



Hunton & Arrathorne Community Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 24th April 2026

Dear Parents,

After the excitement of our Design Technology Days last week (and the unexpected power outage!) it has been great to return to our normal routine this week. It has been wonderful to spend time in classes this week, seeing the children so enthusiastic about their learning as we begin some exciting new topics across the curriculum.

On Tuesday, each class visited the village green to complete a 'Mini Marathon' – Reception and Key Stage 1 children running 10 laps (or one mile) and Key Stage 2 children running 20 laps (or two miles). The children had a wonderful time and we were so proud of their resilience – most definitely living out our curriculum aims of being 'Happy and Healthy' and 'Risk-takers'!

There are many more exciting events coming up throughout the term so please do keep an eye out for some important dates overleaf. We hope the sun continues to shine and you all have a lovely, relaxing weekend.

Mr. Donaldson and Mr. Cope

PTFA Meeting

Thank you to our PTFA for organising the Coffee Morning on Wednesday, and thanks also to the parents and carers who provided donations. Some of our Year 5 children also attended and were commended, as always, for their fantastic attitudes and brilliant manners; they always represent the school amazingly well.

Y4/5 Football Competition

On Wednesday, a small group of Year 4 and 5 children attended SFX to represent Hunton & Arrathorne in a football competition. The staff were very impressed with their sportsmanship and attitudes. Well done to Tai, Lacey-Mai, Betsy, Max, Thomas and Osian!

Partridge Class Assembly

Year 4 & 5 will be performing their class assembly next Wednesday at 2.45pm. We hope parents and families will be able to support this event – it will take place on the school playground.

Sun Safety

As the weather warms, please ensure your child has a sun-hat in school.

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	Heath	Seb	Osian	Erin	Poppy	Evie	River
	Robin Class (Rec/Y1)	Kingfisher Class (Y1 & Y2)	Goldfinch Class (Y3)	Partridge Class (Y4 & Y5)	Woodpecker Class (Y6)		
Curriculum Award	Thomas	Amelia-Rose	Cora	Ruby-Mai	Joey		
Aims Award	Dougie	Jessica	Esmae	Abi	Rafe		
Team Points	Bolton						
Presentation Prize	Emily B						
Golden Spoon	Heath						
Monarch	Kai						
Tidy Class	Woodpecker						

Around the Classes...

Robin Class: This week in Robin Class, we enjoyed taking part in the 'Mini Marathon', showing how 'Happy and Healthy' we are. We had to run around the playing field 10 times (about a mile) and received a special certificate! On Wednesday, we had a very exciting visit from some furry visitors - we shared our own experiences and learnt some key facts about how to take care of a bottled lamb! In our new topic 'Oh I do like to be beside the seaside', we have been thinking about what happens at the seaside and discussing some of our own experiences. In PE, we have been focusing on games with a vehicle theme - learning roles in games and how to play a range of games!

Kingfisher Class: Another super week in Year 1 & 2. We have worked hard to develop our understanding of time to o'clock and half an hour – please continue to practise this at home. In English, we have created our own fact files about London, using all our knowledge about The Great Fire of London. We have enjoyed developing our athletics skills in PE and using our map skills to find Asia as we start learning about Kampong Ayer – a town in Brunei surrounded by water!

Goldfinch Class: We really aspired at the beginning of the week, living out our curriculum aims of being 'Happy & Healthy' and 'Risk-takers' during our Mini Marathon event down on the village green; there was such fantastic perseverance on display from everyone. In Geography, we have started a new enquiry question of 'why are jungles so wet and deserts so dry?', beginning with learning more about why climate is different around the United Kingdom. The time journey is continuing in Maths, where we have focused on 12- and 24-hour clocks. We have been comparing characters using conjunctions in English, which has helped us in writing our own action scene. A 'light' focus brightened us up in science, discovering if we could see without it.

Partridge Class: Another exciting week in Partridge Class! The children were 'Happy & Healthy' on Tuesday as they all took part in the 'Mini Marathon'. They showed their brilliant resilience and I was so proud of how they all supported one another. We had another busy day on Wednesday with some children taking part in a football tournament and our year 5's heading down to support the PTFA during the Coffee Morning. We've also been very busy practising our class assembly for next week – we hope to see many of you on Wednesday as we showcase some of our earning from throughout this year!

Woodpecker Class: Year 6 have continued to work incredibly hard this week as we edge closer to our SATs next term. We have focussed on 'Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar' in English, revising different types of punctuation before looking at 'past progressive' and 'present progressive' tenses. In Maths, we have continued statistics, investigating line graphs and pie charts as well as studying timetables. Additionally, we had a great time on Tuesday afternoon as we completed our 'Mini Marathon' - the children showed great attitudes throughout and really enjoyed it.

Diary Dates

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

When?	What?	Who?	How?
Wednesday 29 th April	Year 4 & 5 Class Assembly	Y4/5	Information sent
Friday 1 st May	Military Picnic	HH	Information sent
Wednesday 6 th May	Reception Visit to Saltburn-by-the-Sea	Rec	Information sent
W/C Monday 11 th May	Y6 SATS Week Begins	Y6	Information sent
Wednesday 13 th May	Year 3 Class Assembly	Y3	Information sent
Friday 15 th May	Careers Day	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 20 th May	Whole School Visit – Himalayan Sculpture Garden	All	Information to follow
Thursday 21 st May	Year 6 Theatre Visit	Y6	Information to follow
Friday 22 nd May	School Closes for Half Term	All	See newsletter
Monday 1 st June	School Opens	All	See newsletter
W/C Monday 1 st June	Y4 Multiplication Check Begins	Y4	Information sent
W/C Monday 8 th June	Y1 Phonics Screening Check Begins	Y1	Information sent
Wednesday 10 th June	Year 1 & 2 Class Assembly	Y1/2	Information sent
Tuesday 9 th June	Sports Morning	All	Information to follow
Thursday 11 th June	Y4/5 Visit to Jorvik Viking Centre	Y4/5	Information to follow
Wednesday 24 th June	Reception Class Assembly	REC	Information sent
Thursday 2 nd July	Transition Afternoon	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 8 th July	KS2 End of Year Production – 2pm and 6pm	KS2	Information to follow
Friday 10 th July	End of Year Reports	All	See newsletter
Friday 17 th July	Leavers' Assembly	Y6	Information to follow
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.