

# Dishforth Airfield Community Primary School

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## Newsletter 14 Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you all had a super weekend and your preparations for the festive season are going well.

The Year 1 and 2 Nativity 'Knock, Knock' is on Thursday afternoon with a prompt start at 2.30pm and Friday morning at 9.15am. Please remember to bring your tickets.

Christmas Jumper Day is on Friday where children can wear a festive top for a £1 donation which will go to Save the Children.

Also, on Friday, at 3.15pm the Christmas Raffle will be drawn!

### Class News:

Every week the classes will share the highlights of what they have been learning about with our families:

**EYFS:** Well, what a fantastic performance! Early years had an excellent start of the week performing to the whole school and parents. The children were amazing and we are so proud of them all. The children have also enjoyed the 'Jolly Christmas Postman' story in English this week. They have written addresses on envelopes all ready to post a Christmas letter, card or list.

**Year 1 and 2:** This week we have been learning about the meaning of each of the candles in an Advent Wreath in RE. In English we have begun to write a diary based on our class story 'The Koala who Could' and in Maths we are learning about the properties of 3D shapes.

**Year 3 and 4:** This week we have been creating our final Maze products in DT - they are coming together wonderfully! In Science, we have been learning about muscles and how they often work in pairs to help our bodies move. In History, we have been exploring Ancient Egyptian hieroglyphs!

**Year 5 and 6:** This week in year 5/6 we have cooked our 3-course meal in DT. We created a menu based around ingredients the Vikings would have used. The children made bread rolls and butter (made from cream in a jar), potato and leek pasties and overnight oats with berries and honey. We then tried the different foods and evaluated them thinking about what worked well and what we found to be a challenge. We have also been learning about the physical and human features of different countries in North America and the children had to choose a country and use secondary sources to investigate a number of questions.



## Clubs

Tomorrow is the last session for Mr Vitali's club.

## 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.

The next three weeks is: ***Countdown to Christmas***

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)

## 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 or school administrator.**

## 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 December for children in Year 3-6 will be £56.55 (15 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.

## 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.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 really starting to put themselves out of their comfort zone. We are impressed with their determination, resilience and hard work towards their learning.



This person is a kind friend to others and always offers to help their peers.

We're looking forward to seeing what the rest of the year brings for you!

Congratulations and well done to ....

Sonny!

## Ribbons



**EYFS** – This week the ribbon goes to someone who absolutely shone in our Nativity. This person sang, danced and acted putting on a great performance. We are very proud of you. Well done Watson!

**Year 1 / 2** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has made amazing progress this term in all areas of the curriculum. They have developed their skills in becoming more independent and we are very impressed with their dancing in the Nativity. Well done, Noah!

**Year 3 / 4** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who always tries their best and does so with a lovely smile! We have been impressed with the poem this person wrote in English this week. Keep up the great work, Skyla!

**Year 5 / 6** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who always has a big smile on their face! This person brings joy and energy to our classroom each day. This person is a kind and compassionate friend and always looks out for their peers. We are so impressed with this person's first term in year 5 and we're so excited to see what they go on to achieve over the year. Well done to Emily!

## Values in Action

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

This person has been nominated because she always involves everyone in games.

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

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 1<sup>st</sup> December 2025

Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
99%	93%	98%	84%





# Christmas Events 2025



We have much to look forward to as during 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 – 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 Play

**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.

**School will film each Nativity and photograph the children in costume – photographs will be emailed to parents and the film will be put on our website with a secure password.**



## Christmas Jumper Day

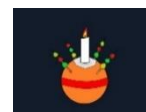


On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December, we are taking part in Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children. For a £1 donation to the charity, children can come to school in a Christmas jumper – this can be a decorated jumper or a bought one.

## 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**

We will be having Christmas lunch on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

**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 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.

The Christmas Raffle will be drawn by the PTA on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December. Pop along to see if you have won one of our fabulous prizes. If you can't make it, don't worry, Mrs McBride will let you know if you have won a prize.

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon

Head Teacher



## Diary Dates

<b>December 2025</b>	
<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  Christmas Jumper Day £1  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
<b>February 2026</b>	
<b>13/2/26</b>	Break-up for February half-term
<b>23/2/26</b>	School open
<b>24/2/26</b>	Parent / child/ teacher consultations from 3.30pm
<b>25/2/26</b>	Parent / child/ teacher consultations from 3.30pm
<b>March 2026</b>	
<b>23/3/26</b>	Skip 2B Fit / Boxercise Day
<b>26/3/26</b>	Class Photographs
<b>27/3/26</b>	Break-up for Easter at 2.30pm
<b>April 2026</b>	
<b>13/4/26</b>	Training Day
<b>14/4/26</b>	School open for the summer term