



# Hunton & Arrathorne Community Primary School

## Newsletter

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025

Dear Parents,

It has certainly been a busy week. Our Year 1 – 6 children have each taken part in a Geography fieldwork visit this week. Learning outdoors, and the ability to apply fieldwork skills in real-life, is so important and we're pleased to say the visits were a huge success. Additionally, our older children had the opportunity to tick off one of our 'H&A36 before Y6' experiences by 'attending a concert' when they visited The Glasshouse, watching the Royal Northern Symphonia perform.

We were also visited by Susan Marshall, our Local Authority School Improvement Adviser, this week. Mrs. Marshall worked with leaders, staff and pupils (as well as speaking to some parents on the gates before school) to investigate the culture of safeguarding in school. I'm pleased to report that she was very impressed with the learning, and safeguarding at Hunton & Arrathorne.

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.

Have a good weekend,  
Mr. Donaldson & Mr. Cope

### Year 1 Parents Phonics Event

Year 1 parents are welcome to join us for a Phonics and Reading Meeting on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 4pm.

### Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival will take place on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October. You are welcome to join us at 2.30pm. Donations of dried or tinned food are welcome to be brought in on the day.

### Governor's Corner

On Tuesday this week, I had the pleasure of accompanying Year 3 on their geography school trip to Richmond. As ever, the trip was well planned with risk assessments and activities so everyone could have a safe and fun experience. We had a walk around the market square noting various features and buildings before walking down and along the river. We stopped there and I worked with the children on their sketch maps of Richmond, noting physical and human features. We ended with a visit to the station, which the children had learned about, and they were quick to identify parts of the building and its history. We all showed great will power in passing the bakery, the sweetshop and the ice cream parlour! The children behaved so well, were interested, curious and engaged in their learning.

Dee Lynn (Governor)

### 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	Amelia C	Mary	William R	Evie F	Ruby-Mai	Bea	Harry
	Robin Class (Rec/Y1)	Kingfisher Class (Y1 & Y2)		Goldfinch Class (Y3)	Partridge Class (Y4 & Y5)		Woodpecker Class (Y6)
Curriculum Award	Letty	Freya		Beatrice E	Holly		River
Aims Award	James G	Aggie		Finn	Rose		Joey
Team Points	Bolton						
Presentation Prize	Grace A						
Golden Spoon	Elizabeth						
Monarch	Theo						
Tidy Class	Partridge						

## Photographs

The school photographer will be in school on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October to take individual and sibling photographs.

## Diary Dates

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

When?	What?	Who?	How?
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Phonics Information Event @ 4pm – Y1 Parents	Y1	Information sent
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Individual Photographs	All	See newsletter
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Design Technology Parent Event @ 3.00pm	All	Information sent
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Reception 2026 Open Morning	All	See newsletter
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' Evening – 4.00-6.00pm	All	Information sent
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival @ 2.30pm	All	Information sent
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Cross Country @ Richmond School (Key Stage 2)	KS2	Information to follow
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Reception 2026 Open Evening	All	See newsletter
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	PTFA Halloween Disco	All	Information to follow
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	School Closes for Half Term	All	See newsletter
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	School Closed – CPD Day	All	See newsletter
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	School Opens	All	See newsletter
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Festival of Remembrance @ Ripon Cathedral	TBC	Information to follow
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Torchlight Treasure Hunt	All	Information to follow
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Y3/4 NERF Festival @ Richmond School	TBC	Information to follow
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Y5/6 Netball @ Bedale School	TBC	Information to follow
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Y5/6 Sportshall Athletics @ Richmond School	TBC	Information to follow
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception & Key Stage 1 Nativity @ 2.00 & 6.00pm	REC-Y2	Information to follow
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Pantomime @ Darlington Hippodrome	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle @ St Patrick's Church – 6.00pm	All	Information to follow
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	School Closes for Christmas Holiday	All	See newsletter

## Around the Classes...

**Robin Class:** In Drawing Club, we have been focusing on the animation 'Bananaman' using ambitious vocabulary including 'victory', 'gloomy', and 'befuddled'. On Wednesday, we enjoyed joining in with the river workshop, meeting creatures from down the river and using our imaginations to get into character before watching a fabulous theatre production about the River Swale! We learnt a song and used our bodies to help with body percussion! A wonderful experience! We have had lots of independent writing this week in provision and it has been amazing to witness their excitement in writing with purpose (codes, lists, prescriptions to name a few!). Through role play, we have celebrated 'people who help us', thinking about the various roles people do to help us, in school, home and the wider community.

**Kingfisher Class:** The highlight of our week has definitely been our Geography visit to Bedale. The children were absolutely amazing as they investigated human and physical features, counted transport types and even asked some questions to friendly members of the public! In Maths, we have been comparing numbers, whilst in English we have planned and written information booklets about lots of different pets. We enjoyed our drama workshop with The Rivers Trust and even squeezed in some time to get crafty!

**Goldfinch Class:** We started the week celebrating National Poetry Week in assembly, performing the 'A Cautionary Tale: Jim'. We loved participating in our fieldwork trip to 'Richmond' to support our enquiry question about how our local environment has changed over time. We explored, drew a sketch map and focused on physical and human features, discussing with the public what they loved about Richmond. The Rivers drama workshop mid-week was also great fun! What a super, busy week!

**Partridge Class:** We have had such a lovely week. Partridges took part in some fieldwork to further explore our Geography topic of 'Rivers' as well as enjoying a theatrical workshop focusing on wildlife around the River Swale. The children have also practiced using powerful vocabulary in English, describing the wicked witch from our story before finishing with an exciting musical trip to Gateshead! It was amazing to see the Royal Northern Symphonia and the children behaved impeccably! Have a lovely, restful weekend.

**Woodpecker Class:** We kicked off the week with a visit to Leyburn to supplement our unit of work, which focusses on why tourists visit the Yorkshire Dales. We created persuasive videos using the beautiful backdrop from The Sill as well as quizzing passers-by about their visit – speaking to visitors from Australia, New Zealand and France! Furthermore, we had a great time visiting The Glasshouse where we had the opportunity to watch the Royal Northern Symphonia. Back in the class and we have continued our work on multiplication and division, specifically focussing on written methods for multiplying numbers up to 4-digits by 2-digits whilst in English, we explored the use of relative clauses to provide additional information. A great week, both in and outside of the classroom!

## 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.