



Hunton & Arrathorne Community Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 26th June 2026

Dear Parents,

It has been another busy week in school, not least for our youngest children. We were amazed with the confidence in which Robin Class performed their class assembly on Wednesday – what a brilliant first performance. It will be great to see their confidence continue to grow over their time in school. It was also lovely to welcome our fifteen new starters in to spend the morning in Reception yesterday – they settled brilliantly and we can't wait to welcome them back next week. Talking of new starters, Mrs. Wilson was in school yesterday spending time with pupils and staff. She will be visiting again over the next few weeks.

We are looking forward to the Strawberry Fair this afternoon; Year 6 will be selling a range of strawberry treats priced between £1 and £2. Please support them if you can.

Finally, good luck to Year 6 as they begin their transition to secondary schools next week. We are sure they will represent Hunton & Arrathorne brilliantly and come back to school full of tales of adventure!

Have a good weekend,
Mr. Donaldson and Mr. Cope

Richmond Castle Visit

As part of one of our H&A 36 experiences, 'Visit your team castle', Richmond house team will be spending the morning of Tuesday 14th July at Richmond Castle. Children in Richmond should have brought a letter with details home – please let us know if you haven't received it.

Mrs. Donnelly

Yesterday we said 'goodbye and good luck' to Mrs. Donnelly as she left us to begin her new job with North Yorkshire Council. Mrs. Donnelly has been a brilliant member of staff over the last five years.

Transition Afternoon

Next Thursday, Reception – Year 5 will spend the afternoon in their new classes. Collection points will be different on this day, but Mr. Donaldson and Mr. Cope will be on hand to direct parents to the correct location!

She will be much missed – not least because of her ability to solve ICT problems with ease! We hope she will return to watch 'The Lion King' in July!

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	Elizabeth	Arthur	James G	Lexie	Rose	River	Mary
	Robin Class (Rec/Y1)	Kingfisher Class (Y1 & Y2)		Goldfinch Class (Y3)	Partridge Class (Y4 & Y5)		Woodpecker Class (Y6)
Curriculum Award	Letty	Seb		Faye	Abi		Charlie W
Aims Award	Finn	Mary		Margot	Henry S		Charlie R
Team Points	Middleham						
Presentation Prize	Austin						
Golden Spoon	Siena						
Monarch of Manners	Thomas D						
Tidy Classroom	Partridge						

End of Year Reports

End of Year Reports will be sent home on Friday 10th July.

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 drainpipes (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, we have enjoyed lots of time in the Nectar Café, exploring the sandpit area and building bug hotels and large-scale castles. In Maths, we have been focussing on 'odd and even' numbers, exploring how an even number can make a pair. We have been reading 'The Dragon and the Nibblesome Knight', which has prompted lots of role-play in our banquet area. On Tuesday, the children were joined by Mrs. Hollocks and Mr. Donaldson for the afternoon as we continue to prepare the children for the move to year one.

Kingfisher Class: Kingfisher Class continue to work incredibly hard. They are determined to continue caring, aspiring and excelling right until the very end of term! In English, they have continued to write non-fiction texts about water pollution and endangered animals – what change-makers! In Maths, they have really enjoyed learning more about money – including finding different ways of making amounts. They have continued to investigate 'Who is the greatest history maker?' in their History lessons – this week finding out more about Queen Elizabeth I. Year 1 also had a lovely morning meeting Mrs. Wilson in preparation for next year.

Goldfinch Class: Another week has flown by! In English, we have been planning and writing dialogue based on our class text. We have been consolidating our fractions skills in maths through addition, subtraction and problem solving. In science, we have been investigating what plants need to grow, being change makers and taking care of them each day. In our reading comprehension sessions, we have focused on our class text 'The Demon Headmaster' by Gillian Cross. PE was wonderful down on the village green in the sunshine; we had plenty of water breaks to keep us hydrated. Enjoy a weekend, which will hopefully be full of sunshine.

Partridge Class: We have had such a wonderful week and have done our best to keep cool in this gorgeous weather! The Lion King rehearsals are in full swing and are looking excellent. In Maths, we have been practising dividing by 10 and 100, exploring answers, which end with a decimal. We have also started our new English text 'Hidden Figures', where the children have created some collaborative writing about NASA. The children have continued to work hard, despite the warm weather, so a big well done to everyone.

Woodpecker Class: This week, we have been exploring a classic 'nonsense' poem: The Jabberwocky by Lewis Carroll. We had great fun trying to read it, which can be a bit of a challenge! In History, we explored what Emmeline Pankhurst meant by her famous quote, "If women don't count, neither shall they be counted!" which led to a very passionate debate about women's right to vote in the early 1900s. In R.E., the debating continued as the children discussed whether money is best spent on places of worship or donated to charities. And finally, the Year 6 children have busily preparing for their strawberry fair, which will take place this afternoon – I am sure they will be great. As they will next week as they prepare for their secondary school transition days, we look forward to hearing all about it!

Diary Dates

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

When?	What?	Who?	How?
28 th – 29 th June	Richmond School Transition	Y6	Information sent
1 st – 2 nd July	SFX Transition	Y6	Information sent
Thursday 2 nd July	Transition Afternoon	All	Information sent
Wednesday 8 th July	'The Lion King' – 2pm and 6pm	KS2	Information to follow
Friday 10 th July	End of Year Reports	All	See newsletter
Tuesday 14 th July	Richmond Team Visit to Richmond Castle	R'mond	Information to follow
Wednesday 15 th July	Diamond Dash Championship at 9.00am	All	Information to follow
Friday 17 th July	Leavers' Assembly	Y6	Information to follow
Friday 17 th July	End of Term	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.