

NEWSLETTER 5th September 2025

"Rooted and grounded in love"

Ephesians 3:17



Dishforth
C of E Primary School

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Headteacher's Message

Welcome back to a new school year! It has been lovely to catch up with lots of familiar faces but also welcome some new families. Everyone has settled in beautifully and it has been a really happy week in school. Miss Ungerechts is settling back into her role as Class 3 teacher after her maternity leave, ably assisted by Mrs McKelvey who will be teaching Class 3 on Wednesdays until Christmas. Mrs Chaplin is also having little a bit more family time this year and I will be teaching her class on alternate Fridays - I can't wait! We have welcomed a new member of our teaching assistant team, Mrs Rainbow. She will be working in Early Years and also leading some phonics sessions in class 1. The other big change this year (in the eyes of the children at least!) is the provision of jacket potatoes as a daily menu choice. They have been very popular this week and will hopefully provide another option if the main meal choice isn't quite to someone's taste. You may have noticed that over the Summer we had our EYFS steps replaced, using funds raised by the friends of Dishforth last year. A huge thank you needs to go to everyone who helped raise money - we would have found it very difficult to replace these out of our ever-challenging school budget. Lastly, as we start the year I wanted to thank you all for your continued support and all the feedback that you give us, we look forward to working with you this year to help our school continue to go from strength to strength.

What have we been learning this week?

EYFS

[Link to website class page](#) - Now updated for Sept '25

We have all had a fantastic week in Early Years. We have enjoyed spending time with our friends, playing and exploring the classroom. We have designed new school shoes for Pete the Cat after reading the story Pete the Cat is rocking in his school shoes, as well as printing with apples and drawing self portraits. This week has been all about getting used to our new routines and we have made super progress in lining up, going to the hall for lunch and tidying up!

Class 1

[Link to website class page](#) - Now updated for Sept '25

Class 1 have had an amazing first week back. Everyone has enjoyed getting to know their new classroom and new friends. We have been reading a fabulous story called A Hero Called Wolf and everyone has been busily writing about all of the different heroic things that Wolf could do. We have enjoyed playing lots of maths games, practising addition and subtraction as well as number formation. We have been taking time to focus on our feelings. We have been learning how to understand our feelings and what to do when we have big feelings.

Class 2

[Link to website class page](#) - Now updated for Sept '25

Welcome back to Class 2 for an exciting year! This week we have been settling in to our class routines and starting up our new topics. In Computing with Mrs Chester we began looking at coding in scratch, and in PSHE with Mrs Tennant we looked at "Zones of regulation" our new, whole school approach to being aware of our feelings and knowing how to deal with them. We loved our PE lesson this week where we started to learn about "Blind Football". Using a ball with rattles in it and blindfolds, we used our sense of hearing to roll balls to each other and moved onto trying to pass. It was definitely a leveller!

Class 3

[Link to website class page](#) - Now updated for Sept '25

We have had a wonderful start back at school this week, welcoming the new members of Y5 to our class! Class 3 have been writing poems about our school and designing artwork for their final pieces of writing. We have dived into place value in maths using games to consolidate our learning. In history we have begun our learning of Ancient Egypt and significant people related to Tutankhamun.

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 is Freddie. Freddie, you have come back to school with such a positive attitude to learning. You have answered questions at carpet time thoughtfully and been a super helper - well done!
Class 1	The star for Class 1 this week is Orla. She has settled in so well to her new school and has really wowed Mrs Roberts and I with her fabulous work and her kindness to everyone.
Class 2	The Star of the week this week goes to Alice! Alice has had a great start to Key Stage 2, she has worked hard this week and impressed Mrs Chester and I with her confidence to offer great suggestions in whole class discussions.
Class 3	The star of the week this week is going to Isabelle Ward for her fantastic poetry writing, thinking carefully about the layout and presentation!

The Values Award



This week Elodie nominated Holly for perseverance and compassion because she helped her get a great score in Maths and persevered when it was her turn. Well done Holly!

Attendance this week

EYFS	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
93.07%	94.58%	100%	97.14%



Safeguarding - Did you know?

Mrs Lacey is our Designated Safeguarding Lead and Mrs Chaplin is the key worker for all of our EYFS children. Please find attached our monthly Online Safety Newsletter.

Key Dates for this half term	Friday Celebration Assembly Class Sharing Dates	
Reception Phonics Introduction meeting – Friday 19 th September 2pm Parents Evenings – Monday 13 th October & Thursday 16 th October Harvest Assembly – Friday 24 th October 2pm at the village hall (doors will open at 1.50pm).	12 th September	Class 1 and Class 3
	19 th September	EYFS and Class 2
	26 th September	Class 1 and Class 3
	3 rd October	EYFS and Class 2
	10 th October	Class 1 and Class 3
	17 th October	EYFS and Class 2
	24 th October	Harvest Assembly
The gate at the KS2 side of school will open at 2.40. We look forward to welcoming you.		

Odd Jobs – CAN YOU HELP?

Our gutters are blocked at KS2 and outside the KS1 classroom and the fencing at the top of the EYFS ramp needs a coat of paint. There are weeds everywhere and the pots at the front of school need sorting out.

Could you help us smarten up our school? Could you give up a few hours, donate a pot of paint or do some weeding? If you think you could help out with any of our odd jobs then please speak to Mrs Lacey or Vicky in the office. Thank you, your help would be very much appreciated!





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
Dishforth
YO7 3LN



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!

Tiddlers starts again on Tuesday 9th September. All welcome!



Contact Us
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Visit Our Website
www.dishforth.n-yorks.sch.uk



Email Us
admin@dishforth.n-yorks.sch.uk

PE Kits

Please make sure that your child has their PE kit in school with them EVERY DAY! Bring them on a Monday and take them home on a Friday. Although we have timetabled PE days for each class, we often change things around to suit the weather. If you're not sure what your child needs in their PE kit then you can find all the information you need on our website

[School Uniform < Dishforth Church of England Primary School](#)


Please bring PE kit into school in a drawstring PE bag rather than a big rucksack - it really helps maximise our cloakroom space.

For their own and others' safety, children are not permitted to wear earrings of any kind for PE lessons.



School Meals

You can find our school meal menu on our website [School Meals < Dishforth Church of England Primary School](#)



NYES Catering




For more information about food items, menus, or recipes, please speak to your on-site catering team, or contact our Technical Support Team:
E: NYESCatering@northyorks.gov.uk T: (01609) 535324
W: www.northyorks.gov.uk/schoolmeals




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 **VG** = Vegan

 Celery
  Lupin
  Sesame

 Crustaceans
  Milk
  Sulphur Dioxide


 Eggs
  Molluscs
  Soybean

 Fish
  Mustard
  Treenuts

 Gluten
  Peanut

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



Autumn 2025 Menu

	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3
	Served w/c 1st Sept, 22nd Sept, 13th Oct, 10th Nov, 1st Dec 2025, 5th Jan, 26th Jan 2026	Served w/c 8th Sept, 29th Sept, 20th Oct, 17th Nov, 8th Dec 2025, 12th Jan and 2nd Feb 2026	Served w/c 15th Sept, 6th Oct, 3rd Nov, 24th Nov, 15th Dec 2025, 19th Jan, 9th Feb 2026
Monday	V Cheesy Tomato Pasta Bake V Quorn BBQ Rice VG Baked Bean Jacket Potato ***** VG Vanilla Swirl Cookie	Chicken Burger VG Veg Burger VG Diced Potatoes V Cheese Jacket Potato ***** V Oat Cookie & Cheese	V Pizza VG Veggie Sausage VG Potato Wedges VG Baked Bean Jacket Potato ***** V Chocolate Brownie
Tuesday	Chicken Korma with 50/50 Rice V Vegetable Noodles V Cheese Jacket Potato ***** V Fruity Jam Sandwich & Custard	V Crunchy Topped Mac & Cheese VG Sweet Potato & Lentil Curry & 50/50 Rice VG Baked Bean Jacket Potato ***** V Sticky Toffee Pudding & Custard	V Spaghetti Bolognese VG Veg Burrito with Rice V Cheese Jacket Potato ***** V Cheese & Biscuit
Wednesday	Minced Beef & Dumpling V Cottage Pie VG Mashed Potatoes VG Baked Bean Jacket Potato ***** V Jelly & Ice-cream	Roast Gammon V Leek & Potato Bake VG Mashed Potatoes VG Baked Bean Jacket Potato ***** V Berry Mousse Pot	Roast Chicken & Yorkshire Pudding VG Vegetable Hot Pot VG Mashed Potatoes VG Baked Bean Jacket Potato ***** V Rice Pudding & Jam
Thursday	Hot Dog VG Veggie Dog VG Potato Wedges V Cheese Jacket Potato ***** V Toffee Apple Muffin	Beef Mexican Taco with Rice V Pizza Loaded Potato Skins V Cheese Jacket Potato ***** V Chocolate Sponge & Chocolate Sauce	Pork Meatballs in a Tomato Sauce with Rice V Veg Carbonara VG Baked Bean Jacket Potato ***** V Rhubarb Crumble Sponge & Custard
Friday	Battered Fish V No Sausage Roll VG Chips VG Baked Bean Jacket Potato ***** V Chocolate Orange Mousse Cake	Fish Star V Cheesy Bean Pasty VG Chips VG Baked Bean Jacket Potato ***** V Lemon Drizzle Shortbread	Fish Fingers V Veggie Bite Sub VG Chips V Cheese Jacket Potato ***** V Fruit Muffin

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.