



## DUNNINGTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2026

Dear parent/ carer,

We hope you have had a good week and are coping with the gloomy weather January is throwing our way! Hopefully things will start to seem much lighter soon – apparently we have made it through the 10 darkest weeks of the year.

### Year 6 SATs meeting

A reminder that Miss Dickenson will be holding a year 6 information evening about SATs on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 5pm. This will be an opportunity to find out more about the tests, have a look at the sort of questions the children will be asked and ask any questions you have.

### Panathlon

On Thursday, some of our year 3 and 4 children took part in the York Panathlon games. The games had 8 different stations with fun games and activities for the children to take part in. Our children were absolutely brilliant! They showed fantastic teamwork and skills throughout.

Out of the 8 schools taking part, we finished first and brought home some gold medals for the children and a very posh trophy to add to the school's mantelpiece.

Well done to all the children who took part. What a fantastic achievement!



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**RESPECT** – well done to all of the children who have epitomised our school values this week!



Well done to the most valuable players in our recent TTRS Battle of the Bands and to the children who have been working their way through the Numbots levels – these platforms can really make a huge difference to children's confidence in maths, so thank you for supporting your children to use them at home.



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Thank you to everyone who contributed to the school charity collection at our Christmas Church Services. £152.67 was in aid of Oscar's Paediatric Brain Tumour Charity.

### **Sewing Help needed in Reception!!**

As part of the DT week project, Reception are attempting some simple sewing for the first time!

If anyone could spare some time to help us over the coming weeks (ideally Fridays) then that would be greatly appreciated! Please let Mrs Elliott know at drop off/pick up or email into the office.

Thank you!



What a terrifying bunch Owens class turned into when performing their Creakers Dance in PE yesterday!

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## Dates for your Diary

New dates will be added in bold each week

January 2026	
Victorian Day	Turing Class Yousafzai Class
SATS evening for year 6 parents	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> January 2026 @ 5pm
February 2026	
<del>Imam visit</del>	<del>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026</del> Needs rearranging due to availability
Circus Skills Day	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February 2026

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<b>EYFS and KS1</b>	
<b>Riley's fundraising bake sale</b>	<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026 3:30pm</b>
Last Day of Spring 1	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
Half term	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2026 – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
First day of Spring 2 – Children return to school	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2026
<b>March 2026</b>	
Year 6 sit past SATS papers	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March – Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2026
<b>World Book Day</b>	<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March</b>
Yoyo Easter visit	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March
Parent consultations	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2026 Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2026
Last day of the Spring term for pupils	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March
Inset Day – School closed for pupils	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March

#### Next academic year dates:

#### 2026/2027 academic calendar

	Term begins	Term Ends
Autumn term 1	7 <sup>th</sup> September 2026	23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2026
Autumn term 2	2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2026	18 <sup>th</sup> December 2026
Spring term 1	4 <sup>th</sup> January 2027	5 <sup>th</sup> February 2027
Spring term 2	15 <sup>th</sup> February 2027	19 <sup>th</sup> March 2027
Summer term 1	5 <sup>th</sup> April 2027	28 <sup>th</sup> May 2027
Summer term 2	7 <sup>th</sup> June 2027	26 <sup>th</sup> July 2027

#### Training Days

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2026

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2026

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2027

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2027

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2027

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

With very best wishes,

Clare Thompson

#### Attachments:

- **AI Carer Factsheet**
- **February Events at SEND Central:** <https://www.yorksend.org/parents/send-central/4#feb>

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## February Holiday Club at Over the Rainbow



### Come and join us for our February Half Term Holiday Club!

We are open for children aged 2-11.

The cost per day is:

**£34.00** for a full day (7.30am-5.30pm)

**£30.50** for a 'school hours' day (8.45am-3.15pm)

This includes all activities unless stated otherwise, and a morning and afternoon snack. Places are allocated on a first come first served basis, so we recommend you book early to avoid disappointment. We have very limited places for 2 year olds and children with additional needs due to staff:child ratios. **To book a place**, please email

[otrmanager@overtherainbowyork.co.uk](mailto:otrmanager@overtherainbowyork.co.uk) with your child's name, year group, and days/type of session you would like to book. **Once booked we require 2 weeks written notice to cancel a place to avoid being charged.** We accept BACS/Childcare Vouchers/Cash/Tax Free Childcare.

### What activities are we going to be doing?

Please see our activity planner for February. Some activities may change as we love to follow the children's interests on the day. Some activities are weather dependent.

### What does my child need to bring?

Please bring a packed lunch (NUT FREE), water bottle, warm and waterproof coat, a full change of weather appropriate clothing.

### Contact Details for Over the Rainbow:

Email: [otrmanager@overtherainbowyork.co.uk](mailto:otrmanager@overtherainbowyork.co.uk)  
Address: Church Lane, Dunnington, York, YO19 5QG  
Phone: 01904 489 053



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### Your Voice Matters

If you're a parent or carer in York we want to hear from you.

Your feedback will help shape services and support for families across the city.

Complete the survey and enter our prize draw for the chance to **Win a £50 Love2Shop voucher!**

### Have your say before 31 March

- Visit [www.york.gov.uk/YorkParentsSurvey](http://www.york.gov.uk/YorkParentsSurvey)
- Scan the QR code
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