



Hunton & Arrathorne Community Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 24th October 2025

Dear Parents,

Despite being a drizzly week, the hard work has continued at Hunton & Arrathorne School! The classrooms have been buzzing with creativity as we held our first 'Art Week' of the half term. We are proud of our whole curriculum and the progression in Art and Design across the school has been wonderful to see. The children have definitely been 'creators' with some brilliant final pieces produced in every class!

We enjoyed the opportunity to show prospective parents around our school over the last couple of weeks. It is lovely to hear how well thought of our school is within the local community, and that we are the 'first choice' for many families. Next half-term looks busy and enjoyable. We have a number of sporting events and competitions taking place as well as, of course, all of the excitement of Christmas.

Wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable half-term. We look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and relaxed on November 4th. Have a good weekend,
Mr. Donaldson & Mr. Cope

Governor's Corner

I visited school last week to review safeguarding procedures. I walked round the school with Mr Donaldson and Mr Cope as they carried out their weekly Safeguarding Premises Monitoring and all procedures and processes I observed were robust. Children were having Design and Technology lessons and they were using the tools safely and sensibly. It was lovely to see them all busy and engaged.
Louise Wyatt

Cross Country

Well done to all of our Key Stage 2 children who took part in the Cross Country at Richmond School on Wednesday. Despite the wet weather, the children were happy and healthy and performed brilliantly. A special well done to Esmae, Bill, Holly and Rafe who have qualified for the next round. We're pleased to say there are many more sporting opportunities coming up after half term!

Year 1/2 Multiskills Festival

The children in Kingfisher Class are attending a multiskills festival on Tuesday 4th November. If you have not already given consent for your child to take part on Parent Pay, please ensure you have done this before our return to school. This will ensure your child can take part. Thank you.

School Closed – CPD Day

A reminder that school is closed on Monday 3rd November for staff training.

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	James	Lottie	Eric	Lily	Henry W	Grace S	Bea
	Robin Class (Rec/Y1)	Kingfisher Class (Y1 & Y2)		Goldfinch Class (Y3)	Partridge Class (Y4 & Y5)		Woodpecker Class (Y6)
Curriculum Award	Elizabeth	Arthur		Cora	Ruby-Mai		Rafe
Aims Award	Letty	Teddy		Evie	Poppy		Evie
Team Points	Richmond						
Presentation Prize	Max						
Golden Spoon	Oskar						
Monarch	Mary						
Tidy Class	Robins						

Diary Dates

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

When?	What?	Who?	How?
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 sent
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: This week, we have enjoyed taking part in 'Art week'. Our focus has been 'Marvellous Marks' where we have explored making a range of different marks. We enhanced this with the text 'The Dot' - thinking about how all our marks are different and unique! We created our own dots to display in our classroom! Throughout the week, we have been learning about Diwali, the Hindu Festival of Light and how it is celebrated. We have made our own Diya lamps, decorated our home corner with rangoli patterns and enjoyed learning a Diwali song! The children showcased their phonics skills in assessment week this week, all trying really hard. Please find some sounds/words in their yellow book to help them, which we are focusing on! In Maths, we have been working on our subitising and composition skills - using ghastly potion bottles and pumpkins to support our learning, using the sentence stem ___ and ___ makes ___ altogether. What an amazing first half term in school we have had!

Kingfisher Class: We have had a fantastic half-term in Kingfisher Class. We are so proud of all of the progress the children have made over the past eight weeks and are very excited about the next half-term. This week, we have fully immersed ourselves in our 'Art Week' – investigating drawing with different mediums: oil pastels, graphic pencils and charcoal! We have also continued to investigate addition in Maths – thinking about commutativity and how we can develop our number sense using known facts. We hope everyone has a great half-term holiday.

Goldfinch Class: To finish the half-term, we have had 'Art Week' where we have expressed ourselves through our school aims of being 'inquisitive,' 'creators,' and 'risk takers.' The children formed wonderful pieces, with a drawing and sketch focus. We celebrated the artist Wassily Kandinsky and explored abstract art. We were 'happy & healthy' taking part in cross-country, what an achievement to participate! In R.E., we looked into gods and goddesses through Hinduism. We ended the week by focusing on our text 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' in French. Have a lovely half-term break.

Partridge Class: Partridges have had a brilliant week being creators. In Art, we've explored 'the space race' and how it influenced artists' choices at the time. We created our own version of Teis Albers' artwork, 'Moonwalk'. The children have also been creators by writing their own prequel of 'The Lost Happy Endings' to finish off our text in English! We were also incredibly proud of them for their attitudes during the cross-country competition on Thursday – well done to all of the children! I hope you have a restful half term break.

Woodpecker Class: The children have produced some brilliant pieces of art this week! We have been replicating some of Quentin Blake's famous illustrations as well as exploring a range of mediums - from oil pastels, charcoal and hand-made drawing tools – to create our own Mayan-inspired spirit companion tiles, which allowed us to express our interests and personalities through our art. In maths, we continued our work in division and finally, we have to say how proud we were of the children during our cross-country competition. The children have definitely earned a well-deserved week off!

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.