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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you all managed to have a lovely week last week.

A huge thank you to everyone who came and supported our Harvest Festivals which were held on the last day of the half term. The donations for Community Works, Thirsk were gratefully received and money raised from the cake bake sale went to Self-help Africa.



As it is Bonfire Night Wednesday, we have a promotional school dinner to look forward to and also just a reminder that we are selling items for the poppy appeal – these can be bought from the school office – further details are in the newsletter.

We have a very busy half term ahead of us with much to look forward to as we head towards the festive season – please keep checking diary dates for events and timings.

Be safe, be seen

Now that the clocks have turned back and the daylight hours are shorter, I have spoken with the children just before we broke up about how to stay safe at this time of year.

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 had a very spooky week in Early Years. The children have been busy making witches' potions and creating spooky crafts in the creative area. The reception children have been using their phonic knowledge to write cvc words to go in their caldron we found that many of the items rhymed such as rat, bat, hat, cat.

Year 1 and 2: In Year 1 and 2 this week we have investigated the effects of exercise on our heart rates in science. In English we created a monster best friend and then wrote instructions on how to look after it. In RE we finished our unit on Judaism and learned how to play the game Dreidel which is often played during Hanukkah.



Year 3 and 4: We have had a busy week in Year 3 and 4! In English we have been writing about an ancient Egyptian God or Goddess based on our own research. In Maths, Year 3 have continued their work on addition and subtraction and Year 4 have begun a new topic on area. In Computing we have been learning about the internet with a focus on evaluating the consequences of unreliable content.

Year 5 and 6: This week, in year 5/6, we have been evaluating our final art piece. We thought about the new skills we learnt and the final product while we evaluated our lino print. We have also written harvest Haiku poems. We generated some autumnal and harvest vocabulary and then used this to help to create a poem thinking carefully about the syllables on each line.

Year 3 and 4 football festival

Tomorrow a group of Year 3 and 4 children are representing the school at a football festival at Outwood Academy, Ripon. Good luck!

PTA Meeting

The next PTA meeting is going to be on Thursday this week straight after school – all are welcome!

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: **Fire/Blaze**



Here is a link to the Makaton site:

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

Bonfire School Dinner – this Wednesday

Banger in a Bun (Hot Dog)
Cheese Whirl
Fire Cracker Wedges

Toffee Apple Brownie



Sporting Influence and Clubs

There is a new Sporting Influence club for Key Stage 1 children which starts this week.

All clubs finish for the term week ending the 28th November.

Year 5 and 6 Ripon Cathedral Service – this Friday

On Friday 7th November, Year 5 and 6 children have been invited to go to Ripon Cathedral to be part of a service celebrating military children. The class will have an early lunch and they will return in time for the end of the school day.

Poppy Appeal

We are selling items for the Poppy Appeal again this year.

Alongside the traditional poppy there are snap band rulers, clip-on reflectors and adjustable bracelets. Suggested donations:



Snap Band/Ruler	£1.00
Adjustable Bracelet	£0.50
Clip-on Reflector	£0.50
Poppies	Any Donation

Please come to the school office before or after school if you would like to donate to the Poppy Appeal.

Anti-bullying week – week commencing 10th November

Anti-bullying week takes place from Monday 10th – Friday 14th November, with the theme: Power for Good. The week will begin with Odd Socks Day on Monday 10th which is a way of celebrating what makes us all unique.

Further information can be found through the following link:

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2025/anti-bullying-week-2025>

Crucial Crew – Year 6 – Thursday 13th November

On Thursday 13th November, Year 6 are spending the afternoon at Carlton Lodge undertaking activities in Crucial Crew which is an event organised by North Yorkshire Police. The children will see various scenarios which they may encounter in everyday life, each one posing problems or dangers to them. The children, working in small groups and under close supervision will tackle each scenario with feedback given as they complete each one.

All children need to bring a coat.

Children in Need – Friday 14th November

As a school we will be supporting Children in Need Day on Friday 14th November where the children can come to school in non-uniform for a suggested donation of £1. This can either be brought in cash on the day or you can click on the link below and donate through ParentPay.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=18991>



Online safety newsletter

The November edition of the online safety newsletter is attached to this week's newsletter for your information – there are some very useful reminders on this about age ratings.

Reception Starters for September 2026

Attached to this newsletter is information for parents and carers who have a child who is due to start Reception in September 2026. The deadline to submit an application is the 15th January 2026. Parents of children in our school nursery still need to apply for a Reception place through North Yorkshire Council. Parents of children in our school Nursery still need to apply for a Reception place through this process.

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 November for children in Year 3-6 will be £75.40 (20 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 for an impressive first half term in Year 5. This person has shown resilience, determination and commitment to their learning in every lesson.



This person always strives to do their best and contributes thoughtful and mature ideas during class discussions.

This person is a kind and caring friend and always supports their peers when they need it.

Keep up the great work!

Congratulations and well done to

Anthony!

Ribbons



EYFS – This week the ribbon goes to someone who showing real enthusiasm for writing. Learning how to write their name and forming their letters correctly. We are very proud of you. Well done Carson!

Year 1 / 2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has been very focused in our RWI lessons. They have learned new sounds and worked hard to remember each one. They have applied their skills in sentence writing and they have worked incredibly hard on the size and presentation of their handwriting. Well done, Leo!

Year 3 / 4 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has been very focused in all aspects of their learning. They enjoy completing tasks to a high standard and they are demonstrating our school values every day. Well done, Georgina!

Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has grown in confidence over the half term. This person is a wonderful role model to other children, always lends a hand when someone needs it and is a kind and caring friend. We are so pleased you are part of our class. Well done to Lucas!



Values in Action

This week our Values award goes to someone who has demonstrated our school values of resilience and respect.

This person has been nominated because in all lessons they work hard and they show resilience on the playground.

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

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 20th October 2025

Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
88%	99%	98%	97%

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon

Head Teacher



Diary Dates

November 2025	
3/11/25	School open
4/11/25	Year 3 / 4 football – Outwood Academy
5/11/25	Promotional School Dinner – Bonfire Night
6/11/25	PTA fundraising meeting straight after school
7/11/25	Year 5 and 6 Ripon Cathedral
10/11/25	Anti-bullying week
13/11/25	Year 6 Crucial Crew
14/11/25	Children in Need Day – non-uniform day £1
17/11/25	Road Safety Assembly and poster campaign launch
December 2025	
2nd December	EYFS Nativity at 10am
11/12/25	Year 1 and 2 Nativity 2.30pm – two tickets per family
12/12/25	Year 1 and 2 Nativity 9.15am – two tickets per family
17/12/25	Christmas School Dinner
18/12/25	Christmas Party afternoon – bring party clothes in a named bag to get changed in to.
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