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Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Dear parent/ carer,

## SATs – message to year 6

Most of you will be aware that it is SATS week next week – whilst many of the children are looking forward to the tests and the opportunity to show off how brilliant they are, I know others will be feeling nervous.

I wanted to say to all of the children in year 6 that we are incredibly proud of each and every one of you. You have worked so hard this year, and throughout every year here at Dunnington, and you have done so with good humour and an amazing work ethic. You are all absolute superstars!

These tests are designed to see how well the school is doing. They are assessments in maths, reading, spelling, grammar and punctuation – things that you are all brilliant at – but there is so much else they do not assess – your talents over so many different areas, how caring and thoughtful you are, what brilliant friends you are and the hopes and dreams you all have.

Please don't worry about these tests this weekend. You will do your best and that is all that matters. Get lots of rest, eat lovely food, make sure you go to bed at a decent time and believe in yourselves – we all believe in you!

Good Luck – not that you need it!

# **EYFS Visit to St Nicholas Church**

The EYFS children had a great time at St Nicholas church and enjoyed learning about the different parts of church and why the church is special to Christians. Reverend McBride even rang the church bells just for them! They were really well behaved and asked some really insightful questions.

#### Threadworms

Please be aware, we have had reports of threadworms in school over the last week. Please see the NHS guidance on threadworms: <u>https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/threadworms/</u>



#### Author Visit – Catherine Jacob

The children in KS1 loved having a visit from children's author, Catherine Jacob, last week. They learned lots of facts about minibeasts, really enjoyed listening to Catherine's book and found out all about becoming an author.

The children also learned how to do the 'bee waggly dance' to transfer pollen from flower to flower!

Thank you so much to Catherine for coming in and to all the children for behaving so beautifully. It was a really lovely morning.





If anyone from across the school would like them for little siblings, God children, birthday gifts etc... then Catherine has kindly offered the books out at a reduced author visit price of £6.00 each.

- Super bright illustrations and rhyming text will make this a delight for parents, teachers and carers to read aloud time and again.
- With engaging endpapers at the back, including fun facts about mini beasts.
- Perfect for children who love to help out in the garden.
- Will delight the toddler David Attenborough fans in the making, little ones will appreciate bug life even more after reading this!

If you would like to purchase a personally signed copy of Catherine's latest book, Betsy Buglove and the Brave Butterfly or Betsy Buglove saves the Bees, then please send £6.00 in a CLEARLY named envelope to Mrs Priest, stating which book you would like.

#### **York Schools Hockey Finals**



Two teams from our school reached the finals which is really impressive! They all came up against tough opposition and fought hard in all their games. The blue team worked hard and as the games went on their hockey skills developed hugely- it was nice to see them welcoming two Y5s into the team as last-minute replacements. Well done to Jake and Nate! They didn't make it to the semi-finals unfortunately but we were really proud of their resilience to keep going!

The striped team also came across some strong opponents but did qualify for the semi-finals and finals with some superb hockey skills on show. They were narrowly beaten by St Wilfrid's Primary in the final.

Thank you to all the parents who transported and supported the teams.

#### **Planting in Yr2**

Yr2 would like to say a big thankyou to the PTA!

We have used some of our class money to buy four large planters for the KS1 playground and other gardening materials.

The children were very excited to help build the planters and over the past week, we have been planting a range of flower and vegetable seeds including some of the seeds given to us during our school trip to RHS Harlow Carr.

Over the Easter break, children took home a sunflower and took good care of it and brought it back to be planted out. We have lettuces just starting to sprout and even flowers that smell of chocolate! Keep an eye out for our planters over the coming weeks when you are in the KS1 playground, and see what is starting to grow!



A kind request :

As the children are very keen to do as much planting and growing as possible, we are kindly asking that if you have any spare seeds, bulbs or plants that you are not using, then we would very gratefully accept them. We have a lot of soil and are keen to redo our huge planters in the KS1 playground.

Also, if anyone have any toys relating to knights and castles that they no longer use, we have some children in school who would be very keen to play with them.

Many thanks in advance, Mrs Priest and all the children in Yr2

**RESPECT** – well done to the children epitomising our values over the last two weeks – Eddie, Tomos, Alice, Ralphi, Benjamin, Eleanor, Kalilah, Molly, Riley, William, Oliver and Heidi – we are so proud of you!

#### Message from the PTA

The PTA will be holding an Extraordinary General Meeting on Sunday 8 June at 7.45pm at Dunnington Sports Club. At the meeting we will vote on whether to adopt a new constitution for the PTA and will also discuss ideas for our summer fair. Please do come along! If you'd like to see a copy of the proposed new constitution please contact us on dunningtonprimarypta@gmail.com and we will send you a copy.







The children in EYFS enjoyed ladybird pebble painting last week. Mrs Elliott was delighted to find out that the collective noun for ladybirds is a 'loveliness' and asked if we could share their 'loveliness of ladybirds' in the newsletter.

## VE Day

We celebrated and learned about VE Day across the school yesterday. Year 4 particularly enjoyed their tea party.





# Dates for your Diary

#### **Term Dates Summer 2025**

May 2025		
SATS week	Monday 12th May - Thursday 15th May 2025	
Year 4 Swimming Lessons	Tuesday mornings	
PTA uniform sale after school	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	
KS1 Playground		
Bikeability - year 5	Friday 16th May 2025	
Class Photographs	Tuesday 20th May 2025	
Science Day	Wednesday 21st May 2025	
Brownlee Triathlon	Wednesday 21st May 2025	
School closes for half term	Friday 23rd May 2025	
June 2025		
Children back to school	Monday 2nd June 2025	
Michael Morpurgo Live Lesson	Tuesday 3rd June 2025	
Year 5 Mayan Day	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	

PTA Extraordinary General Meeting	Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	
Dunnington Sports Club	7:45pm	
New Starter Reception Evening	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	
Year 3 Creswell Crags Trip	Wednesday 11th June 2025	
Year 4 Creswell Crags trip	Thursday 12th June 2025	
Year 1 Phonics Screening check (And year 2 resits)	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	
Year 5 Residential	Monday 16th June - Wednesday 18th June	
New Starters and parents visit reception	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	
classroom	2pm – 3pm	
Spirituality Day	Thursday 19th June 2025	
Year 6 Residential	Monday 23rd June - Thursday 26th June	
New starters stay and play in reception	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June or Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	
	2pm – 3pm	
July 2025		
KS1 Sports Day	Tuesday 1st July 2025	
	Afternoon	
Reports go out to parents	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	
PTA Summer Fair	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	
	3:30pm – 5:00pm	
KS2 Sports Day	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	
	Afternoon	
Year 5 and 6 production:		
Dress Rehersal	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July 2025 (PM)	
Evening performances	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> July 2025 – 6pm	
	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July 2025 – 6pm	
Music celebration assembly	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	
Lunchtime picnic – parents invited	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	
(more information to follow)	12noon – 1:00pm	
Year 6 Leavers' Assembly and tea party for	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July – 1:30pm	
parents		
PTA Summer Disco	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	
Year 6 Leavers' Service	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	
Last Day of the Summer Term	Friday 18th July 2025	
Disaggregated Inset Days - no children in school	Monday 21st July 2025	
	Tuesday 22nd July 2025	

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns. Have a lovely weekend,

With very best wishes,

Clare Thompson

# Links/ Attachments:

- York Families Newsletter: <u>https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKYC/bulletins/3df5327</u>
- Job Advert Dunnington school cook maternirty cover <u>https://nycjobs.engageats.co.uk/Vacancies/W/4864/0/450502/22763/cook</u>
- Swimming lessons at Pocklington School
- What Parents/ Carers need to know about Instagram



# 2pm 7pm Fundraising Film Screenings Sunday 25 May 2025

Tickets £5.00

Book online at josephrowntreetheatre.co.uk or via Box Office 01904 501935





#### Come and join us for our May Holiday Club!

We are open every day for children aged 2-11.

The cost per day is:

**£34.00** for a full day (7.30am-5.30pm)

£30.50 for a 'school hours' day (8.45am-3.15pm)

This includes all activities unless stated otherwise, and a morning and afternoon snack. Places are allocated on a first come first served basis, so we recommend you book early to avoid disappointment. We have very limited places for 2 year olds and children with additional needs due to staff:child ratios. **To book a place**, please email

otrmanager@overtherainbowyork.co.uk with your child's name, year group, and days/type of session you would like to book. Once booked we require 2 weeks written notice to cancel a place to avoid being charged. We accept BACS/Childcare Vouchers/Cash/Tax Free Childcare.

#### What activities are we going to be doing?

Please see our activity planner for details. Some activities may change as we love to follow the children's interests on the day.

#### What does my child need to bring?

Please bring a packed lunch **(no NUTS please)**, water bottle, warm clothing, waterproof coat, plus sun hat and sun cream if it is due to be hot (everything named please!).

Contact Details for Over the Rainbow:

Email:otrmanager@overtherainbowyork.co.ukAddress:Church Lane, Dunnington, York, YO19 5QGPhone:01904 489 053

Day	Am	Pm
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	CLOSED	CLOSED
	BANK HOLIDAY	BANK HOLIDAY
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Tattoos and Nail Art	Kite Making
	Cookie baking	Obstacle Course
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Sock Puppets	Mocktails
	Dance Competition	Large games on the field
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Scavenger Hunt	Pin the Tail on the Donkey
	Suncatchers	Bubbles and Paddling Pools
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	Sunflower Planting	Movie Afternoon with popcorn
	Jewellery Making	Bingo