



Dear Parents,

We have had another fantastic week in school and it has been great to see lots of learning take place in each class, and to see how well our new Reception children have settled into school.

There have been lots of exciting updates to our curriculum. This term, we have started a new writing process called 'Literacy Tree' which immerses the children in writing through high-quality texts; the children have been fully engaged with this and have produced some super writing so far. We welcomed the North Yorkshire Music Service into school on Thursday – they will teach whole-class drumming lessons to Year 4 and 5 each Thursday afternoon until the spring – it certainly sounded great yesterday! We have also adapted our Friday afternoon sessions – each class from Year 2 – Year 6 now have PSHE and French on a Friday afternoon, and 'French Fridays' are a big hit! See if your child can impress you with their linguistic skills.

Additionally, to further enrich our new units in Science and Geography, we have some exciting visits coming up. In the next couple of weeks, Years 4-6 will visit Aysgarth Falls to extend their learning about National Parks and develop their fieldwork skills in Geography whilst Years 1-6 also have a visit to Foxglove Covert to supplement learning in Science – lots of exciting things coming up!

Mr. Donaldson & Mr. Cope

### Reception Phonics Evening

We are looking forward to welcoming our Reception parents on Monday at 4.30pm for our Phonics Information Evening. If you can attend, please do – Mrs. Dozēy will share lots of information about how you can support your child on their reading journey.

### September 2025 Starters

Are you, or is someone you know, looking for a school place for September 2025? We will be holding an Open Morning on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October between 9.30-11.00. Please email [admin@huntonarrathorne.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@huntonarrathorne.n-yorks.sch.uk) to book a place! We look forward to seeing you then.

### Yorkshire Water Workshops

We will welcome Yorkshire Water into school next week to lead workshops with each class on different aspects of water safety. This links well with our 'change-makers' aim and 'be safe' rule!

### Let's Celebrate!

See who has been awarded in Celebration Assembly this week!

	Mrs. Dozēy	Mrs. Tunmore	Mr. Cope	Mrs. Hollocks	Miss Weeks	Mrs. Kawai-Calderhead	Mr. Donaldson
<b>Above &amp; Beyond</b> <i>(Care – Aspire – Excel)</i>	Amelia-Rose	Aggie	Thomas R	Emmy	Holly	Max	Abigail
	<b>Robin Class (R/Y1)</b>		<b>Kingfisher Class (Y2)</b>	<b>Partridge Class (Y4/5)</b>		<b>Woodpecker Class (Y6)</b>	
<b>Curriculum Award</b>	Indiaana	William M	Abi	Margot		Cate	
<b>Aims Award</b>	Teddy	Lucas	Noah	Bernard		Grace D	
<b>Team Points</b>	Middleham						
<b>Tidy Classroom</b>	Partridge						
<b>Golden Spoon</b>	Freya						
<b>Monarch</b>	Cora						

### Diary Dates

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

<b>When?</b>	<b>What?</b>	<b>Who?</b>	<b>How?</b>
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	Phonics Meeting – Reception Starters	REC	Information sent
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	Yorkshire Water Workshops	All	See newsletter
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	Aysgarth Falls Fieldwork Visit	Y4/5/6	Information sent
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Foxglove Covet Visit 1	Y1/4/5	Information sent
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	Foxglove Covet Visit 2	Y2/3/6	Information sent
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	European Day of Languages	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	KS2 Cross Country	KS2	Information to follow
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evening	All	Information to follow
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	School Photographs (Individual)	All	Information to follow
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Halloween Film Night	All	Information to follow
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival & Pumpkin Parade – 2.30pm	All	Information to follow
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	School Closes for Half-Term	All	See newsletter
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	School Closed – CPD Day	All	See newsletter
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	School Opens – Autumn 2	All	See newsletter
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Service of Remembrance – Ripon Cathedral	KS2 HH	Information to follow
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Maths Parent Information Evening – 4.00pm	All	Information to follow
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	‘Big Read’ with Parents – 9.00am	All	Information to follow
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Film Night	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	‘Sleeping Beauty’ @ Darlington Hippodrome	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle @ St Patrick’s Church – 6pm	All	Information to follow
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	School Closes for Christmas Holiday	All	See newsletter
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	School Closed – CPD Day	All	See newsletter
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	School Opens – Spring 1	All	See newsletter
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> – Thu 6 <sup>th</sup> February	London Residential	Y5/6	Information sent

### Around the Classes...

**Robin Class (Reception):** This week we have started our phonics sessions. The children have been working really hard learning their new phonemes to read, and the graphemes to write. We are very impressed with their drive to learn! We have also enjoyed our text of the week 'Only One You' which has opened up lots of discussions about being different and how we are all special and unique! Dough Disco has been a huge success, where we have been dancing with playdough to help build the muscles in our fingers and hands for writing. A highlight of the week for all the children has been an unexpected visit from a gigantic hawk moth in our outdoor classroom. It sparked lots excitement through discussions and drawing!

**Robin Class (Year 1):** Robin Class started the week of with a ‘kind’ assembly, a familiar story was told, 'The Smartest Giant in Town'. We have had our first Dance PE lesson this week, focusing on counts of 8; I witnessed some fantastic moves! It was a great start to phonic lessons, revisiting familiar sounds. It has been very exciting in English, with our focus text ‘Cave Baby’. We enjoyed sharing ‘naughty’ stories. Maths, has seen us sort objects, ask us about all the different buttons. And we’ve even squeezed in Geography, learning ‘What is Geography all about?’

**Kingfisher Class:** Kingfishers have been working very hard this week. We have started our new topic in maths where we have been looking at the place value of numbers. In English, we delved further into our story 'Leon and the Place Between' and wrote a brilliant review of the circus. On Wednesday, we started our first lesson of our new science topic - Living Things and Their Habitats. The children explored things that were living, things that used to be alive and things that have never been alive. The children impressed with their science knowledge. On Tuesday the children were happy and healthy when they enjoyed their first dance lesson in PE.

**Partridge Class:** Partridge Class have settled incredibly well into the school year, and I am super impressed. In maths, we have developed our place value skills – representing numbers up to 10 thousand and 1 million! The children have enjoyed researching the American Civil War to explore the background of our focus text in English, ‘Freedom Bird’. We have started our French topic ‘Les Glaces’ where the children have been very enthusiastic about The Ice Cream Song, I am sure they will be excited to share this with you!

**Woodpecker Class:** Another super week in Year 6! We have really enjoyed immersing ourselves in our class text, ‘The Invention of Hugo Cabret’. We have used the illustrations in the text to make inferences and created some imaginative writing. We have deconstructed and partitioned numbers to 10,000,000. In P.E we have enjoyed learning more about TAG Rugby and Dance; whilst in Computing we have consolidated our understanding of how to be safe online.

### 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.