



Hunton & Arrathorne Community Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 2nd October 2026

Dear Parents,

What a busy week! Our Year 2 – 6 children have enjoyed their Geography ‘Fieldwork Week’ with visits to Richmond, The River Swale and Leyburn. It was great to hear about their adventures and how they challenged themselves as geographers (and of course behaved impeccably!). Key Stage 1 are also in the process of enjoying their ‘Computing Day’ today – learning all about how to keep safe online. E-Safety is an important part of our Computing curriculum and all children will spend a day exploring this further over the half-term.

It is lovely to see all pupils (and staff!) settling into school routines after four weeks. There is a wonderful atmosphere in school – we visit classrooms, look at work-books and talk to pupils daily and are hugely impressed by the efforts of both children and staff. This has been helped by the opening of the Nectar Café at lunchtimes recently. The additional space offers a fantastic extra resource for children and they make great use of it.

Have a great weekend,

Mr. Donaldson & Mr. Cope

Special Educational Needs & Disabilities

A reminder that Mrs. Cromey-Hawke (our SENDCo) is in school each Thursday and offers a ‘drop-in’ for parents who wish to meet her to discuss Special Educational Needs or Disabilities. Please just contact the School Office to make an appointment.

Open Morning 2027 Starters

On Saturday 10th October, we will be holding an Open Morning for prospective parents and pupils who wish to look around our school for September 2027 entry, between 10.00-11.30am. The morning will include the opportunity to explore our Reception classroom, enjoy a tour of the school and meet key-staff. Please do spread the word to any families you think may be interested.

You can sign up via the link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HS6R7MC>

Parking Reminder

Please remember to park courteously when dropping children off and collecting them from school. We have received some complaints from neighbours regarding inconsiderate parking – please ensure you do not block their driveways. We would recommend parking at the Village Hall if finding a space is tricky. Many thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

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	Hermione	Douggee	Osian	Theodore	Indi	Esmae	Betsy
	Robin Class	Kingfisher Class	Goldfinch Class	Partridge Class	Woodpecker Class		
Curriculum Award	Maisie	Angus	William	Austin	Holly		
Aims Award	Oscar	Thomas	Emilia	Tilly	Osian		
Team Points	Bolton						
Tidy of Classroom	Kingfisher						
No Outsiders Award	Oskar						
Monarch	Lachy						

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, we have been looking at amounts in a set and ordering numbers 1-10! Our key text 'What the Ladybird Heard' had some fantastic vocabulary including 'thief', 'rescue', 'plan' and 'clever'! The children have showcased their developing detail in mark making with purpose, including initial sounds in words in Drawing Club and a word hunt! This has been a very popular area in our provision this week where the children have displayed increased levels of engagement and drive. Their enthusiasm to learning has been a joy to watch!

Kingfisher Class: Another great week in Kingfisher Class. The children have been working very hard on their learning behaviours as they settle into Year 1. This week, we have enjoyed writing our own stories inspired by 'Stanley's Stick', called 'Sarah's Sock'. We have enjoyed learning about ordinal numbers in Maths. In Geography, we have learnt about human and physical features of geography and are looking forward to spotting them in our village next week!

Goldfinch Class: We kicked off the week with our visit to Richmond, which helped us to bring some of our previous lessons' learning to life as well as investigate the enquiry question of 'why do people visit Richmond?' The children were incredibly well-behaved, inquisitive and, most of all, very respectful when speaking to members of the public (including some of our grandparents!). In English, we have completed our first piece of 'extended writing', with the children writing their own stories based on Goldilocks whilst in Maths, we tackled the tricky concept of 'flexible partitioning' to conclude our place value work.

Partridge Class: We ended with our 'Big Read' with our new assembly partners, showing off our 'lifelong reader skills' and being wonderful role models. Please remember to sign the reading record for 5 reads to enter the prize draw and share that love of reading. In R.E., we continued to focus on Jesus' teachings whilst in Science; we explored models to help us understand the process of digestion in humans. We experimented with water pollution in Geography to help us understand why it is so detrimental to our rivers, which fed nicely into our fieldwork trip to the River Swale where we cared, aspired and excelled outside of the classroom.

Woodpecker Class: Woodpeckers have had a wonderful week being creators! In English, we completed our final piece of writing, a story about a missing toy! The children perfected their portrait skills and used Van Gogh as inspiration for a bold, colourful background. They were also very inquisitive in Leyburn, exploring the physical and human geographical features of the town as well as being amazing representatives of our school when talking to members of the public. Well done to all of the children for a brilliant week both inside and outside of the classroom!

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.