



Hunton & Arrathorne Community Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 27th June 2025

Dear Parents,

On Monday, we welcomed our new Reception children into school with their families and on Wednesday, the children came and spent the morning in Robin Class; they had a brilliant time and we look forward to seeing them again next week as we prepare for transition to September. It really is a time for change, as many of our Year 6 children are also spending time at their secondary schools next week in preparation for Year 7. We wish them luck!

On Tuesday, a group of our Reading Ambassadors visited The Wonky Tree Bookshop to buy some books for our school and collect the books we ordered from the Great North Author Tour. They were, as always, fantastic ambassadors for our school and they had a great morning selecting new books for classrooms in September.

Finally, rehearsals are well and truly in full swing for Annie – we are sure the children will put on a great performance!

Have a good weekend,

Mr. Donaldson & Mr. Cope

Year 1 Class Assembly

We have one final class assembly this term – Year 1 will take the lead on Monday at 9.00am and share lots of learning with us! Parents and carers are very welcome!

Transition Day

We will be holding our whole-school transition afternoon on Wednesday 3rd July. Children will spend the afternoon in their new classes and can be collected from their new classroom. We will let the children know the day before what their collection point is, and Mr. Cope and Mr. Donaldson will direct you to the correct location!

50/50 Draw

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our '50/50 Draw'. We raised over £700 in total (which means that we have made over £350 for enriching activities in school! Thank you!

Drumming Concert – Y2,3,4 & 5

Mr. Mold (our wonderful drumming teacher) would like to extend the invitation to the Drumming Concert on Thursday 3rd July to Partridge Class and Kingfisher Class. The concert will take place on the playground and begin at 2.30pm.

Strawberry Fair

Thanks to everyone who supported the Year 6 'Strawberry Fair' enterprise project! We will announce a final total very soon!

Big Read

Our next 'Big Read' will be on Friday 11th July at 9am. You are very welcome to join us.

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
Above & Beyond <i>(Care – Aspire – Excel)</i>	Amelia E	Jessica	Henry S	Ruby-Mai	Rosa	Barnaby	Lily
	Robin Class (Rec / Y1)		Kingfisher Class (Y2)		Partridge Class (Y4/5)		Woodpecker Class (Y6)
Curriculum Award	Albie	Austin	Cora		Holly		Cate
Aims Award	Chloe	Edward	Emily		Poppy		Grace
Team Points	Bolton						
Tidy Class	Robin Reception						
Golden Spoon	Margot B						
Monarch	William M						

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>

Diary Dates

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

When?	What?	Who?	How?
Monday 30 th June	Y1 Class Assembly @ 9am	Y1	Information sent
Tuesday 1 st July	Y1 Richmond Castle Visit	Y1	Information to follow
Thursday 3 rd July	Y2/3 & Y4/5 Drumming Concert @ 2.30pm	Y2/3	See newsletter
Friday 4 th July	Middleham Team Visit to Middleham Castle	M'ham	Information sent
Wednesday 9 th July	Y2 – Y6 End of Year Production	Y2-Y6	Information sent
Friday 11 th July	Big Read (Parents Welcome) @ 9.00am	REC	Information sent
Friday 11 th July	End of Year Reports Home	All	See newsletter
Wednesday 16 th July	Y6 Sailing	Y6	Information to follow
Friday 18 th July	Y6 Leavers' Assembly @ 2.30pm	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): We started our week with our wonderful assembly! The children spoke and sang beautifully, being 'Risk takers', sharing a snippet of their learning over the last term with you. It has been really special for us to watch their confidence develop across the last year to put on such an amazing, memorable performance. Our Drawing Club story 'How to Catch a Dragon' sparked our curiosity and the children wrote instructions about how to catch a dragon and set up traps. We found a very interesting object in the Nectar cafe...we wonder if it was left by a passing Dragon. In Maths we have been looking at Number bonds to 10 and we have also been using non-fiction books to learn more about knights and castles.

Robin Class (Year 1): Another week has flown by! In English, we have written pamphlets based on the book 'Dinosaurs and All That Rubbish'. We have moved onto a new unit of learning in Maths, investigating place value within 100 whilst in R.E. we have been encouraged to become creators by drawing special items to welcome new Christian or Muslim babies. Finally, we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our class assembly on Monday.

Kingfisher Class: We have continued our work on The Great Fire of London this week. In Reading, we read some extracts from Samuel Pepys' diary (child-friendly versions) and in English we have been writing some of our own diary entries, considering how diaries are a great way to learn more about historical events. In Maths, we have finished our unit on shape, position and direction, exploring half, quarter and three-quarter turns using the vocabulary 'clockwise' and 'anti-clockwise'. In Music, the children have been working hard in preparation for the drumming concert next week – hopefully we will see some of you there!

Partridge Class: Partridges have had a lovely week this week. On Monday, the children practiced their skills in volleyball, trying to keep a rally between pairs. They finished the lesson with a tournament; they have really built on their teamwork and showed great sportsmanship to one another! In English, we role played being investigative journalists, asking a range of questions as civilians about Philip Petite and his amazing tightrope across The Twin Towers! The children are working extremely hard in their Annie rehearsals and can't wait for you all to see it. Another fabulous week in Partridge Class.

Woodpecker Class: Woodpecker Class have had a fantastic week. They have further immersed themselves in learning about the British Empire in History, by finding out why the British Empire began to decline. In Maths lessons they have continued to investigate 2D and 3D shapes – all of this alongside some fantastic 'Annie' rehearsals (which are looking and sounding fantastic) and preparing our Strawberry Fair enterprise project. Thank you to everyone who supported the children in trying to make a profit!

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.