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Friday 3rd October 2025

Dear parent/ carer,

Apologies – there are some muddy – but happy - children coming home today! To save your washing machines, we have made the decision that children will only be able to use the mud kitchen if they have full waterproofs – trousers and coat. If you do not own these already, there are lots of affordable sets available in supermarkets. If you have any old waterproofs that your children have grown out of, we would happily take these off your hands. Lots of children were reminded about zipping up their coats and putting their hoods up in the rainy weather and we will do another reminder about this in collective worship on Monday as some seemed rather keen on the idea of getting soaked! Please do send children in with spare clothes, especially spare socks!

We are looking forward to seeing those of you with children in year 1 to year 6 who are able to join us in church on Tuesday morning for our Harvest services. Please do let your child's class teacher know if you are able to support us walking to and from the church. The children in KS1 will attend the service at 10am, so will be leaving school from around 9:40am and the children in KS2 will attend the service at 11am, so will be leaving school at around 10:40am. Thank you, as always, for any help you are able to give.

Things that have been going on around school ...

We are now well into the Autumn term and we continue to be so impressed with how wonderfully well the children have settled into their new classes and how hard they are working – there is certainly lots of learning taking place in every classroom.

Anning Class

Over the last few weeks, it has been wonderful to see all the children settle into life at Dunnington. With phonics, maths and science in full swing it has been great to see the children learning at the carpet and exploring their interests through the areas of provision.

Autumn has most definitely arrived and the children have been painting lots of autumnal pictures. They have also particularly enjoyed playing outside and have done a great job of tidying the equipment away!

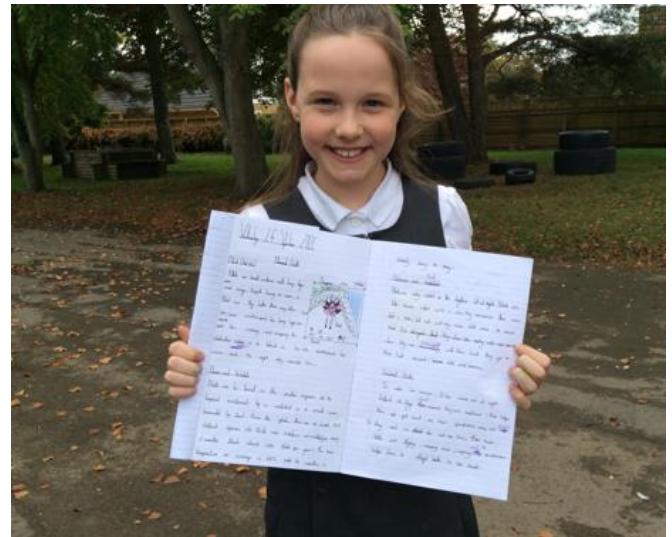
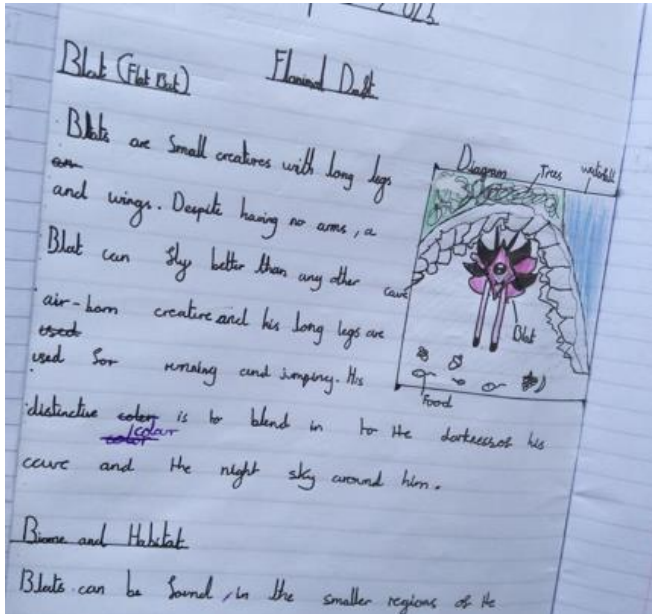


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Turing Class

Turing Class have been working hard on planning a non-chronological report based on the theme of 'Flanimals'. The children are currently in the process of editing their work before they produce their published piece. Miss Dickenson is enjoying reading about all their imaginary creatures!



Owens Class

Owens class have been learning about a little girl in Burkina Faso who had to walk a kilometre every day, before school, to collect water for her family. Owens class were given a bowl of water which they had to try and carry around the perimeter of the field without spilling. This was a lot harder and more tiring than it looked.

Summer Reading Challenge

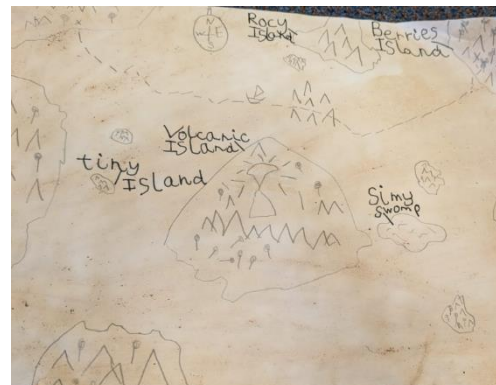
On Tuesday, the children who had taken part in the Summer Reading Challenge were awarded with a certificate from the library.

We are really proud of everyone who took part!

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Jemison Class

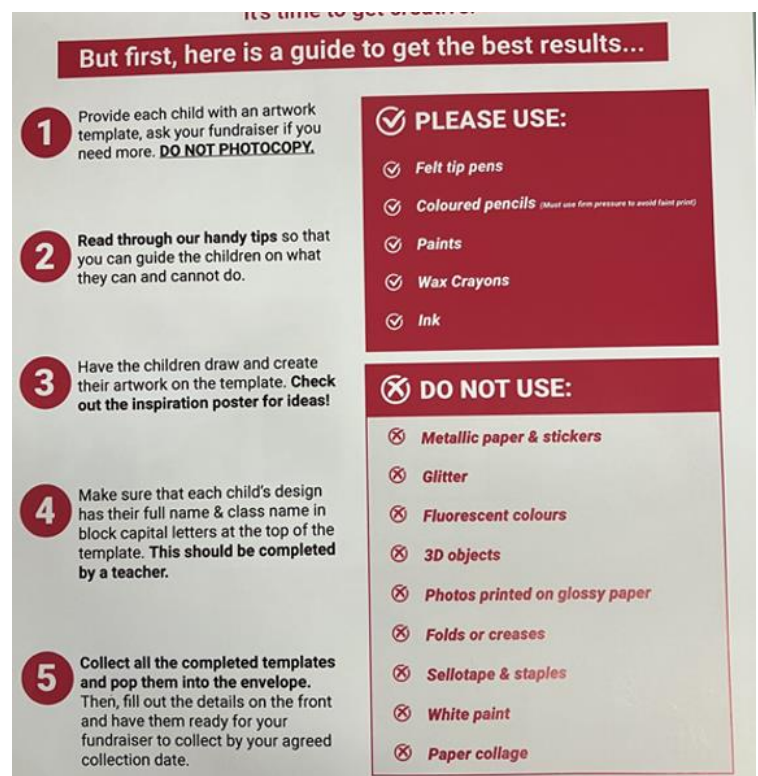
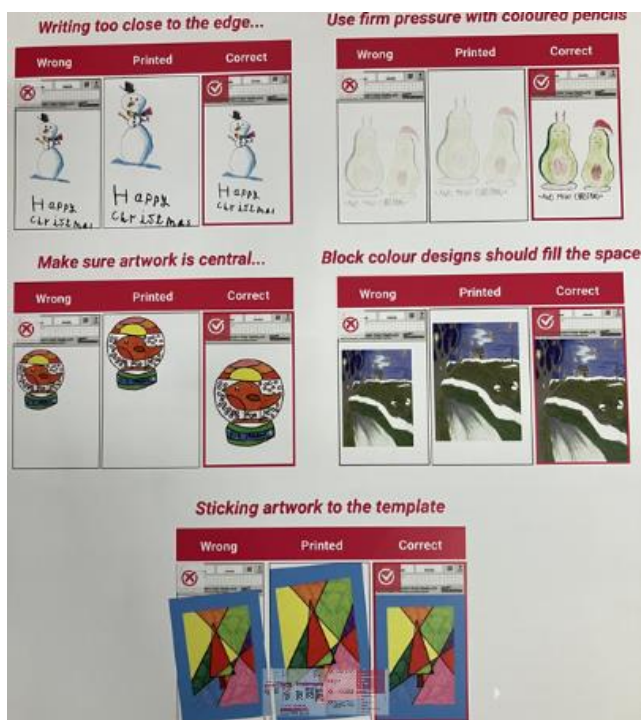
Jemison class have been working hard designing treasure maps this week! They have done an amazing job – I'm not sure I fancy a visit slimy swamp!



Today your child will be coming home with a Christmas card fundraising sheet.

This is for them to create a Christmas design that can then be printed onto cards and other Christmas gifts. More details can be found at <https://classfundraising.co.uk/>

If you would like your child to do this, then please follow the instructions below and hand back to school no later than **Monday 20th October.**



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Book Fair (so sorry for the late notice):

The Scholastic Book Fair will be arriving in school on **Tuesday 7th October** and will run until **Friday 10th October**. You will be able to browse many new children's books and purchase them online. We look forward to seeing you there!

WHEN: 15:15 – 16:00

WHERE: Locker area outside Mrs Bradley's classroom. Please access from the car park entrance.

There are over 200 titles for you and your child to choose from so there's sure to be a book for everyone. Don't forget that every book you buy can help to get FREE BOOKS for the school library! Please note that there will be an online payment system which can be accessed by a QR code. Staff will be on hand to assist with this, but regret that we are unable to take cash payments.

Football Superstars

Well done to the football teams who did us proud last Friday.

The standard in the girls' competition was incredibly high; we were so impressed with the performance our girls put in, winning one and losing three.



The year 2 team were unbeaten in a friendly and fun festival; they all had a brilliant time.

Thank you to both teams for exemplifying our values so brilliantly and thank you to all of the parents and Mr Sellers for making it happen! We are very grateful!

Message for Jemison Class Parents:

Thank you for all the jam jars you provided for our clay creatures activity. Interestingly, many of the creatures they designed did not fit into the jars....they were too big! So plan B is the rejected animals are now happily living in plastic cups looking out into the wider world of our classroom! We intend on using the jam jars to make Christmas lanterns when the time arrives.

Just a quick note about using Numbots. It is a fabulous resource to use at home and the children really do benefit from the reinforcement of making relationships between numbers and spotting patterns. I am aware that the time element can cause some panic in younger children so if you go to settings when your child logs in, you can turn off the visual timer on

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the screen and Mr Gargiulo has extended the time to 3 x times the previous amount. This should help if your child worries about the time and is struggling to achieve the rewards.

In class, I have also been using a lot of the maths games on ICT games and Topmarks to help their maths understanding and keep it fun.

Parking outside school

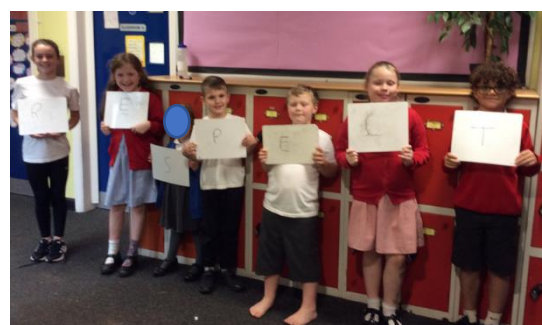
Please remember to park considerably and safely outside school, observing the road marking and disabled parking spaces.

We have been notified that some people are not doing this, which means the roads are not as safe for our pupils as they need to be.

RESPECT

Well done to all the children who have exemplified our values over the last two weeks.

Ceri, Mae, Wren,
Heidi, Otis, Odie,
Daniel, Victoria,
Grace, Sienna,
Asher, Leo and
Chloe – you are all
superstars!



Dates for your Diary

New dates will be added in bold each week

October 2025	
Harvest Service in St Nicholas Church	Tuesday 7 th October 2025 KS1 10 am KS2 11 am
Book Fair	Tuesday 7th October 2025 – Friday 10th October 2025 3:15pm – 4:00pm
Last Day of Autumn 1 for children	Thursday 23 rd October 2025
School Disco	Thursday 23 rd October 2025 – timings TBC
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
Parent Consultations	Tuesday 18 th November Wednesday 19 th November

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	Thursday 20 th November <i>These will be in person in the school hall. Teachers will be available on 2 of the 3 evenings.</i>
Open Evening for New Starters September 2026	Tuesday 25 th November 4pm – 5pm Please spread the word!
December 2025 2025	
Tree Decorating Assembly	Monday 1 st December 2025
Flu vaccinations	Tuesday 2 nd December 2025
EYFS and KS1 Nativity	Tuesday 9 th December – Dress Rehearsal Performances for parents and carers on Wednesday 10 th December @ 2pm
Christmas Service in St Nicholas Church	Thursday 18 th December 2025 KS1 10 am KS2 11 am
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

Attachments:

What parents/ carers need to know about FC 26

For children starting school in
September 2026, we invite families to
come and visit our welcoming school.

OPEN EVENT




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This will be a drop in event where you will
have the chance to see our EYFS area and to
meet staff and ask questions.


DAY	TIME	
NOV 25	4 - 5PM	Dunnington CE Primary School

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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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