



Hunton & Arrathorne Community Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 9th January 2026

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! We hope everyone enjoyed a relaxing and fun-filled Christmas break. Returning for a new year in school is always exciting and feels fresh – as we await the arrival of spring we have lots to look forward to!

Despite this being a short week due to our staff training on Monday, we have squeezed in two extra-curricular visits. On Wednesday, Partridge and Kingfisher Class visited the Hindu temple on Catterick Garrison. Visiting a place of worship regularly is a key part of our school's approach to Religious Education. Goldfinch and Woodpecker Class will also be visiting a place of worship (a Sikh Gurdwara) later in the month. As well as our RE visit, our Year 3 and 4 children spent the day in London yesterday visiting the Houses of Parliament. Again, this is a key part of our broader PSHE and British Values work – it is always a day the children enjoy tremendously and as always, we are incredibly proud of how well all of the children conduct themselves when out on visits.

Around the classrooms, the children have settled back into routines incredibly well and their hard-working attitudes from last term have definitely continued into this. It is always a pleasure to walk around school and see such great learning taking place in each class; I am sure this will continue throughout the term.

Have a lovely weekend after such a busy first week back!

Mr. Donaldson & Mr. Cope

Hello & Welcome

A big H&A welcome to Finn who has joined Robin Class this week. We hope he and his family are made to feel very welcome!

We also say 'hello' to Miss Mallett, a student teacher, who will be working closely with Mrs. Dozēy and completing her teaching practice in Reception over the next few months.

September 2026 Admissions

The deadline for applying for a school place is rapidly approaching -15th January 2026. If you require a place for September, please remember to visit the online portal of the North Yorkshire Council website <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-admissions/starting-primary-school-and-junior-school> and complete the required information.

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	Finn P	Jessica	Charlie W	Ivo	Pippa	Grace S	Rose	
	Robin Class (Rec/Y1)	Kingfisher Class (Y1 & Y2)		Goldfinch Class (Y3)		Partridge Class (Y4 & Y5)		Woodpecker Class (Y6)
Curriculum Award	Angus	Indi		James		Henry W		Evie
Aims Award	Amelia	Siena		Beatrice		Kirsty		River
Team Points	Middleham							
Presentation Prize	Edward							
Golden Spoon	Thomas R							
Monarch	Kirsty							
Tidy Class	Goldfinch							

Y6 SATs Information Meeting

On Thursday 22nd January, we will hold an information session for parents of children in Year 6 about their upcoming SATs, which take place in May. The session will begin at 4:30pm and will last approximately twenty minutes. We will discuss things we are doing in school to support the children as well as things you can do at home to help. All information will also be sent home.

Play-time Plea!

We are, once again, re-stocking our popular 'Aims Sheds' which the children use at breaktimes. If anyone has any donations of tarpaulins or short drainpipe offcuts, which they do not have, use for, we would be very grateful! Equally, any metal homeware (pots, pans, baking trays, teapots etc.) would be gratefully received.

Carlton Lodge Parent Meeting

Our Year 5 and 6 children are very excited about their residential visit to Carlton Lodge at the end of February. We have organised for Judith, from Carlton Lodge, to visit school on Thursday 5th February at 4.30pm to provide an information session for parents. This will be hosted in conjunction with school staff who will be able to answer any questions and give further information about the trip. If you are unable to attend, we will send the information home after the meeting.

Diary Dates

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

When?	What?	Who?	How?
Thursday 22 nd January	Y6 SATs Information Evening	Y6	Information sent
Wednesday 28 th January	Y3 & Y6 Visit to Sikh Gurdwara, Darlington	GF, WPK	Information sent
Monday 2 nd February	Wellbeing Week	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 4 th February	RE Parent Drop-ins @ 9am	All	Information to follow
Thursday 5 th February	Y5/6 Carlton Lodge Parents Meeting @ 4.30pm	Y5/6	Information to follow
Tuesday 10 th February	Internet Safety Day	All	See newsletter
Thursday 12 th February	Richmond Station Art Exhibition	All	Information to follow
Friday 13 th February	Mid-Year Reports Home	All	See newsletter
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 to follow
26 th – 27 th February	Y5/6 Residential to Carlton Lodge	Y5/6	Information sent
W/C Monday 2 nd March	Book Week	All	Information to follow
Friday 6 th March	'Big Read' @9.00am	All	Information to follow
Monday 9 th March	Y3 Visit to Piercebridge Roman Fort	Y3	Information to follow
Wednesday 11 th March	Music Parent Drop-ins @ 2.45pm	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 25 th March	Parents' Evening 3.30-7.00pm	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

Around the Classes...

There are no class updates this week – please look out for an email from Arbor with the spring term newsletter for each class, which contains a full breakdown for each curriculum area.

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.