



Hunton & Arrathorne Community Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 3rd July 2026

Dear Parents,

It has been a week of transition and thinking about new beginnings – our Year 6 pupils have visited their secondary schools and came back looking much older! We look forward to having them with us for their final couple of weeks. All of the other children had the opportunity to transition yesterday too – spending time with their new teachers, in their new classrooms. There was a great atmosphere in school as the children looked forward to September. It was also great to be joined by our new staff - Mrs. Wilson (who also visited last week), along with Mr. Anderson (Higher Level Teaching Assistant) and Miss Salter (General Teaching Assistant).

Before we get too carried away thinking about September, we have our production of 'The Lion King' to look forward to next week – more information about that below! Robin and Kingfisher Class will need their PE kits in school on Monday as they will be joining together to take part in a fun sports competition in their house teams.

Thank you for your continued support and have a lovely weekend,

Mr. Donaldson and Mr. Cope

The Lion King

We are so excited about our performance of 'The Lion King' on Wednesday 8th July. The children (and staff!) have worked so hard in rehearsals and it really is looking and sounding like the best ever! Thank you to everyone who has sent costumes in already – please send remaining ones in by Monday as the children prepare for their dress rehearsal.

If families of Reception or Key Stage 1 siblings wish to attend to watch the spectacular, please let Mrs. Godlee know as we have a small number of tickets available. Hakuna matata!

Leavers' Assembly

Our Year 6 children will be performing their 'Leavers' Assembly' on Friday 17th July at 2.30pm. Parents and friends of Year 6 children are welcome to join us on the school playground as they reflect and share memories of their time at Hunton & Arrathorne School.

Year 6 children who wish to have their shirt signed should bring a spare shirt on the final day rather than getting their actual shirt signed!

Let's Celebrate!

See who has been awarded in Celebration Assembly this week!

	Mrs. Dozēy	Mrs. Hollocks	Mr. Donaldson	Mrs. Tunmore	Miss Weeks	Mrs. Kawai-Calderhead	Mr. Cope
Care – Aspire – Excel Awards	Douggie	Albie & Bertie	Edward	Tilly	Henry W	Rafe	Henry W
	Robin Class (Rec/Y1)	Kingfisher Class (Y1 & Y2)		Goldfinch Class (Y3)	Partridge Class (Y4 & Y5)		Woodpecker Class (Y6)
Curriculum Award	Angus	Austin		Evie	Lacie-Mae		Bea
Aims Award	Thomas	Jack		Erin	Tai		Evie
Team Points	Bolton						
Presentation Prize	Finn P						
Golden Spoon	Lottie						
Monarch of Manners	Poppy						
Tidy Classroom	Woodpecker						

Goodbye

This week, we say goodbye to Miss Mallett, the student teacher who has been working in Robin Class. We wish her luck in her future!

Colour Run

A big thank you to the PTFA for organising the Colour Run last Sunday – it sounds like a super occasion and everyone who attended had a great time! We really appreciate their hard work in organising the event.

Donations Welcome

As we prepare for September, we would welcome any donations of dressing-up clothes or old bed-sheets we could use as part of our 'aims sheds' which the children love to use at breaktimes. Equally, if anyone has any drain-pipes (no longer than a few metres) we would be very grateful!

Relationships & Sex Education

Following the consultation with parents earlier in the year, our new Relationships & Sex Education Policy has now been approved by the Full Governing Board. This means it will come into practice from September 2026. More information can be found on the PSHE / RSHE section of our school website: www.huntonarrathorne.n-yorks.sch.uk/policies

Around the Classes...

Robin Class: This week, our key text 'Where the Wild Things Go' has sparked lots of creating- including children designing their own mythical creatures to describe! In maths, we have been looking at bonds to 10 - 2 numbers that make 10 altogether (____ and ____ makes 10 altogether). We used the rhyme 'there were ten in the bed' to help support our understanding. On Thursday, we had a very exciting day where the children got to practice being Year 1s for the afternoon! The children had a wonderful afternoon and came back full of excitement. We enjoyed celebrating our last week with Miss Mallett this week, as she leaves Hunton after completing her training year. The children will really miss her and we all wish her all the very best for the future!

Kingfisher Class: Kingfisher Class have worked very hard this week as both Year 1 and 2 completed their end of term assessments – it is wonderful to see how far the children have come since September and we look forward to celebrating their progress with you in the end of year reports, which will be sent home next Friday. The children also enjoyed finding out more about Neil Armstrong in their history lesson and have been excitedly watching the bean plants germinate in science! It was great to hear how impressed Mr. Cope, Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Tunmore were when the children joined them on Thursday for their transition –they are definitely ready for the next step in their school adventures! Well done, Year 1 and 2.

Goldfinch Class: What a cooler week it has been, much better conditions for completing our final year 3 assessments. I am so proud of all the children with their aspiring attitudes, their confidence has excelled! We are having a focus on our handwriting presentation, which we are taking pride in. Transition has started to Year 4; we can't believe how quick this year has gone, time flies when you're having fun! The children have continued to take care of the plants in science and they are continuing to thrive. And finally, in PSHE we have been sharing our knowledge of what we understand by 'personal information'.

Partridge Class: Partridges have worked extremely hard this week and have really represented the amount of progress they have made this year. As we approach the end of the year, we have had an exciting transition to prepare Partridges for Woodpeckers and the responsibilities of being in Year 5/6. In class, we've finally finished our fractions, percentages and decimals topic as well as learning about and writing our own Viking Saga!

Woodpecker Class: An exciting week for the Woodpeckers this week as each of the children had the opportunity to visit their new schools for September. We had five of the children at Richmond School on Monday and Tuesday before they swapped and the remaining five visited SFX on Wednesday and Thursday. It has been great to see them return full of excitement and they seem to have had a brilliant time. They are most definitely ready to take that step and we could not be more proud of them!

Diary Dates

Please keep checking the dates below as some may change at short notice!

When?	What?	Who?	How?
Wednesday 8 th July	'The Lion King' – 2pm and 6pm	KS2	Information sent
Friday 10 th July	End of Year Reports	All	See newsletter
Tuesday 14 th July	Richmond Team Visit to Richmond Castle	R'mond	Information sent
Wednesday 15 th July	Diamond Dash Championship at 9.00am	All	See newsletter
Friday 17 th July	Leavers' Assembly	Y6	See newsletter
Friday 17 th July	End of Term	All	See newsletter
Monday 7 th September	School Opens	All	See newsletter

Safeguarding Reminders

Mr. Sam Donaldson is the Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Mr. Gavin Cope is the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Mrs. Louise Wyatt is the Safeguarding Link Governor.

If you have worries or concerns about a pupil, please don't hesitate to speak to one of the people named above, in confidence.