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Dear parent/ carer,

We hope you have all had a wonderful summer break. We are really looking forward to welcoming the children back to school tomorrow morning. Please remember that the start time is 8:45am for all classes – doors will be open from 8:40am and will be closed at 8:50am so there is time to walk between the playgrounds if required. Anning, Attenborough, Jemison and Owens class should enter via the small playground outside EYFS and Yousafzai and Turing class should enter via the school car park.

We appreciate that the updated information about class organisation sent out yesterday may have been unsettling for the children and that some may be feeling nervous. We will make sure lots of staff are present on the playground tomorrow morning to help the children find their classes and to provide reassurance to anyone who needs it. The teachers have lots of lovely activities planned for the next few days and are really looking forward to getting to know everyone in their new classes.

I know some of you may have questions you want to ask – please email these to the school office and we will compile a document answering as many of these as possible.

PE Days

No class will have PE this week, so should come to school in their uniform each day – they are of course welcome to wear their own clothes if it is their birthday. From next week, children should come into school in their PE Kit on their PE days, which are as follows:

Anning Class: EYFS	Thursday
Attenborough Class: Year 1	Tuesday and Friday
Jemison Class: Year 2	Monday and Friday
Owens Class: Year 3 and 4	Wednesday and Thursday
Yousafzai Class: Year 4 and 5	Wednesday and Thursday
Turing Class: Year 5 and 6	Wednesday and Friday

Please ensure that clothes worn for PE are appropriate, i.e. no crop tops/very short shorts. Thank you.

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Class Meetings

Class meetings will be held in school on the following dates:

Class	Meeting Time
Anning Class	Wednesday 24th September @ 4:30pm <i>This meeting will have a phonics focus.</i>
Attenborough Class Jemison Class	Thursday 18th September @ 4:30pm
Owens Class Yousafzai Class Turing Class	Tuesday 16th September @ 4:30pm.

Mrs Bradley

We are delighted to let you know that Mrs Bradley is expecting her first baby in February. This is wonderful news and we are all so happy for Mrs Bradley and her husband.

Please be reassured that we will start the recruitment process as soon as possible to ensure that we employ the best possible replacement for Mrs Bradley while she is on her maternity leave.

Introducing Yorkshire Learning Trust

As we begin this new academic year, we are proud to introduce our new Trust family: Yorkshire Learning Trust (YLT). Following the merger of The STAR Multi-Academy Trust and South York MAT, our school is now part of a wider group of like-minded schools, working together to give every young person the very best possible start in life.

While each school remains deeply rooted in its local community — and will always feel like your child's school first — we know that there is real strength in unity. By working together as a Trust, we can share expertise, support each other more effectively, and open up wider opportunities for both pupils and staff.

YLT stands for aspiration, inclusion, integrity and collaboration. We believe in the power of belonging: when children and young people feel seen and supported, they can thrive. We also know that it takes a village to raise a child — and through this new partnership, our “village” has grown stronger than ever.

We look forward to an exciting year ahead and to continuing to work closely with you to help every young person flourish.

Ian Yapp CEO, Yorkshire Learning Trust

Welcome

Finally, we are really looking forward to welcoming our new starters into the Dunnington family.

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Dates for your Diary

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
Welcome Meeting - Owens Class Yousafzai Class Turing Class	Tuesday 16th September @ 4:30pm.
Welcome meeting – Attenborough Class Jemison Class	Thursday 18th September @ 4:30pm
NSPCC Workshops for years 2, 5 and 6	Friday 19 th September 2025
Welcome meeting – Anning Class	Wednesday 24th September @ 4:30pm <i>This meeting will have a phonics focus.</i>
October 2025	
Last Day of Autumn 1 for children	Thursday 23 rd October 2025
Inset Day – no children in school Break up for half term	Friday 24 th October 2025
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

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

With very best wishes,

Clare Thompson