

NEWSLETTER 27th February 2026

“Rooted and grounded in love”
Ephesians 3:17



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Headteacher's Message

Welcome back to another fun packed and busy half term. It may only be five weeks until we break up for Easter but there is a lot going on here at Dishforth in a short space of time. It has been lovely so see some sunshine and watch the bulbs and plants planted in the tubs and on the bank in October start to look so beautiful. This half term we have World Book Day, Red Nose Day, parents evenings and an Easter assembly to look forward to, amongst other things. Please see the second page of this newsletter for key dates and be sure to note them in your diary. Reminders and more details will of course be sent out as appropriate nearer the time.

Spelling Shed

This half term we have started a new focus on spelling in school. We have purchased an exciting new spelling scheme called Spelling Shed. This includes comprehensive planning and resources for teaching and learning and gives the children an online login so that they can complete spelling activities online linked to their lessons. KS2 children have logins to bring home and use as part of their homework and KS1 children are using their logins in school so that we can make sure they have the skills to log in independently. All children from Year 2 to 6 will be using the scheme and children in Year 1 will start once they have successfully completed their Phonics Check in June. If you would like to find out more then follow this link [Spelling Shed - The Science of Spelling](#) or speak to your child's class teacher.

What have we been learning this week?

EYFS

[Link to website class page](#) – see what we are learning this term

This week in Early Years we have been learning about Chinese New Year. We have learnt about how people celebrate Chinese New Year with their families and have made Chinese lanterns and Chinese money envelopes. We have enjoyed watching Dragon and Lion dances and have had a go at doing these dances. We have all enjoyed placing and taking orders in our Chinese restaurant role play area.

Class 1

[Link to website class page](#) – see what we are learning this term

Class 1 have had a great start to the half term. Everyone is really enjoying learning about The Great Fire of London. In our history lesson we have been detectives and have used pieces of evidence from the time to work out when and where the fire started. In our English lessons we have been reading a fiction story about two characters, Vlad and Broxton, who discover the Great Fire of London and then see what happens during the fire.

Class 2

[Link to website class page](#) – see what we are learning this term

We have had a busy start to Spring 2 this week. We have begun reading our new whole class text "Bill's new Frock" which tackles some big questions around gender stereotypes. In History we have started looking into Anglo Saxon Britain and how and why the Romans left. In Science we made our own compass, looking first at the magnetic poles of the earth and in PE we have begun learning the Haka, a Māori dance performed before rugby internationals.

Class 3

[Link to website class page](#) – see what we are learning this term

Class 3 have completed their final workshop at Boroughbridge Highschool this Thursday! The children participated in a geographical enquiry, planning where to build a new park. They had to hypothesise the perfect location and use data that they had collected to present geographical knowledge. The children have also researched Sir David Attenborough and Dame Jane Goodall in science, linking to our topic (biomes) in geography.

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	The star of the week is Niki! Niki has had a super week in school. He is making great progress in learning his phonics and answering questions in maths. Well done Niki.
Class 1	The Star for Class 1 this week is Meredith for her amazing writing. She has worked incredibly hard to write some fabulous descriptions of characters from our book. Well done Meredith.
Class 2	The star in Class 2 this week goes to Thomas H. Thomas has had a great week this week, we have been really impressed with his questions and higher level thinking in whole class discussions as well as his hard work in all subjects. Well done Thomas.
Class 3	The star of the week is Will for pushing himself out of his comfort zone when offering to read to the class or act for class 2. Brilliant effort Will!

This week Polly nominated Molly for all three of our values because she always tries her hardest in everything she does. Also at break time she always makes sure that everyone is happy and she is a very kind friend.
Well done Molly!

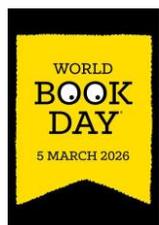
Attendance this week

EYFS	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
96.36%	91.48%	98.25%	96%



Book Fair

The book fair will be open for business again Monday afternoon 2nd March from 3.15



World Book Day

Thursday 5th March
Cosy clothes or pyjamas/onesies (no sports kit please)
Book/reading themed activities
Special menu lunch

World Book Day

Remarkable Readers Competition

We love reading in school at Dishforth! What remarkable places could/do you read in when you're not at school?

Send in a photograph of you reading somewhere remarkable to our office email admin@dishforth.n-yorks.sch.uk



The most remarkable photograph will win a book token prize given out on World Book Day. The photographs will be displayed in school and some will go onto our website and social media channels (depending on whatever permissions families have given us).

Deadline for entries is the end of school on Wednesday 4th February

Let's get reading!



Safeguarding

Attached to the newsletter this week is our monthly Online Safety newsletter

Parents Evening Dates

Spring term parents evenings will be on Monday 23rd March 2.30-5.00 and Wednesday 25th March 3.30-6.00

Appointments will be available to book on Arbor from 3.15 on Friday 6th March.

Friday Celebration Assembly Class Sharing Dates

Friday 6 th March	Class 1 & Class 3
Friday 13 th March	EYFS & Class 2
Friday 20 th March	Class 1 & Class 3
Friday 27 th March	Easter Assembly at the village hall 2pm

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

We look forward to welcoming you.

Other key dates – more details to follow

Red Nose Day – Friday 20th March
Non uniform and bake sale

Whole school Easter Assembly starring Class 2
Friday 27th March 2pm at the village hall



EASTER TENNIS

March 30th - April 10th - With Adam Scaife - LTA Accredited+ Coach



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MONDAY TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS

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30th March

TOTS

9am-10.30 - 3-5yrs

6-10 yrs

10.30am-12.30 - red ball

8-14 yrs

1.30-4.30 - Green/Orange

31st March, 7th April

TOTS

9am-10.30 - 3-5yrs

6-10 yrs

10.30am-12.30 - red ball

8-14 yrs

1.30-4.30 - Green/Orange

1st, 8th April

TOTS

9am-10.30 - 3-5yrs

6-10 yrs

10.30am-12.30 - red ball

12+ yrs

1.30pm-4.30 - Full ball

Book one or multiple sessions!

Message/Call Adam

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Costs

Tots (90 minutes) - £10

Red Ball (2 hrs) - £15

Orange/Green Ball-Full Ball (3 hrs) - £20



THURSDAYS @ KNAYTON

2nd, 9th April

TOTS

9am-10.30 - 3-5yrs

6-10 yrs

10.30am-12.30 - red ball

8-14 yrs

1.30-4.30pm - Green/Orange Ball

FRIDAY @ COXWOLD

10th April

TOTS

9am-10.30 - 3-5yrs

6-10 yrs

10.30am-12.30 - red ball

8-14 yrs

1.30-4.30pm - Green/Orange Ball



Locations

Aine Tennis Club - Back Lane - YO61 1TJ

Thirsk Tennis Club - Newsham Rd - YO7 1QP

Leake Tennis Club - HRAP Knayton - YO7 4AX

Coxwold Tennis Club - Coxwold - YO61 4AD

ASTENNIS COACHING

Programme based at Thirsk Tennis Club
Sessions ran by Adam Scaife

MONDAY

FREE TRIAL POSSIBLE

● 5.20pm-6.20- 11+yrs

TUESDAY

● 4pm-5 - 4-8yrs

● 5pm-6 - 7-11yrs

● 6pm-7 - 10+yrs

WEDNESDAY

● 5.15pm-6.15 - 10+yrs

(Girls only)

THURSDAY (at Knayton)

● 5pm-6 - 7-11yrs

FRIDAY

● 4pm-5 - 4-8yrs

● 5pm-6 - 7-11yrs

● 6pm-7 - 12+yrs

Addresses:

Thirsk tennis club,
Athletics club,
Newsham Road
YO7 1QP

Leake Tennis Club
Knayton
HRAP
YO7 4AX
(Thursday sessions only)

Booking:

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