



# Hunton & Arrathorne Community Primary School

## Newsletter

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2025

Dear Parents,

Another half term is over!

We'd like to send a big congratulations to some super mathematicians in Year 5 and 6 who represented us in the '24 Maths Challenge' at Richmond School on Wednesday. Although they didn't manage to win, Evie M, Cate, Evie F and Grace S did us proud – well done girls!

Art Week has, once again, been a roaring success! Each class has focussed on craft (with the exception of Year 6 who have demonstrated their photography skills) and there has been some wonderful weaving, collage and sewing skills on show as well as some impressive knowledge demonstrated.

We also had another visit from the Wonky Tree Bookshop on Monday who talked to the children about the upcoming 'Great North Author Tour'. Thank you to everyone who ordered one (or more!) of the books on offer – we will get the children their signed copies as soon as possible!

Mr. Donaldson & Mr. Cope

### Return to School

We return to school on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – there is no staff CPD day. We look forward to seeing all children then!

### Outdoor Learning Week

During the first week back after half-term, all children will be taking part in an 'Outdoor Learning Day' where teachers are challenged to take the whole day's learning outside! Please could you ensure your child has a sun-hat and / or waterproof coats in school to ensure they are dressed for the weather!

Monday – Robin Class

Tuesday – Kingfisher & Woodpecker Class

Wednesday – Partridge Class

### Goodbye Mrs. Pearson!

This week we say goodbye and thank-you to Mrs. Pearson who has done a fantastic job teaching Year 6 whilst Mrs. Kawai-Calderhead has been on her travels! Mrs. Pearson settled into school brilliantly, has been an asset to our school, and I know that she will be missed by the children and the staff. The good news is that she will continue to pop into school over the next half-term to cover in different classes! We're very excited to welcome Mrs. Kawai-Calderhead back to our team after half-term and hear all about her adventures!

### Let's Celebrate!

See who has been awarded in Celebration Assembly this week!

	Mrs. Dozēy	Mrs. Tunmore	Mr. Cope	Mrs. Hollocks	Miss Weeks	Mrs. Pearson	Mr. Donaldson
Above & Beyond (Care – Aspire – Excel)	Hettie	Edward	Cora	Austin	River	Thomas	Grace D
	Robin Class (Rec / Y1)		Kingfisher Class (Y2)		Partridge Class (Y4/5)		Woodpecker Class (Y6)
Curriculum Award	Sebby	Jack	Margot B		Grace E		Isaac
Aims Award	Theo	Jay	Livy		Harry		Evie
Team Points	Richmond						
Tidy Class	Partridge						
Golden Spoon	Emmy						
Monarch	Freya						

### IMPORTANT: SICKNESS

Please could we remind all parents of the 48-hour rule regarding sickness from Public Health England: **In general, it is recommended that any staff member or child with diarrhoea and/or vomiting symptoms must stay away or be excluded from the school or early years setting until they have been free of symptoms for 48 hours (the '48-hour rule') and feel well. Personal hygiene whilst ill must be very strict.** If children return to school and share with staff that they have been absent with diarrhoea or vomiting then parents will be called to collect them until the 48-hour period has expired.

### Diary Dates

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

When?	What?	Who?	How?
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Y4 Multiplication Check Begins	Y4	See newsletter
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	'Outdoor Learning Week'	All	See newsletter
W/C Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Y1 Phonics Screening Check Begins	Y1	See newsletter
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Y4/5 Class Assembly @ 9am	Y4/5	Information sent
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Armed Forces Day	HH	Information sent
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Morning	All	Information sent
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Reception Class Assembly @ 9am	REC	Information sent
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Y1 Class Assembly @ 9am	Y1	Information sent
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Y1 Fun Run	Y1	Information to follow
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Y2/3 Drumming Concert @ 2.30pm	Y2/3	Information to follow
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Middleham Team Visit to Middleham Castle	M'ham	Information to follow
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Y2 – Y6 End of Year Production	Y2-Y6	Information to follow
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Year Reports Home	All	See newsletter
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Leavers' Assembly @ 9am	Y6	Information sent

### Around the Classes...

**Robin Class (Reception):** This week, we have been looking at the story 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch'. In Forest School, we had to find different things hidden in the outdoor area from his lunch basket and we've been working on writing speech bubbles as the seagull in the story. For Art Week, we created lighthouses (from our story) using some of the new techniques we have learnt. In Maths, the pesky seagulls have been stealing our shells and treasure - helping us with learning our subtraction stories 'first, then, now'. On Tuesday, we celebrated Bee Day, thinking about why it is important for bees to survive. We have also enjoyed helping to take care of the lambs. What a busy, fast-paced half term we have had!

**Robin Class (Year 1):** We've had another wonderful week, meeting three new additions to school - the lambs! They have joined us in the Nectar Cafe for a little staycation. Another opportunity for us to take good care and to learn and understand the natural world around us, hands-on! Art Week has been incredible, creating woven wonders. We've read plenty of special texts and 'read like Artists'. We've been weaving, wrapping and even created a plait using ribbon.

**Kingfisher Class:** We kicked off the week in style this week with our class assembly; thank you to everyone who was able to attend, I am sure you will agree the children were all fantastic! We have had a great final week of this half-term, being creators during Art Week. The children have been working hard to design and make 'Egyptian Scrolls' and some of their work has been amazing – if you haven't already seen it, take a look on Facebook! We have also continued our Geography unit, this week comparing our own environment to that of Nevada whilst in Science; the children have been conducting experiments outside to explore how the position and size of shadows change throughout the day. A big well done to all of the children!

**Partridge Class:** We have had a brilliant week in Partridge Class, exploring the rainforest during Art Week. The children created lots of beautiful artwork surrounding the range of colours, textures and elements of the rainforest! We have explored the artist Leonardo Da Vinci in our reading comprehension and enjoyed learning about his influence on artists and even scientists in the modern day. The announcement of Annie has also created a buzz in Partridge Class, we're very proud of all the children across the school who were risk-takers and auditioned for a role. I hope you all have a lovely break before the final school term!

**Woodpecker Class:** Year 6 have returned to some normality this week following our SATS! We have fully immersed ourselves in Art Week, investigating photography and creating some very interesting work. In English, we have enjoyed developing our tone by creating Trip Advisor reviews and persuasive letters. Of course, the highlight of our week has been auditioning for 'Annie' – we have some very talented performers. Have a wonderful half-term break.

### 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.