



Hunton & Arrathorne Community Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 9th October 2026

Dear Parents,

It has been a busy week of learning. Following the Key Stage 1 'Computing Day' last week, Partridge and Woodpecker Class have enjoyed special focus days this week investigating digital footprints, e-safety and personal information. Do ask them about the SMART Rules and how to stay safe online!

Key Stage 2 also enjoyed the annual cross-country event at Richmond School on Wednesday. It was wonderful to hear from staff about brilliant sporting attitudes and great individual successes. It is always a popular event and gives everyone a great opportunity to be 'happy and healthy'.

Next week is a busy week in school with a few events – more information can be found in the boxes underneath. You are also welcome to join us at our 'Design Technology Showcase' from 2.45 – 3.15pm next Friday. We'll then enter the final couple of weeks of this half term with our Harvest Festival and Halloween Film Night.

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

Photographs

The school photographer will be in school next Tuesday to take individual and sibling photos. Please contact Mrs. Godlee for further information.

Open Morning - Tomorrow

Don't forget it is our Open Morning for 2027 new starters tomorrow between 10.00-11.30. If you know someone looking for a school place, please join us!

Pumpkin Visit - Reception

Robin Class will be visiting Peacock's Pumpkins in Bedale on Monday afternoon. Please remember to give consent on ParentPay.

Jar Tombola

Just a reminder that our Pupil Leaders are holding their 'Jar Tombola' on Monday. Fill an empty jar with treats and then take part in the tombola after school for £1 a go! Many thanks for your support.

Year 1 Phonics Meeting

We will be holding our Phonics Information Evening for Year 1 parents next Wednesday at 4.30pm. Please do come along to find out about how their reading journey continues.

Let's Celebrate!

See who has been awarded in Celebration Assembly this week!

	Mrs. Dozēy	Mrs. Hollocks	Mr. Donaldson	Mr. Cope	Mrs. Wilson	Mrs. Tunmore	Miss Weeks
Care – Aspire – Excel Awards	Iris	Margot	Alex	Cora I	Amelia-Rose	Jessica	Tai
	Robin Class	Kingfisher Class	Goldfinch Class	Partridge Class	Woodpecker Class		
Curriculum Award	Jack	Letty	Ava S	Faye	Poppy		
Aims Award	Max	Finn	Lottie	Bill	Lacie-Mae		
Team Points	Middleham						
Tidy of Classroom	Woodpecker & Partridge						
No Outsiders Award	Siena						
Monarch	Amelia C						

Diary Dates

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

When?	What?	Who?	How?
Saturday 10 th October	Reception 2027 Open Morning	All	See newsletter
Monday 12 th October	Jar Tombola	All	Information to follow
Monday 12 th October	Pumpkin Patch Visit – Reception	REC	Information sent
Tuesday 13 th October	School Photographs (Individuals & Siblings)	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 14 th October	Phonics Information Evening 4.30pm – Y1 Parents	Y1	Information to follow
Friday 16 th October	Design Technology Parent Open Event @ 2.30pm	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 21 st October	Halloween Film Night	All	Information to follow
Thursday 22 nd October	Harvest Festival @ 2.30pm	All	Information to follow
Thursday 22 nd October	School Closes for October Half-Term	All	See newsletter
Friday 23 rd October	School Closed – CPD Day	All	See newsletter
Monday 2 nd November	School Opens	All	See newsletter
Wednesday 4 th November	Yorkshire Wildlife Park Visit – KS1	KS1	Information to follow
Monday 9 th November	Festival of Remembrance @ Ripon Cathedral	H-H KS2	Information to follow
Wednesday 11 th November	Parents' Evening	All	Information to follow
Monday 16 th November	Odd Socks Day / Anti-Bullying Week	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 18 th November	Maths Information Event @ 2.30 – Reception Parents	REC	Information to follow
Thursday 19 th November	Torchlight Treasure Hunt @ 5.00pm	All	Information to follow
Friday 20 th November	Big Read @ 2.30pm	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 2 nd December	Christmas Fair @ 3.30pm	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 9 th December	Reception & KS1 Nativity @ 2.00 and 6.00pm	REC/KS1	Information to follow
Thursday 10 th December	Christmas Film Night	All	Information to follow
Tuesday 15 th December	Pantomime @ Darlington Hippodrome	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 16 th December	Christingle @ St Patrick's Church, Patrick Brompton	All	Information to follow
Friday 18 th December	School Closes for Christmas Holiday	All	See newsletter
Monday 4 th January	School Closed – CPD Day	All	See newsletter
Tuesday 5 th January	School Opens	All	See newsletter
Thursday 4 th & Friday 5 th Feb	Y5/6 London Residential	Y5/6	Information sent

Around the Classes...

Robin Class: This week our key text 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' has sparked lots of excitement. We found clues...that Goldilocks might have been inside our classroom! We made houses for the three bears and thought about how we can make 3 using the sentence stem '1 and 1 and 1 make 3 altogether'. In PSHE, we have been thinking about people who can help us, at home, in school and the wider community. There has been so much writing in provision this week, including making menus, maps, lists and tickets for our theatre! 🎭

Kingfisher Class: Kingfisher Class have worked very hard this week. In maths, they have recapped their knowledge from Reception about the composition of numbers to 10 – this will help hugely as they continue to develop place value and calculation skills. In English, they have enjoyed reading our new text, 'Sidney, Stella and the Moon' and writing sentences about the moon together. Finally, on Monday they enjoyed a walk around Hunton as part of their geography fieldwork – finding physical and human features in the local area.

Goldfinch Class: We have started new units in both maths and English this week; in maths, we have been working on addition and subtraction, exploring whether they are commutative and using inequality signs to balance equations whilst in English, we have started a new text called 'Dear Earth', considering where we would like to explore if we were to travel the world. In R.E, we have enjoyed learning more about the story of 'The Good Samaritan' and in P.E, we have developed our co-ordination when jumping.

Partridge Class: This week has been filled to the brim with fun: we were 'happy & healthy' during the cross-country event at Richmond School; we were 'inquisitive' as we explored Yorkshire art landscapes by David Hockney; and we were 'creators' during our 'Computing Day'! Music has been exciting as we introduced 'note values' and we shared a love of reading this week with many 'Dream Big Little People' books.

Woodpecker Class: We had our first 'Computing Day' of the year earlier in the week, where the children learned more about what makes a 'sensible online citizen'. We were also incredibly impressed with the children during the cross-country competition; their attitudes were amazing and they should be incredibly proud of what they achieved. In maths this week, we have been adding decimals, exploring strategies for numbers with a different amount of decimal places. And finally, in English, we have been considering what life was like for Jewish people during the Holocaust using our class text, 'Alte Zachen: Old Things'.

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.