



Hunton & Arrathorne Community Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 20th March 2026

Dear Parents,

It was wonderful to see so many of you at Parents' Evening on Wednesday. I know the teaching staff appreciated the opportunity to share your children's progress with you, and it was great to hear so many positive comments. Next week, we will welcome Sue Marshall (our School Improvement Adviser) from North Yorkshire Council into school. She will be reviewing our inclusion work and we can't wait to showcase our inclusive provision, which we are very proud of.

We have been lucky enough to spend some time watching Maths lessons across school this week. It was wonderful to see the children's enthusiasm for Maths and the teachers and support staff create some great opportunities to make learning come alive.

We have just one week left of this term. School closes for the Easter holiday on Friday 27th March, and children return on Tuesday 14th April for the summer term (it is hard to believe it is almost summer in school!).

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

Easter Treasure Hunt

A great time was had by all at our Easter Film Night on Monday. Next Wednesday, we will hold our 'Easter Treasure Hunt'. If you'd like your child to join in the fun, please send permission and payment slips into the School Office.

Easter Labyrinth

There are some limited slots available for our Easter Labyrinth on Thursday. Please do get in touch with Mrs. Godlee if you'd like to attend. Each class have been busily preparing for the event and you're definitely in for a treat as you journey through Holy Week!

Easter Egg Raffle

Don't forget, tickets for our Easter Egg Raffle will be on sale from next Monday after school for £2 a strip. The raffle will be drawn in a special assembly on the last day of term. Thank you for your support with fundraising!

Egg Decorating Competition

Our annual 'Egg Decorating Competition' will take place on Friday. Children are welcome to bring in an egg-citing egg-themed creation. This year the theme is 'Film and Television'. Please bring eggs in on Friday 27th March – there will be prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place within each class.

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	Thomas	Lucas	Lottie	Margot	Max	Grace E	Holly
	Robin Class (Rec/Y1)	Kingfisher Class (Y1 & Y2)	Goldfinch Class (Y3)	Partridge Class (Y4 & Y5)	Woodpecker Class (Y6)		
Curriculum Award	Amelia	Chloe	Faye	Abi	Harry		
Aims Award	Charlie	Amelia E	Evie	Tai	Grace S		
Team Points	Richmond						
Presentation Prize	Amelia E						
Golden Spoon	Charlie W						
Monarch	Elizabeth						
Tidy Class	Kingfisher						

Governors' Corner

My name is Leanne Hyde and I have recently been elected as a parent governor. I have lived in the village for the past two years but lived in the local area since I was a child. I have two children, Amelia who is in Robin Class and Jack who will hopefully be joining school in September. I am a qualified teacher in a mainstream school in North Shields and I specialise in supporting children and their families who have special educational needs. Outside of school, my hobby is Flyball (a relay race for dogs!) which I have competed in with my dogs for nearly 20 years!

Leanne Hyde, Parent Governor

Around the Classes...

Robin Class: This week, we have enjoyed spending lots of time outside - enjoying story time and snack time in particular as well as lots of provision exploring. In our Drawing Club text 'We're going on an Egg Hunt', we have been drawing maps and writing sentences - we are working really hard at developing our fantastic handwriting and fundamental skills such as pencil grip and letter formation! In Forest School, we have been thinking about what is behind the hidden door from our story 'The Old Toy Room' and creating our own big door.

Kingfisher Class: We have had a very busy week! We have completed our termly assessments in reading and mathematics and the children have worked very hard. In Phonics, Year 1 are enjoying 'growing the code' (learning alternative graphemes for sounds) and Year 2 are continuing to develop spelling strategies. We have thought carefully about whether we would prefer to attend school in the 1930s or now in History, and in Science, we have investigated the signs of spring. It was great to see so many of you at Parents' Evening on Wednesday – thank you for supporting your child's learning.

Goldfinch Class: We have been very inquisitive this week! In Science, we finalised our 'mouldy' experiment whilst in History, we have continued to deepen our learning about what artefacts suggest about the lives of Roman soldiers in Britain. We have enjoyed reading as historians and finding out the meaning of Latin words – ask us what 'Salve' means! We have been extremely creative in our PE lessons as we have explored dance; we could be on 'Strictly Come Dancing' with our moves! It was a pleasure to spend time with you at Parents' Evening – thank you for your time.

Partridge Class: Partridges have had a fab week this week, learning all about angles in Maths and tackling some really tricky questions, including finding missing angles in quadrilaterals and in different types of triangles. The children were creators in Computing and had a great time using their coding knowledge from previous lessons to help them create their own quizzes. We have also thoroughly enjoyed practicing our Easter Labyrinth performance ready for you all to see next week!

Woodpecker Class: Another busy week for the Woodpeckers! In Maths, we have finally completed our fractions, decimals and percentages unit and have now moved onto algebra, exploring how letters and symbols can be used to represent numbers. The children have loved our 'Grimm Tales' stories which have been the focus of our English lessons and we are preparing to write our own versions which I am sure will be incredibly 'grim'! We had an exciting afternoon on Wednesday as we had a virtual visit with a faith leader, which was incredibly insightful. Finally, thanks to everyone who joined us on Wednesday evening for Parents' Evening; it's always a pleasure to discuss how well the children are doing!

Diary Dates

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

When?	What?	Who?	How?
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
Wednesday 20 th May	Whole School Visit – Himalayan Sculpture Garden	All	Information to follow
Thursday 21 st May	Year 6 Theatre Visit	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
Wednesday 8 th July	KS2 End of Year Production – 2pm and 6pm	KS2	Information to follow
Friday 17 th July	Leavers' Assembly	Y6	Information to follow
Friday 17 th July	End of Term	All	See newsletter

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.