



DUNNINGTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 7th November 2025

Dear parent/ carer,

It has been really lovely to have the children back this week – we have really enjoyed hearing about the fun and adventures they have had. We hope you all managed to have some rest over the half-term as well – we know it sometimes can be a tricky time juggling childcare and work.

Parent/Carer Consultations

Don't forget to log on and book your slot for this term's parent/ carer consultations from 6pm tonight. Appointments can be booked online using the following link:

<https://dunningtonprimary.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

You will need the following to log in:

- Your title, first name, surname and email address
- Your child's first name, surname and date of birth

Booking opens: 6pm on Friday 7th November

Booking closes: 12 noon on Monday 17th November

WhatsApp

We know that a number of children in our older year groups use WhatsApp. Recently, there have been a number of disputes/ incidents of name-calling on the platform that have caused a great deal of upset both in and out of school.

WhatsApp has an age limit of 13 for a number of reasons. We are certainly seeing that when our children are members of large group chats, hurtful comments seem to escalate quickly and some children are made to feel isolated and excluded. Whilst you may have decided that your child is ready to use the platform, we would advise that you monitor the chats your child is in and the messages they are posting/ being exposed to.

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We frequently cover issues such as this through our computing and personal development curriculum and we invited PCSOs in to discuss this with the children last year. We will continue to ensure that online safety remains central to our curriculum.

I have attached a guide to WhatsApp if anyone would like any more information and to support you to discuss the platform and how to use it safely with your children.

Dance Festival



Our Year 5/6 dance club made us all so very proud in their performance at the 'Everybody Dance Festival' at York Theatre Royal. They shone like stars on the stage! The children soaked up every moment, and received a rapturous applause from a full-house. Fantastic!

Thank you to all of the parents who came to cheer us on. Here are some photos, with professional ones to be sent in due course.

Thank you also to the amazing Mrs Bradley, who choreographed the dance, and to Mrs Rowntree and Mrs Perks who looked after the children – and Mrs Bradley – on the night.



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Church visit:



Yousafzai class really enjoyed singing our special Harvest song at church before the holidays.

We also had the opportunity to talk to some members of Dunnington's community. This is the sort of thing we would like to do more often: do let us know if there are any more community events that we can be a part of.

Well done to all of the children – you did us proud as always!

Getting ready for spring!

Year 1 and Year 2 have been busy planting lots of different tulips and daffodils around school. First, they learnt about how to plant bulbs and chose which ones they wanted to grow. Then they filled two of our big allotment beds on the field with bulbs, ready to be picked in the spring for vases of cut flowers in each classroom - to bring some spring joy inside! Children have also filled planters with bulbs so keep an eye out around the grounds for our spring flowers bursting with colour next year.

Message from PTA

For those who sent in a Christmas card design, the proof and ordering info should have come home with your child this week. Please make sure that you place any orders for cards/gifts by noon on Thursday 13th November, via the online portal. This is a tight turnaround but will ensure items arrive in plenty of time. The online ordering portal will close after that date.

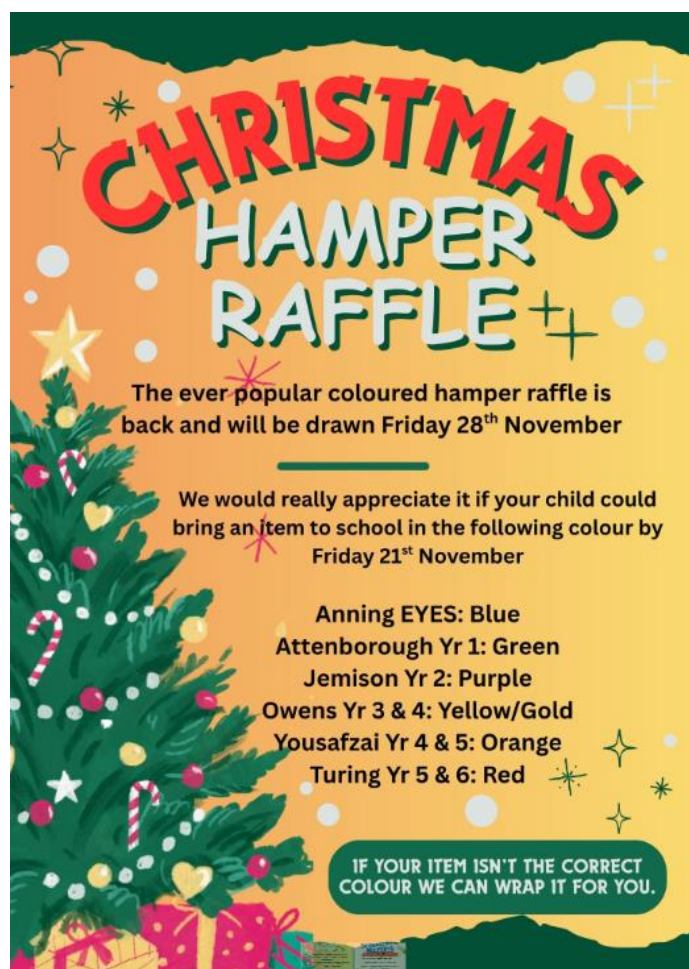
The PTA get 20% of the value of all orders placed, so this is a great way to support the school while getting some lovely items designed by your child!
Thanks all

RESPECT

Well done to the amazing children who have demonstrated our RESPECT values this week.



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Dates for your Diary

New dates will be added in bold each week

November 2025	
Children return to school	Monday 3 rd November 2025
Assessment week for year 3-6 – children will be completing some assessments for reading and maths.	w/b Monday 10th November 2025
Individual school photos	Thursday 13 th November 2025
Parent Consultations	Tuesday 18 th November Wednesday 19 th November 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

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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
Choir Concert	Friday 12th December @ 4pm
Whole school Christmas Themed DT week	Monday 15 th December – Friday 19 th December 2025
Yoyo Assembly and workshops	Tuesday 16th 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:

What parents/ carers need to know about WhatsApp

YLT Safeguarding Newsletter

York Families Newsletter

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

Design-A-Robe!

At special events and services Archbishop Stephen and Bishop's Flora, Eleanor and Barry wear a long flowing robe called a Cope and a scarf called a Stole. They are made by specialist artisans and feature images that tell the story of the Christian faith, like the life of Jesus, love, hope or joy.

As Chair of the Diocesan Board of the Education, Bishop Barry has commissioned a new 'Schools Cope and Stole'. To be designed by children and young people across our family of schools, it is hoped to reflect how God puts the voice and calling of children and young people at the heart of faith. It will be worn by the archbishop and bishops at special services, like next year's gathering of school governors at York Minster, as well as being taken on school visits for students to engage with and try on.

It is hoped that each and every of the 121 Church of England schools of the Diocese will contribute an A5 image. These images will be painted onto the cope to make one giant piece of artwork to last for many years to come and serve as a discussion starter across North Yorkshire.

Your school is invited to contribute one of these by submitting an A5 size piece of paper with either a picture or some words answering the question: *Where do you see God in your school?*

To feature on the cope, these need to be sent to mari.palmer@yorkdiocese.org by Wednesday 10th December at the latest.

As an artist will then faithfully paint these images on to silk, submissions after this time cannot be accepted.

The images should be simple, colourful but not have too much small writing or too many colours (otherwise they may need to be simplified by the artist). Below are two examples to give you an idea. A third idea would be take a single image, like praying hands, and use it to tell a story. Do contact Mari Palmer with any questions. Bishop Barry and the whole Diocesan Board of Education look forward to seeing what you come up with! Thank you for taking part.



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Are you aged 10-25?

Do you live in York or North Yorkshire?

Do you have opinions about Police, Fire & Crime?

Make your voice heard!

Questions? Contact Emily at
Emily@leaders-unlocked.org

Link to application form -

<https://forms.gle/jLNqvP68ob7EPAEe7>



Deadline 18th December



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ACADEMIC MASTERCLASSES
FOR STUDENTS IN YEARS 5 & 6

TUESDAY 25TH
NOVEMBER
16:15 TO 18:00

CHOOSE FROM:

- Maths: To Infinity and Beyond
- Creative Heroes (creative writing)
- Game Developing Superpowers
- Drawing Daydreams (Art)
- Psychology: Your magical mind
- Peacejam: Inside the Prime Minister's briefcase...

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Plus the option for parents to
have a tour of the school and
meet the Leadership Team.



St Peter's School
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Year 7 Taster Morning Saturday 15 November 2025

Current Year 6 pupils are invited to join us for a morning of exciting activities to experience Senior School at St Peter's

Schedule for the morning

9am Registration
9-9.30am Breakfast
9.30am Head Master's Welcome
9.40am-12pm Carousel of Activities
12pm Departure



Please register your
attendance here

