



Hunton & Arrathorne Community Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 11th September 2026

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the first of this year's newsletters – and welcome to those of you receiving a newsletter for the first time. Our Friday newsletter is sent home weekly, and contains lots of news from in school as well as reminders and information about upcoming events. You will notice from the diary dates overleaf that it is already shaping up to be a very busy term. Please do take the time to read them carefully and cross-reference them with your own calendars – we hope providing you with dates in advance will be helpful and allow you to attend as many events as possible (although Christmas seems a while away in the September sunshine!). We have a lot to look forward to this academic year, both in terms of learning and enrichment opportunities – including a special event due to take place at the Georgian Theatre Royal in Richmond and our Year 5/6 residential to London in the spring.

It has been great to get back into routines and get cracking with lots of learning. We have been very impressed with the way all of the children have settled into their new classes – there is no doubt that our clear and consistent routines across school helps with this. It has also been brilliant to talk to the children about their adventures and memories from the long summer holiday – we hope you all enjoyed time together.

Our school continues to go from strength to strength and we feel very lucky to work in such a wonderful community. If you require any support or have any questions, we are both available before and after school most days. Alternatively, your child's class teacher is always available after school or by emailing or calling the school office.

Kind regards,
Mr. Donaldson & Mr. Cope

Hello & Welcome

We say a big H&A 'hello and welcome' to lots of new faces. Firstly, our new Reception children - Aurea, Iris, Jack, Clemmie, Lachlan, Fred, Nova, Grace, Hermione, Alex, Maisie, Ruby, Oscar, Arabella and Max – who have enjoyed a brilliant first week in school. We also welcome Cora into Year 1, alongside Ava and Ivy in Year 2. We are sure they, and their families, will be made to feel very welcome.

In the staff team, we welcome Mrs. Wilson (Year 2 Teacher); Mr. Anderson (Higher Level Teaching Assistant); Mrs. Fawcett (General Teaching Assistant) and Miss Salter (General Teaching Assistant). They have already really enhanced our team with their professionalism and skills and we can't wait to see them continue to develop. I'm sure everyone will make them feel welcome.

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							
	Robin Class	Kingfisher Class	Goldfinch Class	Partridge Class	Woodpecker Class		
Curriculum Award							
Aims Award							
Team Points							
No Outsiders Award							
Monarch							
Tidy Classroom							

Phonics Information Meetings

We would love to invite our Reception and Year 1 parents to a Phonics Information Evening. This event will help you learn more about your child's phonics and reading journey in Reception, or prepare for the Phonics Screening Check if they are in Year 1. The event for Reception parents takes place on Thursday 24th September at 4.30pm, and for Year 1 parents on Wednesday 14th October at 4.30pm. Please do try to join us if you can for these important meetings.

After-School Activities

Our after-school enrichment activities begin next week. Please do ask Mrs. Godlee for another copy if you did not receive the letter sent earlier in the week. We are lucky that we are able to offer such an exciting range of clubs.

Please remember that payments on Parent Pay are required to secure your child's place at after-school clubs.

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. If you have any problems, please let us know.

What is my child learning about in school?

Class newsletters and curriculum information have been sent home this week. Further information about what your child is learning can be found at www.huntonarrathorne.n-yorks.sch.uk/curriculum

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 to follow
Friday 25 th September	European Day of Languages	All	Information to follow
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
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
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.