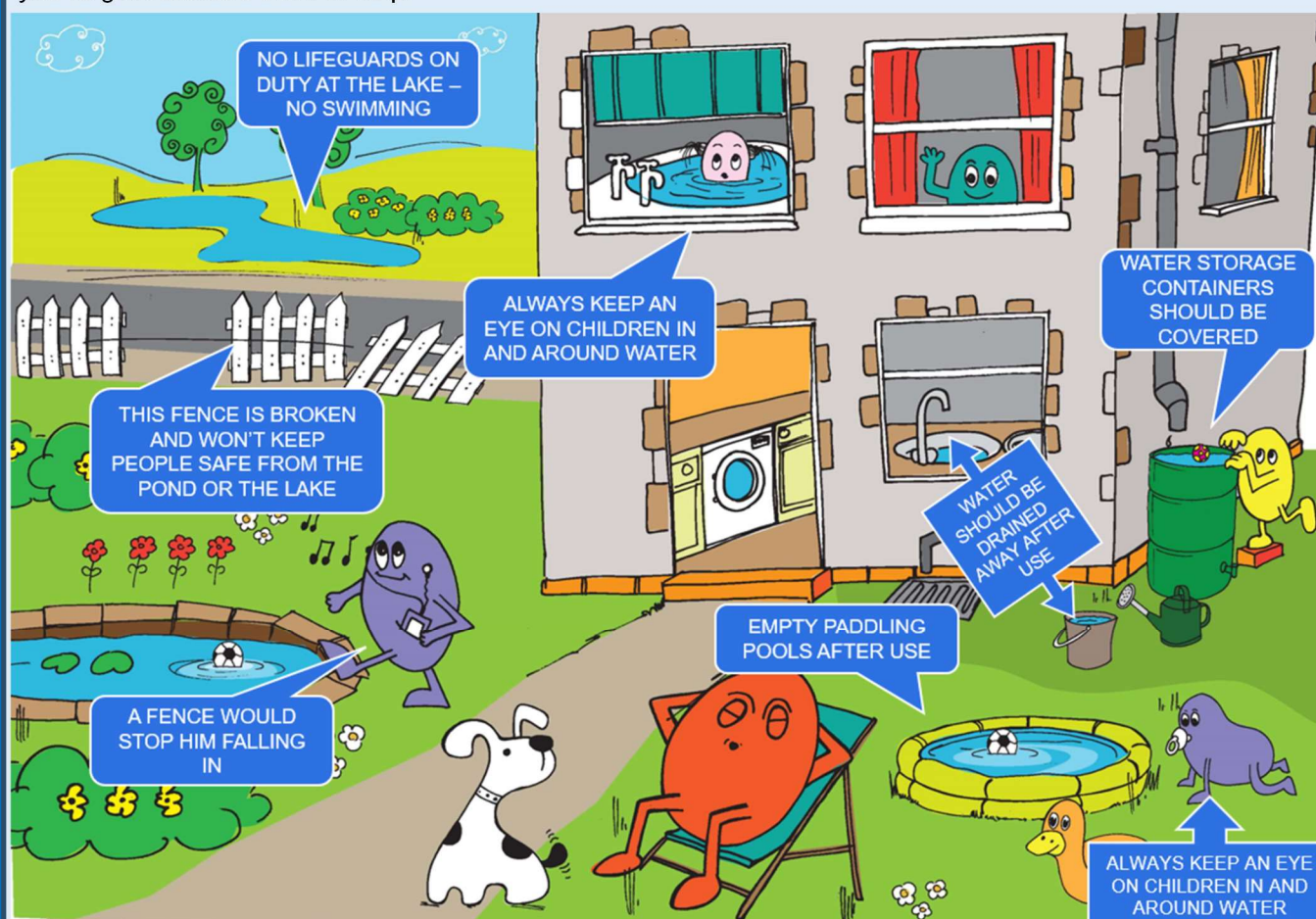
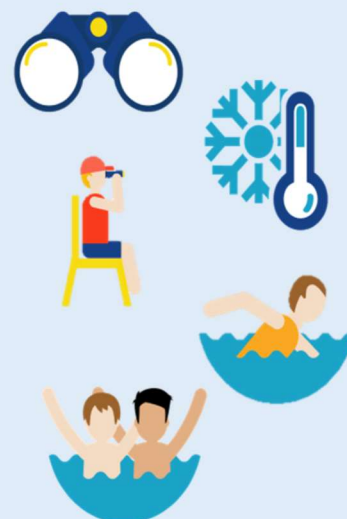
Water at open water and inland sites is often much colder than it looks, cold water can affect your ability to swim and self-rescue.

### It's stronger than it looks

Currents in the water can be very strong. If you find yourself caught in a rip current – don't swim against it – you'll tire yourself out. Swim with the current and call for help.

### Bring a friend

Always bring a friend when you go swimming so if anything goes wrong you've got someone there to help.



If you are concerned about a child's welfare please contact: Miss Victoria Kirkman - Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Rebecca Foy - Deputy Safeguarding Lead or Miss Hannah Lear - Deputy Safeguarding Lead

Ripley 01423 770160, Kettlesing 01423 770576 or Beckwithshaw 01423 504642

## Extra Curriculum

**ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**SPORTS COOL!**

# HALF TERM HOLIDAY CAMP

@St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Harrogate, HG1 2DP

**DATES:** 29TH MAY, 30TH MAY, 31ST MAY, 1ST JUNE, 2ND JUNE

**TIME:** 8:30AM - 4:00PM, 8:00AM - 5:30PM

**£24 a day OR £100 - 5 days** **£32 a day OR £130 - 5 days**

WWW.SPORTSCOOLLEEDSNORTH.SCHOOLIPAL.CO.UK  
(07494760937)

Open your phone camera and scan the QR code to go straight to the booking page, or use the link above

If you have any issues please contact Chris on the number above

New parents will need to register and add your child/ren's details. If you have already registered, just go straight to the booking page

Please bring healthy snacks, lunch and a bottle of water

Registration opens 8:30am - Camp starts at 9am!

LIMITED SPACES, BOOK NOW SO YOU DON'T MISS OUT!

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HALF TERM FOREST SCHOOL

# Wildale Forest School

I WILL BE RUNNING FOREST SCHOOL SESSIONS, 10-1 OVER THE HALF TERM BREAK

Find me and book on Facebook - Wildale Forest School or, [www.Wildalefs.com](http://www.Wildalefs.com)

**RIPON Theatre FESTIVAL**

• for families •

7-11 June 2023

Storytelling  
Open-air theatre  
Puppet shows  
Hands-on activities  
Street entertainment



[www.ripontheatrefestival.org](http://www.ripontheatrefestival.org)

**ENCHANTED TRAIL**

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 20th May - Mon 5th June. Our resident Gnome and visiting fairy 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 21st May, 28th May - 4th June except 3rd June)  
(Fairy visiting dates 20th & 27th May, 3rd June)

For full information, visit [thorpperrow.com](http://thorpperrow.com) or call 01677 425 323



## Extra Curriculum

### Little Explorers 27th May - 4th June



All kids get to choose a quiz to do on their Cave tour.  
These are Prehistoric Dino egg hunt, Fairy door hunt, Fossil hunt, Pirates quiz

### JOIN MEGALODON MICKEY'S GOLDEN TOOTH HUNT

Find a tooth and win one of 20 amazing prizes!

We're celebrating 20 years at Stump Cross Caverns by giving away 20 golden teeth from Mickey the Megalodon



Fossil and Gem Digs  
09:30 - 10:30, 13:30 - 14:30  
27th May - 4th June



Take part in one of our hugely popular fossil digs and explore the fascinating history of Stump Cross Caverns.



**RHS**  
Garden Harlow Carr

## Sow Awesome – May Half Term

SAT 27 MAY – SUN 4 JUN



## Extra Curriculum

# Treasure Island

May Half Term

Sat 27th May -  
Sun 4th June



[www.mothershipion.co.uk](http://www.mothershipion.co.uk)



NETBALL4ALL  
Tots & Minis



NETBALL4ALL  
Juniors

# MAY

## NETBALL CAMPS



Tues 30th May

Fri 2nd June

Juniors - 10am til 3pm

Minis - 10am til 12pm



**BOROUGHBRIDGE  
HIGH SCHOOL**



Juniors - £20 a day / £35 both

Minis - £10 a day / £17.50 both

**COME & JOIN US ON  
OUR FUN NETBALL  
CAMP DAYS**

Our camp days are  
filled with lots of  
netball specific  
skills & match play

**MINIS 4-6  
JUNIORS 7-11**

**REGISTER NOW**

[vicky@netball4all.com](mailto:vicky@netball4all.com)

## Hear to Help



Dealing with anxiety,  
low mood,  
bereavement or  
isolation?

Our Just 'B' specialist  
support workers are  
ready to listen.

Community Support Helpline available to children,  
young people and adults across Harrogate,  
Hambleton, and Richmondshire.

8am-8pm, seven days a week.

**(01423) 856 799**

A service provided by Just 'B', part of Saint Michael's Hospice and Herriot  
Hospice Homecare. Calls are charged at local rates  
<https://bit.ly/localcallcharges>

North Yorkshire Hospice Care is a registered charity in England and Wales (518905) with a family of  
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## ONLINE SESSIONS

For Parents/Carers

# UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD'S NEEDS



**SUPPORTING YOU  
AND YOUR CHILD  
WITH TOP TIPS  
FOR MELTDOWNS,  
SHUTDOWNS AND  
BURNOUT**



**NORTH  
YORKSHIRE  
COUNCIL**

With the Autism  
Community Connector  
and Engagement Team

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