

NEWSLETTER 12th September 2025

“Rooted and grounded in love”
Ephesians 3:17



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C of E Primary School

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Headteacher's Message

This year we are launching an exciting project to improve our facilities in school. As many of you know, our KS1 toilets (Mrs Cawood's classroom) have not been upgraded for a significant period of time and are in dire need of modernisation. You may have gathered from messages I have given you since I started here at Dishforth, that our school budget is very challenging and we do not have significant capital to fund big projects such as this. I have tried in vain to get local authority funding, so the best option left for us is to fundraise. Our goal is to raise enough money to replace the toilets, sinks, taps, cubicles and the floor and wall coverings – around £9000. **Could you help?** I would very much like to get together a group of parents/carers who would be willing to help us make and implement a fundraising plan. This might include organising school events, seeking corporate sponsorship/donors or finding and securing grant funding. We might also be able to find people/local businesses who could donate materials for the project. No idea is a silly idea and every contribution would be hugely welcomed. I will be holding a meeting next Friday after celebration assembly in the hall to meet with anyone who is interested or who would like to be involved. This is a fantastic opportunity to work together as a school community to make a real difference to our school for the good of our children.

What have we been learning this week?

EYFS

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

This week in Early Years we have been looking at a brand new book – Who Ate Steve? We all found it very funny! Reception children have been drawing pictures based on the book in Drawing Club. In maths Nursery children have been learning about colour and the Reception children have been matching picture and spotting differences. We have been learning about how our arms and legs are important in understanding the world, and in art have been experimenting with wax crayons to make rubbings in the outdoor area.

Class 1

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

We've had a fabulous week in class 1 and everyone has risen so well to the challenges of a new year group. Our writing is focussed on the book "A Squash and a Squeeze" and everyone has really enjoyed writing about all of the naughty things that the animals did in the old lady's house. We have also begun learning about Alfred Wight (James Herriot) in our history lessons and we have even tried tying shoe laces as part of our PSHE learning.

Class 2

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

Another busy week in Class 2! In Science, we learned how to write up our science experiments like real scientists looking at what our results show us and being critical of how our experiment went. In Geography we looked at the different parts of a river. We enjoyed writing diary entries in English from the perspective of the boy in our class text. In maths we have been looking at partitioning numbers up to ten thousand and in Art we have begun looking at different mark making techniques before we move on to making our own picture books.

Class 3

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

This week class 3 have been delving deeper into their art topic, meeting a real artist and beginning their designs in their work based of their new knowledge. In music we have been using glockenspiels to play Bon Jovi 'Livin on a Prayer' and learning about other classic rock.

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



Stars of the Week

Celebrating our Success

The Values Award

EYFS	This week the star is Ruby. Ruby has made a super start to Reception. She is joining in enthusiastically with all our learning and making super progress. Well done Ruby!
Class 1	The Star for class 1 this week is Jasmine because she is working so hard to try out all of the different activities available in the class. She also has the most amazing smile and engages so well in lessons. Well done Jasmine.
Class 2	The star this week goes to Freddie Marshall. Freddie has returned this year with an excellent attitude to learning and a big smile on his face. He is always showing our school rules of ready respectful and safe and is a good classroom role model. Well done Freddie!
Class 3	The star of the week is Daisy Lowe for her excellent attitude to learning. She has shown determination and a true passion for learning! What a great start back!



This week Rosie nominated Connie for compassion because when she was said, Connie came to cheer her up. Well done Connie!

Attendance this week

EYFS	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
97.28%	94.64%	100%	97.28%



Safeguarding - Did you know?

Please find attached a 'Wake up Wednesday' guide - Back to School 'Online Safety tips for Children

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 Individual and family photographs – Wednesday 22 nd October Harvest Assembly – Friday 24 th October 2pm at the village hall (doors will open at 1.50pm).	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 – THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to everyone who has come forward to help us with our 'odd jobs' Ruby and Blake's Dad very kindly came and cleared a lot of horrible old balls out of our guttering, Mrs Burgess's husband has offered to paint out EYFS ramp railings and we have even had an offer from Tobias's Grandma to clear out the pots at the front of school and work with the children to re-stock them with Spring bulbs. With this in mind, it would be fantastic to receive donations of bulbs. We would use these for the pots but also to plant up the grassy bank outside the Library and Breakfast/After School Club windows. Supermarkets are selling very low cost bags of bulbs at the moment so if you are doing your weekly shop and would like to help us out, then any contributions would be very much appreciated, thank you.





**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
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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!



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

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News from the Governors

The governing board are delighted to welcome everyone back to school and to congratulate Mrs Lacey's achievement of completing her NPQH qualification, a National Professional Qualification designed for Head Teachers. Mrs Lacey has completed this outstanding achievement, alongside being in a new school and the challenges this brings as well as an OFSTED and SIAM inspection and her own family life.

🎉 Congratulations 🎉