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Friday 27th June 2025

Dear parent/ carer,

This half term always feel incredibly busy as we hurtle towards the summer holiday. Please do take a look at the dates at the end of the newsletter so that you are aware of everything that is going on over the next few weeks.

Goodbye Mrs Subritzky

Today is the day we have to say an emotional goodbye to the wonderful Mrs Subritzky; we all wish we could slow down time so that we could have her here for a little bit longer.

Mrs Subritzky has been at Dunnington Primary School for 10 years, and during that time she has endlessly advocated for our children, she has been a rock for so many families and she has taught us all so much. I have endless admiration for the knowledge and passion she has and her ability to stay calm and find the right solution even in the most challenging of situations.

She will be incredibly missed, but we are really excited about the adventures she has to come.

Good luck Mrs Subritzky – Dunnington has been so lucky to have you!

Changes to the school day from September

We have made the decision to make start times and finish times uniform for all classes from September. We will trial this during the first half term, and we will think really carefully about the doors we use so that it easy for parents to drop off/ collect more than one child.

	Start Time	Finish Time
EYFS, KS1, KS2	8:45am (Soft start means doors would be open from 8:40)	3:15pm

Survey results and future plans

Thank you to those of you who have completed surveys recently about the school generally and about playtimes. Your feedback makes such a difference and really does help us to drive the school forward taking everyone's views on board.

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When we completed the parent/carer survey in the Spring term, the main area where parents/carers thought we could improve was communication, particularly regarding parent consultations. We intend to send out a more detailed questionnaire specifically about communication in September to help us to fully understand concerns and make the right decisions about communication and parents' evenings going forward.

Thank you to those who have responded to our play survey – these views, combined with the views shared by pupils and staff – are helping us to make sure the changes we make to playtime really do benefit everyone, especially the children.

The main headlines from the parental survey so far are that:

- 89% of parents think playtime is extremely important
- 84% of parents would like children to have trees to climb
- 59% of parents would like there to be more ball games in addition to football
- 50% of parents would like there to be more social areas in the playground
- 73% of parents approve/ strongly approve of muddy clothes/ minor accidents that happen as the result of playing

If you have not yet had time to complete the survey, and would like to do so, it can be accessed here: <https://forms.gle/5bnNDxrSU5bPLXsq6>

We had an OPAL meeting earlier this week, where we discussed our action plan and next steps, and we are set to have a planning meeting in a couple of weeks to consider how best to use our amazing grounds.

We will be completing training throughout the Autumn term which will allow us to safely introduce play such as tree climbing later in the year. From September, we will have the following in place in addition to the normal sports and activities children currently do at playtime:

- Digging areas
- Muddy Kitchen
- Music area
- Dressing up clothes
- Cardboard area
- Chess
- small world

To make this possible, it is essential that all children have waterproofs and wellies in school as part of their school uniform from September.

OPAL – Resource Gathering

Thank you for anyone who was able to bring in resources this week.

Next week we are collecting:

- Plants
- Bulbs
- Seeds

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

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

Sports Day – Gazebos

It looks set to be a scorcher on Tuesday! If you have any gazebos you are able to let us borrow – and that are easy to put up - we would be really grateful so that we can provide shade for the children and spectators. Please let us know if you are able to help.

Residentials and RESPECT

We have so many photos to share with you from recent residentials and from our last two Friday celebration assemblies; however, we are having iPad issues – we will make sure these are shared as soon as we are able. As you would expect, the year 6s were amazing on this week's residential and had a fantastic time!

Message from the PTA:

Next week we would be very grateful for any donations of the following items for our stalls at the summer fair:

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2: Chocolates for the chocolate tombola, by Thursday 3 July

Year 3 and 4: Bottles for the bottle tombola, by Thursday 3 July (please ensure that any alcohol is given to a PTA member directly or the School Office - please do not send in with your child)

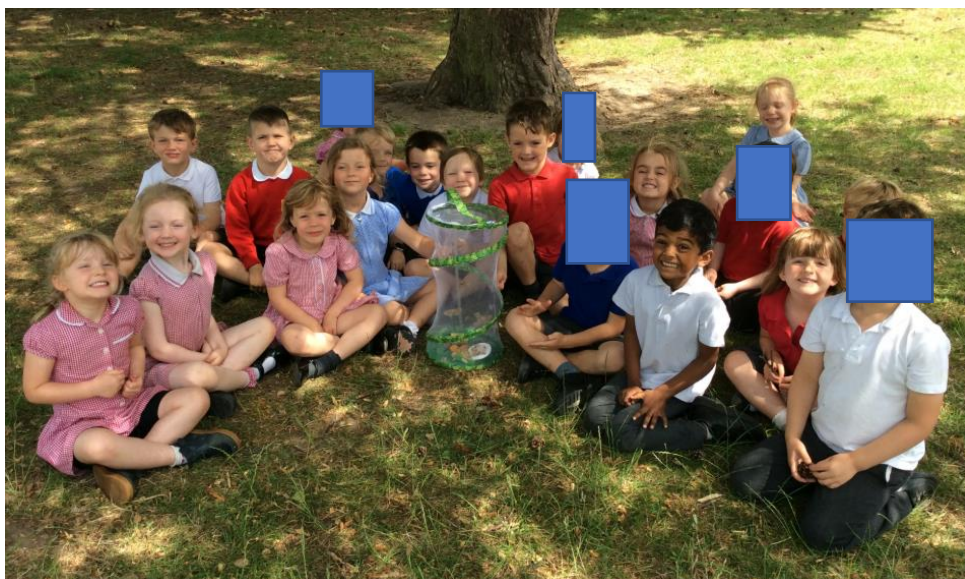
Year 5 and 6: Cupcakes, buns, and biscuits for the cake stall, on the day of the Summer Fair - Friday 4 July. If you would like us to return your plate/box please label it before sending it in.

If you are able to help by donating any of the above items next week, please send them into school with your child.

Thanks very much for everyone's support - it really is very much appreciated.

School lunches

School lunches will cost **£3.60** for children in KS2 from September 2025.



Reception loved releasing their butterflies this week.



Dates for your Diary

Term Dates Summer 2025

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
Choir Concert	Friday 11 th July 2025 4pm
Year 5 and 6 production: Dress Rehearsal Evening performances	Friday 11th July 2025 (PM)

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	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 weekend,

With very best wishes,
Clare Thompson

Attachments:

- **York Families Newsletter**
<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKYC/bulletins/3e66c39>
- **What parents and educators need to know about Nintendo Switch**



York Armed Forces Day Trail 2025

Join in on 5 July, 10am-4pm at West Offices with fun activities and discover the places in York linked to its amazing military heritage.

Start at West Offices, Station Rise where you can browse stalls and pick up useful information. Then pick up your trail map and special offers from our proud sponsors, and enjoy your day! It's one of the ways the city thanks you for your service.



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Teddy Bears' Picnic



Monday 7 July
10.30–11.30 | Dunnington Library

Join us for stories and songs, followed by refreshments.

Bring your own teddy or cuddly toy!

It's free, suitable for children aged 0-5 years old.

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LINE DANCING EVENINGS

**JULY 11TH 2025 (NEW DATE)
AUGUST 22ND 2025**

**NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE NEEDED, ALL DANCES ARE TAUGHT
ON THE NIGHT WITH EASY TO FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS**

**7.30PM - 9.30PM
DUNNINGTON SPORTS CLUB**

**TICKETS £10 FROM JULIE
ON 07788 728899**