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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you all managed to have a lovely week last week.

A huge thank you to everyone who came and supported our Harvest Festivals which were held on the last day of the half term. The donations for Community Works, Thirsk were gratefully received.



As it is Bonfire Night on Thursday, we have a promotional school dinner to look forward to and also just a reminder that we are selling items for the poppy appeal – these can be bought from the school office – further details are in the newsletter.

We have a very busy half term ahead of us with much to look forward to as we head towards the festive season – please keep checking diary dates for events and timings.

## Welcome
A warm welcome to Carys who joins us in year 3 and Maddison who joins us in year 5

## Baby News
Congratulations to Miss Arnold who had a baby boy on the 23rd October. Both mum and baby doing well.

## Be safe, be seen
Now that the clocks have turned back and the daylight hours are shorter, I have spoken with the children about how to stay safe at this time of year.

## A Special Gift from Her Majesty Queen Camilla
All year 6 children have been gifted a copy of the book 'Impossible Creatures' from Her Majesty Queen Camilla. It is in celebration of the National Year of Reading.

## Class News:

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

**EYFS:** This week in Early Years the children have been busy rehearsing the story 'The Little Red Hen' ready for our Harvest production. The children have been learning all about farmers and the jobs they need to do to prepare for harvest. The children have enjoyed preparing for Baby Bear's birthday party they have made sandwiches using a range of cutting skills.

**Year 1 and 2:** We have had a very busy week in Year 1 and 2 with our Harvest Festival – the children worked very hard on their singing and reading – well done to everyone! We have also finished our clay pots and evaluated them.

**Year 3 and 4:** This week we have been focusing on editing our writing, ready to publish. In maths, we have been using column addition with multiple exchanges and problem-solving using addition. In Art, we have started to explore different printing techniques using styrofoam. In History, we looked at cave paintings and how historians can use these to learn about life in the Stone Age.

**Year 5 and 6:** This week in year 5/6 we have been learning about human evolution and how different scientists have different theories. We have also looked at adaptation and how this has changed different species of plants and animals. Our geography also links to our science and we have created 'Top Trump' cards about different plants and animals.

## Clubs

Clubs start this week – a huge thank you to the staff for putting these on.

## Online safety newsletter

The November edition of the online safety newsletter is attached to this week's newsletter for your information

## PTA meeting this Thursday

We are holding a PTA meeting on Thursday at 3.15pm in the school hall to discuss fundraising events for the school. Please join us!

## Poppy Appeal

We are selling items for the Poppy Appeal again this year. Last year the school was very successful and gave one of the highest donations in the local area.

Alongside the traditional poppy there are snap band rulers, clip-on reflectors and adjustable bracelets. Suggested donations:

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| Snap Band/Ruler | £1.00 |
| Adjustable Bracelet | £0.50 |
| Clip-on Reflector | £0.50 |
| Pencils | £0.50 |
| Poppies | Any Donation |



Please come to the school office before or after school if you would like to donate to the Poppy Appeal.

## Year 5 and 6 Ripon Cathedral Service – Monday 9th November

On Monday 9th November, Year 5 and 6 children have been invited to go to Ripon Cathedral to be part of a service celebrating military children. The class will have an early lunch and they will return in time for the end of the school day.

## Bikeability – Year 6 – Postponed until further notice

Bikeability starts on tomorrow for those children in year 6. If you have not completed the consent form, please use this link to complete https://consent.bikeability.org.uk/woo-took-fax

Please note if your child does not have a bike, they will not be able to take part. All children taking part need to have a road worthy bike and helmet.

## Flu immunisations

On Friday 6th November the Thirsk School Immunisation team will be coming in to school to give the nasal flu vaccination to those children in Reception to Year 6. An email from Vaccination UK will have been sent asking you to give consent.

## Crucial Crew – Year 6 – Wednesday 11th November

On Wednesday 11th November, Year 6 are spending the afternoon at Carlton Lodge undertaking activities in Crucial Crew which is an event organised by North Yorkshire Police. The children will see various scenarios which they may encounter in everyday life, each one posing problems or dangers to them. The children, working in small groups and under close supervision will tackle each scenario with feedback given as they complete each one.
**All children need to bring a coat.**

## Children in Need – Friday 13th November

As a school we will supporting Children in Need Day on Friday 13th November where the children can come to school in non-uniform for a suggested donation of £1.

## Anti-bullying week – week commencing 16th November

Anti-bullying week takes place from Monday 16th – Friday 20th November, with the theme: Break the Silence. The week will begin with Odd Socks Day on Monday 16th which is a way of celebrating what makes us all unique.
Further information can be found through the following link:

https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2026

## PE Days – this half term – please note there are some changes

Please see below when your child / children are having PE next term.
**EYFS: Please have PE kit in every day**
**Year 1 and 2: Monday and Tuesday**
**Year 3 and 4: Tuesday and Wednesday**
**Year 5 and 6: Wednesday and Thursday**
**(Children in Y3-6 who are swimming will need their swimming kit on Wednesdays – the children who are not swimming will need their PE kit.)**

## Reception Starters for September 202

Attached to this newsletter is information for parents and carers who have a child who is due to start Reception in September 2027. The deadline to submit an application is the 15th January 2027.
Parents of children in our school nursery still need to apply for a Reception place through North Yorkshire Council.
Parents of children in our school Nursery still need to apply for a Reception place through this process.

## Bonfire School Dinner – this Thursday

Banger in a Bun (Hot Dog)

Cheese Whirl

Fire Cracker Wedges

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Toffee Apple Brownie



## 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: ***Fireworks***



Here is a link to the Makaton site:

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

## Playtime Snack – fruit only

Children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 receive a free fruit snack every day which is Government funded. Children in Year 3-6 can bring a piece of fruit in from home to keep in the classroom for playtime. I strongly recommend that you send fruit in for children in Year 3-6 as they have a long morning and often need a snack. Please can this be put in their book bag and not their packed lunch box as it is easier for them to access at break time – thank you.

## Milk

Children under 5 are entitled to Free Milk. Older children can also receive milk (at a charge) and orders are made by yourself through the Cool Milk website. Forms are available outside the office in the foyer.

## 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 November for children in Year 3-6 will be £78.00 (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.

## 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 DANDELIONS – Fill in form 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/

AWARDS

## Celebration Assembly

On Friday, we have our Celebration Assembly. This week the following children were given our weekly awards;

## Celebration Cup



This week the cup goes to someone who has worked very hard all this half term. This person has listened carefully in class and they always try their best in every lesson.

We are very impressed with their attitude towards learning and their focus. This person is also very kind and keen to help others.

Congratulations and well done to ….

Isla!

## Ribbons



**EYFS** – This week the ribbon goes to someone who is a fantastic role model and a good friend. This person always tries their best and makes excellent contributions to class discussions. Well done Max!

**Year 1 / 2 –** The ribbon this week goes to someone who has impressed us with their participation in class discussions this week. This person has contributed in lessons and has worked hard in their learning. Well done, Tommy!

**Year 3 / 4** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has really impressed me with their writing. This person has written a wonderful retelling of the Velveteen Rabbit from a different character's perspective and has also shown super editing skills to enhance their writing further. Well done to Regan!

**Year 5 / 6** – The ribbon this week goes to someone who has settled in well to life here at Dishforth Airfield. This person is rising to our expectations and is aiming to take their time with their presentation particularly focusing on their handwriting which is really improving. This person tries hard across the curriculum and we are enjoying seeing them make progress with their learning and challenge themselves in lessons. Well done to Lincoln!

## Values in Action




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

This person has been nominated because they are a good friend and they are kind.

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

Well done, Isla!

Attendance

| Weekly Attendance<br><br>Good attendance at school is key to your child's progress.<br><br>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: | | | |
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| Week commencing 19th October 2026 | | | |
| Reception | Year 1 / 2 | Year 3 / 4 | Year 5 / 6 |
| 98% | 96% | 98% | 99% |

Kind regards,

Mrs Julie Lyon
Head Teacher

Diary Dates

| November 2026 | |
|---|---|
| 2/11/26 | School open |
| 3rd and 5th November | Year 6 Bikeability – Postponed until further notice |
| 5/11/26 | Bonfire School Lunch<br><br>PTA Meeting 3.15pm in the school hall |
| 6/11/26 | Flu Immunisations |
| 9/11/26 | Year 5 and 6 Festival of Remembrance at Ripon Cathedral |
| 10/11/26 | Year 5/6 football – Outwood Academy Ripon |
| 11/11/26 | Year 6 Crucial Crew - afternoon |
| 13/11/26 | Children in Need Day – non-uniform for £1 donation |
| 16-20 November | Anti-bullying week |
| December 2026 | |
| 16/12/26 | Christmas School Dinner<br><br>School Christingle |
| 17/12/26 | Christmas Party afternoon – children to bring party clothes into school in a named bag |
| 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 |