



Hunton & Arrathorne Community Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 17th July 2026

Dear Parents,

The end of term is here! It is always a strange feeling breaking up for summer - it suddenly feels very quiet after so many busy weeks! On Wednesday, we held our 'Diamond Dash Championship'. Over thirty children from across the school were entered into the Key Stage 1 and 2 competitions and we are delighted to announce that Sebastian and Abi were crowned worthy winners. Their instant recall of multiplication facts was truly impressive! It was also inspirational for the audience – there are now lots of children determined to be in the 2027 Championship!

It has been another excellent year at Hunton & Arrathorne and we continue to go from strength to strength. Teaching and learning in our school is consistently strong- it is always a pleasure to visit lessons; we have had many exciting enrichment activities (our Year 3/4 visit to Parliament; the Year 5/6 residential to Carlton Lodge; a visit from the 'Gladiators' champion Joe Fishburn and 'The One Show' broadcasting live from Kingfisher Class are all highlights).

We are so fortunate to work each day in such a wonderful community alongside committed governors, supportive parents and genuinely fantastic children who are a pleasure to work with each day. We are equally fortunate to lead a staff team who are so committed and talented. We are very lucky school leaders! We would finally like to wish everyone a fantastic and safe summer holiday. We look forward to seeing you in September.

Thank you for your continued support,
Mr. Donaldson and Mr. Cope

Goodbye and Good Luck!

Our oldest pupils in Year 6 leave us today and we will miss them greatly. They have been super role models and we know they will make a big impact in their secondary schools and continue to shine in the future! A huge 'good luck' to Joey, Rafe, Charlie W, Harry, Charlie R, River, Bea, Evie, Grace S and Grace E.

Lower down the school we are also saying goodbye to William and Bertie from Year 2, and James from Reception. We wish them and their families well as they continue on their next adventures and hope that they all keep in touch!

Mrs. Kawai-Calderhead

We are also saying a sad goodbye to Mrs. Kawai-Calderhead today. Annie has been a wonderful colleague and fantastic teacher in her various roles over the past four years! Having started in a Teaching Assistant role, she was quickly snapped up for a Higher-Level Teaching Assistant post, before working as a Class Teacher for the past two years. Her calmness, professionalism and dedication will be hugely missed (although we will still see her on the playground as a parent!).

Governors' Corner

As we come to the end of another busy and successful school year, it is a time to say well done and thank you to everyone involved for their continued hard work and dedication. We are fortunate at Hunton & Arrathorne School to have a very talented and committed staff who work hard to ensure that our children have the best education possible with wonderful and exciting opportunities. On behalf of the Governing Body, I would like to say a very big thank you to Mr Donaldson and the whole school team for their ongoing commitment to the school. I would also like to thank the parents and the community for their ongoing support, it was wonderful to see so many people at the school productions and events throughout the year. As our Y6 pupils leave us, we wish them the very best for their future and hope they enjoy their new schools. We hope you have a great summer.

*Andrea Peacock,
Chair of Governors*

Return to School

Just a reminder that school reopens on Tuesday 8th September. School is closed on Monday 7th September for a CPD day. As usual, we will write towards the end of the summer holidays with arrangements for the start of term.

20:26 Challenge

A big thank you to everyone who joined in our '20:26' fundraising challenge. We raised a phenomenal £1,800 which will go towards enrichment! A big well done to Ruby-Mai who raised the highest individual amount.

Safeguarding in the Summer

If you have any safeguarding concerns over the summer holidays, support is available via <https://safeguardingchildren.co.uk/parents-carers-2/> Please do not hesitate to use the contacts available, if you or your children need support. We look forward to seeing everyone safely back in school in September. The Designated Safeguarding Lead at our school is Sam Donaldson; the Deputy Safeguarding Lead is Gavin Cope and the Safeguarding Governor is Louise Wyatt.