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Newsletter 35 Monday 15th June 2026

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely weekend. Just a reminder that school is closed for one day only on Friday this week due to a Training Day then will be open as usual next Monday. We also have a promotional school dinner on Thursday to celebrate the World Cup.

Sponsored Walk

On Tuesday, 30th June, children and staff will be taking part in a sponsored walk around the camp. This is a fantastic opportunity for the children to engage in a fun activity while also supporting a great cause. A letter and sponsor form will be sent home soon, so please keep an eye out for that. All money raised will contribute to our PTA fund, helping to enrich our school community. We are seeking to increase the number of iPads we have in school as well as supporting school trips and visitors for the children. Together, we can make this event a huge success! Children from Year 1 will be bringing home a sponsor form, it would be really nice if each child could raise £10, but no matter what they raise, we will be really grateful..

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 learning about sea creature facts and writing sentences. The children have enjoyed making sea creatures and creating sea creature homes. We have also shared a lovely story about 'Grandad's Ireland' in class where the children have learnt what it would be like to live on an Ireland. The children have been taught how to create their own Ireland out of material, greenery and art straws to make little homes.

Year 1 and 2: This week we have been learning about what happens in a Jewish Saturday service at a synagogue. In DT we have taste tested four different varieties of apples and we have learned to cut using the claw grip and the bridge hold.

Year 3 and 4: This week we have started making our final DT nightlight products. They are looking great so far! In Science, we have been exploring water transportation in plants by observing changes in celery which has been left in coloured water. In English, we have been researching and collecting



information about Ripon in preparation for writing an information page for tourists. It has been another busy week!

Year 5 and 6: This week, in year 5/6, we have been busy rehearsing for our production. The children are working extremely hard learning their lines and songs. We have also been investigating Maya artefacts and trying to work out what the objects might have been used for and made out of. In our DT lessons, the children have designed their final weaving patterns which we will start next week.

Start small, dream big

As part of our ongoing careers project, we were delighted to welcome Mrs Glew into school this morning to talk to the children about her career to date and what it is like to be an occupational therapist.

Water Safety Talks

On Wednesday all the children in school will be watching and listening to water safety talks through online webinars which have been designed for different age phases in primary school. After the recent heatwave which sadly resulted in a number of drownings, I feel this is very important for the children to be aware of and recognise the serious dangers of being in open waters.

Year 3/4 Geography Fieldwork

Year 3/4 enjoyed their (slightly wet!) fieldwork trip around Dishforth Airfield on Thursday. The children plotted a route using a map to visit different locations around the village. They navigated Mrs Armstrong using their maps to ensure that their route was carefully followed. At each stop, the children carried out a traffic survey and plotted key features on their maps using a key and symbols. It was a super morning full of opportunities for the children to develop their mapping skills!

Training Day – Friday 19th June

On Friday 19th June school is closed for one day due to a training day for staff. School will be open again on Monday 22nd June.

The Grace Smith Trio – Sowerby Music for Life

Next Monday we are welcoming the Grace Smith Trio into school as part of Music for Life through Sowerby Music.

The Grace Smith Trio brings together three like-minded musicians to create one dynamic and expressive musical dialogue. Acclaimed fiddle and viola player Grace Smith is joined by Sam Partridge (concertina) and Tom Kimber (mandolin) in this innovative ensemble, which offers a fresh take on folk. Drawing deeply from tradition, whilst also expanding their repertoire with new melodies of their own, the Grace Smith Trio explores the boundaries of what folk can be to mesmerising effect.

The school will listen to a concert performed by the trio and then Year 3 and 4 children will have a workshop with the group where they will learn some ceilidh dances, learn some clog dance steps and learn a folk song



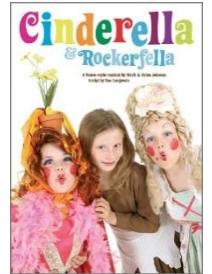
We are so fortunate to be part of the local school's group where Sowerby Music organises professional musicians to come and play to primary age children.

Parent / Carer Information Session 24th June – Reception children in September

On Wednesday 24th June at 2.45pm we are holding a parent / carer information session in the school hall for children who will be in Reception in September.

Key Stage 2 Production – Cinderella Rockerfella

Years 3-6 will perform the musical 'Cinderella Rockerfella' on Monday 29th June at 1.45pm and Tuesday 30th June at 5.30pm (children to be back at school at 5pm)



Due to the size of the school hall, the 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 the musical 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.

Please note that the children in school (Reception – Year 2) will have seen the performance in a dress rehearsal.

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: ***Dad/Daddy/Father***



Here is a link to the Makaton site:

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

Sun Cream

Please can I ask parents to ensure the children have sun cream applied to them before they come to school on a morning when the forecast is due to be sunny and also, please do send into school a bottle of sun cream labelled with your child's name on it so that they can apply it, when necessary, over the summer months – thank you.



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 £2.40

Please note that the cost of a school dinner is £3.90 for children in Years 3-6.

The cost for the month of June for children in Year 3-6 will be £81.90 (21 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

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/>



Summer Holidays - information

Fully-funded summer holiday activities with [FEAST](#)

FEAST is back this summer, offering holiday activities with food for children and young people across North Yorkshire. Better yet, if you're eligible for benefits-related free school meals, your place is fully-funded.

What's happening when?

From Monday 15th June – browse activities on the FEAST website or view the offline activity listings to see what's on in your area.

Midday, Monday 22nd June – vouchers go live. Eligible families will receive a text or email from HolidayActivities to redeem their voucher and request places.

From Friday 24th June – activity providers begin allocating places.

Funded 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 22nd June, 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](#) from 15th June to explore what's on this summer.

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 an absolute superstar.

This person has an excellent learning attitude. They listen carefully in class and they always try their best in every activity.

This person is a kind friend with a wonderful sense of humour.

We love having them in our class and in our school.

Keep up the great work.

Well done to

Joey!



Ribbons



EYFS – This week the ribbon goes to someone who is showing a fantastic attitude towards learning. Bringing lots of energy to class and contributing to discussions. Well done, Watson!

Year 1 / 2 – This week the ribbon goes to someone who has been trying very hard in their phonics lessons, learning sounds and holding a sentence to write. Well done, Tommy!

Year 3 / 4 – The ribbon this week goes to someone whose enthusiasm towards learning has been wonderful to see. This person has been working incredibly hard and has been getting involved in all of our lessons across the curriculum. What a fantastic start at Dishforth Airfield! Well done to Harper C!

Year 5 / 6 – The ribbon this week goes to someone who is working incredibly hard during our play rehearsals. This person has learnt their lines, is acting with energy and enthusiasm and their confidence is shining when they are on stage. We are so excited to see them in costume and performing to an audience. Well done to Emily!

Values in Action

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



This person has been nominated because they are always a good friend and help others when they are sad.

The values award goes to Audrey who was nominated by Alice.

Well done, Audrey!

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 8th June 2026

Reception	Year 1 / 2	Year 3 / 4	Year 5 / 6
95%	96%	94%	95%

Kind regards,
Mrs Julie Lyon - Head Teacher



Diary Dates

June 2026	
17/6/26	Water Safety talks
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
24/6/26	Parent / Carer information session for children who will be in Reception in September 2.45pm
29/6/26	KS2 performance of 'Cinderella Rockerfella' at 1.45pm
30/6/26	Sponsored Walk – morning
30/6/26	KS2 performance of 'Cinderella Rockerfella' at 5.30pm (KS2 children back at 5pm)
July 2026	
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	Sports Day for children in Reception to Year 6 – 10.00am start
	School reports home
15/7/26	Year 6 Treat
16/7/26	Year 6 Leavers Service – afternoon - time TBC
17/7/26	Promotional school dinner – Leavers' Lunch – Y6 choice TBC
	Break-up for the Summer Holidays at 2.30pm
September 2026	
Monday 7th September	School open for the Autumn Term – all children in school (there is no training day on this day)
October 2026	
5/10/26	Honey Pots of Imagination workshops celebrating 100 years of Winnie the Pooh
20/10/26	Individual School Photograph morning
Thursday 22nd October	School closes for October half term at 3.15pm
Friday 23rd October	Staff training day – school closed to children
November 2026	
2/11/26	School open
2 nd and 3 rd November	Year 6 Bikeability – further details to follow
December 2026	
16/12/26	Christmas School Dinner
17/12/26	Christmas Party afternoon
18/12/26	Break-up for Christmas at 2.30pm
January 2027	
4/1/27	Staff training day – school closed to children
5/1/27	School open for the spring term