



# Hunton & Arrathorne Community Primary School

## Newsletter

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2026

Dear Parents,

It has been another super week in school. We had a particularly busy day yesterday as we welcomed Angela Campbell (the North Yorkshire Service Children's Champion) who worked with our Key Stage 2 'Hunton Heroes', as well as Reception parents for the Phonics Information Evening. Reading is such a fundamental part of children's early learning journey and parental support is important.

We have been working very hard on our behaviour expectations this week – reminding children of what makes outstanding learners. There have been many House Points given out as we celebrate all of the great things our children do. Celebration Assembly is another highlight of our week where we celebrate achievements. It is lovely to see parents joining us – you are very welcome. Please be aware, however, that it is sometimes necessary to hold the assembly inside due to the weather, or hold the assembly at different times of the day due to events in school.

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

### Geography Fieldwork Visits

There are lots of exciting Geography visits for our Year 2 – Year 6 children happening next week – Richmond, Leyburn and the River Swale await! Please could you ensure you have given consent on Parent Pay for your child to take part in the visits if you haven't already?

### Open Morning 2027 Starters

On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> 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>

### Morning Routines

Please remember that, for safeguarding reasons, we do not allow parents onto the playground in the morning. It also means that learning in all classes can get off to a prompt start.

Members of staff wait for the children on all doors and Mr. Donaldson and Mr. Cope are always available on the playground should your child require additional support or assistance.

### 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 | Clemmie     | Charlie          | Max C           | Lottie          | Albie            | Ivo          | Lacie-Mae  |
|                              | Robin Class | Kingfisher Class | Goldfinch Class | Partridge Class | Woodpecker Class |              |            |
| Curriculum Award             | Nova        | Finn             | Lottie          | Finn            | Kirsty           |              |            |
| Aims Award                   | Iris        | Grace            | Oskar           | Lucas           | Kai              |              |            |
| Team Points                  | Middleham   |                  |                 |                 |                  |              |            |
| Tidy of Classroom            | Goldfinch   |                  |                 |                 |                  |              |            |
| No Outsiders Award           | Rose        |                  |                 |                 |                  |              |            |
| Monarch                      | Fred        |                  |                 |                 |                  |              |            |

## Diary Dates

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

| When?                                                 | What?                                               | Who?      | How?                  |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> September                     | Richmond Visit (Goldfinch Class)                    | Goldfinch | Information to follow |
| Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> October                      | Yorkshire Dales Visit (Woodpecker Class)            | W'Pecker  | Information to follow |
| Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October                        | River Swale Visit (Partridge Class)                 | Partridge | Information to follow |
| Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> October                     | Reception 2027 Open Morning                         | All       | See newsletter        |
| Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> October                       | Jar Tombola                                         | All       | Information to follow |
| Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> October                       | Pumpkin Picking                                     | REC       | Information sent      |
| Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> October                      | School Photographs (Individuals & Siblings)         | All       | Information to follow |
| Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October                    | Phonics Information Evening 4.30pm – Y1 Parents     | Y1        | Information to follow |
| Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> October                       | Design Technology Parent Open Event @ 2.30pm        | All       | Information to follow |
| Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October                    | Halloween Film Night                                | All       | Information to follow |
| Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October                     | Harvest Festival @ 2.30pm                           | All       | Information to follow |
| Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October                     | School Closes for October Half-Term                 | All       | See newsletter        |
| Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October                       | School Closed – CPD Day                             | All       | See newsletter        |
| Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November                       | School Opens                                        | All       | See newsletter        |
| Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November                    | Yorkshire Wildlife Park Visit – KS1                 | KS1       | Information to follow |
| Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> November                       | Festival of Remembrance @ Ripon Cathedral           | H-H KS2   | Information to follow |
| Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November                   | Parents' Evening                                    | All       | Information to follow |
| Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> November                      | Odd Socks Day / Anti-Bullying Week                  | All       | Information to follow |
| Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> November                    | Torchlight Treasure Hunt @ 5.00pm                   | All       | Information to follow |
| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> November                      | Big Read @ 2.30pm                                   | All       | Information to follow |
| Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> November                   | Maths Information Event @ 2.30 – Reception Parents  | REC       | Information to follow |
| Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December                    | Christmas Fair @ 3.30pm                             | All       | Information to follow |
| Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December                    | Reception & KS1 Nativity @ 2.00 and 6.00pm          | REC/KS1   | Information to follow |
| Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> December                    | Christmas Film Night                                | All       | Information to follow |
| Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December                     | Pantomime @ Darlington Hippodrome                   | All       | Information to follow |
| Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December                   | Christingle @ St Patrick's Church, Patrick Brompton | All       | Information to follow |
| Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December                      | School Closes for Christmas Holiday                 | All       | See newsletter        |
| Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January                        | School Closed – CPD Day                             | All       | See newsletter        |
| Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January                       | School Opens                                        | All       | See newsletter        |
| Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> & Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb | Y5/6 London Residential                             | Y5/6      | Information sent      |

## Around the Classes...

**Robin Class:** This week, we have continued to think about similarities and differences, using our special items and discussing why they are special to us! Inspired by the children's enthusiasm and curiosity, we have had the 'best wedding yet', creating costumes, wedding cakes and a church for our ceremony. In Maths, we have focused on conceptional subitising (noticing smaller groups/pairs within a large set) and in PE, we have enjoyed the theme of mythical creatures as we develop our balancing skills.

**Kingfisher Class:** Another brilliant week in Kingfisher Class! The children have continued to work so hard and we are proud of the progress they are making. They have worked hard in English to create sentences about 'Stanley's Stick' and learnt about 'fewer', 'more than' and 'the same' in Maths. We have enjoyed mixing secondary colours in Art and Design and finding out about our local town and village in Geography.

**Goldfinch Class:** We have had a very busy week in Goldfinch Class this week! In Maths, we have been using number lines to help develop or knowledge of place value, starting with some practical learning outside before progressing onto marked and unmarked number lines in our books. In English, we have been writing letters of apology to the three bears using conjunctions to help extend our ideas. We have also enjoyed being creative in our Art, exploring the use of lines in hatching and cross-hatching patterns.

**Partridge Class:** Proud is an understatement! Partridge Class have aspired, excelled and cared this week; every lesson they have given their all and set themselves high standards, particularly focusing on presentation of work. In English, we have been using imperative verbs to create commands for Rhodopis whilst in Art, we have been using lines and shapes to create our own self-portraits. We have delved further into place value in Maths, problem solving with 3 and 4-digit numbers. In addition, in Geography, we have looked into the wildlife, which can be found by rivers, which will lead us to a fieldwork trip to Richmond next week!

**Woodpecker Class:** We have worked incredibly hard to further develop our rounding skills this week – it is a tricky concept but the children have shown great determination and we have made great progress. In English, we have been writing our own narratives all about a missing toy, focussing on our use of paragraphs and cohesive devices. We enjoyed creating our own brochures all about the Yorkshire Dales in Geography whilst in gymnastics, we have been using apparatus to perform our own sequences.

## 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.