



# Hunton & Arrathorne Community Primary School

## Newsletter

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Dear Parents,

Following our Christmas Fair on Wednesday, it does feel like Christmas has begun – our outdoor lights are also now lit, marking the start of the festive season. Next week, we will be holding our Christmas Film Night, and then, the following week, the Christmas activities really begin. The children have also been busy completing some whole school artwork, which is on display at the local churches (see below for more information about how you can view it).

Despite the business with preparing for the Reception and Key Stage One Nativity, the artwork to be displayed and the Christmas Fair, the children have continued to work exceptionally hard in the classroom, producing some brilliant work across the curriculum. Next week, the children will complete some end-of-term assessments, which will help us to monitor their progress since beginning in their new year group before the festive period really takes hold in the last couple of weeks.

Have a good weekend.

Mr. Donaldson & Mr. Cope

### Nativity Trail

Once again, all of our children have collaborated to create some collective artwork celebrating the nativity story. You can see our artwork at St Oswald's Church in Hauxwell and St Patrick's, Patrick Brompton from today. Please do collect a nativity trail sheet from one of the churches (we hope to have some in school soon!). You can then collect a sticker from all churches within the Lower Wensleydale benefice and complete the trail together as a family.

### Lateness to School

Although there has been some improvement, there are still a number of children arriving at school late. **Any children who arrive after 8.55am will receive a late mark in the register.** At the end of term, parents of children who receive consistent late marks will be contacted. We also have a duty to report punctuality to the Local Authority.

### Christmas Fair

Thank you for all of your support at our Christmas Fair. Year 6 did a super job and we raised a profit of £260. All of the proceeds will go towards exciting events!

### Sporting Events

We have lots of sporting events taking place next week. A big 'good luck' to our Y5/6 netball team who will represent us at a competition on Tuesday, and all of Year 5 and 6 who are taking part in Sportshall Athletics on Wednesday.

### Let's Celebrate!

See who has been awarded in Celebration Assembly this week!

	Mrs. Dozēy	Mrs. Hollocks	Mr. Donaldson	Mrs. Tunmore	Miss Weeks	Mrs. Kawai-Calderhead	Mr. Cope
Care – Aspire – Excel Awards	Douggie	Jack	Oskar	Emily	Bernard	Charlie W	Lottie
	Robin Class (Rec/Y1)	Kingfisher Class (Y1 & Y2)		Goldfinch Class (Y3)	Partridge Class (Y4 & Y5)		Woodpecker Class (Y6)
Curriculum Award	James	William M		Lily	Max		Grace E
Aims Award	Elizabeth	Bertie		Emmy	Pippa		Harry
Team Points	Middleham						
Presentation Prize	Rose						
Golden Spoon	Faye						
Monarch	Jay						
Tidy Class	Woodpecker						

### Cook Book

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the 'Cook Book' organized by the PTFA – there are still some available so please let us know if you wish to order one!

### Diary Dates

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

When?	What?	Who?	How?
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Y5/6 Netball @ Bedale School	Team	Information sent
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Christmas Film Night	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Y5/6 Sportshall Athletics @ Richmond School	TBC	Information sent
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Post-box Opens	All	Information sent
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	'A King is Born' Nativity @ 2.00 & 6.00pm	REC-Y2	Information sent
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch	All	Information sent
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Pantomime @ Darlington Hippodrome	All	Information sent
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle @ St Patrick's Church – 6.00pm	All	Information sent
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Party	All	Information sent
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	School Closes for Christmas Holiday	All	See newsletter
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	School Closed – CPD Day	All	See newsletter
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	School Opens	All	See newsletter
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Y3/4 Parliament Visit	Y3/4	Information sent
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Richmond Station Art Exhibition	All	Information to follow
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	School Closes for Half Term	All	See newsletter
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	School Opens	All	See newsletter
26 <sup>th</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Y5/6 Residential to Carlton Lodge	Y5/6	Information sent

### Around the Classes...

**Robin Class:** We have started to feel incredibly festive in Robin Class this week! We have been reading about the Nativity story, which has fed, beautifully into our rehearsals which are going incredibly well – we are so proud of how confident all of the children are! Alongside this, we have had the Nativity scene set up within provision which the children have really enjoyed exploring. We have also been really excited by our class 'Christmas Post Office', with the children enjoying basing much of their role-play around this. Another great week for our Reception children – have a lovely weekend everyone!

**Kingfisher Class:** We are fully in the swing of our rehearsals for a 'King is Born' and are very impressed with the children's effort so far. You should have received a letter earlier in the week with information about the performances and costumes. Thank you for your support with this. In Maths, we have continued to investigate subtraction, whilst in English we have used our understanding of plurals to write recipes. We have continued our work in History by thinking about how we celebrate special times. Have a lovely weekend.

**Goldfinch Class:** The children have all really aspired with their learning this week. In English, we have been using adjectives and noun phrases to complete a character description all about Goldilocks and we are thoroughly enjoying our class story, 'Planet Omar Accidental Trouble Magnet' which we are approximately half way through. We have explored how magnets attract and repel in Science and in History, we learned more about the great history maker Grace Darling (this has inspired us to be 'change makers' with the hope of fundraising through a bake sale - details to follow soon). And finally, we ended the week being 'creators' by making 3D paper angels for the Nativity Trail for families to view around the Lower Wensleydale churches.

**Partridge Class:** Partridges have had another brilliant week. On Monday, we explored hieroglyphics in History and investigated how the Ancient Mayans would write messages; we wrote our own names as well as our birthdays and ages in codex! We also explored the story of Adam and Eve in RE, recognising that if you do something bad, there may be a consequence. The children also showed great sportsmanship and teamwork in their intra-sport competition on Wednesday, with Richmond taking home the victory!

**Woodpecker Class:** A big well done to the Woodpecker children who were able to support with the Christmas Fair on Wednesday afternoon – as always, they did a brilliant job and are a credit to the school! In Maths, we have been exploring angles this week, calculating missing angles using our knowledge of straight lines, circles and triangles. In Music, we have been layering sounds and rhythms, further developing our knowledge of the inter-related dimensions whilst in History; we enjoyed acting out the story of the 'Trojan Horse'.

### 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.