

# NEWSLETTER 20<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

We've had a super week this week with some lovely sunshine allowing the field to be used properly for the first time for breaktimes, lunchtimes, outdoor learning and PE sessions. Class 1 had a very successful trip to Aysgarth Falls and huge thank you needs to go to Mrs Cawood and all the helpers who put a lot of time and effort into ensuring that it ran smoothly and that the children had a day to remember.

### Can you help us?

After Easter we are hoping to start a new initiative on Fridays to boost reading skills in school with a 'Reading Buddies' project. We are looking for some friendly parents/grandparents/carers to come to school to be a 'Reading Buddy' and volunteer their time to hear some of our children read. It would involve coming to the hall on a Friday morning after drop off and reading with a child 1:1 with their reading book. You could volunteer anything between half an hour and an hour of your time and if you can't do every week then please don't worry, every little helps.

The first session will be Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April and will be a quick meeting with Mrs Chaplin (our English Leader) to talk about exactly what to do and how it will work. If you are interested then please speak to Mrs Lacey or Vicky in the office.

## 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 continued to learn about dinosaurs. We have enjoyed exploring and learning in our paleontology lab, learning about different fossils. In maths we have been arranging ten into groups of two or three. In RE we have learnt about why the cross is a symbol for Christians, particularly at Easter. We all enjoyed tasting a hot cross bun.

### Class 1

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

Class 1 had a wonderful time at Aysgarth Falls this week, their behaviour was exemplary and everyone learned lots. We have also been showing how much we have learned this term by completing assessments.

### Class 2

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

It has been assessment week in Class 2 this week and the children have really enjoyed being able to show off all of their fantastic learning from this term. Our Science learning took us outside on a lovely sunny afternoon to look at which Spring flowers have begun growing in our school. Finally, we designed and made scissor lifts in DT this week to complete our topic on levers and linkages. Have a great weekend, I look forward to seeing you all at Parent's Evening next week.

### Class 3

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

This week class 3 have continued making our doll's houses in DT, adapting their plan to best fit the brief. In PE, we have managed to get out and enjoy the sunshine, playing rounders at the top of the field. In geography, the children have researched deserts around the world. For a special red nose day treat, we have used our knowledge of weighing and ratio to help us bake cakes for the bake sale.

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

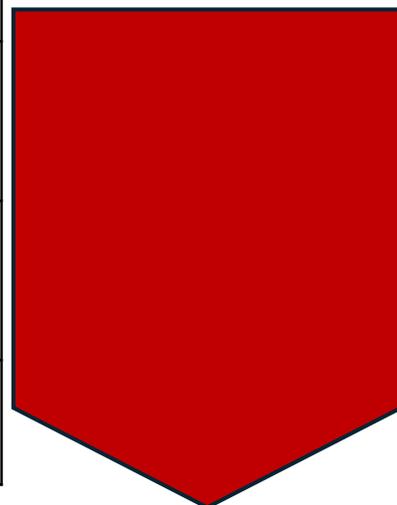


## Stars of the Week

# Celebrating our Success

<b>EYFS</b>	This week the star is Tobias. He has written a super poem about Dinosaur Pants, needing little adult support. Well done Tobias!
<b>Class 1</b>	The star for class 1 this week is Jace because he not only works amazingly in all of the lessons but he also really makes the most of the provision activities around the classroom. Keep up the great learning Jace.
<b>Class 2</b>	This week's Class 2 star of the week goes to Oliver B. Oliver has had a fantastic week, he has really knuckled down and worked hard in his assessments and has shown real engagement and flair for our learning this week.
<b>Class 3</b>	Star of the week is Harriet for her effort and determination during assessment week. She has been incredibly driven. Well done Harriet!

## The Values Award



## Attendance this week

EYFS	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
89.07%	100%	98.25%	98.8%



### Don't forget...

**Whole school Easter Assembly  
starring Class 2  
Next Friday afternoon**

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March from 2pm at the village hall. The doors will be open shortly before this.

Everyone is welcome.

Children can be collected from the village hall at the end of the assembly.

Any children remaining will be walked back to school for the end of the school day as usual.

There is no after school club on this day.

## Safeguarding

Attached to the newsletter this week are 'Wake Up Wednesday' guides on to how to set up parental privacy controls on Android and iPhone.

## Parents Evening Dates

Spring term parents evenings are next week  
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 – please contact the school office if you are unable to attend, to arrange an alternative date.

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

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