

“Rooted and grounded in love”
Ephesians 3:17



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Headteacher’s Message

This week on Wednesday afternoon we were pleased to host one of our first Multiply Maths events provided by North Yorkshire Adult Learning. Parents and carers of our class 2 children came to school to join Mr Duffy and the class in making advent calendars together. Everyone had a fantastic time and it certainly started the Christmas season in school in style, with lots of glitter and smiles. It was lovely to invite families into the classroom and we will be finding more opportunities to hold similar sessions for all classes as the school year goes on. Also this week some of our KS2 children went to a very cold cross country competition at Boroughbridge High School. We were delighted that Daisy came first in the year 3&4 girls competition and Lara came first in the Year 5&6 girls competition. Well done girls! A huge thank you must also go to Mrs Burgess and Mrs Chester who accompanied the children and may only just have thawed out! I hope that you have seen the email inviting nominations for the role of Parent Governor. It’s an exciting time to get involved with shaping the strategic direction of the school. Please read the information carefully and feel free to contact our Co-Chairs of Governors Jenny Crabtree and Kirstie Lowe at cog@dishforht.n-yorks.sch.uk if you have any further questions. The deadline for nominations is midday Friday 13th December.

Finally, I am delighted to share the news that Mr Ben Thomson has been employed to cover our class 3 for the Spring and Summer terms while Miss Ungerechts is on her maternity leave. Mr Thomson has taught the class for a morning already last Friday and thoroughly enjoyed starting to get to know them. You may also have seen him covering in Class 1 yesterday and today for Mrs Cawood. Miss Ungerechts will be doing a comprehensive handover over the next few weeks and we are all looking forward to welcoming him to the Dishforth team.

What have we been learning this week?

EYFS

This week in EYFS we have loved reading the book “Stuck” by Oliver Jeffers. We have written lists of objects we might find stuck in a tree. In maths Nursery have been making AB patterns and Reception have been learning about squares and rectangles. We have explored what happens when we heat chocolate and have made chocolate apple slices.

Class 1

Class 1 have had a super week reading Raymond Briggs’s book ‘The Snowman’. They have been enjoying learning the story and exploring the illustrations. The cold weather has helped everyone’s imaginations. In Science they have been learning about animal habitats and learning about advent in RE. Everyone has been busy completing their rainbow challenges in provision.

Class 2

This week in class 2 in History this week we compared the different periods of the Stone Age and looked at the advances in inventions across the periods. In RE we looked at how Christians use the idea of the Trinity in their everyday lives and worship. We had a fantastic afternoon on Wednesday with the Multiply team from NYCC who came and worked with the children and parents to create advent calenders. It was lovely to see so many parents and grandparents in school working with the children!

Class 3

Class 3 have been working hard, finalising their money boxes with their LED lights for their Christmas stalls. In PE the children had their first netball game, focussing on footwork and communication as well as ball skills. The children have been writing biographies in English about Queen Elizabeth II. They will be comparing her to Queen Victoria in history next week.



Stars of the Week

Celebrating our Success

The Values Award

EYFS	This week the award goes to Evelyn. Evelyn has really developed in confidence in blending her sounds and writing CVC words. She is always an enthusiastic learner.
Class 1	Our star of the week this week is Daniel. Daniel has worked hard all week and risen to every challenge. He has worked particularly hard on his handwriting and has been a super role model for other children. Well done Daniel.
Class 2	The star in Class 2 this week goes to Daisy Lowe. Daisy has had a fantastic week this week, she has worked incredibly hard in her assessments this week, she is a great friend and to top it all off she won her race in her at the cross country competition this week.
Class 3	The star of the week is Casey for his excellent effort during art. He thought carefully about which pencil would be most effective and added fantastic shading and line work to his sketch. Well done!



Charlie, Xander and Alex have all nominated Katie B for perseverance because she is always offering to help them. Well done!

Attendance this week

EYFS	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
98.18%	97.12%	95.45%	95.92%



Safeguarding

This week please find attached our December Knowsley Online Safety Newsletter. For something a little different, please also find attached a Wake Up Wednesday parent guide about Gambling.

Friends of Dishforth News

We invite parents to donate tombola prizes for our Christmas fair to represent their class colours. Our aim is to create a rainbow of prizes which will be part of the school Christmas fair on 12th December. Of course if you have a donation to make and it's not your class colour, please don't worry, all donations are gratefully received!

EYFS - orange and black (but also any colour)
 Class 1 - Green and blue
 Class 2 - pink and purple
 Class 3 - yellow and red



Save the date:
 Wednesday 11th
 December
 6.30pm

Police parent/carer
 Online safety talk
 All welcome

Sporting Influence Fixtures 2024/25

Please note that teams/children involved will be notified during the year. Our intention is that every child has the opportunity to take part in at least one event in each school year.

Friday Celebration Assembly Class Sharing Dates	
Friday 6 th December	EYFS & Class 2
Friday 13 th & 20 th December	No assembly
The gate at the KS2 side of school will open at 2.45 for parents and carers to make their way into the hall. We look forward to welcoming you.	

Date	Event
30 th April 2025	EYFS & KS1 Multi Skills
4 th June 2025	Y3/4 & Y5/6 Striking Games
25 th June 2025	Y1/2 & Y3/4 Dodgeball
Finals	Cross Country – 22 nd January 2025 Striking & Fielding – 9 th July 2025

Christmas Dates

Thursday 12 th December 2.45pm	Christmas Fayre
Friday 13 th December afternoon (time to be confirmed)	Christingle Service at St James Church, Baldersby
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas jumper day Christmas dinner in school
Thursday 19 th December 10.30am and 5.30pm	Whole School Nativity Performances EYFS & KS1 acting KS2 singing
Friday 20 th December	Christmas Party Day – wear party clothes
Friday 20 th December 2.30pm	Break up for Christmas NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB



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