

NEWSLETTER 7th November 2025

"Rooted and grounded in love"
Ephesians 3:17



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Headteacher's Message

We've had a super week in school this week with a visit from a Roman Soldier as well as our first visit from 'Big Green Heart'. This year in school we are having a particular focus on children's mental health and wellbeing and as part of this we are delighted to be working with a charity called 'Big Green Heart'. They provide schools with tailored interventions for children that can empower them to articulate feelings, deal with those feelings and develop positive relationships. They have been working very successfully with some other primary schools locally and are keen to partner with us to enable us to become their first 'accredited' primary school. This is a very exciting opportunity for us as we will be able to access interventions for children, train our staff to deliver the interventions themselves in the future and also develop a new whole school approach to support everyone with behaviours and emotions. All of this work will take place gradually across the next school year and beyond.

Next week we have another busy week in school. To launch Anti-bullying week we are asking all the children to wear odd socks so that we can celebrate everyone's differences. On Friday, to raise money for Children in Need the children may come in non-uniform in exchange for a donation. We are asking that families make donations through a dedicated Children In Need Just Giving page. Here is the link

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/dishforthce>

Our suggested donation is £1 per child, but you may of course donate as you see fit.

Lastly, I would like to say an enormous thank you to everyone who has given so far to our appeal to raise funds for the refurbishment of the KS1 toilets – it is hugely appreciated and a great start. Thank you!

What have we been learning this week?

EYFS

[Link to website class page](#)

This week in Early Years we have started our new topic on Celebrations. We have been learning all about Bonfire Night and have developing art skills using printing techniques, glue dribbling and chalking to produce pieces of firework art. In our Understanding the World Science work we have learned about Living and Non living things and have sorted pictures into the correct groups. In our Gymnastics lesson with Mr Sherwood, we practised making body shapes - it was the first time we got changed for PE and all the children did an amazing job!

Class 1

[Link to website class page](#)

Everyone in class 1 has come back to school with great enthusiasm this week. We have begun learning about The Egg Box Dragon and all of the mischievous things that he does. Next week we are looking forwards to making some egg box dragons, but we will need a few donations of egg boxes to enable us to do this. In our maths lessons both year 1 and year 2 are working hard learning how to add and subtract.

Class 2

[Link to website class page](#)

We have had a fantastic week in Class 2 this week. On Monday we began our Netball learning in PE with Mr Sherwood. We worked on passing in different ways. We began our history learning by looking at the expansion of The Roman Empire over time. On Thursday, we were very fortunate to have Joseph from Ancient Visitors come into school to teach us all about The Ancient Romans. We spent the day examining artefacts, recreating battles and taking part in activities teaching us more about the Romans.

Class 3

[Link to website class page](#)

Class 3 have had a lovely start back. We have been busy finishing their computing projects programming micro bits. The children have also begun their new topic in geography, creating their own bunting to represent the countries of Europe and identifying them on different maps. In PE we have begun our gymnastics unit.

Please follow this link to our website to find out about our curriculum [Website Curriculum Page](#)



Celebrating our Success

Stars of the Week

EYFS	This week the star of the week in Max. Max is making amazing progress in all areas and always tries his very best. He has made super progress in his phonics and handwriting. Well done Max!
Class 1	The star for class 1 this week goes to Daisy for always giving 100% in her work and for the fabulous stories that she writes. Keep up the brilliant work Daisy.
Class 2	The star in Class 2 this week is Elenna. Elenna has had a great week this week, always being ready to learn and working very hard. Her maths work this week was particularly impressive! Well done Elenna!
Class 3	Star of the week this week is Polly for her kindness and maturity in class. She is always looking out for her peers and makes sure everyone is included when she is outside.

The Values Award



This week Zach nominated Ollie for perseverance because in the provision he did his 2 times tables up to 230!

Attendance this week

EYFS	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
91.27%	91.57%	97.08%	98.22%



Safeguarding

This week please find attached our monthly online safety newsletter.

Please note that there are some date changes for sharing from previous newsletters due to staff availability!



<https://www.justgiving.com/page/dishforthce>



Key Dates for next half term

Anti-bullying Odd Socks Day– Monday 10th November

Year 3&4 Football team Sporting Influence Festival – Wednesday 12th November

Year 6 Crucial crew Trip – Thursday 13th November

Children in Need Non Uniform Day – Friday 14th November

Christmas dates to follow soon...

Friday Celebration Assembly Class Sharing Dates

14th November Class 1 and Class 3

21st November EYFS and Class 2

28th November Class 1 and Class 3

5th December EYFS and Class 2

12th December Class 1 and Class 3

The gate at the KS2 side of school will open at 2.40.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Have you booked your tickets yet?

**FRIENDS OF
DISHFORTH SCHOOL**

**GLOW
PARTY**

SAT 15TH NOVEMBER

AT: DISHFORTH SCHOOL

EYFS & CLASS 1: 3.30-5.00

CLASS 2 & 3: 5.30-7.00

**TICKETS £5
INCLUDING DRINK & SNACK**



POCKET MONEY STALLS

- NEON FACE PAINT •
- TUCK SHOP •
- GLOW ACCESSORIES •

Follow this link to book

<https://dishforth-c-of-e-primary-school.sumupstore.com/>

Our new 3D Printer



Some of our School Council with John Alder, Grants and Welfare Chair for Boroughbridge Lions who donated £200.

Kevin Askew Business Development Manager at Additive - X also donated £50 towards our amazing new 3d printer. Thank you!

 the national sleep helpline

**Supporting
the nation to
sleep better**

**Speak to trained
sleep advisors**

**03303
530 541**

Opening times
Monday - Thursday | 9am - 11am
Monday, Tuesday and Thursday | 7pm - 9pm

thesleepcharity.org.uk

OPERATION TOILET



A group of parents from school have started fundraising for the refurbishment of the Key Stage 1 toilets.

These facilities are very old and in desperate need of improvement — they leak, are difficult to clean, and are not a comfortable or welcoming space for our children.

A quote has been provided by the Local Authority for the works, totalling £9,000. Unfortunately, the school does not have the funds to make this project possible, so we are appealing for donations.

Every contribution — big or small — will make a real difference.

If you'd like to support this project, please visit our fundraising page:



<https://www.gofundme.com/f/dishforth-cofe-primary-school-key-stage-1-toilet-refurbish>

If you have any fundraising ideas or could support the project in any other way please get in touch!