



DISHFORTH C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

9th October 2026



HEADTEACHERS MESSAGE

Autumn is certainly beginning to make its presence felt this week, and we have been dodging the occasional rain shower! However, it has been lovely to still make the most of our school field. Over the coming weeks, we will continue to use the field for playtimes whenever the weather and ground conditions allow. If you would like to protect your child's school shoes from mud and wet grass, children are welcome to bring in an old pair of shoes to change into for outdoor playtimes.

Playtimes have also been extra exciting this week as we have introduced our new outdoor play equipment, kindly funded through the sponsorship following our visit from the Paralympian last term. The children have loved exploring the new additions, including stepping stones, wobble boards, cup stacking, beanbags and even sit-on scooters! It has been wonderful to see them sharing the equipment, trying new activities and working together through play.

Seeing the children so busy, active and happy has been a real highlight of the week. We are incredibly grateful for the support that has made these fantastic new resources possible, providing even more opportunities for our children to play, learn and enjoy time together.

Mrs Lacey

Apple

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This week in EYFS we have been learning the story of Little Rabbit Foo Foo. We have learned the repeating phrases and joined in with telling the story. In maths Reception have been learning about repeating patterns and nursery have continued their work on matching. We have enjoyed looking at the autumn colours on leaves and matching the colours when using oil pastels.



Rowan

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Rowan class have had another great week with lots of leafy learning. We have begun reading the book called "Leaf" and have really enjoyed finding out about the polar bear who got lost and then found his way home. Leaf made some wings out of leaves, so we decided to go outside and make some leaf creations outside in our outdoor learning time. We are very much looking forwards to making our wheeled vehicles with the 2l plastic bottles that we bring in on Monday.

Sycamore

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We have had another fantastic week in Sycamore! The children have thoroughly enjoyed creating their own train posters in History, where they have been developing their knowledge and creativity. In English, we have been busy writing the build-up to our Stone Age story, thinking carefully about how to engage the reader and build excitement. We also had a great PE lesson this week, developing our skills in tag rugby and learning more about positioning, teamwork and how to move effectively around the playing area. Well done, Sycamore, for another brilliant week of learning and enthusiasm!

Oak

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Oak Class have had a busy and exciting week. In Art, the children have been developing their amazing typography skills to create 3D maps featuring hidden messages. In PE, they have been practising their rugby skills. In History, the children have been exploring the lives of English monarchs through the years by creating timelines. In English, they have been using imagery and personification to bring their myths to life, developing their descriptive writing skills and creating engaging stories for their readers. Well done, Oak Class, for another fantastic week of learning!



CELEBRATING OUR SUCCESS!

STARS OF THE WEEK



Apple

Ozzie - has made a super start to reception and is making great progress with his name writing. Well done Ozzie!

Rowan

Leo - for his great listening and following instructions. What a Super Star! Well Done Leo!

Sycamore

Max - has worked really hard this week and we have been really impressed with his writing. Well done Max!

Oak

Oliver - for his amazing handwriting! He has worked so hard on this and his effort has well and truly paid off. Well done Oliver!!

VALUES AWARD

This week, Lilah nominated **Luna** for **Friendship** as she was kind and helped her make her model, in the junk modelling area. Well done Luna!



FRIDAY CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

The gate at KS2 side of the school will open at **2.40 pm**.
We look forward to welcoming you.

Apple (EYFS)	18th Sept	2nd Oct	16 th Oct
Rowan (Y1 & Y2)	25 th Sept	9th Oct	
Sycamore (Y3 & Y4)	18 th Sept	2nd Oct	16 th Oct
Oak (Y5 & Y6)	25 th Sept	9th Oct	

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

99.3%

97.1%

100%

95.8%

WOW

HARVEST ASSEMBLY

We are delighted to welcome you to our Harvest Assembly on **Thursday 15th October at 9.15am** in the **Village Hall**. We would be very grateful for donations to support Ripon Community Food Bank, particularly dried goods, tinned food and long-life milk. These donations are gratefully distributed to families in need across our local area, helping to make a real difference to those in our community. Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity. If you are joining us, **please park considerably in the village**.



MORE INFO & EVENTS

SCHOLASTIC CHRISTMAS BOOK CLUB

Our Christmas Scholastic Book Club is now up and running!

It's a **wonderful opportunity to pick up some lovely stocking fillers and Christmas presents** for the book lovers in your family, while also supporting our school library.

Simply follow the link below to browse the latest selection of books and **place your order online**. For every £1 you spend through this month's Book Club, our school will earn 20p in Scholastic Rewards, helping us to add even more exciting books to our school library. Thank you for supporting our school and helping us to inspire a love of reading!

Please place your online order by Friday 6th November 2026.



SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDER

We would be grateful if all parents could take a few moments to **check their children's school uniform**, particularly **jumpers**, as we currently have children missing items that are clearly named. Please could you check that any jumpers and other uniform items your child has at home belong to them, and return any items that do not to school. As a reminder, all school uniform should be clearly labelled with your child's name to help us reunite any lost items with their owners. Thank you for your support and cooperation!

BEST START IN LIFE – TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

Please take a look at the **training opportunities available through the Best Start in Life** portal and encourage parents to register for an account and use their login to book onto relevant courses. These resources provide **valuable support for families**.

Where there are concerns around neurodiversity, we would encourage parents to complete the relevant training before requesting support from an Early Help Children and Families Worker. This forms part of the Level 2b intervention approach and helps ensure families have access to appropriate guidance and support.

Please follow the link to explore the available training and events



PARENTS EVENING BOOKINGS

Bookings for our upcoming Parents' Evening will **open at 4pm today** and can be made through the **parent portal on your Arbor app**. If you need any help with making a booking, please see the Arbor Help Centre using the link below, or contact the school office for support. Please be assured that any significant issues or difficulties with bookings will be picked up and addressed on Monday. Thank you for your patience and support, and we look forward to welcoming you to Parents' Evening!





MORE INFO & EVENTS

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Thursday 15 th October	Harvest Assembly, 9.15am, Village Hall
Monday 19 th October & Wednesday 21st October	Parents Evening - bookings available from Friday at 4pm on the Arbor App
Thursday 22 nd October	Families & Individual School Photos Break up for half term
Friday 23 rd October	Teachers training day
Thursday 5 th November	Fun Lunchtime Menu - Bonfire Party Lunch 
Friday 13 th November	Children In Need - Sponsored run event
Tuesday 15 th December	Nativity Performances 9.15am & 3.15pm Apple & Rowan Class

All dates can also be found on the website calendar!





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ACTIVITY
CAMPS

Moorside Primary School
and Nursery

THIS SCHOOL HOLIDAY

AGES:
Year 1 - Year 6

TIMES:

Early Drop Off
8:00am - 8:30am

Regular Day
8:30am - 4:00pm

Late Pick Up
4:00pm - 5:00pm

FROM:
£30 per day

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1st October 2026

SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

We've hit the ground running this new school year! But most important is...

**PARENT CARER CONVERSATIONS:
YOUR SEND QUESTIONS ANSWERED...**

**WELCOME TO OUR FIRST
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**

Who are Parent Carer Voice and what do we do?

We're a small team of parent carers dedicated to supporting and improving the lives of parents and carers across North Yorkshire and their children. Our remit is to ensure the voices of parents and carers inform SEND services development and practice during consultations with North Yorkshire Council and the Integrated Care Boards supporting our region. In addition to this, we provide training and information workshops, attend community events and carers groups and host wellbeing opportunities.

**SEND EVENTS AND GROUPS
ATTENDED THIS SEPTEMBER**

- Carers Resource
- SEMH Network
- AWC Power Hour
- Ohana
- SEND Connect Fair
- Coffee that Cares
- SENdure
- Ryedale Special Families
- and more...

Live Q&A with North Yorkshire Council

21st October - we are hosting a live Q&A with representatives from North Yorkshire Council and the Integrated Care Boards supporting North Yorkshire. See our Facebook page for details and info on how to submit your questions to ensure we get the right professionals involved to answer them - the closing date to submit questions is Sunday 4th October at midnight.

**SEPTEMBER'S NORTH YORKSHIRE
COUNCIL MEETINGS AND DISCUSSIONS**

- **Experts at Hand** offer as part of planning the first year of SEND Reforms.
- **Inclusive Mainstream Toolkit** roll-out in schools and visibility to parents and carers.
- **SENDIAS Services Advisory Group** to support PCV as Chair of SENDIASS North Yorkshire's strategy meetings.
- **SEND Reform - Community of Practice** for Parent Carer Forums to learn about best practice engagement with local councils.
- **SEND/Alternate Provision Partnership Board** update.

CONSULTATION & FEEDBACK

- ✿ **EOTAS** (education other than at school) consultations as part of the Government's SEND Reforms. We submitted a Government response and report for NYC, local MPs and the National Network of Parent Carer Forums to ensure North Yorkshire's parent and carer views are heard.
- ✿ North Yorkshire Council's **Caring for All, All-Age Carers Strategy** the plan for carers support from 2026 - 2030.
- ✿ North Yorkshire's draft **Our Plan for Children and Young People** for 2026 - 2029.

The emotionally charged EOTAS and Carers Strategy consultations provided highly critical evidence to inform our discussions with North Yorkshire Council going forward and provide constructive recommendations from a parent carer perspective. We also used the information to support our response to the draft plan for CYPs.



UPCOMING ON-LINE INFORMATION SESSIONS



CAMHS - Share your experience to help shape the future of CAMHS.

Date: 12th Nov, 12:30 & 6:30pm

Follow us on FB for more info.



Let's Talk sessions (regarding specific NYC / ICB services). We're currently planning these for the coming year and have more details in our next newsletter.



Unlocking Autism - NYES (North Yorkshire Education Service) FREE information and training to support neurodivergent children, young people and their families including ADHD, PDA, Selective Mutism, SEMH, Identity and more. [LINK](#) [Unlocking Autism](#) (NB. You need to create a free NYES account to access the courses and please direct any tech issues directly to NYES!)

SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS CONT'D.

TRAINING WE'VE UNDERTAKEN

Disability Hate Crime: delivered by York and North Yorkshire police for professionals working across education and support services. It highlighted the vulnerability of our children and young people and we are working with the police on an information leaflet to share with our community.

Padlet: new technology to improve communication including making it easier for Parents and Carers to provide us with direct information to support our upcoming meetings going forward. BUT it's another app for people to grapple with and costs money for us to host when funds are stretched. We're concerned it might not suit our parents and carers so *if you've used padlet, we'd love to hear your opinions on it!*

&
We're discussing **Journey Mapping** training with SENDIASS for our Parent Participation Officers (PPOs) to enhance their direct, time critical support to parents and carers.

WHERE TO FIND US



info@parentcarervoiceuk.org

www.parentcarervoiceuk.org



And finally...

- Andy Burnham recently announced the Department for Education's 'Valuing the Hard Hat as much as the Graduation Cap' - Technical Pathways from age 14 which we hope will benefit to our SEND young people, and,
- As you know, SEND mainstream education is changing. The Council for Disabled Children are providing free e-learning on Inclusion Bases. It might be worth taking a look to see how the changes might affect your child and what you can expect... [LINK: CDCInclusionbaseguide](#)

We hope you found our newsletter informative - 'til next time!

Catherine, Donna, Helen, Janet, Janine, Rebecca and Sarah



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