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Friday 30th January 2026

Dear parent/ carer,

Junior Leadership Team

On Monday, we will tell the children that we are establishing a new Junior Leadership Team (JLT). This group will be responsible for ensuring that the children are fully involved in driving change and improvement at Dunnington Primary School and are able to advocate for what is important for them.

They will be involved and consulted on a range of issues, including climate action planning, premises improvements, fundraising, OPAL and the content of our curriculum.

We will be asking children from year 2-6 to consider whether they would like to be on the JLT. If they would, they should create a presentation to share with their class, explaining what they would do to make the school a better place by Monday 9th February.

Victorian Day



Yousafzai class and Turing class travelled back to the 19th century this week to experience a day as a Victorian school child. The children worked hard mastering the traditional '3 Rs' - reading, writing, and arithmetic - learning in rote, reciting poetry and writing on 'slates'.

In the afternoon, everyone headed outside to participate in 'drill' and play traditional playground games which included skipping, hoops and hopscotch.

Our final lesson of the day was nature studies - careful observation skills were engaged and children produced detailed sketches of feathers and flowers.

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The children thoroughly enjoyed the immersive experience... even if their teachers were a little stricter than usual! It was a day filled with imagination, exploration and a great deal of excitement in learning. Thank you for your efforts with creative costumes and traditional packed lunches - your support made the day a huge success.



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



Well done to the children who were given Numbots certificates this week. It is lovely to see so many reception children getting rewarded!

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SUPPORT RILEY BROOKS - REPRESENTING ENGLAND AT THE DANCE WORLD CUP!

We are incredibly proud to share that Riley Brooks has achieved something truly remarkable as she will be representing England on the world stage at the Dance World Cup in Dublin this Summer!

Riley will be competing in children's Jazz, Acrobatics, Ballet and Song & Dance, and she's determined to make the most of this amazing opportunity!

Entirely self funded, her team need to raise £10,000, and Riley wants to contribute to this effort. To help, she and her friends will be hosting a 'bake sale' on the last day of term!

We would love the school community to support Riley and her friends by coming along and buying some delicious treats! All proceeds will go directly to helping the England team compete at this prestigious event.

Bring along some cash and enjoy some incredible baking - Riley and her friends promise not to disappoint!

FRIDAY 13TH FEBRUARY
3:13PM – 3:45PM
JUNIOR PLAYGROUND

Dates for your Diary

New dates will be added in bold each week

February 2026	
Circus Skills Day EYFS and KS1	Thursday 5 th February 2026 Change of date
Children's Mental Health Week	Monday 9th February – Friday 13th February
Year 6 trip to see Fulford show and participate in sports	Monday 9th February 2026
Safer Internet Day	Tuesday 10th February 2026
Riley's fundraising bake sale	Friday 13 th February 2026 3:30pm

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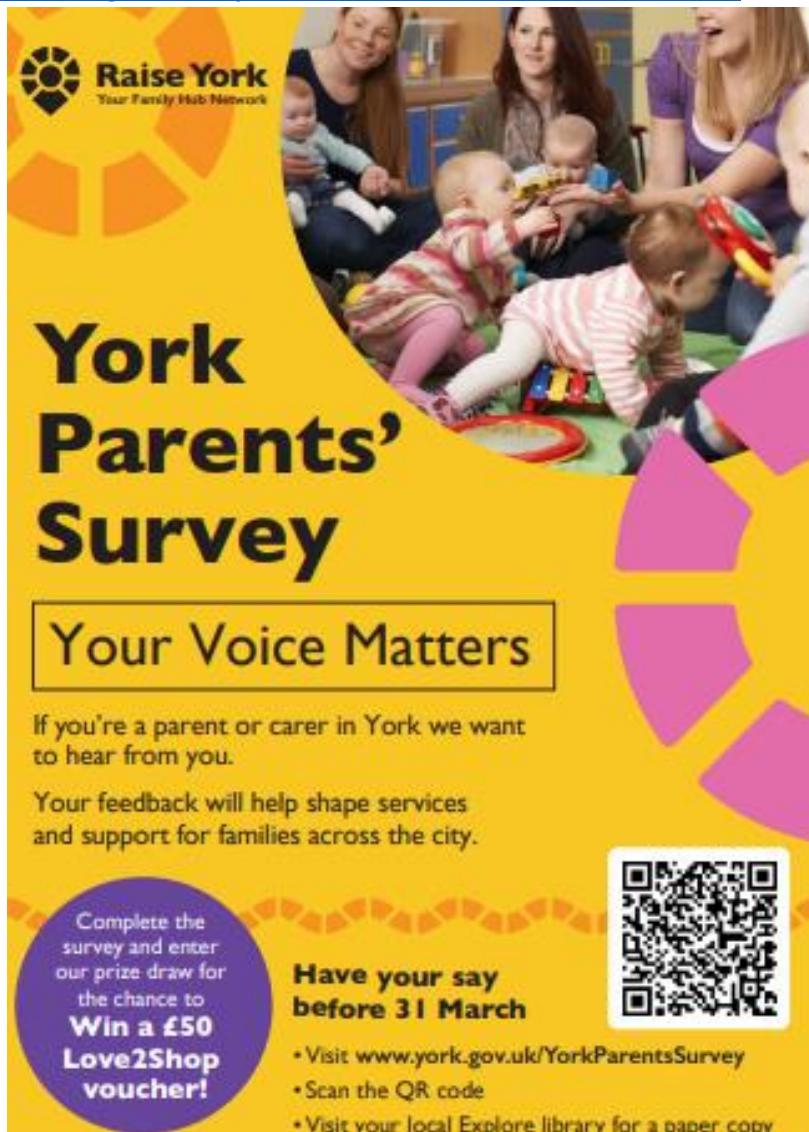


Last Day of Spring 1	Friday 13 th February 2026
Half term	Monday 16 th February 2026 – Friday 20 th February 2026
First day of Spring 2 – Children return to school	Monday 23 rd February 2026
March 2026	
Year 6 sit past SATS papers	Monday 2 nd March – Friday 6 th March 2026
World Book Day	Thursday 5th March
Yoyo Easter visit	Monday 23 rd March
Parent consultations	Tuesday 24 th March 2026 Wednesday 25 th March 2026
Last day of the Spring term for pupils	Thursday 26 th March
Inset Day – School closed for pupils	Friday 27 th March

Attachments:

- Parent Carer Forum Newsletter
- Raise York Families Newsletter

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