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Friday 4th July 2025

Dear parent/ carer,

If your child is in reception to year 5, they will be bringing home their school report today. I really enjoyed reading and commenting on all the reports: it was wonderful to see what the children have achieved and the progress they have made during their time in school this year. They all have lots they should be really proud of.

The reports detail how the children have attained across the curriculum and how they have lived out our values. They also include information about your child's attendance. If your child is in reception, the report explains if they have achieved the Early Learning Goals or not across a range of areas; if your child is in year 1, the report details whether they have passed their phonics screener and the score they achieved and if your child is in year 4, the report includes the score your child achieved in their multiplication check.

Year 6 reports will be sent out next week once we receive their SATs results, so that we can share these with you.

If you have any questions about your child's report, you are welcome to make an appointment to discuss it with your child's class teacher. Please email the school office if this is the case.

Transition

We had a wonderful transition morning yesterday and all the children seemed to enjoy spending time with their new teachers. During the morning, each class shared a book about a figure who has spoken up for a cause, made the world a better place and inspired those around them. Each class then completed some activities linked to this person, which will form a door display for their classroom. Each class is to be named after this individual.

For 2025-2026, the classes are:

Anning Class	Reception/ Year 1	Inspiration: Mary Anning
Jemison Class	Year 1/ Year 2	Inspiration: Mae Jemison
Attenborough Class	Year 2/ Year 3	Inspiration: David Attenborough
Owens Class	Year 4	Inspiration: Jesse Owens
Yousafzai Class	Year 5	Inspiration: Malala Yousafzai
Turing Class	Year 6	Inspiration: Alan Turing

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We look forward to sharing the door displays with you once they are complete.

We have changed the date of the second transition morning to Monday 14th July. Year 3 will also have an additional transition session next week, on Thursday or Friday, so that they are able to spend some time with Mrs Jones as well as Mrs Todd.

School Uniform

A reminder about our school uniform. Our aim is for children to feel comfortable and confident during their time at school. Our school uniform is both affordable, gender neutral and active, which is more sustainable, provides more opportunity for uniform to be reused and allows children to be active at playtimes.

Daily Uniform

- Red/ blue sweatshirt or cardigan, with or without school logo
- Trousers, skirts, culottes, shorts or pinafore dresses in dark grey / black, or gingham dresses in red or blue.
- A polo-shirt, shirt or blouse in white, red or blue.
- Shoes, boots or plain trainers in black.

PE Uniform

Pupils attend school in their PE Kit instead of their uniform on their PE days.

- Plain t-shirt in white
- Sports shorts, tracksuit bottoms or leggings in black with minimal branding
- A plain black hoodie (preferably unbranded)
- Trainers or plimsolls suitable for indoor and outdoor

Every child will also need a pair of wellies and waterproofs available to wear every day. These can stay in school through the week. If you have any old wellies/ waterproofs that your child has grown out of, we would be very grateful for donations so that we have some spares at school. There will be areas of the playground that are inaccessible to the children if they do not have wellies.

Pupils should not wear jewellery in school other than small stud earrings. Please note that pupils **MUST** remove their own jewellery for PE and sport.

OPAL – Resource Gathering

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

Next week we are collecting:

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

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- 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.

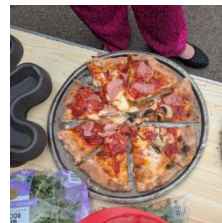
Please can items be dropped off with Mrs Priest in the KS1 playground anytime during the allocated week. Thank you

Changes to menus over the coming weeks:

Monday 7th July	Pasta Bolognese instead of pizza
Tuesday 8th July	Pizza instead of pasta Bolognese - no sandwich option
Tuesday 15th July	Roast chicken, cheese sandwich, tuna jacket potato, chocolate surprise cake
Wednesday 16th July	School picnic - menu changed to ham or cheese sandwich, crudities, flapjack
Friday 18th July	Pizza with plain wedges

Pizza Making

Year 3 and 4 loved making pizza last Friday – they were expertly led by Mr G, our very own pizza connoisseur!



Everyone says the pizzas were absolutely delicious. Mr G even treated the staff to some after school!

Emily and Matilda wanted to tell you all about the day:

On Friday 27th June, year 3/4 made some Neapolitan pizzas and the method we used was: getting a bit of yeast and combined it with a litre of water until it had dissolved into the water. Next pour the yeasty water into a tray and swirl some 00 flour into the water with your hands. Keep doing this and add more flour bits at a time so that it looks like it's snowing. While you are doing this add some salt and a tiny bit of sugar. Take the dough out of the bowl and roll it with your fists. Do this for a while and then your dough is almost ready. Finally roll your dough into reasonable dough balls, and make sure you get all the air out of them.

The sauce

We got chopped cherry tomatoes and tomato sauce, we poured it all into a big bowl and mixed it all together until it was smooth. Whilst we were doing this the rest of us ripped up basil leaves and dropped them in. We would pour in some olive oil and salt. Then your perfect sauce is ready to be put on a fresh pizza.

The toppings

Most of the toppings like peppers, mushrooms and cherry tomatoes needed special chopping equipment but the mozzarella just needed a sharp knife.

Method-making

Once the dough balls have risen, put them on a flat surface and gently press with the tips of your fingertips. This is one of the many ways to do this; you could put it on the edge of the surface and turn it around but let it drop. Another way to do this is to hold it in the air and turn it round slowly. It's time to put the sauce on! Get a spoon of tomato sauce and spread it around in circles-do not put sauce on the crust and make sure you don't take it off the pizza! Now time for the toppings! You can put anything you like on! (but not pineapple!!!) Finally put it in the oven for three minutes. There - your very own Neapolitan pizza is ready to eat!

By Emily and Matilda.

Residentials

Both year 5 and year 6 had a brilliant time during their recent residentials. The staff who accompanied them could not have been prouder of them – they were a joy to take away.

Year 6



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Year 5



Well done everyone!
What a fantastic time
you all had!

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RESPECT



Well done the last three weeks of RESPECT children.
Thank you to Raif, Oliver, Frankie, Jimmy, Marnie, Grace, Heidi, Eve, Freya, Olivia, Albie, Eleanor, Hannah, Rachael, Bella, Jessica, Ravenna, Ceri, Wren, Naomi and Joshua – you epitomise our values every single day!

Parentpay

We would be very grateful if parents/carers can clear any monies owing on Parentpay before the end of term.

Thank you



Year 1 cooling off on Monday!

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Dates for your Diary

Term Dates Summer 2025

July 2025	
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) 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.

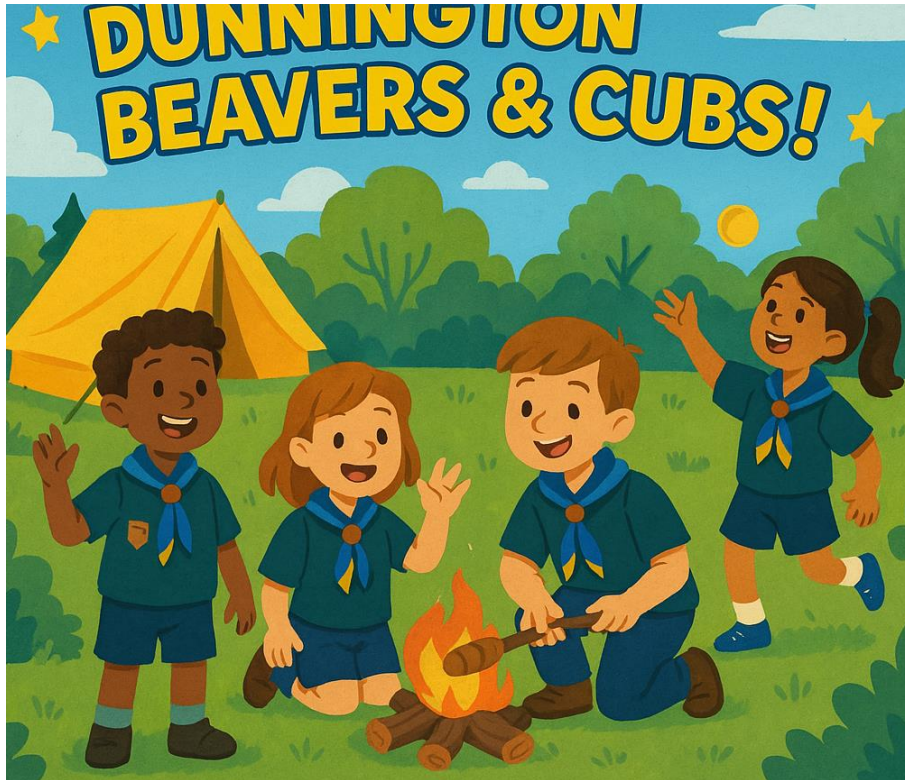
I look forward to seeing lots of you at the Summer Fair later.

Have a lovely weekend,

With very best wishes,
Clare Thompson

Attachments:

- Parent Carer Newsletter
- Yorkchestra Flyer
- York Inspirational Kids Newsletter



✿ Join the Adventure with Dunnington Beavers & Cubs! ✿

Are you ready for fun, friendship, and exciting new experiences?

Dunnington Beavers (ages 6–8) and Dunnington Cubs (ages 8–11) currently have **spaces available for girls and boys** – and we'd love your child to be part of the fun!

From outdoor activities and games to learning new skills, teamwork, and making friends, Beavers and Cubs offer young people a fantastic way to grow in confidence and have fun in a safe, welcoming environment. And, of course, there are opportunities to go on epic camps!

📅 Weekly meetings (Wednesdays 5:45-6:45 Beavers and 7:00-8:30 Cubs) in Dunnington, usually at the Scout Hut, Garden Flats Lane, Dunnington.

🎯 Activities include nature walks, camping, games, cooking, and more!

👤 Led by trained, friendly volunteers

Don't miss out – places fill up fast!

👉 To find out more or to register your child, contact:

✉ Beavers: Steven Clark (Willow) (teapothouse@icloud.com), Cubs: Pam Reed (Akela); Pamreed.email@gmail.com or Roger Sturmey (Group Lead Volunteer); Roger.sturmey@gmail.com

🌐 scouts.org.uk

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