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Dear parent/ carer,

I can't quite believe we are coming to the end of another school year! In some ways it seems to have hurtled past incredibly quickly, in other ways, it seems a very long time since September. I am so proud of everything the children and staff have achieved this year. I am certain I will look back fondly on my first year as a headteacher and I will always feel really grateful that I shared the experience with the wonderful community here at Dunnington.

We have spent a lot of time talking about and celebrating our values this year. It is our hope that everyone at Dunnington CE Primary feels valued, feels like they really belong here in school and are able to grow and learn together to be the best that they can be, in an environment based on Christian Values. We want our children to learn to be **responsible**, to **enjoy** all aspects of their time in school, to feel safe and **secure**, to be consistently **polite** to all around them, to put in appropriate **effort** to all that they do, to **care** for everybody else within and beyond the school community and to **tolerate** and celebrate all differences. It is no exaggeration to say that all children (and staff) could be selected for our RESPECT letters every single week – I am so proud of this and feel so lucky to work in such a happy and caring school.

There is so much to look forward to and be excited about for next academic year, but first let's enjoy the summer – I hope you are all able to enjoy special times with family and friends over the coming six weeks.

Mrs Falshaw

Friday is Mrs Falshaw's last day. She has been at the school since January 1999 - 26 years! Before this she volunteered and her mum used to work in the school kitchens. She really is the heart of Dunnington. I know you will all join me in thanking her for all her incredible hard work. She has been an endless source of friendship and support for staff and has always gone above and beyond to help the children. The school will not be the same without her; we hope that she has more time to rest and spend time with her family on Fridays in the future. All the best Mrs Falshaw.

Year 6

This week is all about celebrating everything our wonderful year sixes have achieved during their time here at Dunnington.

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We were all absolutely blown away by the year 5 and 6 production of Wrong Way Round earlier this week. Not only was the acting, singing and dancing amazing, but it was so brilliant to see every child so engaged and involved – it really was a whole class production. Every child looked to be having the time of their life, both on stage and in the wings. Thank you to all of the staff for all their hard work and support, all of the parents and carers for their help with props, costumes and line-learning and to all of the children for entertaining us. We loved it!

This year 6 cohort truly are a really special bunch. They have been such wonderful role-models for everyone here at school and we have all learned so much from them. They are such amazing friends, they are caring and considerate, they are hard-working and they are full of fun – it really will not be the same without them! Each and every one of them is more than ready for secondary school and their schools are so lucky to have them. We know they will show them how special they are and will continue to make the world a better place. Year 6 – we will really, really miss you but we can't wait to hear about the adventures yet to come.



Highlights from the last two weeks

What a busy time of year the summer term is! In the last two weeks alone, we have had two amazing sports days, a choir concert (there is still time to make donations if you are able), the year 5 and 6 productions, a music assembly, an assembly introducing children to Oscar's Charity, which will be our school charity next year, a picnic with parents and a visit from an ice cream van – funded by our amazing PTA. Throughout these events, I have been really struck with the support the children show each other – they are each other's biggest cheerleaders and this instills real confidence in our children.



The children were really inspired during Mr Martinez's assembly about Oscar's Charity, which is so important to everyone here at Dunnington. We are looking forward to planning lots of events to raise awareness and fundraise next year.



Congratulations to William and Nellie, who were presented with Oscar's Cup, after winning the year 6 sprints on sports day.



There was lots of excitement in the playground when the ice cream van arrived yesterday! Thank you to the PTA for providing this treat for us all.

We are really looking forward to the year 6 tea party this afternoon, the discos tonight and the leavers' service in the morning. It is going to be emotional!

Statutory Assessments

Over the course of the last term, children in several year groups have sat statutory assessments, such as the year 1 phonics screen, the year 4 multiplication check and the year 6 SATS. We are really proud of the results achieved, which are testament to the incredible hard work of our pupils and staff and the support from families at home.

In EYFS, 76% of children achieved a Good Level of Development, in year 1, 71% of children passed the phonics screener and 100% of children have now passed in year 2. The year 4 multiplication check was out of 25 - 41% of children achieved full marks, 59% scored either 24 or 25 and 91% scored above 20. Our average score was an amazing 23!

In year 6, 89% of children achieved expected level or above in reading compared to 75% nationally, 83% of pupils achieved expected level or above in writing compared to 72% nationally, 86% of children achieved expected level or above in grammar, punctuation and spelling compared to 73% nationally and 80% of pupils achieved expected level or above in maths compared to 74% nationally. 80% of children achieved an expected level or above in reading, writing and maths combined, compared to 62% nationally and 17% of children achieved greater depth in reading, writing and maths combined. We could not be prouder of you year 6.

A full break down of results compared to national data will be shared on the website once we have all the data available to us.



Well done to our footballers in year 4 who competed in the final at Wiggington earlier this week. Whilst they did not win, they were only beaten by a very skilful goalkeeper! We are really proud of you for representing us girls.

Need to Know for September

Start and Finish Times

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

School Uniform

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.

Class Meetings

We will share dates and times for class meetings on the inset days in September. They are likely to be in the second or third week in September.

Parentpay

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

Thank you



The Year 4 children have taken part in a competition run by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation. It was run to mark one hundred years since the death of the social reformer, philanthropist and chocolate maker Joseph Rowntree.

The children were asked to identify an issue that they felt needed investigating in order to make the lives of Dunnington

residents better. After a vote, they decided to look at the amount and speed of traffic coming into the village and then they made the poster. They have thoroughly enjoyed learning about Joseph Rowntree too.

Dates for your Diary

Term Dates Summer 2025

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

September 2025	
Inset Days – no children in school	Monday 1 st September 2025 Tuesday 2 nd September 2025
Children return to school	Wednesday 3 rd September 2025
Year 5 at Murton park	Tuesday 9 th September 2025
NSPCC assemblies	Thursday 11 th September 2025
Luke Charters Visit	Friday 12 th September 2025
NSPCC Workshops for years 2, 5 and 6	Friday 19 th September 2025
October 2025	
Last Day of Autumn 1 for children	Thursday 23 rd October 2025
Inset Day – no children in school	Friday 24 th October 2025
Break up for half term	
November 2025	
Children return to school	Monday 3 rd November 2025
Individual school photos	Thursday 13 th November 2025
December 2025 2025	
Tree Decorating Assembly	Monday 1 st December 2025
Flu vaccinations	Tuesday 2 nd December 2025
Last day of the Autumn Term	Friday 19 th December 2025

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Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

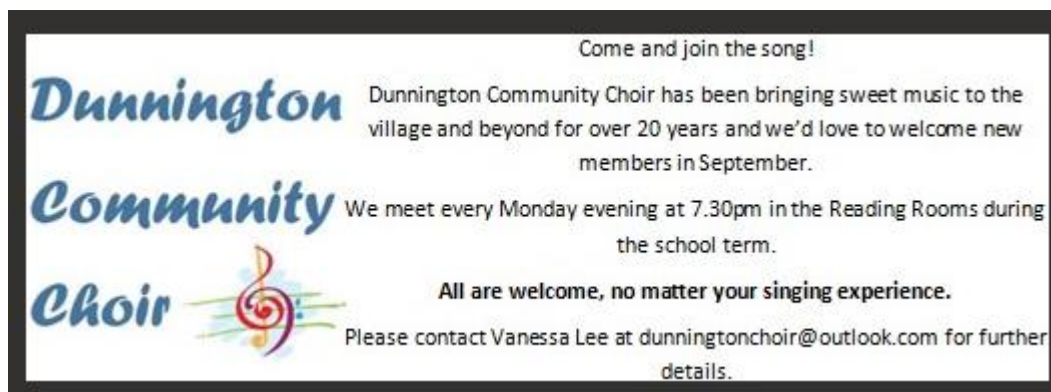
Have the most wonderful summer. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Wednesday 3rd September.

With very best wishes,

Clare Thompson

Attachments:

- **Parent Carer Forum Summer Newsletter**
- **Help to Develop the York Inclusion and Belonging Special Educational Needs Strategy:**
<https://yorkcouncil-newsroom.prgloo.com/news/york-launches-strategy-to-support-children-and-young-people-with-special-educational-needs-and-disabilities-and-their-families>
- **What Parents and Educators Need to Know about Staying Safe Around Water**
- **Total Sports Holiday Booklet**





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9-10AM : MINI MUSICAL THEATRE 3-5 YEARS



**10-11.30AM : LAMDA EXAMINATION AND MUSICAL THEATRE AGED
6-8 YEARS**



**11.30-1PM : LAMDA EXAMINATION AND MUSICAL THEATRE AGED
9-12 YEARS**

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10 CHILDREN
PER CLASS**





School Uniform Bank

Drop off your child's clean outgrown uniform, shoes, coats and PE kit and pick up the next size a few days later.

DROP OFF POINTS:

AROMA COFFEE SHOP: MONDAY 14TH JULY - 23RD JULY

HAXBY AND WIGGINTON METHODIST CHURCH:

9.30-4PM WEDNESDAY 23RD JULY

Pick up the next size on
Saturday 26th July 10-2pm
and have a cuppa and cake while
you are there. It's free but any
donations will go to Refugee
Action York



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