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## Newsletter 27 Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you have all had a great Easter break and enjoyed the time off. It's lovely to see the children today who are full of chatter as to what they have been up to!

We have much to look forward to in a very busy summer term – please do keep checking the diary dates weekly as further events have been and will continue to be added as the term progresses.

### Welcome

A very warm welcome to the following children who have started with us in Nursery:

Salome and Koa

### 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 creating some beautiful spring paintings for our gallery in the early years entrance. The children have looked carefully at spring pictures looking at their details such as petals, buds, stem and leaves. The children firstly sketched the flowers then used fine paint brushes carefully mixing the correct colours.

**Year 1 and 2:** We have been busy creating videos all about the life of Samuel Pepys and sharing them with our friends. In geography we have been using grid references to find places on a world map and compass directions to describe how to get from one place to another. We are now experts at naming the seven continents and five oceans. In computing we have been experimenting with Chrome Music Lab which has been fantastic fun. You might want to try!

**Year 3 and 4:** This week we have enjoyed learning about Boudicca and the rebellion against the Romans in History. We have also been busy finishing our final pieces inspired by the artwork of 'The Tube' by Henry Moore.

**Year 5 and 6:** This week in year 5/6 the children have made their final structure in DT. Making the final product involved many skills such as: measuring, gluing, cutting using hack saws, joining, patience and determination to name a few! The children worked incredibly hard and their final designs are excellent! We have also written a set of instructions about how to re-wild a wolf which is linked to our class text 'The Wolf Wilder'. We have thoroughly enjoyed this book and we are looking forward to finishing it off.



## Year 1 phonic screen check parent meeting – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

A meeting for Year 1 parents regarding the national phonic screening check is taking place on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 3.30pm – please come and join us!

### PCSO Visit

Jack and Hannah our local PCSOs came to visit the children before the Easter break. They spent time in each of the classes talking to the children about stranger danger and answering their many thoughtful questions about the role of PCSOs.

### KS2 French Cafe

KS2 children thoroughly enjoyed practising speaking in French at their French café before Easter. This was a great opportunity for them in a real-life situation to rehearse key phrases. Thank you to Mrs Falco and Mrs Armstrong for organising the event.

### Friday – egg decorating

Congratulations to the following children who won the egg decorating competition on the last day of term:

EYFS: Damien  
Year 1 and 2: Mollie  
Year 3 and 4: Audrey  
Year 5 and 6: Anthony

### PTA Events for Easter

A huge thank you to the PTA for organising the fun Easter events leading up to the break and also a huge thank you to everyone who supported them. Well done to Anisha who won the bunny and Easter egg for choosing the name Nibbles!

### Science Poster Competition

We had some amazing entries for our science poster competition. Everyone thought so carefully about what makes a childhood great. Thank you for celebrating British Science week with us!

The winners of our competition were:

EYFS - Ethan C  
KS1 - Ava  
KS2 - Khloe

Well done and we hope you enjoy your Science home investigation kit prizes!

### Promotional School Dinner – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Curry Club

Try delicious new flavours!  
A selection of curries with rice,  
Naan and Poppadam  
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Iced Fruit Smoothie



## Curriculum Newsletters for the summer term

The class curriculum newsletters for the summer term will be sent home later this week.

## Online Safety Newsletter

Please find attached to this newsletter the online safety newsletter for April. This month has some very useful information regarding age ratings in games and how parents can stop children accessing a game they are not old enough to play. Also, there is information on an AI safety Campaign and guidance on protecting children from harmful content around the manosphere.

## PE Days

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: Tuesday and Thursday**

**Year 3 and 4: Monday and Thursday**

**Year 5 and 6: Wednesday 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: **To Paint**



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 April for children in Year 3-6 will be £49.01 (13 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@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.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/dishforhairfieldprimary/>

## **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 been working very hard to achieve their targets. This person has impressed us with their increased focus and attention across all subjects and their learning attitude.



This person has a wonderful sense of humour and they are a very kind friend to others. They are a joy to teach and have in the school.

Keep up the hard work!

Congratulations and well done to ....

George!

### **Ribbons**



**EYFS** – This week the ribbon goes to someone who is a delight to teach. They are always ready for learning, and they are a fantastic role model for the younger children. Well done Lacey!

**Year 1 / 2** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has been trying their best in class across all subjects and I have been very impressed with their independence. Well done, Sahir!

**Year 3 / 4** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has really impressed me with their focus, their resilience and their independence in learning. Keep up the great work, Mes!

**Year 5 / 6** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has shone in our PE lessons. This person is kind, compassionate and always looks out for their team mates. This person encourages everyone, is patient and has shown excellent leadership skills across the PE curriculum. Well done to Rowan!

## Values in Action

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

This person has been nominated because they have been kind to me.

The values award goes to OI who was nominated by Mes.

Well done, OI!



## 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 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026

Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
99%	98%	91%	96%

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon - Head Teacher



## Diary Dates

<b>April 2026</b>	
13/4/26	Training Day
14/4/26	School open for the summer term
22/4/26	Year 1 parent information session on the Phonic Screen Check
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 Beverley Park
w/c 8/6/26	Year 1 Phonic Screen Check
18/6/26	Promotional school dinner – World Cup Football
19/6/26	TRAINING DAY – School closed for one day
22/6/26	Music Concert – The Grace Smith Trio
23/6/26	Sponsored Walk
<b>July 2026</b>	
1/7/26	Year 1 and 2 trip to the seaside
10/7/26	Wolf on Trial workshops for KS1 and KS2
13/7/26	School reports home
16/7/26	Year 6 Leavers Service – afternoon - time TBC
17/7/26	Promotional school dinner – Leavers' Lunch – Y6 choice TBC
	<b>Break-up for the Summer Holidays at 2.30pm</b>
<b>September 2026</b>	
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	School open for the Autumn Term – <b>all children in school</b> (there is no training day on this day)
<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
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Staff training day – school closed to children
<b>November 2026</b>	
2/11/26	School open