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### Newsletter 25 Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely weekend. We have a busy two weeks ahead of us before the Easter break, so please make a note of events and timings.

#### Comic Relief

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March school will be supporting Comic Relief Day where children can wear red noses and non-uniform for a £1 donation. Donations can also be made by using the link - <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=20659>

#### 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 really enjoying writing in provision and writing for a purpose. The children have made road signs for our work on road safety, made maps for the story 'What the ladybird heard' and made shopping lists and labels for our spring flower shop. We have also enjoyed creating spring flower paintings involving mixing colours.

**Year 1 and 2:** This week in Year 1 and 2 we have been busy writing our diary entries as Vlad the flea in English. In RE, Aarish's mum came to talk to us about Hinduism and we also reflected on the festival of Holi and learnt about the story of Holika and Prahlad.

**Year 3 and 4:** This week we have enjoyed taking part in a live lesson for British Science week all about the moon. The children enjoyed using their knowledge from their previous science lessons to help them with this. We have also enjoyed making our final products in DT - a moving Easter card! The children are excited to share these in the next few weeks!

**Year 5 and 6:** This week in year 5/6 we have been continuing with our final art piece inspired by Zaha Hadid. This week we have done two water colour sessions where we did an initial water colour wash and then the second session the children were able to add darker details on top of the original layer. Next time we will be using black pens to add the finer detail on top.



## Start small, dream big!

I wanted to share what a wonderful assembly we had today with Professor Glew. He captivated the children with stories about his role as a university professor and highlighted the importance of passion in education.

During the assembly, the children engaged in a discussion about their favourite subjects at school, and Professor Glew emphasised that with hard work and dedication, they too could aspire to become a professor one day. He mentioned that curiosity, patience, and teamwork are essential traits for success in such a career.

One of the highlights was when he demonstrated a thermal camera, showing how it reveals temperature differences. The children were fascinated to see how heat causes the image to glow red and cooler areas appear blue. To make it even more interesting, he showed an image of a house, which demonstrated where it was well insulated (glowing red) and where it lacked insulation (blue).

It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to learn about energy efficiency in a fun and engaging way, and I believe it inspired many of them to explore their interests further. A huge thank you to Professor Glew for taking the time to speak with the children.

## Science Poster Competition – closing date this Friday!

Last week, the children brought home information regarding a science poster competition which celebrates national science week. The closing date for the competition is this Friday and we have some exciting prizes up for grabs! Also, our top 5 entries will be entered in the national British Science week competition. A Thank you to Mrs Armstrong, our Science Lead, for organising this.

## Skip 2B Fit / Boxercise Workshops – next Monday

On Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, we are holding Skip 2B Fit and Boxercise workshops for the children in school. This is a great opportunity for the children to learn and develop their skills in these two areas and it promises to be a super day! Please ensure that you child / children has their PE kit in school on this day – navy or black tracksuit, white t-shirt, socks and trainers.

## Class Photos

On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March we are having our class photographs taken. These will be sent out to you on the day with information regarding how to purchase them if you would like to.

## Easter Events

To celebrate Easter, there will be a promotional school dinner on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March.**

Roast Chicken  
Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy  
Veggie Sausage (V)  
Potatoes  
Carrots and Broccoli  
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Easter Chocolate Nest





## **Easter – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March children can bring a hard-boiled egg into school for our annual decorate an egg competition. I would advise that you send in a spare hard-boiled egg as well in case of any breakages!

Also, on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March, we close early for the Easter break at 2.30pm

## **PTA Events for Easter**

The PTA are running an Easter Bunny competition where you have to guess the name of the bunny. The prize is a giant bunny and an Easter Egg! Entries are available at the school office for £1 a guess.

Also, on Friday this week and Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March there will be a Lucky Dip and Tombola on the school playground – please see the attached poster for further information.

## **FEAST Vouchers**

***Redeem your vouchers for free holiday activities and food this Easter***

[FEAST](#) is back this Easter, offering free holiday activities with food for children and young people across North Yorkshire.

What's happening when?

- From Monday 2nd March – browse activities on the FEAST website and view the offline activity listings to see what's on in your area.
- Midday, Monday 9th March – vouchers go live. Eligible families will receive a text or email from HolidayActivities to redeem their voucher and request places.
- From Wednesday 11th March – activity providers begin allocating places.

Free places are available for children who receive benefits-related Free School Meals (or who are eligible by exception – see the [FEAST FAQs](#) for details). Each activity you book includes a free healthy meal for your child.

If you believe your child is eligible and do not receive your voucher on 9th March, please contact your school office.

Families who are not eligible for free places may be able to book paid places directly with providers.

Visit the [FEAST website](#) to explore what's on this Easter.

## **PE Days this term**

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

**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**



## 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: **Lucky**



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)

## 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 March 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@dishforhairfield.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@dishforhairfield.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 is an outstanding learner.

This person has an excellent attitude towards every lesson and learning task and they rise to a challenge!

This person demonstrates our school values on a daily basis and they are a wonderful friend to others.

You are a joy to teach and a delight to have in the school.

Congratulations and well done to ....

Gabriel!



### **Ribbons**



**EYFS** – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has shown great resilience when completing sentences independently. You showed 'can do' attitude! Keep up the great work. Well done Catherine!

**Year 1 / 2** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has been very focused in our Maths lesson on mass, capacity and temperature – they contributed to whole class discussions and showed great confidence. Well done, Deborah!

**Year 3 / 4** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has made a huge effort to contribute to class discussions and who has demonstrated a great attitude towards their learning. Well done to Tristan!

**Year 5 / 6** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has really stood out in our science lessons. This person has been giving it their all and has also been incredibly supportive of their peers during lessons. We are so impressed with your attitude towards your science lessons and we look forward to seeing how you tackle the next topic. Well done to Jaxson!



## Values in Action

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



This person has been nominated because he is a really good friend.

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

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 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
100%	99%	100%	93%

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon - Head Teacher

## Diary Dates

<b>March 2026</b>	
20/3/26	<b>Comic Relief Day – non-uniform £1 donation</b>  <b>Closing date for the science poster competition</b>
23/3/26	Skip 2B Fit / Boxercise Day – <b>all children need their PE Kit in school</b>
24/3/26	PCSO Hannah Gill visiting school
25/3/26	Promotional school dinner – Easter Lunch
26/3/26	Class Photographs  KS2 French Café
27/3/26	Decorate a hard-boiled egg – bring an egg into school (or two!) Break-up for Easter at 2.30pm
<b>April 2026</b>	
13/4/26	Training Day
14/4/26	School open for the summer term
23/4/26	Promotional school dinner – Curry Club
<b>May 2026</b>	
4/5/26	May Bank Holiday Monday – school closed for one day
5/5/26	School open
11/5/26	Year 6 SAT week
18/5/26	Promotional school dinner – Seaside Lunch
22/5/26	Africa Reborn workshops – whole school  Break up for May half-term at 3.15pm
<b>June 2026</b>	
1/6/26	School open  Year 4 Multiplication check 2-week window w/c 1/6/26 and w/c 8/6/26
3-5 June	Year 5 /6 residential to Bewerley Park
w/c 8/6/26	Year 1 Phonic Screen Check
19/6/26	TRAINING DAY – School closed for one day
<b>July 2026</b>	
10/7/26	Wolf on Trial workshops for KS1 and KS2
13/7/26	School reports home
17/7/26	Break-up for the Summer Holidays at 2.30pm
<b>September 2026</b>	
7/9/26	School open for the Autumn Term – <b>all children in</b>
<b>October 2026</b>	
5/10/26	Honey Pots of Imagination workshops celebrating 100 years of Winnie the Pooh
20/10/26	Individual School Photograph morning
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	School closes for October half term at 3.15pm
23/10/26	Staff training day
<b>November 2026</b>	
2/11/26	School open