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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 lovely week after last week's wet and unpredictable weather!

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 created posters for the 'Bear and the piano' story to advertise his amazing show. The children are really enjoying the story and have been creating scenes related to the story in the small world area. The children have also enjoyed learning about different families and talking about their own to their peers.

Year 1 and 2: We have had another busy week in Year 1 and 2 where we have been writing a story and continuing our Maths work on place value. In art we have been learning how to draw a self-portrait and in Geography we went on a walk around the Airfield to look at the physical and human features.

Year 3 and 4: This week we have enjoyed investigating the strength of different magnets in science. We worked as a group to plan a fair test and carried these investigations out to be able to order the magnets by strength. In Music we have been learning to play the melody of Mamma Mia by Abba on the glockenspiels!

Year 5 and 6: This week, in year 5/6, we have been writing a short story about a Viking boy called Jotun. He is given a quest and sets out on an adventure through snowy mountains, thick forests and to the shore where he finds destroyed long ships. We have also been looking at the climate of different countries within North America and comparing graphs representing hours of sunlight, the temperature and rainfall.



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

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: **Coffee**



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.

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 £3.77 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 is an incredibly hard-working and dedicated pupil who always gives her very best in everything she does.



She is a wonderful role model to others and shows determination, compassion and kindness every single day.

She is a kind and thoughtful friend who is always ready to help and encourage those around her. We are so proud of you and we can't wait to see what this year brings for you.

Congratulations and well done to

Florence!

Ribbons



EYFS – This week the ribbon goes to someone who is going above and beyond in their phonics work. They are always listening, following instructions and being helpful to others. Well done Laceigh!

Year 1 / 2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has had a fantastic start to the school year. We have been really impressed with this person's learning attitude and they are giving 100% to every task they are given Well done, Gabriel!

Year 3 / 4 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has written a super character and setting description in English. They have worked independently and with determination to include all of our toolkit features. Well done to OI!

Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to someone for their incredible start to year 5. This person is focused in lessons, listens carefully and is working hard across the curriculum. We can see this person's resilience growing each day and we are so impressed with their positive attitude. Keep it up! Well done to Logan!

Values in Action

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



This person has been nominated because when I got hurt during PE, she gave me a hug and she gave me a big smile.

The values award goes to Freya who was nominated by Alice.

Well done, Freya!

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 15th September 2025

Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
95 %	100 %	96 %	99 %

Kind regards,
Mrs Julie Lyon
Head Teacher



Diary Dates

September 2025	
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