



Hunton & Arrathorne Community Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 13th February 2026

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe we are halfway through the academic year – this half term has been great. It began with our Year 3 / 4 visit to Parliament and has ended with a great exhibition at Richmond Station. With such fantastic events, it is easy to lose sight of the brilliant behaviour and learning which happens each and every day at Hunton and Arrathorne.

Although we have no Celebration Assembly this week, we do have lots to celebrate! It has been a great half term in school and with lighter days on the way (and hopefully some spring weather) the build up to Easter will certainly be lots of fun. There are many events to look forward to including the Spring Concert, a residential visit for Upper Key Stage 2 and our (always brilliant) Easter Labyrinth – as well as lots of other great Easter events.

Our Pupil Leadership Team have also been busy this week; they held a 'guess how many sweets in the jar' fundraiser on Thursday morning. There was a total of 201 sweets in the jar and the winner with the closest guess was Albie! We are delighted to have made £30, which will be added to our termly fundraising total and donated to the RNLI as we continue to be change makers.

We hope you have a fantastic half-term holiday. School re-opens on Monday 23rd February.

Mr. Donaldson and Mr. Cope

Writing Prizes

This week, each class has completed a mid-year independent write. We do two of these 'writing challenges' over the year to see how each child's writing has progressed over time. Handwriting and presentation are very important to us, and, before she left our Governing Body in the summer, Mrs. Smeeton kindly donated 'Handwriting Prizes' (one for each key stage) to be awarded to a child with beautiful handwriting. We will be announcing the winners shortly!

Parents' Evening

You will have hopefully have seen overleaf that the date for Parents' Evening has changed. It will now be held a week earlier on Wednesday 18th March. Letters will follow after half term.

Spring Concert

We hope you can join us for our 'Spring Concert' on Wednesday 25th February at 9.10am. The event will take place outdoors so please dress appropriately! Each class will perform songs they have learnt in Singing Assembly, as well as some special compositions they have worked on in their music lessons. It is always a fantastic occasion!

Carlton Lodge

Our Year 5 and 6 children will be visiting Carlton Lodge for their residential on the Thursday and Friday after half term. We know the children are going to have a great time. Final details were sent home this week – please let us know if you did not receive.

Pupil Leaders

It has been a great week for our Year 6 pupil leaders! Firstly, Bea (our Eco Lead) led a super assembly on Monday all about climate change with input from each class. Then, Rafe and Harry (in their role as ICT Leads) created and delivered 'Internet Safety Day' workshops for each class to enjoy on Tuesday as part of Internet Safety Day.

Art Exhibition

Our exhibition at Richmond Station is now installed and will be available for public viewing until February 25th. Please do pop in over the half-term break to admire the fantastic art outcomes. All children have some work on show and there is a 'comments book' – please let us know if you have been and viewed the gorgeous work!

Let's Celebrate!

There is no Celebration Assembly this week due to Year 1 – Year 6 having their 'Speak Out, Stay Safe' workshops.

Diary Dates

Please keep checking the dates below as some may change at short notice! Please note the Music Morning will now take place in the summer term.

When?	What?	Who?	How?
Thursday 12 th February	Richmond Station Art Exhibition	All	Information sent
Friday 13 th February	School Closes for Half Term	All	See newsletter
Monday 23 rd February	School Opens	All	See newsletter
Wednesday 25 th February	Spring Concert @ 9am	All	Information sent
26 th – 27 th February	Y5/6 Residential to Carlton Lodge	Y5/6	Information sent
Thursday 26 th February	RSE Parent Drop-in @ 1pm	All	See newsletter
W/C Monday 2 nd March	Book Week	All	Information sent
Tuesday 3 rd March	Class Photographs	All	See newsletter
Friday 6 th March	'Big Read' @9.00am	All	Information sent
Monday 9 th March	Y3 Visit to Piercebridge Roman Fort	Y3	Information to follow
Wednesday 11th March	Music Parent Drop-ins @ 2.45pm	All	Information to follow
Monday 16 th March	Easter Film Night	All	Information to follow
Tuesday 17th March	Easter Craft Night	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 18 th March	Parents' Evening – 3.30pm – 7pm	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 25 th March	Easter Treasure Hunt	All	Information to follow
Thursday 26 th March	Easter Labyrinth	All	Information to follow
Friday 27 th March	School Closes for Easter Holiday	All	See newsletter
Tuesday 14 th April	School Opens for Summer Term	All	See newsletter
W/C Monday 11 th May	Y6 SATS Week Begins	Y6	Information to follow
Friday 22 nd May	School Closes for Half Term	All	See newsletter
Monday 1 st June	School Opens	All	See newsletter

Around the Classes...

Robin Class: Wow what an end to the first half of the spring term! We have learnt so much this half term, including learning all about space! We have extended our writing to begin to write captions and short sentences, developed our handwriting amazingly and finished off learning all about 2D and 3D shapes! This week, we have enjoyed art week and making marks to music using a range of media. We have also been using nature-inspired paints and brushes to create 'mud paintings'. Another amazing half term. Well done Robin Class - have a very well deserved rest. 😊

Kingfisher Class: What a great end to the half term! In Maths, we have continued our investigations into measures by investigating mass. Year 2 have been investigating kilograms and grams, whilst Year 1 have used non-standard measures to weigh objects found in our classroom! In English, we have enjoyed showcasing how far our writing has come in our extended writing challenge. We have also really enjoyed art week. We have thought carefully about primary and secondary colours to create super outcomes using paint. Well done Kingfisher Class!

Goldfinch Class: We loved starting the week off with an assembly all about 'Climate Action' and sharing our knowledge about earthquakes. Internet Safety Day was interesting and gave us all a great insight about ways in which we can keep safe online. We've all been inspired and became creators during art week, our artist focus was Henri Rousseau, we got very messy with pastels! We wrote our very own narrative about a castle; the creativeness was flowing! We have also managed to complete our class text, The Iron Man which the children have really enjoyed. Have a wonderful break!

Partridge Class: It's 'Art Week' and Partridges have had a brilliant time exploring painting & mixed media through portraits. We began the week exploring Piet Mondrian and his abstract style, recreating 'Composition 1'. They even created their own mixed media compositions, using a range of resources and materials! We have also been creating our own stories in our independent writing challenge – I was so impressed with their original ideas. Well done Partridges, I hope you all have a restful half-term break!

Woodpecker Class: We have definitely been 'creators' in our final week of the half term. In English, we have been completing some independent writing based on an image, using our imaginations to take our stories wherever we wanted. The children took a lot of care with their work and the final products were great. In Art, we have been analysing famous artwork from various artists, using key vocabulary to help critique it before creating some artwork of our own. And finally, we have continued exploring decimals in Maths, understanding place value of numbers with three decimal places – our fractions, decimals and percentages work will continue after half-term!

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.