



Hunton & Arrathorne Community Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 12th September 2025

Dear Parents,

Now we are almost two weeks into the term, it is great to see how, each day, the children continue to settle into their classes and develop their attitudes to behaviour and learning. Having spent lots of time in classrooms this week, it is clear that we have lots to celebrate and the children are all trying incredibly hard.

It has been wonderful to see our new Reception children continue to settle into our school this week – we are met with big smiles as they come in on a morning and each time we visit Robin Class, it is lovely to see so much fun (and learning) going on. They are getting to know the school rules and routines really well and we are delighted to have them as part of our school.

We are excited to welcome a fully-functioning steam engine to school later this afternoon and each of the classes will get the opportunity to get a closer look and ask any questions they may have. And of course, this weekend is the Hunton Steam Gathering; school will have a stall on the Saturday and it would be lovely to see lots of families joining in with this local event.

Mr. Donaldson & Mr. Cope

Year 1 – Year 6 Visits

A big thanks to all the parents who have already contributed or returned consents for the Geography and Music visits later this term. Payments and consents are available via Parent Pay.

PTFA Meeting

The PTFA will be meeting on 16th September at 9.15am. If any parents, including those new to school, would like to get involved and help raise vital money for your children please let us know.

Pupil Leaders

Congratulations to all of the pupils who were democratically voted onto our Pupil Leadership Team for 2025/2026. A big 'well done' to Heath, Mary, Ralph, Faye, Ruby-Mai and Holly. They will be led by our Head Boy (Harry) and our Head Girl (Grace E). We're sure they will make a big difference to our school!

Parking

Just a reminder to please park with consideration – please do not park cars so they block the drives of houses!

Let's Celebrate!

See who has been awarded in Celebration Assembly this week!

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	Mrs. Dozēy	Mrs. Hollocks	Mr. Donaldson	Mrs. Tunmore	Miss Weeks	Mrs. Kawai-Calderhead	Mr. Cope
Care – Aspire – Excel Awards	Elizabeth	Ralph	Charlotte	Erin	Max	Grace E	Bill
	Robin Class (Rec/Y1)	Kingfisher Class (Y1 & Y2)		Goldfinch Class (Y3)	Partridge Class (Y4 & Y5)		Woodpecker Class (Y6)
Curriculum Award	Margot	Seb S		Tilly	Lacie		Charlie W
Aims Award	Charlie	Chloe		James	Pippa		Evie F
Team Points	Richmond						
Presentation Prize	William M						
Golden Spoon	Henry W						
Monarch	Bea						
Tidy Class	Goldfinch						

Diary Dates

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

When?	What?	Who?	How?
Tuesday 16 th September	Y4/5 Rivers Workshop	Y4/5	See newsletter
Thursday 25 th September	Phonics Information Event @ 4pm – Rec Parents	Y1	Information sent
Monday 29 th September	Yorkshire Dales Visit (Year 6)	Y6	Information to follow
Tuesday 30 th September	Richmond Visit (Year 3)	Y3	Information to follow
Tuesday 30 th September	River Swale Visit (Year 4 & 5)	Y4/5	Information to follow
Thursday 2 nd October	Bedale Visit (Year 1 & 2)	Y1/2	Information to follow
Thursday 2 nd October	Glasshouse Gateshead Visit (Year 4,5 & 6)	Y4/5/6	Information to follow
Thursday 9 th October	Phonics Information Event @ 4pm – Y1 Parents	Y1	Information to follow
Friday 10 th October	Individual Photographs	All	See newsletter
Friday 10 th October	Design Technology Parent Event @ 2.45pm	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 15 th October	Football Event @ Colburn Sports Hall	TBC	Information to follow
Wednesday 15 th October	Parents' Evening – 4.00-6.00pm	All	Information to follow
Thursday 16 th October	Harvest Festival @ 2.30pm	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 22 nd October	Cross Country @ Richmond School (Key Stage 2)	KS2	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
Friday 7 th November	Festival of Remembrance @ Ripon Cathedral	TBC	Information to follow
Tuesday 18 th November	Y3/4 NERF Festival @ Richmond 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

Around the Classes...

Robin Class: This week, we have enjoyed celebrating being 'unique', with our key text 'Only One You'. We thought about all the things we like, and how we are all different - and that's ok! In exploring time, the children have enjoyed creating lots of large models with the blocks - farm buildings, bridges, shops and cars...just to name a few! In Maths, we have enjoyed the book 'How to Count to ONE' and sorting '1' & 'Not 1'. The children have thoroughly enjoyed this and I can see we have some eager mathematicians already! A fantastic second week full of learning!

Kingfisher Class: It has been another super week in Kingfisher Class. The children have settled further into our new routines and we are proud of how they are all progressing. This week, we have focussed on number and letter formation (always remembering to 'start on the line!') In Maths, we have thought about how to represent numbers in numerals and words, with Year 1 working to 20 and Year 2 working to 100. We've also loved starting our Geography learning – finding out more about Bedale, and investigating living things in Science!

Goldfinch Class: Proud is an understatement! Goldfinch Class have all aspired, excelled and cared this week. They have given every lesson their all and set themselves high standards especially with their presentation of work. We have had our first cricket PE lesson on the village green, all remembering our school rule 'be safe'. In English, we performed (with instruments) the poem, 'Jim: A Cautionary Tale' a noisy but tuneful performance. Maths has seen us write 3-digit numbers using words and pictures and Geography has begun with the enquiry question, 'How has my local environment changed over time?' which will lead us to a fieldwork trip to Richmond in the near future.

Partridge Class: We have had a packed week with lots of new lessons and learning! Partridges started their Geography topic of 'Rivers' by writing a creative account, pretending to be the River Swale and describing the route from source to mouth. In Science, the children have started learning about teeth and we have had a brilliant start to PE, always being 'Happy & Healthy'! The children have settled into new routines incredibly well and are working hard with their presentation – a great start to the year for everyone.

Woodpecker Class: Woodpeckers have had another great week to kick off the year. In Maths, we have been using the 'Ring of Fire' to help us round numbers to varying degrees of accuracy and we have also deepened our understanding of negative numbers. In English, we have been learning about different types of nouns, identifying them in sentences and applying them to our own writing – we found some great collective nouns for different animals! In P.E., we have continued to apply our cricket skills and in Geography, we used atlases to locate some of the key counties and cities across the U.K. Well done to all of the children for an excellent week!

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.