

# Yorkshire Life

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EDUCATION NEWS

## Great effort for Archie

In May, pupils of Aysgarth School, their families, friends and staff undertook a sponsored walk in aid of RNIB. The walk took place over the 16 miles from Aysgarth Falls, where the school was founded, to Newton-le-Willows, the current site of Aysgarth School. Over 370 walkers took part in the event, with younger children joining the route at either the ten or five mile points.

The pupils were inspired to take on this challenge by fellow pupil, ten-year-old Archie Hare, who is visually impaired. Archie addressed the school in assembly and explained about the importance of the work that RNIB carries out and how the charity had supported him. Archie walked the full 16 miles, with his fellow classmates walking part of the course using blindfolds in an effort to raise awareness and to share what Archie experiences daily.

There was an incredible atmosphere on the day; the school community came together to support each other through the challenge, culminating in the assembled crowds cheering Archie through the last stretch of his walk as he arrived back at school.

***The event has now raised in excess of £34,000, with Archie himself raising over £13,500. To contribute visit [justgiving.com/fundraising/aysgarth-walk](http://justgiving.com/fundraising/aysgarth-walk).***



Archie Hare with parents Bianca and Charlie at the start of the walk



Archie approaching the 12 mile refreshment stop

