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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely weekend. It is looking like we may be in for a few showers this week so please can you ensure your child / children have a coat every day – thank you.

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 based our Art and English work on the story 'The Bear and the Piano'. The children have enjoyed using forks and paint to create texture and have used a range of materials for the bears features. In maths the children have focussed on 'counting carefully' by lining objects up and counting objects one to one.

Year 1 and 2: We have had another busy week in Year 1 and 2! We are enjoying our story 'Fergal is Fuming' where we have suggested ways in which Fergal can calm down. In Maths, we are working on our place value units and in RE we have begun our new topic about what it means to be Jewish.

Year 3 and 4: This week we have been developing our writing skills by including lots of new features in our sentences such as fronted adverbials, conjunctions and expanded noun phrases. We have also been working hard to choose sophisticated vocabulary in our writing. In Science, we have really enjoyed investigating different surfaces and how friction can alter the distance a toy car will travel on them.

Year 5 and 6: We have had a busy week in year 5/6! We have begun our geography topic on North America where we have been locating the countries that make up the continent. We have also been doing some problem solving in science where we have focused on our scientific enquiry skills. We were identifying why circuits were not working. Next week we will be using switches in our circuits.

Early Reading and Phonics Session for Reception Parents – this week on Thursday

Mrs Hutchinson will be holding a meeting about our phonics scheme, Read Write Inc. on **Thursday 18th September at 2.30pm. All parents of children in Reception need to attend this session please.**



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.**

Reception Baseline

Children who are in Reception will be participating in the national reception baseline assessment (RBA) this half term. There is a document about this attached to the newsletter for further information.

Flu Immunisation – 6th October – information from Vaccination UK

Action required by parents of children in Reception up to Year 6.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Vaccination UK is attending your child's school for flu vaccinations.

For your child to receive their Nasal flu vaccination in school, please complete a **YES** consent form using the link below.

If your child **cannot** have the Nasal spray, the injectable flu vaccine is available, and you will be able to choose that method on the consent form.

If you **DO NOT** wish for your child to have a flu vaccination, please complete a **NO** consent via the same link.

The Flu information leaflets attached contains the consent link and other useful information regarding flu vaccinations.

<https://yny.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/northyorkshire>

Year 6 transfer to secondary school – information for Year 6 parents

Information regarding applying for secondary school is attached to this newsletter from North Yorkshire County Council. Applications need to be submitted from 12th September and by 31st October.

Home to School Transport

As you will be aware the Council adopted a revised Home to School Travel Policy that came into effect in September 2024. This has been applied to applications made for school places from 1st September 2024 onwards and where there has been a change in circumstances which requires a reassessment of eligibility to travel such as a house move.

For further information regarding home to school transport, please click on the link below.

https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-and-college-transport/school-transport-reception-year-11-children?utm_campaign=2977485_Home%20to%20School%20Travel%20-%20September%202026&utm_medium=email&utm_source=North%20Yorkshire%20Council&dm_i=4BPJ,1RTFX,34L193,8CDST,1



Swimming – Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 – this Wednesday



School swimming takes place at Thirsk swimming pool for children in **Year 3, 4, 5 and Year 6**. Please ensure your child has swimwear, goggles and a towel (named). It is helpful if girls wear socks and not tights on swimming days. Due to the layout and number of cubicles at Thirsk swimming baths, some children need to share a cubicle in order to change before and after the lesson. If any parents have questions or queries about this then please don't hesitate to speak to Mrs Lyon.

The cost of swimming will be **£6.00 each week**, this still has to be paid even if your child misses a swimming lesson as we still have to pay for the bus, pool hire and swimming instructors. Payments must be made on your Parent Pay account. School has heavily subsidised the cost of swimming due to rising prices from the bus company and constraints imposed by Thirsk Pool.

Promotional School Dinner – Thursday 2nd October – Best of British

Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pudding

Shepherdess Pie

Roast Potatoes

Victoria Sponge Muffin



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: **Avocado**



Here is a link to the Makaton site:

https://makaton.org/TMC/TMC/The_Makaton_community/Sign_of_the_Week.aspx

Parents Evening

Parents Evening will be week commencing the 20th October – further details will follow in due course.

Leave of Absence in Term Time

The Government implemented amendments to the regulations regarding holidays in term time a number of years ago. The amendments remove references to family holiday and extended leave as well as the threshold of ten school days. Therefore, Head Teachers will only be able to grant leave of absence in **exceptional circumstances**. **There is no 'Holiday' code for absences at any school. Please refer to the leave of absence forms which are located next to the school office for full details. If a form is required then it must be filled out at least six weeks in advance or the absence is unauthorised. If a child misses a minimum of 10 sessions (one session is half a day) through unauthorised absence, then this can result in a 'notice to improve' (previously known as a penalty notice) being issued by the Local Authority.**

New guidance from the government came into force in the summer of 2024. Please refer to the attachment for parents which is with this newsletter.



The full guidance for schools can be found on the link below:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/66bf300da44f1c4c23e5bd1b/Working_together_to_improve_school_attendance - August 2024.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/66bf300da44f1c4c23e5bd1b/Working_together_to_improve_school_attendance_-_August_2024.pdf)

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 £3.77 for children in Years 3-6.

The cost for the month of September for children in Year 3-6 will be £79.17. (21 meals)

School dinners are paid through ParentPay – new families will receive information regarding a login to ParentPay later this week.

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.

Please find attached to this newsletter some useful tips and advice regarding packed lunches.

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

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/>



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 had a great start to the year. They are an all-round super star! They approach challenges in their learning with determination and perseverance.



They demonstrate our school values of co-operation and compassion every day.

We are so lucky to have this person in our school.

Keep up the amazing work – we can't wait to see what you achieve this year.

Congratulations and well done to

Riasha!

Ribbons



EYFS – This week the ribbon goes to someone who is striving to achieve their best with everything they do. This person always has a beaming smile in lessons which is lovely to see. Well done Ronnie!

Year 1 / 2 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has had a great start back into school life after the summer break. They have approached all their learning tasks with enthusiasm and they have worked hard in all areas of the curriculum. Well done, David!

Year 3 / 4 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has had a super start to Year 4. As always, this person has worked with enthusiasm across the curriculum and we couldn't be prouder of their learning attitude. They have also been a super friend to their peers. Keep up the great work, Audrey!

Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has come back to school with such a spring in their step! This person is working hard, supporting their peers and trying to put their hand up more in class. We are so impressed! Keep it up. Well done to Brooke!

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 in class they have been working really hard and they are a very good friend.

The values award goes to Oscar who was nominated by Khloe.

Well done, Oscar!

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 8th September 2025

Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
96%	99%	100%	98%

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon
Head Teacher

Diary Dates

September 2025	
18/9/25	Reading Information Session for Reception parents 2.30pm
23/9/25	Year 5 / 6 football – Outwood Academy
October 2025	
2/10/25	Promotional School Dinner – Best of British
6/10/25	Flu Immunisation
14/10/25	Year 5 / 6 netball – Outwood Academy
21/10/25	Individual School Photograph Morning
21/10/25	Parent / Child / Teacher consultations from 3.30pm
22/10/25	Parent / Child / Teacher consultations from 3.30pm
24/10/25	9.15am Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Harvest Festival 2.45pm Year 3, 4, 5, 6 Harvest Festival Break-up for October half term at 3.15pm
November 2025	
3/11/25	School open
4/11/25	Year 3 / 4 football – Outwood Academy
5/11/25	Promotional School Dinner – Bonfire Night
7/11/25	Year 5 and 6 Ripon Cathedral
13/11/25	Year 6 Crucial Crew
December 2025	
w/c 1 st December	EYFS Nativity (date and time TBC)
11/12/25	Year 1 and 2 Nativity 2.30pm (TBC)
12/12/25	Year 1 and 2 Nativity 9.15am (TBC)
17/12/25	Christmas School Dinner
18/12/25	Christmas Party afternoon
19/12/25	Break-up for Christmas at 2.30pm
January 2026	
5/1/26	Training Day for school staff
6/1/26	School open for the spring term