



Hunton & Arrathorne Community Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 17th October 2025

Dear Parents,

After the success of our Design Technology days last week, it has been great to get back to normality this week with lots of fantastic learning across the school. Robin Class even managed to squeeze in their first visit of the school year, to Peacock's Pumpkins, on Tuesday.

It was wonderful to talk to so many families at our Parents' Evening and see so much support at the Harvest Festival yesterday; we had a huge amount of donations which will be sent to the TCR Hub in Barnard Castle – thank you. We love having families into school and sharing what we do.

It was also lovely to see so many of you in the village hall for the PTFA Coffee Morning on Thursday; a huge 'well done' to Woodpecker Class who helped with serving cakes and chatting with customers. They are a credit to the school and we are incredibly proud of them!

We wish you all a lovely weekend as we head into the final week of the half-term,

Mr. Donaldson & Mr. Cope

Open Evening

We have our next open event for 2026 starters next Wednesday from 3.30-5.00pm. If you know anyone who is looking for a school place for September 2026, please let them know and encourage them to come and visit our wonderful school.

Safe Parking

Please could we use this opportunity to remind all parents of the importance of parking safely around the village on collection and drop-off. We must work together to keep everyone safe. Please also be aware of not blocking residents' driveways at this time.

Year 1/2 Multi-skills Festival

Year 1 & 2 will be taking part in a Multi-skills Festival on Tuesday 4th November. As this is the first day back after half-term, please could parents ensure they have consented to this visit ASAP? Consent is available via Parent Pay.

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	Daniel	Amelia-Rose	Joey	Emmy	Betsy	Charlie R	Rosa
	Robin Class (Rec/Y1)	Kingfisher Class (Y1 & Y2)		Goldfinch Class (Y3)	Partridge Class (Y4 & Y5)		Woodpecker Class (Y6)
Curriculum Award	Amelia	Jay		Annie	Kai		Charlie W
Aims Award	Angus	Austin		Faye	Theodore		Grace E
Team Points	Richmond						
Presentation Prize	Siena						
Golden Spoon	Lacey						
Monarch	Betsy						
Tidy Class	Goldfinch						

Diary Dates

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

When?	What?	Who?	How?
Wednesday 22 nd October	Cross Country @ Richmond School (Key Stage 2)	KS2	Information sent
Wednesday 22 nd October	Reception 2026 Open Evening	All	See newsletter
Thursday 23 rd October	PTFA Halloween Disco	All	Information to follow
Friday 24 th October	School Closes for Half Term	All	See newsletter
Monday 3 rd November	School Closed – CPD Day	All	See newsletter
Tuesday 4 th November	School Opens	All	See newsletter
Tuesday 4 th November	Y1/2 Multiskills Festival	Y1/2	Information sent
Friday 7 th November	Festival of Remembrance @ Ripon Cathedral	TBC	Information sent
Wednesday 12 th November	Crucial Crew	Y6	Information sent
Thursday 13 th November	Torchlight Treasure Hunt	All	Information to follow
Tuesday 18 th November	Y3/4 NERF Festival @ Richmond School	TBC	Information to follow
Tuesday 2 nd December	Y5/6 Netball @ Bedale School	TBC	Information to follow
Wednesday 3 rd December	Y5/6 Sportshall Athletics @ Richmond School	TBC	Information to follow
Wednesday 10 th December	Reception & Key Stage 1 Nativity @ 2.00 & 6.00pm	REC-Y2	Information to follow
Tuesday 16 th December	Pantomime @ Darlington Hippodrome	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 17 th December	Christingle @ St Patrick's Church – 6.00pm	All	Information to follow
Friday 19 th December	School Closes for Christmas Holiday	All	See newsletter
Monday 5 th January	School Closed – CPD Day	All	See newsletter
Tuesday 6 th January	School Opens	All	See newsletter
Thursday 8 th January	Y3/4 Parliament Visit	Y3/4	Information sent
Thursday 12 th February	Richmond Station Art Exhibition	All	Information to follow
Friday 13 th February	School Closes for Half Term	All	See newsletter
Monday 23 rd February	School Opens	All	See newsletter
26 th – 27 th February	Y5/6 Residential to Carlton Lodge	Y5/6	Information sent

Around the Classes...

Robin Class: Wow, what a fabulous autumnal week! From Pumpkin picking at Peacock's PYO Pumpkin Patch, to Drawing Club with 'Christopher Pumpkin' and finally our fantastic performance in the Harvest Festival. We have had a very busy week! In provision, we have enjoyed creating our own pumpkin patch role play area outside with nice and ghastly castles (from our story of the week). We have also enjoyed looking at our body parts, through the story 'Funny Bones'. We have been on 'pumpkin hunts' looking for hidden pumpkins with words within our provision - challenging the children to read and write them! We are so proud of their achievements so far this half-term. Well done Reception!

Kingfisher Class: It has been another hard-working week in Year 1 & 2. It was also great to talk about the children's successes at Parents' Evening. This week, we have started two new units of learning – exploring the text 'Billy the Bully' in English, and beginning to explore addition and subtraction in Maths. We have also enjoyed using the results of our fieldwork trip to Bedale to find out the answer to the question, 'Why do people visit Bedale?'

Goldfinch Class: I am impressed with the children's wonderful attitude to learning this week, we have started addition and subtraction in Maths, where we are tackling column addition fantastically. We are also extending our mathematical vocabulary through talking like a mathematician. In PSHE, we consolidated our knowledge all about 'Me and My Relationships,' delving into friendships, problem solving and rules. We were 'risk takers' and 'creators' during the Harvest Festival, sharing our 'Harvest Rain Poem'. And finally, many thanks for coming along to Parents' Evening to share your children's learning journeys.

Partridge Class: In English this week, the children have enjoyed writing prequels to our class text, 'The Lost Happy Endings' and I have been really impressed with their final products. In Science, we had fun carrying out an experiment to further develop our knowledge of the digestive system whilst in Maths, we created robots to explore the perimeter of shapes. And finally, the children were brilliant performing our class song for the Harvest Festival. I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Woodpecker Class: It feels like the children have just started year six and already we are quickly approaching half-term and talking about secondary school choices! It was lovely to meet so many parents on Wednesday night to celebrate how well the children are doing – we are so proud with how they are taking on the extra responsibilities of being the oldest children in school. In Maths, we have moved onto division, exploring when to use remainder and when to convert into decimal remainders, whilst in SPAG we wrote a balanced argument about the impact of tourism on towns such as Whitby (linked to our Geography work). We also ended our story time book, 'Room 13', which the children have absolutely loved!

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.