

# Dishforth Airfield Community Primary School

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**Newsletter 16 - Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas and happy start to the New Year. It is lovely to see the children back in school and hearing about their festivities.

## **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 getting all festive in Early Years. The children have been writing Christmas letters to Santa by the cosy fire on our interactive whiteboard. They have been making Christmas lights using finger paints, decorating trees in the tuff tray and having bauble races outside with the guttering and piping.

**Year 1 and 2:** This week we have been busy finishing off our curriculum subjects for the autumn term. We have made an information booklet on koalas and carried out our post assessment on shape. We thoroughly enjoyed making our Christingles and our Christmas School Dinner was delicious! Our party was good fun too!

**Year 3 and 4:** This week we have been busy completing our final artwork pieces inspired by the work of Paul Cezanne. In DT, we have completed our wooden mazes using our woodwork skills to create a perfect product to give as a Christmas gift for someone special. We have also thoroughly enjoyed our fun session at swimming where we celebrated our swimming achievements from this term.

**Year 5 and 6:** This week, in year 5/6, we have been learning about the different kings that rules over England during the Anglo Saxon and Viking times. We ordered the kings and wrote a fact about each one. The children also played 'We Three Kings' and 'Jingle Bells' on the clarinet during assembly this week. They have impressed everyone with their progress this term.

## **Year 5 and 6 – Mrs Falco – Welcome Miss Arnold**

From January, Mrs Falco will work Monday through to Thursday and we have recruited a new very experienced teacher, Miss Arnold to teach Year 5 and 6 on a Friday. We are delighted to have Miss Arnold join our team here at Dishforth Airfield.



## Mrs Dixon

Mrs Dixon is going to begin maternity leave week commencing the 19<sup>th</sup> January. We wish her all the very best and congratulations to the family.

Covering Mrs Dixon's maternity leave will be Mrs Clark in Year 3 and 4 every Friday and Mrs Goodier in EYFS every other Wednesday. Both teachers are very experienced and have been into school to meet the children.

## PE Days this term

Please see below when your child / children are having PE.

**EYFS: Please have PE kit in every day**

**Year 1 and 2: Monday and Thursday**

**Year 3 and 4: Tuesday and Wednesday**

**Year 5 and 6: Tuesday and Thursday**

## Year 6 Information session for parents / carers regarding SAT assessments

On **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January** at 3.30pm in the school hall, Mrs Falco will be holding a parent / carer information session about the Year 6 SAT assessments. Please can all Year 6 parents and children attend this – thank you.

## Curriculum Newsletter

Spring term curriculum newsletters outlining what the children will be learning about this term will be sent home later this week.

## Online Safety Newsletter

Please find attached to this newsletter the January edition of the online safety newsletter. There are useful features included in this, particularly if any children have recently received a new device.

## Promotional School Dinner – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January – Pizza Party

Pizza Sub  
(Different toppings available)  
Crispy Garlic Potatoes

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Chocolate Dipping Pot



## Reception Starters for September 2026

The deadline to submit an application for parents and carers who have a child who is due to start Reception in September 2026 is the 15<sup>th</sup> January.

Parents of children in our school nursery still need to apply for a Reception place through North Yorkshire Council.

### 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: **Apple**



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 January for children in Year 3-6 will be £71.63 (19 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.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 an all-round superstar!



This person consistently demonstrates our school values in everything that they do. They are a kind, compassionate and helpful friend to others and an outstanding learner. This person rises to the challenges with enthusiasm, determination and resilience and their progress this term has been super!

Keep up the super work. You should be very proud of yourself – we are!

Congratulations and well done to ....

MJ!

## Ribbons



**EYFS** – This week the ribbon goes to someone who is putting lots of effort into their reading both in and out of school. Keep it up. We are very proud of you. Well done Xander!

**Year 1 / 2** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has had a super term in Year 1. They have made progress in all areas and enjoy a learning challenge. They are a delight to teach! Well done, Ethan!

**Year 3 / 4** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has been working incredibly hard. We have been so impressed with this person's determination to achieve their best across the curriculum. They have a wonderful personality and bring lots of laughter to the classroom. We are so proud of what you have achieved this term. Your hard work has certainly not gone unnoticed. Keep up the super work and well done to, Harper!

**Year 5 / 6** – The ribbon this week goes to someone for their unwavering hard work, dedication and commitment to their learning this term. This person is also a kind, caring supporting friend to many children and always offers to help in the classroom. We would be lost without you! Well done to Khloe!

## Values in Action

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



This person has been nominated because in class this week they have demonstrated all of our school values. They always have a huge smile on their face and they are a good friend.

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

Well done, Freya!



## 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 15<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
98%	94%	98%	89%

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon

Head Teacher

## Diary Dates

January 2026	
6/1/26	School open for the spring term
15/1/26	Years 3 -6 trip to Murton Park Promotional School Dinner
19/1/26	Year 6 parent information session on SATs
February 2026	
13/2/26	Break-up for February half-term
23/2/26	School open
24/2/26	Parent / child/ teacher consultations from 3.30pm
25/2/26	Parent / child/ teacher consultations from 3.30pm
March 2026	
23/3/26	Skip 2B Fit / Boxercise Day
26/3/26	Class Photographs
27/3/26	Break-up for Easter at 2.30pm
April 2026	
13/4/26	Training Day
14/4/26	School open for the summer term