



Hunton & Arrathorne Community Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 18th September 2026

Dear Parents,

It has been fantastic to have a full week in school and to fully establish routines and learning. We continue to be amazed by the progress the children make each day and it has been a pleasure to spend time in classes, talking to pupils and looking at their work with them – they have lots to be proud of. We couldn't be prouder of our Reception pupils and the way they have settled into school – each and every one of them is truly amazing! We look forward to welcoming their parents into school next Thursday to find out about their phonics journey.

Our new attendance initiatives such as 'Scores on the Doors' and 'Golden Tickets' have helped raise the profile of positive attendance across the school and we look forward to seeing the continued impact of them. Next week, we also have our European Day of Languages celebrations to look forward to on Friday.

Thank you for your continued support and have an enjoyable weekend,

Mr. Donaldson & Mr. Cope

Phonics Event – Reception Parents

We would like to invite Reception parents into school on Thursday 24th September at 4.30pm for an information event about your child's phonics journey and how you can support this at home. Phonics is a highly important part of our school curriculum and we would encourage all parents to attend. If you are unable to make the event, please do let us know so alternative arrangements can be made.

Reception 2027 Open Morning

On Saturday 10th October, we will be holding an Open Morning for prospective parents and pupils who wish to look around our school for September 2027 entry, between 10.00-11.30am. The morning will include the opportunity to explore our Reception classroom, enjoy a tour of the school and meet key-staff. Please do spread the word to any families you think may be interested.

You can sign up via the link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HS6R7MC>

'Hunton Heroes' Workshop

Our Key Stage 2 'Hunton Heroes' (service pupils) will be working with Angela Campbell, Service Pupil Champion for North Yorkshire Council, on Thursday afternoon.

During the afternoon, they will be working in groups to complete some collaborative art.

Let's Celebrate!

See who has been awarded in Celebration Assembly this week!

	Mrs. Dozēy	Mrs. Hollocks	Mr. Donaldson	Mr. Cope	Mrs. Wilson	Mrs. Tunmore	Miss Weeks
Care – Aspire – Excel Awards	Arabella S	Amelia C	Hermione H	Bernard P-B	Albie G	Margot D	Henry W
	Robin Class	Kingfisher Class	Goldfinch Class	Partridge Class	Woodpecker Class		
Curriculum Award	Aurea B	Heath S	Nancy D	Beatrice E	Rose F		
Aims Award	Ruby L	Elizabeth H	Emilia L	Aggie A	Max C		
Team Points	Bolton						
Monarch of Manners	Finn S						
No Outsiders Award	Seren M						
Tidy Classroom	Kingfishers						



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European Day of Languages

Next Friday, we will be celebrating 'European Day of Languages' in school. During the afternoon, each class will be finding out about French culture as part of our regular 'French Fridays' and working towards a collaborative display to showcase our learning. We will be hosting a pop-up 'Croissant Shop' at breaktime with croissants available for 50p and pupils are welcome to come into school wearing red, white and blue!

SEND

If your child has SEND (Special Educational Needs & Disabilities) or are worried about their academic or social progress, Mrs. Cromey-Hawke (our SENDCo) is available on the playground on either a Thursday morning or afternoon. Please feel free to 'drop in' and speak to her on one of these occasions – she would be more than happy to chat to you about any questions or queries you have.

Email Contacts

Please could we politely ask that all parents check their Junk / Clutter inboxes and allow emails from Arbor to come into their main inbox? You will either receive emails from the School Office directly, or from teachers and leaders via Arbor so it is important that your email allows access to both.

Hunton Heroes (Service Pupils)

Mrs. Wilson has taken over the role of our Service Pupil Champion from Mrs. Kennedy and is the first point of contact for our service families, should they have any questions or queries related to pastoral or deployment needs. She will be writing to families shortly. Please also remember that families can use the huntonheroes@huntonarrathorne.n-yorks.sch.uk to contact her directly.

Around the Classes...

Robin Class: This week, we have started our Phase 2 Phonics sessions - wow! The children have done so well showing fantastic enthusiasm, listening and attention – they have been so eager to learn! Our key text 'Only One You' has sparked lots of discussions around being 'unique' and having 'courage' to be different. In maths, we have been looking at what subitising is and how we can use our 'fast eyes to subitise'. We are extremely proud how quickly (and how well) the children have settled into routines, made new friendships and grown in confidence in such a short space of time! Well done Robin Class!

Kingfisher Class: It has been a busy week in Kingfisher Class. We have enjoyed reading more of Stanley's Stick and using this to write our own questions. In maths, we have explored 'one more' and 'one less'. We have had our first geography lesson, exploring maps and investigating what geography is. We have experimented with colour in art, mixing white to primary colours to create our own Mondrian inspired paintings. A great week for all of the children!

Goldfinch Class: The children have continued to settle brilliantly into their new class and we have been so impressed by their learning behaviours. We have been re-telling the story of Goldilocks, orally to begin and then in writing, and the children are working incredibly hard with their handwriting. In maths, we have continued to develop our knowledge of place value with 2-digit numbers, exploring different representations and patterns. We started our new geography unit which will see us compare the local town of Richmond with the village of Hunton whilst in science, we have started to explore how animals change as they get older. Well done to all of the children – have a lovely weekend!

Partridge Class: What a super start to the year for Partridge Class! We've settled in beautifully, following school rules and working to a great standard. We have enjoyed our new unit of rugby in PE lessons on the village green whilst in English, we have introduced 'Cinderella of the Nile' with lots of work on conjunctions to help expand our sentences. We started science with an exciting experiment; ask us about the eggs! Our handwriting got off to a 'drawing' start...which led us nicely into art, all about Pablo Picasso! Wow, what a week!

Woodpecker Class: The children have returned with brilliant attitudes and we have had a great first two weeks back. In maths, we have been developing our understanding of place value with numbers up to ten million, including some flexible partitioning! In English, we have been basing our work on 'Otto: Autobiography of a Teddy Bear' and have spent most of the week writing our own newspaper reports about Teddy saving G.I. Charlie. We have started our new geography unit with lesson one being all about why people may choose to visit the Yorkshire Dales while in science, we had great fun with some practical work, making our own models of blood using water, food colouring, cereal and marshmallows to represent the four key components of blood.

Diary Dates

Please see page 3 for the usual 'Diary Dates'.



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Diary Dates

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

When?	What?	Who?	How?
Thursday 24 th September	'Hunton Heroes' Art Workshop	H-H	See newsletter
Thursday 24 th September	Phonics Information Evening 4.30– Reception Parents	REC	Information sent
Friday 25 th September	European Day of Languages	All	Information sent
Monday 28 th September	Richmond Visit (Goldfinch Class)	Goldfinch	Information to follow
Thursday 1 st October	Yorkshire Dales Visit (Woodpecker Class)	W'Pecker	Information to follow
Friday 2 nd October	River Swale Visit (Partridge Class)	Partridge	Information to follow
Saturday 10 th October	Reception 2027 Open Morning	All	See newsletter
Tuesday 13 th October	School Photographs (Individuals & Siblings)	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 14 th October	Phonics Information Evening 4.30pm – Y1 Parents	Y1	Information to follow
Friday 16 th October	Design Technology Parent Open Event @ 2.30pm	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 21 st October	Halloween Film Night	All	Information to follow
Thursday 22 nd October	Harvest Festival @ 2.30pm	All	Information to follow
Thursday 22 nd October	School Closes for October Half-Term	All	See newsletter
Friday 23 rd October	School Closed – CPD Day	All	See newsletter
Monday 2 nd November	School Opens	All	See newsletter
Wednesday 4 th November	Yorkshire Wildlife Park Visit – KS1	KS1	Information to follow
Monday 9 th November	Festival of Remembrance @ Ripon Cathedral	H-H KS2	Information to follow
Wednesday 11 th November	Parents' Evening	All	Information to follow
Monday 16 th November	Odd Socks Day / Anti-Bullying Week	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 18 th November	Maths Information Event @ 2.30 – Reception Parents	REC	Information to follow
Thursday 19 th November	Torchlight Treasure Hunt @ 5.00pm	All	Information to follow
Friday 20 th November	Big Read @ 2.30pm	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 2 nd December	Christmas Fair @ 3.30pm	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 9 th December	Reception & KS1 Nativity @ 2.00 and 6.00pm	REC/KS1	Information to follow
Thursday 10 th December	Christmas Film Night	All	Information to follow
Tuesday 15 th December	Pantomime @ Darlington Hippodrome	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 16 th December	Christingle @ St Patrick's Church, Patrick Brompton	All	Information to follow
Friday 18 th December	School Closes for Christmas Holiday	All	See newsletter
Monday 4 th January	School Closed – CPD Day	All	See newsletter
Tuesday 5 th January	School Opens	All	See newsletter
Thursday 4 th & Friday 5 th Feb	Y5/6 London Residential	Y5/6	Information sent

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.