

NEWSLETTER 6th June 2025

"Rooted and grounded in love"

Ephesians 3:17



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Headteacher's Message

Another 'jam-packed' week this week. Year 6 started their Bikeability training, Class 2 went on a trip to Hope Town, everyone started rehearsing for our production of Peter Pan and some of our Year 5&6 children went to Great Ouseburn Cricket Club for a Striking and Fielding games festival. Yesterday we also started a new project in school in conjunction with Thirsk Rotary Club. They are coming in to help us with an exciting gardening project in school. The aim is create four raised beds, one for each class to make into a class garden. Some of our green-fingered Year 5s have volunteered to lead the project and they got started by clearing a patch of ground at the side of the EYFS classroom of weeds, rubbish, old tyres and reels to prepare it for planting. They also did a fabulous job digging and moving the top soil ready for the beds to be constructed. They will be writing to you all next week to ask for parent/carers volunteers to help and also donations of any seedlings, plants or equipment. We are also looking (strange as it may seem) for any old unwanted car hubcaps that you might have. We are hoping to paint and decorate them and turn them into flowers to act as a colourful backdrop for our gardens. If you can help please speak to Mrs Lacey.

What have we been learning this week?

EYFS

[Link to website class page](#)

This week in Early Years we have started our new learning on Homes and Holidays. We have looked at the book "Peepo" and have compared a kitchen from today with a kitchen from the 1940's. We have used the illustrations from the book to write sentences about what we can see. In maths reception children have been learning about sharing and we have shared food fairly between Daddy Bear and Baby Bear. Children in Nursery have continued work on shapes. Our caterpillars have arrived!! We have observed how they are looking at the moment and will continue to make observations of them as they change.

Class 1

[Link to website class page](#)

Class 1 have had a great start to the final half term of the year. Forest schools was a big hit, we learned all about the different trees in our school grounds, collected leaves, made leaf sketches and leaf rubbings and identified and talked about the different leaves. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed making dens, learning how to drill holes and some had a go at screwing screws. In our history lessons we have begun learning about Christopher Columbus and the children have enjoyed looking at lots of different pieces of evidence to see if they could find out why he was famous.

Class 2

[Link to website class page](#)

On Monday we introduced our new History topic looking at the development of the railways in Britain where I asked the children to tell me what they already knew and would like to find out. On Thursday, many of those questions were answered when we travelled to Darlington to the Hopetown museum where we had a fantastic day! We were blown away by the "Experiment" simulator which took us on a journey through the history of train travel, we saw the first ever passenger train "Locomotion 1" train which carried people from Stockton to Darlington 200 years ago this year, and the play park, based on Witton Park mine where Locomotion departed from, was brilliant fun too!

Class 3

[Link to website class page](#)

Class 3 have been focusing on our upcoming play - Peter Pan - and have been enjoying practicing their lines and creating dances for the songs. We have also been exploring angles and shapes in maths. In English we have been looking at Sonnets and having a go writing our own story. We have continued our geography topic, looking at coastal erosion and the British coasts.

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

A little extra news...

As part of Class 2's History topic – 'Railways in Britain', every child in Class 2 was able to decorate their wooden doll and write a short account of their most memorable train journey. Our school was lucky enough to receive the last 41 dolls, which enabled groups of Class 1 and Class 3 children to also take part in this exciting, historic celebration.

Memory of a Journey

From March 2025, to celebrate S&DR200, a mass-participation art project across County Durham, Tees Valley and further afield saw schools and community groups decorate peg dolls that represented their favourite train journey. These will be showcased in a growing exhibition at Preston Park Museum in autumn 2025.





Celebrating our Success

Stars of the Week

EYFS	This week the star of the week is Erick. Erick has tried so hard to write his own sentences independently using the sounds he knows. Well done Erick!
Class 1	The star for Class 1 this week is Blake. I have chosen Blake this week because he worked so hard when we were looking at the evidence in our history lesson, he noticed lots of small details in the pieces of evidence and his group was able to have some fantastic discussions about what the evidence showed.
Class 2	This week our star of the week goes to Fred G, Fred has been an absolute star this week, Mrs McKelvey was really impressed with his science on Tuesday and throughout the week he has had good answers in whole class discussions. Well done Fred.
Class 3	Star of the week: Molly for working really hard in all her lessons, always being ready and respectful and putting 110% effort into our rehearsals.

The Values Award



This week Celeste has nominated Polly H for compassion and perseverance for always helping people when they are struggling and also persevering on her Maths test. Well done Polly!

Attendance this week

EYFS	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
90.96%	95.65%	99.46%	96.8%



Safeguarding

Attached this week is a 'Wake up Wednesday' guide to 'Encouraging Healthy Friendships'.

Behaviour Policy Update

At Dishforth CE Primary School we are very proud of the behaviour of our children. We hear many positive comments about our children's behaviour, from visitors to our school, and from members of the public when we are out in the community. Our recent Ofsted report stated

"The school has established high expectations for pupils' conduct. Behaviour across school is positive. Pupils are cooperative and willing to please. They embody the school's aim of everyone feeling valued and secure" (Ofsted November 2024).

Our school Behaviour Policy allows us to reinforce and celebrate good behaviour, through positive, targeted praise, helping every child to feel good about themselves and be successful. I have recently updated our behaviour policy to ensure it is consistent and easy to follow by staff, children and parents. Our Behaviour on a Page document is attached to this email and gives you an overview of the new policy. The full policy can also be found on the website if you would like more detailed information.

Please do get in touch if you would like more information, Mrs Chaplin (Senior Teacher)

YORK KIDS FUN TRIATHLON

SWIM - BIKE - RUN

GET READY TO SWIM, BIKE & RUN: YORK KIDS TRIATHLON IS HERE!

- FUN ACHIEVABLE DISTANCES FOR ALL ABILITIES OF 5-16 YR OLDS
- HEATED INDOOR POOL SWIM
- TARMAC CYCLE COURSE & FLAT GRASS RUN ROUTE
- UK KIDS FUN TRIATHLON FINISHERS MEDAL FOR EVERYONE

16TH AUGUST 2025

YORK SPORT VILLAGE, YORK

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Friday Celebration Assembly - Class Sharing Dates

13 th June	EYFS & Class 2
20 th June	No assembly - training day
27 th June	No assembly – sports day
4 th July	Class 1 & Class 3
11 th July	EYFS & Class 2
18 th July	No assembly – early finish
The gate at the KS2 side of school will open at 2.40. We look forward to welcoming you.	

Summer Dates for Parents

WB 19 th May	Monday 19 th	Ripon Cathedral Choir Assembly
	Wednesday 21st	Class 2 trip to Queen Ethelburgas
WB 26 th May	Half term	
WB 2 nd June	All week	Year 4 Multiplication check
	Wednesday 4th	Year 5/6 Striking and Fielding games competition (not whole class)
	Thursday 5th	Class 2 trip to Hope Town
WB 9 th June	All week	Year 1 Phonics checks
	Tuesday 10th	Class 2&3 Police Online Safety assembly
WB 16 th June	Friday 20th	School closed- Training day
WB 23 rd June	Tuesday 24th	Production dress rehearsal 2pm
	Wednesday 25 th	Production performances 2pm and 6pm
	Friday 27 th	Sports Day 1.30
WB 30 th June	Tuesday 1st	Year 6 Leavers assembly for local schools at Ripon Cathedral
WB 7 th July	Wednesday 9 th	Governors meeting
	Thursday 10th	School transition day – a day in your new class
WB 14 th July	All week	Art Week
	Friday 18 th	Year 6 Leaver's Assembly 9.30am