

# NEWSLETTER 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026

“Rooted and grounded in love”  
Ephesians 3:17



**Dishforth**  
C of E Primary School

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## Headteacher's Message

This week we had a full Governing body meeting in school on Wednesday afternoon with Governors also taking the opportunity to meet with staff and complete monitoring activities. Also this week teachers have attended training on how to support children with bereavement and loss. We have been delighted to welcome Miss Wotherspoon, from the University of York St John into our EYFS class to complete a student teacher training placement.

Lastly a couple of requests. Recently we have seen a growing number of children coming to school bringing toys or fidgets from home. These are increasingly causing disruption to teaching and learning. Unless your child has a fidget toy specified on an SEN support plan, or having a fidget toy has specifically been discussed with the class teacher, they should not be using them in school. Each classroom has a stock of fidget toys available for those children that genuinely need them. Please can you ensure that your child does not bring toys from home into school. Thank you. Lastly, we have had a concern raised about the behaviour of some children around the school site before the classroom doors open in the morning. I have already spoken to the whole school about this in assembly. Please can you ensure that if you are arriving early and have to wait to go in, that your children are supervised, wait calmly and sensibly and are considerate of other families. Thank you for your support with this.

## What have we been learning this week?

### EYFS

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

This week in EYFS we have been following our interest in dinosaurs. We have been learning the names of different dinosaurs and describing their different features. In maths nursery have been looking at numbers up to 5 and reception have been recognising arrangements of nine and ten without needing to count. We have really enjoyed welcoming Miss Wotherspoon, our student teacher, to Early Years.

### Class 1

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

Class 1 have had a fantastic week writing their own diary entries as Vlad the flea. Everyone has worked so hard to include lots of descriptive vocabulary and Year 2 have enjoyed using words like because, so and suddenly in their work. Everyone is working hard in maths lessons and learning to measure, Year 1 are using non standard units such as cubes or paper clips and Year 2 are using rulers and solving length problems.

### Class 2

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

Yet another busy week in Class 2 this week. We have continued our preparations for our Easter Service by practising our production of the Three Little Trees story. In Maths we have finished off our fractions learning by completing our end of unit assessments. In History we looked at how the Angles, Saxons and Jutes created the 7 Kingdoms in England. Our DT work saw us plan for building phase next week where we will be building scissor lifts as part of our levers and linkages topic. Finally, in English we have loved writing our own adaptations of our whole class text "Bill's new Frock."

### Class 3

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

This week the children have begun their final project for DT, building their miniature doll's houses. They have also begun a writing competition based on the question 'If you had a superpower, what would it be and how would you use it for good?'. In science, they have learnt about changing materials, looking at reversible changes predicting methods to various science experiments set up in the classroom.

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 of the week is Wyatt. Wyatt is making super progress with his phonics, especially with sounding out words in his writing. Well done Wyatt!
<b>Class 1</b>	The star for Class 1 this week is Gracie for the amazing improvement in her handwriting and presentation this week. Gracie has really worked hard to transfer the skills from the handwriting lesson into her everyday work. Keep up the fantastic work Gracie.
<b>Class 2</b>	The star in class 2 this week goes to Stan. Stan has had a fantastic week this week. Even though he was off poorly for a day he has worked really hard to catchup and has shown particular resilience to catch up and write a brilliant story in English. Well done Stan.
<b>Class 3</b>	The star of the week is going to Matthew for his careful work in DT, measuring all of the wood for his group's project to ensure that it would work effectively.

## The Values Award



This week Abigail and Alex R have nominated Oliver R for all 3 values because he always tried his best and never gives up and always shares and is a really good friend.  
Well done Oliver.

## Attendance this week

EYFS	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
95.1%	91.11%	97.66%	96.5%



## Red Nose Day 2026 is on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March

(next Friday). To fundraise we're inviting everyone to come to school in non-uniform in exchange for a donation. Something funny, a sports kit, your PJs or just your 'normal clothes' you choose!

Please see below for the link to the official JustGiving page to donate.

We're also having a bake sale after school. So get your baking tins out (or have quick visit to the shop!) and let's raise lots of money for Comic Relief.

Cake donations can be brought to the office on the day.

Last year we sold out very quickly and some people missed out, so the more donations the better please!

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/mrs-lacey-5>

## Safeguarding

Attached to the newsletter this week is a 'Wake Up Wednesday' guide to Promoting Healthy Sleep Patterns.

## Parents Evening Dates

Spring term parents evenings are on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2.30-5.00 and Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 3.30-6.00

Appointments are available to book on Arbor

## Friday Celebration Assembly Class Sharing Dates

Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Class 1 & Class 3
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	No Celebration assembly

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

We look forward to welcoming you.

## Don't forget...

**Whole school Easter Assembly starring Class 2**  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2pm at the village hall  
There is no after school club on this day.

Our school term dates for 2026-2027 are available on the school website

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



**Redeem your vouchers for free holiday activities with food this Easter**

*We have issued FEAST vouchers to all families whose children/young people receive benefits-related free school meals. These vouchers entitle your child to free places on FEAST activities this Easter holiday, where they'll also receive a free healthy meal. You should have received this voucher via email or text, from a platform called HolidayActivities. Follow the link to redeem your voucher and book your child's place on some of the fantastic activities on offer in our area. Please note that an activity showing a waiting list does not always mean that the activity is full. You can still request a space and you'll receive a notification from Holiday Activities if your space is confirmed.*

*If you believe your child is eligible and you have not yet received your voucher, or you have lost it, please contact the school office.*

*To learn more about FEAST, and for information on activities, eligibility and how to manage your bookings, [visit the website](#).*

**Free school holiday activities this Easter**

*FEAST offers activities with healthy meals to children and young people across North Yorkshire in the Easter holidays. FEAST is free to children and young people who receive benefits-related free school meals.*

*If you believe your child is eligible and you have not yet received your voucher, or you have lost it, please contact the school office.*

*If you have questions or want to learn more, check out the [FEAST website](#).*



Help out as much or as little at our events, no requirement to come to meetings

Get involved and make a change

Everyone welcome! Teachers, staff, parents, grandparents & community members

**JOIN OUR PTA**

Raising money for the fun things!

All the money we raise goes back to the children

Join our friendly bunch.

Please message Jenny on 07961 820405

Thank you, from the Friends of Dishforth School



www.netball4all.com

**EASTER CAMP DATES**

Come and join us this Easter!  
Our camps are filled with lots of netball activities and match play which you will love.  
All abilities welcome.

Sign up today to secure your place.  
Prizes up for grabs & certificates for all.  
Get your trainers on & join us!

