

# Dishforth Airfield Community Primary School

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## Newsletter 11 Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you had a great weekend! There is a lot of information in today's newsletter regarding forthcoming events for Christmas as well as many other items so please read carefully and take note of dates and timings. It is looking like we are in for a cold snap this week so I have urged the children to find their hats and gloves!

Thank you to everyone who supported Children in Need on Friday – we raised £91.05 for the charity. Also, a huge thank you for supporting the poppy appeal as we raised £90.71 for the Royal British Legion.

Today the children had an assembly on Road Safety delivered by Cpl David Matthews from 6 Regt RLC and Helen Oldroyd. As part of the talk children have been asked to design a poster on road safety, this is a competition and the deadline for entries is Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November. The posters will then be displayed around the Airfield.

### 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 continued our learning about space and we have created some lovely rocket patterns. Nursery have been learning how to make a pattern and spot a mistake within it. Reception have been focussing on writing a lost poster for our alien friend 'Beegu' making sure they think about each sound within a word when writing.

**Year 1 and 2:** This week in RE we have been learning about the Christmas Story and sequencing the events. In English we have written a setting description about a poppy field after the end of World War One and in Maths we have finished our unit on addition and subtraction and we will start learning about shape.

**Year 3 and 4:** This week we have enjoyed researching to identify and name different bones in the human body. In Computing, we have been busy creating our final 3D Christmas tree decorations in preparation for printing on our new school 3D printer! In geography, we have been learning about the different features of a river and in French, we have been learning the words for different seasons and weather.



**Year 5 and 6:** This week, in year 5/6, we have been writing a news report from the Battle of Lindisfarne. We have been thinking about the eye witnesses and what they might have said and what they saw. We have also been learning about Jewish people and the different elements that make up their religion. We have learnt about the Torah this week and how this religious book is important to Jewish people.

### **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: **Television**



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)

### **Crucial Crew – Year 6**

The year 6 children went along to Crucial Crew on Thursday afternoon to take part in a range of activities. The children learnt about the importance of safety skills through interactive workshops and scenarios. It focused on a range of topics like fire, road, water and online safety.



### **Year 1 and 2 – History**

Year One and Two have been very busy finding out about washday in the Victorian period. We borrowed a loan box from Ripon Museum Trust with lots of exciting and unusual items in it. We did some research and watched a film to find out a little bit more before getting stuck in. First, we had to grate the carbolic soap- no washing pods 100 years ago! Then we used the dolly and dolly tub to get the clothes nice and clean. We rinsed the soap out using a posser before putting them through the mangle to squeeze the excess water out. We only washed some pillow cases but it took a very long time even to do that. We have also been loaned some flat irons which would have been heated on the range. They are incredibly heavy and would have been difficult to iron with. Thankfully we have washing machines and steam irons we can plug in nowadays!



## Eye Tests for Children

Please find attached to this week's newsletter, a leaflet produced by North Yorkshire regarding eye tests for children.

The important messages from the leaflet are:

- Please take your child for a FREE eye test.
- Check this website to find your local opticians: [Sight Tests - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)
- Encouraging children & young people to manage their screen time and get outdoors more often can help their eyesight.

## Emergency Procedure for School Closure – weather related / loss of utilities

It is rare, however there are occasions where it has been necessary to close schools because of inclement weather, no electricity or because of lack of heating, so I would like to bring to your attention the procedures I will follow if this event occurs now that we are heading towards winter:

- An email will be sent to all families via Arbour
- A direct message will be sent to families via Arbour
- County Hall will be informed.

Hopefully, this will not happen but I feel it is better to be prepared.

**Please always assume school is open unless you hear via any of the above methods. Please do not phone the school to ask if we are open as we may need to keep the line clear in order to contact staff. Please check on the school Facebook page and check emails.**

**Learning would be sent home via the class email system direct from the class teacher.**

## 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](mailto: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.easypfundraising.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 super start to this school year. This person has demonstrated determination and resilience in their learning, embracing new challenges!



I have been particularly impressed with this person's focus and hard work on their handwriting – you should be really proud of yourself!

This person is also a wonderful and a kind friend to others. We love having you in our class.

Keep up the great work!  
Congratulations and well done to ....

Lillian!



## Ribbons



**EYFS** – This week the ribbon goes to someone who is making a fantastic contribution to our nativity rehearsals. This person is loving the art of performing. We have seen lovely singing, dancing and acting. Well done Damien!

**Year 1 / 2** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has been working incredibly hard in all lessons. This person really listens to their targets and focuses on getting better at them all. They are a pleasure to teach. Well done, Theo!

**Year 3 / 4** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has completed some super writing whilst using inverted commas to punctuate speech – a tricky task but they rose to the challenge! Well done to Enoch!

**Year 5 / 6** – The ribbon this week goes to someone for their continued dedication and hard work towards their learning. This person always ensures their work is to the best of their ability and enjoys a challenge – especially in maths! This person is a valued member of our class and we're really enjoying seeing their personality come shining through! Well done to Samuel.

## 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 they are kind and never give up in anything both in school and in games.



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

Well done, Audrey!

## 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 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
97%	100%	100%	97%





## Christmas Events 2025



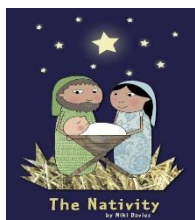
We have much to look forward to as we head towards the festive season and I would like to share with you what we have planned so far.

### Christmas Cards

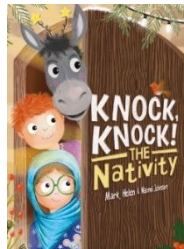
Children can bring their Christmas cards into school for special Dishforth Airfield delivery! Please can children bring their cards into school and post them in the special post box from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December – a list of first names can be obtained from the School Office - please ensure envelopes are named correctly and have the class written on!

### Nativity Plays

There are two Nativity plays this year, one by EYFS called 'The Nativity' and Year 1 and 2 are presenting the Nativity through the story of 'Knock, Knock! The Nativity'.



**EYFS Nativity is on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 10am**



**Year 1 and 2 Nativity is on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December in the afternoon at 2.30pm and Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 9.15am.**

Due to the size of the Year 1 and 2 cohorts and the size of the school hall, the Year 1 and 2 performances will be ticketed. Each child will have two tickets for each performance for their families to use. If you don't need all the tickets then please return unneeded tickets to the school office so that they can be given to families who possibly would like more.

### Christmas Jumper Day



On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December, we are taking part in Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children. For a £1 donation to the charity, children can come to school in a Christmas jumper – this can be a decorated jumper or a bought one.

### Carol Singing – Year 5 and 6

Year 5 and 6 children are going to Boroughbridge Manor Care Home on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December to sing carols and spread festive joy to the residents.



## **School Christingle**



On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December, every child in the school will make a Christingle and we will hold our own Christingle Service towards the end of the afternoon.

## **Christmas School Dinner – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December**



### **School Dinner Special Events: Christmas Lunch – order in advance**

We will be having Christmas lunch on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December. As this meal will need to be ordered in advance, a form will be emailed for you to complete and return - the **deadline is Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November**.

**Roast Turkey and Trimmings**

**Roast Veg Sleigh (V)**

**Roast or Mashed Potatoes**

**Christmas Medley of Vegetables**

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**Christmas Cookie**

## **Christmas Party afternoon – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December, the children will have their Christmas Party in classes. Please can children come to school wearing their uniform and bring their party clothes in a named bag to change into after lunchtime. Thank you.

## **Break-up for Christmas – early closing – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December, school closes early for Christmas at 2.30pm.

## Christmas Fundraising December 2025



### Christmas Jumpers

If you have any Christmas jumpers that you would like to donate to our Christmas Jumper sale, please hand them in to the school office by **21/11/25**.

### Jingle Jars

If you would like to make a jingle jar for our Christmas stall, please can you hand them in to the office by **28/11/25**. Jingles jars can contain anything, some examples are sweets, hair accessories etc. If you need any jars, please ask at the office.

### Unloved Toys

This year we will be selling unloved/unwanted toys. If you have any toys which you no longer want, please donate them to our stall where we will sell them on to their new home. Please make sure they are in good, clean working order. This is a good chance to have a good clear out. All donations to be handed in to the office by **21/11/25**

### Christmas Raffle

We have some great prizes so far for our Christmas raffle, these include a family ticket for the Jorvik Centre in York (2 adults & up to 3 children) and 2 open dated tickets to Flamingo land. We would like to ask parents if they have any unwanted gifts, they would be willing to donate to school for the Christmas hampers. We don't want you to go out and buy anything just donate something you don't want/need. Donations to be handed in by **5/12/25**

The Christmas Raffle will be drawn at home time on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December.

## Christmas Stall

We will be selling raffle tickets, used toys, Santa keys and reindeer food after school on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November and Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November.

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon

Head Teacher





## Diary Dates

<b>November 2025</b>	
<b>17/11/25</b>	Road Safety Assembly and poster campaign launch
<b>21/11/25</b>	Last day for sending in Christmas Jumpers and toys
<b>24/11/25</b>	Year 3 and 4 Field Trip to Ripon
<b>24/11/25 and 28/11/25</b>	Christmas Jumper / school uniform sale Pre-loved toy sale Reindeer Food Magic Santa Key
<b>December 2025</b>	
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	EYFS Nativity at 10am
<b>11/12/25</b>	Year 1 and 2 Nativity 2.30pm – two tickets per family
<b>12/12/25</b>	Year 1 and 2 Nativity 9.15am – two tickets per family  3.15pm Christmas Raffle after school
<b>16/12/25</b>	School Christingle Service – children only
<b>17/12/25</b>	Christmas School Dinner
<b>18/12/25</b>	Christmas Party afternoon – bring party clothes in a named bag to get changed in to.
<b>19/12/25</b>	Break-up for Christmas at 2.30pm
<b>January 2026</b>	
<b>5/1/26</b>	Training Day for school staff
<b>6/1/26</b>	School open for the spring term
<b>15/1/26</b>	Years 3 -6 trip to Murton Park