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Dear Parents / Carers,

We are very much looking forward to the festive period in school with a number of events coming up. A reminder that our Christmas Stall is running today and Friday after school. At the end of this week our Advent Wreath will be delivered to school ready for lighting the first candle next Monday in Assembly.

A very warm welcome to Nella who has joined us in Nursery and Elliot who has joined us in Year 6.

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 been very busy preparing for our nativity the children have practised singing, dancing and acting and it is all coming together, which is fantastic. In English the children have been creating instructions for 'How to make a jam sandwich' ready for our journey to the moon. The children's favourite part was of course eating it!

Year 1 and 2: This week in Year 1 and 2 we have begun a wonderful new story in English called 'The Koala Who Could' which is about a Koala called Kevin who doesn't like change. In Maths we have been identifying 2D and 3D shapes and in DT we have been learning about levers and sliders in preparation for making Christmas cards.

Year 3 and 4: This week we have been writing our own time travel stories in English. In Science we have been exploring skeletons, naming and identifying animals based on these. In History, we have been learning about Ancient Egyptian Gods and Goddesses.

Year 5 and 6: This week in year 5/6, we have been learning about the planets in our solar system. We have been finding out information about each one and creating Top Trump cards for a chosen planet which we will use to create a class display. We have also been comparing a region in North America to Ripon in North Yorkshire. We used secondary sources to find out information such as: population, climate, culture and human and physical features. We then used this information to compare the two locations and find similarities and differences.

Clubs

A reminder that the clubs run by teachers finish this week. A huge thank you to them for putting these on for the children.



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: **Gloves**



Here is a link to the Makaton site:

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

Eye Tests for Children – reminder from last week.

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.
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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 Arbor
- A direct message will be sent to families via Arbor
- 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

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 a delight to teach.

They put 100% effort into everything they do. This person is a lovely friend to have as they are kind, considerate and caring.

We are very proud of you.

Keep up the great work!
Congratulations and well done to

Laceigh!



Ribbons



EYFS – This week the ribbon goes to someone who is absolutely shining in our Nativity. They know all their speaking parts as well as all the songs and actions. Well done Catherine!

Year 1 / 2 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has been working hard in all lessons and they consistently try their best. They are keen to challenge themselves in every subject and particularly in PE. Well done, Rory!

Year 3 / 4 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has written a super story in English, using all of the features from our success criteria. This person always has a positive attitude towards learning. Well done and keep up the great work to Georgina!

Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has wowed us in maths! This person's hand is up, they're using the resources to help them and they're working incredibly hard! This person can add and subtract fractions with different denominators and is clearly showing their working out for each question. Well done to Scarlett!

Values in Action

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



This person has been nominated because at playtimes this person stays with me and they are really kind. This person also takes part in music and they are very good at concentrating.

The values award goes to Jaxson who was nominated by Scarlett and Emily.

Well done, Jaxson!

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 17th November 2025

Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
97%	98%	100%	91%



Christmas Events 2025



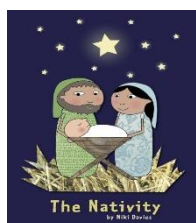
We have much to look forward to as we head towards the festive season.

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 1st 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!

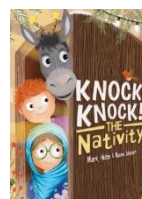
Nativity Plays

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 2nd December at 10am

Year 1 and 2 Nativity is on Thursday 11th December in the afternoon at 2.30pm and Friday 12th 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 12th 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 11th December to sing carols and spread festive joy to the residents.

School Christingle



On Tuesday 16th 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 17th December



School Dinner Special Events: Christmas Lunch – order in advance

We will be having Christmas lunch on Wednesday 17th December. As this meal will need to be ordered in advance, a separate letter will be sent home for you to complete and return - the **deadline is this Friday!**

Roast Turkey and Trimmings

Roast Veg Sleigh (V)

Roast or Mashed Potatoes

Christmas Medley of Vegetables

Christmas Cookie

Christmas Party afternoon – Thursday 18th December

On Thursday 18th 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 19th December

On Friday 19th 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 12th December.

Christmas Stall

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

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon

Head Teacher

Diary Dates

November 2025	
17/11/25	Road Safety Assembly and poster campaign launch
21/11/25	Last day for sending in Christmas Jumpers and toys
24/11/25	Year 3 and 4 Field Trip to Ripon
24/11/25 and 28/11/25	Christmas Jumper / school uniform sale Pre-loved toy sale Reindeer Food Magic Santa Key
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 3.15pm Christmas Raffle after school
16/12/25	School Chringle Service – children only
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
15/1/26	Years 3 -6 trip to Murton Park