



DISHFORTH C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

5th June 2026



HEADTEACHERS MESSAGE

Welcome back to the last half term of the year. This school year has flown by and it seems incredible that we are already in June. It's been a busy week this week with Class 1 having an exciting trip to Scarborough on Wednesday. We just about managed to dodge the showers, thanks to the RNLI team letting us eat our lunch indoors and a great time was had by all. The RNLI team were very impressed with the behaviour of the children and it was fantastic to see everyone having fun on the sand. A big thank you to our parent helpers for their amazing support on the trip, including lots of face wiping, sand removal and toilet trips! Also this week Class 3 have started their rehearsals for their end of year production - Rapunzel and the Barbershop Bros. They have already shown their star quality and we can't wait to share it with you at the end of term. Lastly, a little request. Tony from Thirsk Rotary Club has now kindly refilled and cleared our raised beds for the children to plant up. If you have any spare seeds, seedling, plants or expertise that you would be happy to share with us then please get in touch.

EYFS

visit our class link



This week in EYFS we have started our new topic on Journeys. We have journeyed under the sea to explore fish and under water habitats. We have printed fish scales, made rock pools using plasticine and made an outdoor rockpool to explore.

In maths we have started to learn about sharing and grouping.

Class 1

visit our class link



Class 1 had a fantastic first week back, the highlight being the trip to Scarborough. We learned so much about the lifeboats and it was great to compare modern lifeboats to Grace Darling. We have also begun learning about the world and have learned a song to help us to name the continents of the world.

Class 2

visit our class link



Welcome back to our final half term of the school year! We have begun lots of new topics this week. In Geography we have been looking at the difference in rural and urban areas of the UK. In Science we have begun looking at light and in RE we are looking at how different religions have similar rules to live by. In PE we have started to look at some tennis skills and in DT we are looking at different seasonal fruit and vegetables.

Class 3

visit our class link



Class 3 have had a wonderful first week back, getting straight into rehearsals for the play and learning the songs and dances. In English, they have been writing letters to themselves in 10 years' time about what their hopes and wishes are for the future. In science, they have completed an experiment involving counting their resting heart rate and BPM after various styles of exercise.



CELEBRATING OUR SUCCESS! STARS OF THE WEEK



Reception

Max - we have all be wowed with your writing. You are trying amazingly hard and have made super progress. We are so proud of you Max!

Class 1

Isla - for amazing maths work. She has really worked hard showing her understanding of fractions. Well done Isla!

Class 2

Daniel - he has had a good week in class and particularly impressed us in maths. At the start of the week he was finding our time topic tricky but he has persevered and is now much more confident. Fantastic Daniel!

Class 3

Harriet - her effort with choregraphing the danced for the school play has been brilliant. Even giving up her time during break and lunchtime! Great job Harriet!

VALUES AWARD

This week, Xander has nominated **Celeste** for **Perseverance** because as a class the children have only just started reading their scripts and she is working so had that she is already really good at her parts. Great job!!



FRIDAY CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

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

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Reception (EYFS)	12 th June	3 rd July
Class 1 (Y1 & Y2)	5 th June	19 th June
Class 2 (Y3 & Y4)	12 th June	3 rd July
Class 3 (Y5 & Y6)	5 th June	19 th June

96.6%

98.1%

100% **Wow**

95.4%

OTHER NEWS

Change of Date - Our Greatest Athlete **Anthony Cotterill** has had to changed the day he will be attending. This will now be **Monday 15th June**. We hope the sponsorship quest is going well!!!



MORE INFO & EVENTS

SUMMER TERM DATES

Monday 15th June	Greatest Athlete circuits with Anthony Cotterill Football Fun Lunchtime Menu
Thursday 25th June	New reception starters morning (9.15-11.15am)
Friday 26th June	Sports Day - From 1.30pm
Monday 29th June	Class 3 dress rehearsal afternoon
Tuesday 30th June	Class 3 production 2pm
Wednesday 1st July	Class 3 production 6pm
Thursday 2nd July	New reception starters transition morning (9.15-12.15pm stay for lunch) Whole school transition day
Friday 3rd July	Alternative sports day date if poor weather - from 1.30pm
Friday 10th July	Morning - Year 6 Leavers Assembly at Ripon Cathedral Reports go out to parents Music concert afternoon - starting at 2.15pm
Thursday 16th July	Transition prayer journey morning
Friday 17th July	Leaver's Assembly - 9.30am Break up 2.30pm

RIPON Theatre FESTIVAL

Family Events at RTF20

Dancing with Colours

Thursday 9 July, 5pm
| Harrogate Road
Methodist Church Hall



Live music, performance and art come together in a relaxed, colourful and messy show for families.
Join artist JoAnne in transforming a blank canvas with stories, movement and art supplies – proving that art is everywhere and for everyone!
Running time approx 1 hour

£6

Age guide 4+

Little Listeners: Mini Magic Flute

Friday 10 July, 5pm
| Allhallowgate
Methodist Church Hall




A fun, enchanting musical adventure inspired by Mozart's opera *The Magic Flute*.
A Prince is searching for a Princess, but nothing is quite as it first appears... Join a host of fantastical characters brought to life by a trio of singers and an accordionist from the brilliant team at Opera North.
Running time approx 40 mins

£6

Age guide 4-7

Astro Norma & the Cosmic Piano

Saturday 11 July,
10.30am & 12 noon
| Ripon Library




Blast off on a madcap, musical quest to find Grandpa's lost star. But beware! The sneaky Silencer is hot on her trail, ready to silence the tunes!
Packed with awesome aliens, rib-tickling robots and interplanetary puppets, this joyful space odyssey will have you reaching for the stars...
Running time approx 45 mins

£6

Age guide 3-10

Big Family Weekend

FREE EVENT

Saturday 11 & Sunday 12 July,
10am-4pm

A full weekend of free family entertainment in the heart of Ripon – theatre, music, dance, street performance, joining in fun and plenty of surprises along the way.
On Saturday walkabout acts, crazy characters, circus and clowning bring the streets to life. Sunday's family fun is focused on Ripon Spa Gardens with open-air theatre, puppet shows, Punch & Judy and craft activities.
Full details and schedules now available.

Age guide 3-10



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PARENT WELLBEING



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NHS

An update on
WELLBEING FOR EVERY SCHOOL PARENT
Your NHS learning space created by psychologists

June 2026

We're delighted to share some helpful resources for parents experiencing all the big emotions of growing children.

TogetherNESS the NHS emotional health digital learning hub funded in your area. Your family has **free access** to expert learning about childhood development, wellbeing, brain changes, and much more to help you to connect with your children.

Here's a quick round up of what we think is great on TogetherNESS to help your children thrive.

Transitions and SEND

Time to check back in?



Moving up to secondary school for parents of children with additional needs

A digital hub of resources all about 'moving up'. Plus tailored online learning to support parents of children with additional needs to navigate the transition to secondary.

[\(Watch video, hub and listen a podcast\)](#)



Understanding your child's mental health and wellbeing

A short learning pathway to help you connect feelings and behaviour with mental health.

[\(Watch a workshop\)](#)

Baby on the way?



NHS safe sleep guidance: Understanding your baby

Postnatal learning that includes NHS guidance on safe sleep.

[\(Watch a learning\)](#)

Let's talk toileting



Toilet training and confident toileting with TogetherNESS

Emotionally aware approaches to understanding and supporting positive toileting throughout childhood.

[\(Learn more\)](#)

Myth busting parenting



Why being an imperfect parent works

Clinical Psychologist shares and explains the biggest parenting myths.

[\(Watch video, workshop\)](#)

Learn on WhatsApp



Understanding your child: from toddler to teenager

Coming soon: Watch out for the new WhatsApp icon for your learning in June. An even easier way to access learning about child development and emotional health from NHS experts.

[\(Watch a learning online\)](#)

You're receiving this update as your school is based in a free (pre-paid, funded) access area for togetherness.co.uk

Find the **Free Access Checker** in the gateway library to unlock free online learning that could change your relationship with your child for the better.

Evidence based - Created in the NHS - Private and available anytime, anywhere

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BOOKSTART

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What is Bookstart?

Bookstart is a national programme coordinated by BookTrust.

Bookstart gives free books to every child in England and Wales, as well as free packs for children with additional needs, tips and guidance on reading together, resources and activities, and much more.

As the world's first national book-gifting programme, Bookstart aims to encourage a love of books, stories and rhymes in children from as young an age as possible.

You can find out more <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/what-we-do/programmes-and-campaigns/bookstart/>

What does Bookstart involve?

Although some is universal, much of the Bookstart offer is now targeted at hard to reach / disadvantaged families.

Bookstart Baby packs – a universal offer to every baby between 0-12 months and usually gifted by the Health Visitor soon after birth.

Families who are struggling to get a pack from their Health Visitor can also request to collect a pack from their local library.



SEND packs

1. Bookstart Touch for visually impaired children

There are two packs: Bookstart Touch Baby (0-2 years old) and Bookstart Touch Toddler (3-5 years old). Each pack has two touch-and-feel books and guidance around sharing books with blind and partially sighted children. The Baby pack includes a BookTrust keyring.



2. Bookstart Shine for hearing impaired children

There are two packs: Bookstart Shine Baby (0-2 years old) and Bookstart Shine Toddler (3-5 years old). Each pack has two books, a rhyme place mat (with babies signing) and guidance around sharing books. The Toddler pack includes a bookmark showing British Sign Language and the Baby pack includes a BookTrust keyring.



3. Bookstart Star for children affected by delay to fine motor skills etc

This pack is available for children aged 3-5 who have disabilities that impact on or delay the development of their fine motor skills. Each pack has two books, plus finger puppets for playing along with the stories and guidance sheets.



4. Dual language materials

Over 40 different languages are available. Where a dual language baby pack is requested, we replace 1 book with a dual language book.

Bookstart Toddler (1-2 year) packs

Health Visitors hand out these packs to targeted families (known by the Health Visitors as their Universal Plus families) when the baby is about 12-24 months old.



Bookstart Preschooler (3-4 year) packs

These go to targeted children in their last year of nursery before starting in Reception.

Library staff deliver these packs to preschool settings in areas of the county with higher levels of deprivation.



For further information about Bookstart, please contact Jenny Brookes jenny.brookes@northyrorks.gov.uk

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