

Hunton & Arrathorne Community Primary School Newsletter

Friday 11th July 2025

Dear Parents,

What a week! Our end of year productions are always a highlight of the school year, and this year I think may be hard to beat! We were bowled over with every single child as they took to the stage, and the end result was something which left us all in awe. A huge thank you, once again, to all parents and families who supported the children in line-learning, with costumes and by coming along to the performances! Of course, none of this would be possible without our truly brilliant staff too.

At our Governors' meeting last night, we said a sad farewell to Beverly Smeeton who has decided to take 'governor retirement'. Beverly has been involved in our school for many years – firstly as Clerk to Governors and then as Co-opted Governor with responsibility for Early Years and Phonics. Beverly will be hugely missed – her calm insight and steely determination to do right by the children and staff will be hard to replace. Beverly's final Governors' Corner is below.

Next week is a quiet one compared to the very busy ones we've had recently, ending with the end of term and our Leavers' Assembly at 2.30pm next week.

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

Governors' Corner

It has been such a great pleasure & a privilege to be a governor at this school as the final chapter to my varied career in Primary Education. It is with sadness that I recognise that now is the time to fully embrace full-time retirement & the freedom that it brings.

I shall miss you all, but will attend my last G.B. meeting knowing that an outstanding education will continue to be delivered at this very special village school, of which, we should all be very proud.

<u>Year 6</u>

As our current Year 6's prepare for their final week, our new Year 6 (Year 5) enjoyed time at the 'Job Fair' yesterday – finding out more about responsibilities in Year 6 and applying for roles. They are also working alongside the current children to look after our popular 'Aims Sheds' and, very importantly, learning to 'tie a tie'. What an exciting year ahead!

Beverly Smeeton

Let's Celebrate!

This will be our final Celebration Assembly for the academic year! Let's see who we are celebrating...

	Mrs.	Mrs.		Mr.		1rs.	Miss	Mrs. Kawai-	Mr.
	Dozēy	Tunmo	re	Соре	Но	locks	Weeks	Calderhead	Donaldson
Above & Beyond (Care – Aspire – Excel)	Theo	Jessic	а	Tai	-	Гаі	Grace E	Grace	Amelia M
	Robin (Rec /			Kingfisher Clas (Y2/3)	S	Pa	rtridge Class (Y4/5)		cker Class ′6)
Curriculum Award	Sebastian	Austin		Margot B			Charlie W	lsa	аас
Aims Award	Chloe	Eric	Margot B			Evie		Cate	
Team Points	Middleham								
Tidy Class	TBC								
Golden Spoon	Max T								

Caring – Aspiring - Excelling

Amazon Wishlist

Did you know we have an Amazon wish list which contains lots of exciting things to enrich the lives of our children in school? Some parents have enquired about end of year gifts, so we thought this would be a good opportunity to signpost this again! It can be found using the link below:

https://amzn.eu/dBeIK3u

End of Year Reports and Assessment Reporting

Your child's end of year report will accompany them home this evening. We hope you enjoy reading it, and celebrating their achievements with them. They have worked very hard all year and we are very proud of them. For pupils in statutory assessment year groups, you will also find assessment results (Y1, Y4 and Y6). Again, we are proud of their progress and achievements – please celebrate this with them.

<u>Diary Dates</u> Please keep checking the dates below as some may change at short notice!								
When?	What?	Who?	How?					
Wednesday 16 th July	Y6 Sailing Visit	Y6	Information to follow					
Friday 18 th July	Y6 Leavers' Assembly <mark>@ 2.30pm</mark>	Y6	Information sent					
Friday 18 th July	School Closes for Summer Holiday	All	See newsletter					
Tuesday 2 nd September	Return for 2025/2026 Academic Year	All	See newsletter					

Around the Classes...

Robin Class (Reception): On Monday, we said a fond farewell to our butterflies when we released them into the 'Nature Garden'. We started writing our own versions of 'The Very Hungry...' and in maths, continued our work on 2D and 3D shapes. On Tuesday, we were thrilled to watch the production of 'Annie' in the dress rehearsal. What a fantastic performance. We agreed we all aspire to put on a show just like it one day! To end the week, we visited Hunton Village Chapel to look at the different features and welcomed families in for the Big Read, enjoying reading for pleasure, following our curriculum aim of being 'Lifelong Readers'.

Robin Class (Year 1): We have had another wonderful week in Year 1 as we quickly approach the end of the year! In maths, the children have been working on comparing numbers up to 20 using the inequalities signs, it is lovely to see how much their maths has improved over the course of the year! We continued with our story 'Stanley's Stick' in English, planning and writing our own versions of the story. On Tuesday, we loved going to see the older children perform 'Annie' in the village hall and we were so proud of them! It was also lovely to spend some time on Friday morning reading with our grown-ups – what a lovely end to the week!

Kingfisher Class: The Kingfishers have had such a busy week! We spent the first half of the week rehearsing for the end of year performance and I a sure everyone will agree they were brilliant! We of course had smaller roles but the children showed that they will most definitely be ready to 'step-up' once they are in older year groups. In the classroom, we have continued our study of the Romans, learning about the oldest-known handwritten note to be found in Britain (near to where we went stargazing!) whilst in maths, we developed our understanding of time. A warm and busy week but the children continue to impress us every day – well done to all.

Partridge Class: What a brilliant week! The production of Annie was absolutely amazing; we are so incredibly proud of all the children for being risk-takers and giving it their all, especially those who may be a little shy on stage! Outside of the production, we have been working hard in our lessons. In maths, we have been exploring reflection and translation of shapes. We have also been learning our multiples of ten in French and practicing using the correct determiners in spoken and written language! I can't believe next week is the final week of this school year. Have a fantastic weekend!

Woodpecker Class: We are so proud of Year 6's performance in 'Annie' earlier this week. The confidence with which they took to school was astonishing and we hope it is a fittingly memorable occasion to (almost!) end their time at Hunton & Arrathorne School. The next week really will be a week of lasts, beginning today with the 'last' Celebration Assembly. Next week, Year 6 will be rehearsing for their Leavers' Assembly. We hope you can join us on the school playground at 2.30pm.

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.