

# Dishforth Airfield Community Primary School

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## Newsletter 31 Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely weekend with the glorious weather. We have a busy week in school with the national Year 6 assessments and we have a promotional school dinner on Thursday.

We also warmly welcome Joel who has joined us in EYFS.

### **Class News:**

Every week the classes will share the highlights of what they have been learning about with our families:

**EYFS:** This week we have been learning about sea pollution and how to protect our amazing sea creatures. The children have been busy making lists and signs to prevent people littering on the beach and being encouraged to recycle. We have also carried on our work in art working on the same beach drawing but using collage as a different media.

**Year 1 and 2:** In history we have been writing about Neil Armstrong and his life - did you know he was able to fly a plane before he learnt how to drive a car? We were all very surprised to learn that! In our geography lessons we have been learning about the four countries of the UK, their capital cities and their flags and flowers. Later on, this term, we are going to be doing some more research about each country. Beebots have been the focus of our computing so far this term and we have had great fun learning how to input a program and testing them out.

**Year 3 and 4:** This week we have been writing our short stories inspired by our class book, The Iron Man. In Maths we have been learning about converting the time from analogue to digital. In DT we have started to explore pneumatic systems.

**Year 5 and 6:** This week we have been busy revising and preparing for the SATs with the year 6 children; they are working incredibly hard and we are so proud of them. The year 5s have been writing their magazine articles about their chosen country. We're excited to see the published versions with photos! We have also begun to go through our scripts for our production - we're so excited to share this with you in June!



### Year 1 and 2 Trip to Harlow Carr – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May

We are all very excited about our upcoming trip to Harlow Carr. We have been preparing by investigating growing cress seeds and finding out about the conditions needed to grow healthy seeds.

We have also been learning about different trees and have had a go at identifying trees by their leaves- hopefully we will be able to spot some at Harlow Carr.

### NYES Catering visit

We are looking forward to welcoming Tracey Usher from NYES Catering on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. Tracey will be delivering a whole school assembly about food miles and afterwards she will be working with Year 1 and 2 on a source to fork workshop.

### Makaton sign of the week

We have a number of children in school who are using Makaton to support their communication. During assemblies, we are continuing on developing some basic signs.

This week's sign is: **Mental Health**



Here is a link to the Makaton site:

[https://makaton.org/TMC/TMC/The\\_Makaton\\_community/Sign\\_of\\_the\\_Week.aspx](https://makaton.org/TMC/TMC/The_Makaton_community/Sign_of_the_Week.aspx)

### Mental Health Awareness Week – 12<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup> May

Since 2001, the Mental Health Foundation has been leading Mental Health Awareness Week - bringing the UK together to focus on getting good mental health. This year, the week takes place from **12 to 18 May 2025** and the theme is '**community**'.

Being part of a safe, positive community is vital for our mental health and wellbeing. We thrive when we have strong connections with other people and supportive communities that remind us, we are not alone. **Communities** can provide a sense of belonging, safety, support in hard times, and give us a sense purpose.

Further information can be found through the following link:

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/our-work/public-engagement/mental-health-awareness-week>

### Promotional School Dinner – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May – Street Food

Chicken Nuggets  
Veggie Nuggets  
Skinny Fries  
BBQ Beans

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Doughnut Muffin



### PE Days this half term

Please see below when your child / children are having PE this half term. **Children in Y1-Y6 need a PE kit in school which has a black / navy blue tracksuit, socks and trainers as a PE session may take place outside.**

EYFS: Please have PE kit in every day

Year 1 and 2: Tuesday and Thursday

Year 3 and 4: Monday and Thursday for the first 2 weeks then Tuesday and Thursday

Year 5 and 6: Tuesday and Thursday for the first two weeks then Thursday and Friday

### Keep in touch – School Facebook Page

Please ensure you are signed up to the school Facebook page so that we can get in touch with families quickly.

### Reading

**All children need to read at home every day.** Please listen to your child read and ask them questions about the text and / or pictures. Please ensure that you record what your child has read and how they have managed with their reading in their record book. **Reading and record books need to be in school every day so that they can be checked and new books issued.**

### ParentPay

Breakfast and After school club, school meals and nursery fees are put on Parent Pay at the end of every week. Please can we remind families to check their account on ParentPay and make sure bills are paid as soon as possible. New families to the school will receive login information for ParentPay once their child / children have started.

### School Dinners

Children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 can have a school dinner free of charge.

Children in Nursery can order a school dinner and the cost of their meal is £2.10

**Please note that the cost of a school dinner is £3.55 for children in Years 3-6.**

**The cost for the month of May for children in Year 3-6 will be £56.80. (16 meals)**

**The cost of a school dinner will rise slightly from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June to £3.77.**

### Packed Lunches

A polite reminder that there should be no sweets or chocolate bars in packed lunches or fizzy drinks. Also, we are a **NUT FREE SCHOOL**. We do have children with allergies to nuts so please refrain from any sort of nut products in packed lunches – thank you.

### Sun Cream

Please can I ask parents to ensure the children have sun cream applied to them before they come to school in the morning when the forecast is due to be sunny and also, please do send into school a bottle of sun cream labelled with your child's name on it so that they can apply it, when necessary, over the summer months – thank you.



### Easy Fundraising

We have set up an Easy Fundraising page to help us raise extra money for our school. You can raise FREE donations for Dishforth Airfield Primary School EVERY time you shop online. Please support us by following this link, signing up and using easy fundraising when you shop online. Thank you for your support!

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/dishforthairfieldprimary/>



## **Bookings for Dandelions Childcare**

All bookings must be made **by 12pm on a Friday** for the following week so that we can ensure we have staffing ratios and food for the children. Accounts are put on ParentPay. Parents are charged based on the bookings they make and any additional sessions.

Please either telephone the school office, use the link <https://forms.office.com/e/A50V4pv57w> or email [admin@dishforthairfield.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@dishforthairfield.n-yorks.sch.uk)

## **AWARDS**

### **Celebration Assembly**

On Friday, we have our Celebration Assembly. This week the following children were given our weekly awards;

### **Celebration Cup**

The cup this week goes to someone who has a brilliant learning attitude. This person has been challenging themselves in their learning and is making super progress.



This person's confidence has really grown this year and it has been wonderful to see their fantastic personality, kindness and humour. It is a joy to have this person in our class.

Congratulations and well done to ...

Noah!

### **Ribbons**



**EYFS** – This week the ribbon goes to someone who is striving to achieve their best in writing. They have become independent with their writing thinking about each sound carefully in a word and using the correct formation. We are very proud of your progress, well done Isla!

**Year 1 / 2** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who consistently works hard and rises to a challenge in the classroom. This person also demonstrates all of our school values and is a pleasure to have in the class. Well done, Skyla!

**Year 3 / 4** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has demonstrated resilience and independence in their writing. I have been so impressed with their focus and hard work to make sure they included all of our toolkit features in their final write. Keep up the great work, Lexa!

**Year 5 / 6** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who impressed us all last week in our auditions. This person was clear, confident and brought the character to life. They also sang a solo in front of the class - you were amazing! We can't wait to see you shine on the stage in our performance in June. Well done to Florence.

## Values in Action

This week our Values award goes to someone who has demonstrated our school values of commitment, compassion, co-operation, responsibility, resilience and respect.



This person has been nominated because everywhere this person is, they are really funny and really kind – they never give up. I am so glad they are part of this school.

The values award goes to Lexa who was nominated by Rowan.

Well done, Lexa!

## Attendance

### Weekly Attendance

**Good attendance at school is key to your child's progress.**

Good attendance is essential for pupils to get the most out of their school experience, including their attainment, wellbeing, and wider life chances. Nationwide research has shown that the pupils with the highest attainment at the end of key stage 2 have had higher rates of attendance throughout primary school, compared to those with the lowest attainment. The government aims for all pupils to have a minimum of 96% attendance across the school year, and any child with less than 90% attendance is recorded as a persistent absentee. Here is our school's current overview of attendance:

#### Week commencing 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
99%	96%	98%	99%

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon  
Head Teacher



## Diary Dates

<b>May 2025</b>	
<b>12/5/25</b>	Year 6 SAT week
<b>21/5/25</b>	Year 1 and 2 trip to Harlow Carr
<b>23/5/25</b>	Whole school assembly delivered by NYES catering on food miles  Year 1 and 2 workshop by NYES catering about a food journey – from source to fork  Break-up May half term
<b>June 2025</b>	
<b>2/6/25</b>	School open  Year 1 and 2 Forest Schools
<b>w/c 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	Year 4 multiplication check – two-week window  Bikeability starts for Year 6
<b>6/6/25</b>	Year 5 and 6 field trip to Ripon
<b>w/c 9<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 1 Phonic Screen Check and Year 2 re-take
<b>9/6/25</b>	Year 1 and 2 Forest Schools
<b>13/6/25</b>	Year 5 and 6 mini medic training
<b>16/6/25</b>	Year 1 and 2 Forest Schools
<b>20/6/25</b>	<b>TRAINING DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR ONE DAY</b>
<b>24/6/25</b>	Year 3 and 4 trip to Tropical World
<b>26/6/25</b>	Year 5 and 6 Performance of Alice in Wonderland at 5.30pm (TBC)
<b>27/6/25</b>	Year 5 and 6 – Game of Actual Life Day
<b>July 2025</b>	
<b>1/7/25</b>	Rotter's Workshop for EYFS and Year 1 and 2
<b>18/7/25</b>	School breaks up for the summer at 2.30pm
<b>September 2025</b>	
<b>1/9/25</b>	Training day for school staff
<b>2/9/25</b>	School open for academic year 2025-26