



## **DUNNINGTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025

Dear parent/ carer,

What a gorgeously sunny half term it has been, full of exciting learning, lots of sport and lots of fun opportunities. I hope you are all able to do something lovely over the half-term holiday – fingers crossed we get a least some sunny weather. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 2nd June.

### **Staffing news**

It is with a heavy heart that I have to let you know that the wonderful Mrs Subritzky, our amazing SENCO, will be leaving us at the end of June. She has got a new job in North Yorkshire's SEND department, which is really exciting news for her, but obviously very sad news for all of us.

Mrs Subritzky is a wonderful teacher and teaching assistant and an absolutely phenomenal SENCO – her expertise, knowledge and support will be incredibly missed by all staff, but also by all of the children and families she has done so much for. We are so grateful to her for being such an important advocate for our children and for being such an inspiration to us all.

From September, we will be welcoming Mrs Allen into the team for one day a week. She is a very experienced SENCO who is based at Escrick Primary School and Wheldrake with Thorganby Primary School. She will be doing some work alongside Mrs Subritzky next half-term to ensure a thorough handover takes place. I will also confirm early next half-term how Mrs Subritzky's teaching days in reception and year 2 will be covered for the last three weeks of term.

I know you will join me in congratulating Mrs Subritzky and wishing her every success in the future. I, personally, will miss her so much - but I am thrilled for her and know this is the right move for her, her family and her career.

We have also said goodbye to our school cook, Kerry, today. She is starting her maternity leave and hopes to be back with us next April. Kerry knows every child personally, greets them with a smile each day and is always so kind, helpful and considerate. We will really miss her and wish her all the best over the next few months.

## **OPAL – Resource Gathering**

After the May half term holiday, we will be starting to gather resources for OPAL – our outdoor education plan for the enhancement of break and lunch time provision.

There are lots of resources that we are looking for and would like to ask parents and carers if they are having a clear out over the holidays and have any of the following to donate to school, then that would be wonderful!

Please can items be dropped off with Mrs Priest in the KS1 playground anytime during the allocated week.

As ever, your continued support is very much appreciated and we look forward to sharing more about OPAL in the coming weeks – thank you!

### **Week commencing: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

- Dressing up clothes
- Fancy dress
- Old children's clothes such as blazers/smart jackets/dresses that would be great for role play
- Old vintage buckle style suitcases
- Old hats/ handbags for role play

### **Week commencing: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June**

Small world items for imaginative play including:

- Wooden trains and train track
- Plastic or wooden animals/dinosaurs/people
- Any matchbox/hot wheel style cars
- Old buttons
- Fabric bunting
- Wooden houses/buildings – small
- Small terracotta plant pots
- Small wooden or plastic trees/road signs/traffic lights

### **Week commencing: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June**

- Plants
- Bulbs
- Seeds
- Gardening gloves

### **Week commencing: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**

Equipment for mud kitchens:

- Metal kitchen pans of any size
- Metal sieves/colanders
- Wooden and metal cooking utensils

- Old aprons/chef's hat/dressing up

**Week commencing: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June**

- Metal or plastic trowels for digging – no forks please
- Old dust pans and/or brushes of any size

**Week commencing: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July**

Large loose parts collection!

When we arrive back in September, we will be creating areas for different play at break times. To be able to provide ongoing creative play, we will be looking to source a range of items classed as large loose parts.

Here is a list of the items we will be sourcing and we ask kindly if you have any of the following or know any local trades/businesses that could supply (for free!) any old or unwanted parts listed underneath, then please do let school know or drop off during this week.

- Plastic milk crates
- Road barriers and signs
- Plastic tubes e.g., drain pipes, under sink pipes or guttering for water play
- Flexible plastic tubes of any size
- Rubber mallets
- Old but clean car/tractor tyres
- Timber planks
- Large tarpaulin
- Wooden pallets
- Logs of any size to be used as small seats
- Round logs cut to use as stepping stones

If you have anything that isn't on the list but feel it would be along the lines of what we might be looking for, then please do get in touch.

We are very excited for the coming months as we begin to start out School's OPAL journey and would like to thank everyone for their support with all the donated items above – it will truly make a difference to children's play and their outdoor learning time.

Many thanks!

**Reminder: Year 4 Multiplication Check and Year 1 Phonics Screening**

The windows for the year 4 multiplication check and the year 1 phonics screening open in June. We are intending to hold the year 4 check on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June and the year 1 check on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June, allowing some contingency for any absences.

These checks are nothing to worry about, but please do talk to your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

## Outstanding Money Due

If your child is going on a trip in the coming weeks and you have not yet paid the balance, we would really appreciate if you are able to do so by the end of next week. Thank you.

## Brownlee Triathlon

We took 48 children in KS2 to the triathlon at York Sport this week. It was a sunny day and the children really did themselves proud. The event is very slick and there are over 1400 children that take part in 1 day! They listened brilliantly, took all the advice pre -race on board and enjoyed the swim, bike and run. It's only a taster of the real thing but an incredible experience to try out for younger children. Thank you to Mrs Scoffield and Mr Whitford for accompanying us.

Mrs Rowntree



**Thank you PTA**

Thank you to the PTA for the Magnatiles- Year 1 love them!



We have also used our sports funding to get some new scooters and active boards for KS1- they are absolutely loving whizzing around during afternoon playtimes!



## Sporting Success



The girls from Huntington Rovers U9 won the York RI Tournament on Sunday 18th May.

The girls didn't concede a goal during the whole tournament. They made it to the final against Killinghall Nomads and won 2-0! Huge achievement for the girls, well done!

We wish them lots of luck at the Rothwell Junior Gala next weekend! ⚽

## RESPECT

Congratulations to the children who have epitomised our school values of RESPECT over the last two weeks. Leo, Jaxon, Zoe, Eric, Dhven, Ivy, Kate, Joshua, Naomi, Wren, Ceri, Ravenna, Jessica and Bella – we are so lucky to have you!



## Dates for your Diary

### Term Dates Summer 2025

June 2025	
Children back to school	Monday 2nd June 2025
Year 4 Swimming Lessons	Tuesday mornings
Michael Morpurgo Live Lesson	Tuesday 3rd June 2025
Dance Workshops for all classes	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2025 Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2025
Cricket Festival for year 3 and 4	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2025
Year 5 Mayan Day	Thursday 5th June 2025
PTA Extraordinary General Meeting Dunnington Sports Club	Sunday 8th June 7:45pm
<b>Shakespeare Day (Rearranged Date)</b>	<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2025</b>
New Starter Reception Evening	Tuesday 10th June 2025
Year 4 Multiplication Check	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June 2025
Year 3 Creswell Craggs Trip	Wednesday 11th June 2025
Year 4 Creswell Craggs trip	Thursday 12th June 2025
Year 1 Phonics Screening check (And year 2 resits)	Thursday 12th June 2025
Year 5 Residential	Monday 16th June - Wednesday 18th June
Cricket Finals	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June 2025
New Starters and parents visit reception classroom	Wednesday 18th June 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 24th June or Wednesday 25th June 2pm – 3pm
<b>Luke Charters (MP) visit year 5 and 6</b>	<b>Rescheduled for September</b>
July 2025	
KS1 Sports Day	Tuesday 1st July 2025 Afternoon
Reports go out to parents	Friday 4th July 2025
PTA Summer Fair	Friday 4th July 2025 3:30pm – 5:00pm
KS2 Sports Day	Tuesday 8th July Afternoon
<b>Choir Concert</b>	<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2025 4pm</b>
Year 5 and 6 production: Dress Rehearsal Evening performances	Friday 11th July 2025 (PM) Monday 14th July 2025 – 6pm Tuesday 15th July 2025 – 6pm
Music celebration assembly	Tuesday 15th July 2025
Lunchtime picnic – all parents invited to join is for a lunch between 12noon and 1:00pm – school lunch will be a picnic option.	Wednesday 16th July 2025 12noon – 1:00pm
Year 6 Leavers' Assembly and tea party for parents	Thursday 17th July – 1:30pm
PTA Summer Disco	Thursday 17th July 2025

Year 6 Leavers' Service	Friday 18th July 2025 (no parents – whole school attends)
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 week,

With very best wishes,

Clare Thompson

**Attachments:**

- **York Families' Newsletter:**  
<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKYC/bulletins/3e13838>



# Girls Football Sessions



Ages 4 - 10

Saturday mornings  
9 - 10 am

Stamford Bridge Sports Club  
YO41 1DZ

7<sup>th</sup> June - 12<sup>th</sup> July  
£3 p/session



Register your interest here



Or contact Andy for more info-  
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FRIENDS OF  
DUNNINGTON  
LIBRARY

Roll up! Roll up!

The circus is coming to  
Dunnington Library!

Thursday May 29<sup>th</sup>

2pm - 4pm

**Suitable for all ages - 3 to 93!!**

Learn some circus skills with Circus Stu!!

**A fun session for all the family!!**



**Tickets £1.50 per child available from the library**

**Refreshments available!!**

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