

# NEWSLETTER 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025

“Rooted and grounded in love”  
Ephesians 3:17



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## Headteacher's Message

Happy Valentines Day! Love is in the air at Dishforth with our lovely Valentines lunch for the children today and the very exciting news that tomorrow Mr Duffy is getting married. On behalf of everyone in school I would like to congratulate him on his big day and wish him and his new wife a very long and happy future together. We look forward to seeing the photographs!

It has seemed like a very grey and cold half term for us adults in school, but as usual the children at Dishforth have shone through with their excellent behaviour, attitudes to learning and friendship towards each other. As you will have seen if you have been lucky enough to attend any of our Celebration Assemblies, there has been some fantastic work produced and some wonderful learning completed. We start again after half term on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February. This will also see the start of our new Spring Menu from the NYES Catering team (see page 3 of this newsletter, or [School Meals < Dishforth Church of England Primary School](#)).

All that remains is for me to wish you all a very happy half term. We will look forward to seeing you all, rested and ready for all the excitement of a new half term, in just over a weeks' time.

## What have we been learning this week?

### EYFS

[Link to website class page](#)

This week in Early Years we have enjoyed activities based around the story Jack and the Beanstalk. Reception children have written simple sentences about what Jack can see at the top of the beanstalk and have been learning about height, using the vocabulary tall, taller, short and shorter. We have made our own beanstalks of different heights. Nursery children have been looking at the number 5, finding ways to make 5.

### Class 1

[Link to website class page](#)

Class 1 have had another fabulous week and have completed their alien hand puppets. Everyone has shown great determination to sew all around their puppet and to cut out and attach all of the special features. In science the children have really enjoyed carrying out another experiment, this week about the best fabric to make curtains from. Everyone worked very hard deciding the criteria that a curtain would need and then testing all of the available materials to find the best. Have a great half term everyone!

### Class 2

[Link to website class page](#)

This week in class 2 has been another busy week. In our writing week we have written a story based on Michael Morpurgo's The Butterfly Lion. In Geography we used Skyline Webcams to look around Italy for different landmarks which was very interesting and great fun. In Maths we have been looking at decimals and fractions and we all loved our fun session at swimming on Thursday. On Wednesday, we put all of our learning in gymnastics together to create floor routines to share with the class. Have a wonderful half term!

### Class 3

[Link to website class page](#)

Class 3 have been very busy this week wrapping up our topics and work before the half term. Year 5 have continued with our fraction's topic, while year 6 have been working through algebra. We have wrapped up our Geography topic of the Americas and have ended the week with a debate.

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



## Stars of the Week

# Celebrating our Success

<b>EYFS</b>	This week the star is Ava. Ava has made super progress in all areas. She always listens carefully and always makes the right choices – she is a super role model!
<b>Class 1</b>	The star for class 1 this week is Edward. Edward has been showing great determination and dedication to his learning all half term. He is also a fantastic role model for great behaviour. Keep up the fabulous work Edward.
<b>Class 2</b>	I can't quite believe that Josephine hasn't had the star of the week yet. She is a kind and caring member of the class and a fantastic friend. She always works hard but this week she has especially shown her excellent work with her writing and has written a fantastic story based on Michael Morpurgo's The Butterfly Lion. Well done Jojo.
<b>Class 3</b>	Class star of the week is Will M, who is always ready, and respectful and has persevered through a tricky week.

## The Values Award



This week Class 1 have taken over the Values Award. Max nominated Elenna for respect because in PE lessons she respected the choice of the group. Well done Elenna!

## Attendance this week

EYFS	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
96.35%	95.19%	98.99%	96.84%



## Safeguarding

Attached this week is a Wake up Wednesday guide for 'Supporting Children to Build emotional Resilience'.

### Did you know?

Mrs Chaplin is our key worker for all of our EYFS children.

## Rock Climbing Clubs 2025



Since 2021, we've been teaching young people how to become independent climbers. From **knot tying** to **belaying**, **bouldering** to **lead climbing** we progress through the essential skills both Indoor and Out, developing self confidence to fitness in a long-term hobby.

**Novices:** Wednesday - 17:00-19:00, Silsden Primary  
 Friday - 17:00-19:00, Silsden Primary  
 Saturday - 9:30-12:30, Climbing Hub/Ilkley  
 Saturday - 11:30-13:30 or 13:45-15:45, Ermysted's  
 Sunday - 9:30-11:30 or 11:45-13:45, Ermysted's

**Advanced:** Saturday - 9:30-12:30, Ilkley/Climbing  
**Ages:** 11-16 (Silsden) 8-14 (Ermysted's) 8-17 (The Climbing Hub)

"THE CLIMBING SESSIONS NOT ONLY HELP WITH PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT BUT ALSO ARE BRILLIANT FOR BUILDING CONFIDENCE."

£16.00-29.50 per session



## Unwanted baby toys?



We need donations to help set up our new parent and pre-school 'Tiddlers' Stay and Play group on Tuesday afternoons.

Please bring any donations to the school office.

## Friday Celebration Assembly Class Sharing Dates

28 <sup>th</sup> February	Class 1 and Class 3
7 <sup>th</sup> March	EYFS and Class 2
14 <sup>th</sup> March	Class 1 and Class 3
21 <sup>st</sup> March	EYFS and Class 2
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Class 1 and Class 3

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

We look forward to welcoming you.

Book online or contact us via email



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For more information about food items, menus, or recipes, please speak to your on-site catering team, or contact our Technical Support Team:  
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 W: www.northyorks.gov.uk/schoolmeals

# Spring/Summer 2025 Menu

### WEEK 1

### WEEK 2

### WEEK 3

Served w/c 24th Feb, 17th March, 21st April, 12th May, 9th June, 30th June, 21st July

Served w/c 3rd March, 24th March, 28th April, 19th May, 16th June, 7th July

Served w/c 10th March, 31st March, 5th May, 2nd June, 23rd June, 14th July

**F** Fresh fruit or yoghurt options available every day!



If your child has an allergy or special dietary requirements, please inform your school and our catering team, so we can discuss their needs.



We have highlighted the 14 allergens on our menus to help you make informed decisions. Some of our recipes include

'may contain' information, but this is not included on our menus. This information is however available on our daily allergen matrix. Please contact your school cook for further information.



**V** = Vegetarian **VB** = Vegan


Our menus are not only tasty, but comply with the Government School Food Standards, meaning they are good for your children too. They will very occasionally need to change due to circumstances beyond our control, so please check with your catering team if your child has any dietary requirements.



Find out if you are eligible to receive free school meals and apply in a matter of minutes by scanning here:



www.northyorks.gov.uk/free-school-meals

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p><b>VB</b> Italian Pasta Bake </p> <p><b>VB</b> Jacket Potato &amp; Beans </p> <p><b>V</b> Cheese Sandwich </p> <p><b>V</b> Cheese Jacket Potato </p> <p>*****</p> <p><b>V</b> Double Mousse Pot </p>	<p>Minced Beef Loaded Wedges </p> <p><b>VB</b> Veg Sausage </p> <p><b>V</b> Cheese Sandwich </p> <p>Tuna Jacket Potato </p> <p>*****</p> <p><b>V</b> Marble Sponge &amp; Custard </p>	<p>Sausage &amp; Mash </p> <p><b>V</b> Pea-ler Croquette </p> <p>Ham Sandwich </p> <p><b>VB</b> Baked Bean Jacket Potato </p> <p>*****</p> <p><b>VB</b> Fruity Floppack </p>	<p>Chicken Korma </p> <p><b>V</b> Cheese &amp; Tom Pasta </p> <p><b>V</b> Egg Mayo Sandwich </p> <p><b>V</b> Cheese Jacket Potato </p> <p>*****</p> <p><b>V</b> Doughnut Muffin </p>	<p>Fish Fingers </p> <p><b>V</b> Cheese Whirl </p> <p><b>V</b> Cheese Sandwich </p> <p><b>VB</b> Baked Bean Jacket Potato </p> <p>*****</p> <p><b>VB</b> Custard Cookie </p>
<p><b>VB</b> Pizza </p> <p><b>VB</b> Curried Topped Nean </p> <p><b>V</b> Egg Mayo Sandwich </p> <p><b>VB</b> Baked Bean Jacket Potato </p> <p>*****</p> <p><b>VB</b> Chocolate Crispie </p>	<p>Pasta Bolognese </p> <p><b>V</b> Sweet Potato &amp; Lentil Bake </p> <p><b>V</b> Cheese Sandwich </p> <p>Tuna Jacket Potato </p> <p>*****</p> <p><b>V</b> Iced Summer Shortcake </p>	<p>Chicken &amp; Tomato Bake </p> <p><b>V</b> Crispy Topped Summer Veg </p> <p>Tuna Sandwich </p> <p><b>V</b> Cheesy Bean Jacket Potato </p> <p>*****</p> <p><b>V</b> Apple Sponge &amp; Custard </p>	<p>All Day Breakfast </p> <p><b>V</b> Veg All Day Breakfast </p> <p>Ham Sandwich </p> <p><b>V</b> Cheese Jacket Potato </p> <p>*****</p> <p><b>V</b> Jelly &amp; Ice-cream </p>	<p><b>VB</b> Battered Fish </p> <p><b>VB</b> Sausage Roll </p> <p><b>V</b> Cheese Sandwich </p> <p><b>VB</b> Baked Bean Jacket Potato </p> <p>*****</p> <p><b>V</b> Jam Score </p>
<p>Beef Burger </p> <p><b>VB</b> Lentil &amp; Veg Burger </p> <p>Ham Sandwich </p> <p><b>V</b> Cheese Jacket Potato </p> <p>*****</p> <p><b>V</b> Summer Berry &amp; Lemon Muffin </p>	<p>Sweet &amp; Sour Pork Noodles </p> <p><b>V</b> Quorn Dippers </p> <p>Tuna Sandwich </p> <p><b>VB</b> Baked Bean Jacket Potato </p> <p>*****</p> <p><b>V</b> Cheese &amp; Biscuit </p>	<p>Roast Chicken &amp; Yorkshire Pudding </p> <p><b>V</b> Roast Veg Loaf with Yorkshire Pudding </p> <p><b>V</b> Cheese Sandwich </p> <p>Tuna Jacket Potato </p> <p>*****</p> <p><b>V</b> Chocolate Surprise Cake </p>	<p><b>V</b> Creamy Moc &amp; Cheese </p> <p><b>VB</b> Vegetable Korma </p> <p>Tuna Sandwich </p> <p><b>V</b> Cheese Jacket Potato </p> <p>*****</p> <p><b>V</b> Summer Crumble Pot </p>	<p>Fish Star </p> <p><b>V</b> Pizza Pinwheel </p> <p><b>V</b> Cheese Sandwich </p> <p><b>VB</b> Baked Bean Jacket Potato </p> <p>*****</p> <p><b>VB</b> Biscuit Swirl </p>

Please be aware that we are unable to guarantee a completely food allergen-free environment, as foods containing allergens are used in the kitchen. Additional items may be available at your school, i.e. jacket potatoes and sandwiches. Please speak to your school for further information.





Dishforth VC CE Primary  
School & Nursery

# TIDDLERS

## Stay & Play

Do you have a pre-school child?  
Baby? Tiddler? TIDDLER?

Would you like to come, play & meet up  
with old friends or make new ones?

Then come along to our Stay & Play



### Dishforth School

Grange Close  
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### Tuesdays

2 til 3pm



### Donations only

We kindly ask for a £1  
donation per session.

Refreshments provided

Term time only

No booking necessary

Just come along!



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