



DUNNINGTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear parent/ carer,

SIAMs Inspection

As a Church of England Primary School, we have an additional inspection under the Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools framework, commonly known as SIAMS. These inspections happen approximately every five years. We received notification on Wednesday that our inspection will take place next week, on Wednesday 26th November.

This is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate all the wonderful things that make us Dunnington C of E Primary School and will provide us with the opportunity to showcase the many ways in which our school vision drives everything we do in school, from every interaction that happens during the day to the drivers we focus on to ensure we are continuously improving and providing the best possible experience for our children, staff and community.

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Responsibility, Enjoyment, Security, Politeness, Effort, Care, Tolerance

Dunnington C E Primary School is a place where we encourage children to develop enquiring minds, a lifelong love of learning and a respect for one another and the world in which they live.

It is rooted theologically in Proverbs 22:6, 'Start children off in the way they should go and even when they are old, they will not turn from it.' and 1 Peter 3:8 'Be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble.'

Who is this vision for?

This vision is for everyone! This includes adults and children in our school community. It is something we live out throughout our whole school day.

Why does this matter?

Our vision drives all the decisions that we make, and our daily life at Dunnington. We aspire for 'long term goals', investing in children not just for now, but for their lives ahead.

When we were previously inspected in 2018, we received an outstanding judgement. Judgements are no longer graded in this way. Instead, at the end of the inspection, we will receive a judgement outlining that either:

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***J1** The inspection findings indicate that the school is living up to its foundation as a Church school, and is enabling pupils and adults to flourish.*

or

***J2** The inspection findings indicate that the school has strengths, but that there are also issues that leaders need to address as a matter of priority.*

This will be shared in a report, approximately three weeks after the inspection.

I have attached a letter from the inspector that provides further information. If you have any questions about the inspection, please do not hesitate to ask.

Parent/Carer Consultations

Thank you to those of you who were able to join us for parent consultations this week. We moved to in-person appointments in response to our parent survey conducted last year, which overwhelmingly suggested parents would prefer this. We decided to hold the appointments in the hall to ensure they ran to time, and so that staff could support each other rather than being sat in the classroom on their own.

It would be really useful to get some feedback on how you felt the evenings worked, which we will consider before planning the Spring term consultations. If you would like to provide any feedback, please follow the following link: <https://forms.gle/FjvjbRu4CZ4T9F7Y9>

Snow!

You can imagine the excitement the flurries of snow have brought over the last couple of days! Please remember to send your children into school with **(labelled)** warm coats, hats and gloves, wellies and spare clothes – especially socks! We will be out whatever the weather!



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Open Evening

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

Please spread the word about our open event for children starting school in September 2026. Over the last few years, we have always had space in our reception cohort, and would be able to take children from out of the village.

The children will have the opportunity to play in the classroom, try some of our delicious school puddings and meet some of the friends they will start school with. We will also provide tours of the school and staff will be available to answer any questions parents/ carers might have.

Numbots – well done Alice!

Well done to Alice who has completed the whole of Numbots! What an amazing achievement for someone only at the beginning of year 2!

We have started to give out certificates for Numbots and TTRS again this week and will continue to do so in Friday assemblies.

I wonder who will be next to complete it?



Thank you for your support

To Dunnington School

Thank you for supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Your collection total £159.27

~~Dunnington School~~ Fantastic!

Many thanks once again.



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RESPECT

Congratulations to this week's RESPECT children – living out our vision every single day.



School Photos

The deadline for ordering school photographs is Monday 1st December. Any received after this date may be subject to a charge. There is an additional option to order directly on the Phototronics website this year.



Any of you who have visited Cosgriff and Sons in York will know how delicious their sourdough is. The bakery is owned by Paul, Vinny and Ernie's dad. Paul is due to appear on James Martin's Saturday morning show this week – the celebrity chef visited the bakery in person, purchased a loaf of sourdough, and was so impressed that he invited Paul onto the show.

What an amazing achievement! We look forward to tuning in.

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Dates for your Diary

New dates will be added in bold each week

November 2025	
Open Evening for New Starters September 2026	Tuesday 25 th November 4pm – 5pm
SIAMS Inspection	Wednesday 26th November
PTA Non Uniform Day – wear pyjamas (or our own clothes if you are not keen on pyjamas)! More details to be shared next week.	Friday 28 th November
PTA Christmas Film Evening	Friday 28 th November 3:15 – 5:15
December 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 and Thursday 11 th December @ 2pm
Whole school Christmas Themed DT week	Monday 15 th December – Friday 19 th December 2025
Christmas Jumper Day – Raising money for OSCAR'S	Monday 15 th December 2025
Christmas Lunch	Monday 15 th December 2025
Visit and Collective Worship led by the Lord Mayor	Wednesday 17 th December 2025
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:

Information about upcoming SIAMS inspection

Pocklington Elf Trail