



Hunton & Arrathorne Community Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 27th February 2026

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope you enjoyed the half-term break. The children have returned with a super attitude to their learning and it has been a pleasure to visit each class.

We hope you also managed to visit Richmond Station to enjoy the art exhibition – it has been lovely to hear so many wonderful comments about the children’s art work. Equally, it was great to see so many of you at the ‘Spring Concert’ on Wednesday.

This morning we visited the Year 5 and 6 children at Carlton Lodge where they are taking part in their outdoor pursuits residential. They are all challenging themselves as risk-takers and embracing the time away from home. We’re sure they will come back with many stories of their adventures and memories, which will last a lifetime! A big thank you to Mrs. Kawai-Calderhead, Miss Weeks and Mrs. Donnelly for taking time away from their own families to give the children such a wonderful experience.

Have a restful weekend,
Mr. Donaldson and Mr. Cope

Governors’ Corner

I visited school this week to monitor Safeguarding in school. Mr. Donaldson and Mr. Cope explained to me the monitoring that they do in school and the records they keep.

I also spoke to some of the children. They spoke to me confidently about how safe they feel in school and the ways in which the staff keep them safe.

Louise Wyatt
Safeguarding Governor

Book Week

Next week is one of our favourite weeks of the year – Book Week. The week begins on Monday with our **Book Fair and ‘Book Bake Off’** – we are excited to see the children’s wonderful creations, they are always breathtaking!

We will then celebrate with other exciting events in school: our Reading Ambassadors will perform a special story-time, we will join a live lesson and teachers will swap classes for story time!

The week will end on Friday as we welcome grown-ups to join us for **‘The Big Read’** at 2.30 – do pop in to share a book with your child!

Let’s Celebrate!

See who has been awarded in Celebration Assembly this week!

	Mrs. Dozēy	Mrs. Hollocks	Mr. Donaldson	Mrs. Tunmore / Mrs. Gregory	Miss Weeks	Mrs. Kawai-Calderhead	Mr. Cope
Care – Aspire – Excel Awards	Margot	William M	Bill	James			Bernard
	Robin Class (Rec/Y1)	Kingfisher Class (Y1 & Y2)		Goldfinch Class (Y3)	Partridge Class (Y4 & Y5)		Woodpecker Class (Y6)
Curriculum Award	James	Lottie	Erin				
Aims Award	Heath	Lucas	Lily				
Team Points	Bolton						
Presentation Prize	Tai						
Golden Spoon	Thomas D						
Monarch	Bertie						
Tidy Class	Reception						

Calendar Update

I would just like to draw your attention to the following changes, which we have made to the diary dates. Firstly, the class photographs have had to be rescheduled due to a timetable clash and will be rescheduled for later in the year – likely in the summer term. The music drop-ins have been superseded by the Spring Concert, so will not take place in March as originally planned. And finally, the 'Easter Craft Night' has also been replaced with three Easter Craft after-school clubs this half-term. We will remove them from the calendar next week. Sorry for any inconvenience caused!

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?
W/C Monday 2 nd March	Book Week	All	Information sent
Tuesday 3rd March	Class Photographs	All	See newsletter
Friday 6 th March	'Big Read' @2.30pm	All	Information sent
Monday 9 th March	Y3 Visit to Piercebridge Roman Fort	Y3	Information sent
Wednesday 11th March	Music Parent Drop-ins @ 2.45pm	All	Information to follow
Friday 13 th March	Non-Uniform Day (Easter Eggs)	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 18th March	Parents' Evening – 3.30pm – 7pm	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 25 th March	Easter Treasure Hunt	All	Information sent
Thursday 26 th March	Easter Labyrinth	All	Information sent
Friday 27 th March	Decorated Egg Competition	All	Information sent
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: This week, we have immersed ourselves in learning about Chinese New Year. We have learnt lots of traditions including red being the colour of good luck and fortune! We also enjoyed reading the story 'The Great Race' and finding out which animal represents the year, we were born! We made our own dragon with Mrs. Donnelly (which we used for a performance to the rest of the school), made lucky money wallets and enjoyed our story of the week 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' - which linked well with the animals from the 'Great Race'!

Kingfisher Class: We have continued to investigate measures in our Maths lessons – turning our attention to capacity. Year 1 have been investigating the vocabulary of measure, whilst Year 2 learn to read scales. We finished the week by creating some delicious mocktails using our measuring skills. In English, we have launched our new learning into The Great Fire of London and enjoyed finding out more about London landmarks. We were also very impressed with the children's performances at the Spring Concert.

Goldfinch Class: We have had hard-working week. In our Maths lessons, we have focused on developing our understanding of 3D shapes by constructing them using modelling materials and getting to grips with vocabulary such as faces, edges and vertices. In English, we have continued to read the story of 'The Barnabus Project' and used this to plan and write our own dialogue between characters focussing on use of speech punctuation and synonyms for 'said'. Goldfinch Class have been taught by Mrs Gregory for some of this week who has been very happy with their behaviour and attitudes!

Partridge Class: This week, we began exploring our new Anglo-Saxon topic and the children shone in our Spring Concert performance. Our Year 5s enjoyed an exciting adventure at Carlton Lodge, trying lots of new activities and really living out our 'risk-takers' curriculum aim. We were all very proud of them! Meanwhile, the Year 4 children worked alongside our Year 3 children for the end of the week, developing their knowledge of shape in Maths, learning more about London through reading and enjoying some hockey/dodgeball in P.E.

Woodpecker Class: A rather different week for our Woodpeckers this week! The children have excelled in various ways, including our Spring Concert performance as well as completing some practice SATs; beginning with an arithmetic paper (we will continue these next week). And of course, our residential trip to Carlton Lodge where the children not only behaved brilliantly, but really pushed themselves throughout the various outdoor and adventurous activities on offer. A brilliant week and they will definitely sleep well tonight!

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.