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Newsletter 5 Monday 29th September 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you all enjoyed a lovely weekend! Please read the newsletter carefully for dates and times and keep checking diary dates as new entries are being added.

Flu immunisation sign up – please can all parents ensure they have signed their child / children up for the flu immunisation this week to ensure that they receive it – thank you. The link is in the newsletter.

We have a promotional school dinner this Thursday – Best of British – which the children can enjoy.

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 got to the end of our 'Bear and the piano story'. The children have created some lovely maps of the city so that Bear wouldn't get lost. The children have also been exploring artwork created by Andy Warhol and creating some lions with a range of brightly coloured paint to go with our PSHE focus 'The Lion Inside'.

Year 1 and 2: This week in Year 1 and 2 we have been learning about acrostic poems and writing our own poems about Harvest. In art we are continuing our work on Picasso and have been exploring his style of portraiture through using photographs of ourselves!

Year 3 and 4: This week we have been putting our instruction giving to the test! We began by giving Mrs Armstrong instructions on how to make a jam sandwich and this got very messy to begin with! After making sure we were really precise and detailed with our instructions, we produced a perfect jam sandwich! We then followed instructions for mummifying an apple and will be adapting these to write our own instructions next week. In Science, we have continued to explore magnetism and investigated which different materials are magnetic and non-magnetic.

Year 5 and 6: This week we have been designing a first attempt of our lino cutting. The children sketched a design in their sketch book and then drew it onto the lino before they will use the lino cutter to cut out their design. We focused on nature and used Michelle Hughes as our inspiration. We have also been researching Viking life. The children are going to be creating a magazine article for the year 3/4 children to read and enjoy!



PTA Meeting

On Thursday 2nd October straight after school there will be a PTA meeting with Mrs Lyon for anyone who is interested in supporting the school in raising funds to go towards various resources and trips throughout the year – please come and join us!

Year 5 and 6 Football

Thank you to the children who represented our school at the football festival last Tuesday: Samuel, Arthur, Khloe, Rowan, Anthony, Emily, Lucas, Bobby and Oscar. The team played four games where they won one, drew one and lost two. We are very proud of all of you!

Clubs

A club letter went out last week which needed to be returned by today. Confirmation of a place in a club will be sent home by the end of this week.

Black History Month - October

In the UK, October marks the beginning of Black History Month. This national celebration aims to promote and celebrate the contributions of those with African and Caribbean heritage to society and to foster an understanding of Black history in general. Through Black History Month, we learn so much about ourselves and our abilities to overcome challenges both big and small. We learn to reason and wonder about things morally. We also learn from mistakes people made in the past and learn the importance of treating others with compassion – we learn to be givers and helpers. Through this month we are using a number of assemblies to learn about significant people in history.

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>



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: **Teacher**



Here is a link to the Makaton site:

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

Parent / Carer Consultations

Parents Evening is Tuesday 21st October and Wednesday 22nd October. A letter is being sent home today for families to state their preferred day – please return this by Monday 6th October. A confirmation slip will be sent out to you in due course.

Appointments are strictly for 10 minutes only. If there are further areas you would like to discuss with the teacher, please make another appointment so that we can ensure the evenings run to time – thank you.

There will be no football or clubs run by teachers during the week of parents evening.

School Photograph morning

On **Tuesday 21st October** it is school photograph morning. As in previous years, the family photographs are to be taken first from 8.30am, these are for children in school who have siblings who are **not** at school. If this applies to you, please come to school for 8.30am to have your children photographed together. Individual photographs and siblings who come to this school will be taken during the school morning.



Harvest – Friday 24th October

This year, our Harvest Festival is going to take place on the afternoon of **Friday 24th October** so please make a note of this in your diary and full details will be shared over the next few weeks.



Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will have their Harvest Festival at 9.15am and children in Years 3, 4, 5, 6 will have their Harvest at 2.45pm.

Further details will follow.



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 October for children in Year 3-6 will be £67.86. (18 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.easypundraising.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 making excellent contributions in lessons, showing great listening and understanding.

This person has really risen to the challenge of the next key stage and is enjoying all subjects the curriculum has to offer.

It is lovely to see someone so excited by learning and is enjoying school life.

Congratulations and well done to

Alusio!



Ribbons



EYFS – This week the ribbon goes to someone who is loving all our lessons and striving to achieve their very best. This person is kind, caring and a joy to teach. Well done Ethan!

Year 1 / 2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who works hard in all areas of the curriculum. They are focused in class and always give their best in every task. Well done, Mylah!

Year 3 / 4 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who is a complete super star! They work with enthusiasm and resilience in all that they do. We have been particularly impressed with this person's handwriting. Keep up the great work, MJ!

Year 5 / 6 – This week, the ribbon goes to someone for their hard work and dedication with their learning. We are seeing increasing levels of focus from this person and we are impressed with the results! This person shows enthusiasm in lessons and we love the energy they bring to our classroom. Well done to Rowan!

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 they are a kind friend.

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

Well done, Deborah!

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 22nd September 2025

Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
96%	98%	93%	100%

Kind regards,
Mrs Julie Lyon
Head Teacher

Diary Dates

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 1st 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