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Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Dear parent/ carer,

I know lots of you are aware that Mrs Rountree is currently off school because her son is poorly.

Mr Gargiulo will teach year 2 on a Monday to Thursday while Mrs Rountree is unable to be at school. Mrs Lawrence, a supply teacher who has worked at the school lots and knows the children really well, will teach Year 1 on a Wednesday, Reception on a Thursday and Year 2 on a Friday.

Thank you so much to all parents/ carers who have sent messages of love and support; we have shared these with Mrs Rountree – she knows that we are all thinking of her and her family.

#### **Punctuality and Gates**

A reminder that school officially starts at 8:45am. We have a soft start and open the doors at 8:40 and keep them open until 8:50. After this time the doors and gates will be closed. It is important the gates are closed as quickly as possible to maintain the security of the school site.

If you do arrive after 8:50, please accompany your child to the main entrance to enter school and remain with them until they have entered the building.

If there are reasons why you are struggling to get your child to school on time, please do let us know. We will be happy to support in anyway possible.

#### **Circus Day at Dunnington!**

What an exciting day yesterday was for EYFS and KS1! As part of the learning we've been doing about the circus, Circus Stu joined us for the day. He started by showing all the children the various acts and tricks they would be doing and then each class had a workshop with him. EYFS learnt to juggle scarfs, the year 1s became experts in juggling flower sticks whilst the year 2s learnt how to spin plates and balance Peacock feathers.

At the end of the day the children put on a spectacular show for the whole school where they showed off the extraordinary skills they had learnt during the course of the day. Even Mr Gargiulo and Mrs Collins got to show off their plate spinning skills!

A truly great day was had by all!

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A few children have asked for Circus Stu's details as he mentioned that he does Birthdays and clubs. Here they are:

Stuart Priest, Circus Skills York CIC  
Telephone: 07871 545388  
<https://circusskillscopycic.org>  
[LinkedIn](#) [Facebook](#) [Instagram](#)

**There is still time to donate on Parentpay if you have not done so already: We have received £229.50 so far and the cost of the visit is £300.**

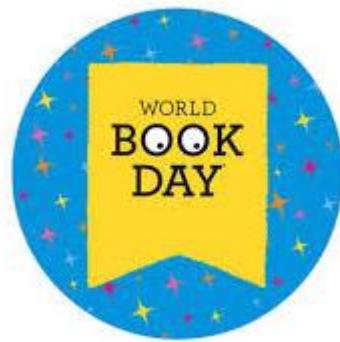
#### **Junior Leadership Team**

Don't forget, if your child would like to be a member of Dunnington's Junior Leadership Team (JLT) they should create a presentation explaining what they would do to make the school a better place. Presentations and elections will take place at some point next week so please ensure presentations are ready for Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February.

#### **World Book Day**

Advance notice of some of our exciting plans for World Book Day.

We can't wait to celebrate reading and stories at Dunnington during the week of World Book Day and we are planning to have a 'Bedtime Stories' PJs dress up day on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March**. Children are free to come to school in their pyjamas, onesies, or comfy clothes ready to snuggle down with a story at some point in the day!



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We are also running an optional competition to decorate a wooden spoon as a character from a book. We would love to then keep these spoons in our new school library to be used as spoon puppets in retelling stories. If children would like to join in with this, please can you make sure spoons are brought into school on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March** (World Book Day) ready for judging! A few small prizes will be awarded on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March. We can't wait to see what the children produce!



### Asthma Friendly School Award



We are in the process of becoming an Asthma Friendly School. The award was set up as a health improvement project for children with asthma as the UK has the worst health outcomes for children with asthma in Europe.

This week, an asthma nurse attended school to check our asthma register and start the process of ensuring all children with asthma have Personalised Asthma Plans. He also spoke to parents/carers and offered advice to ensure that their asthma was managed effectively and appropriately.

In the summer term, staff will receive training to ensure that they are skilled and confident to support a child with asthma if they are having any difficulties.

We will keep you updated and let you know when we achieve the award.

### Parking

Thank you to those people who continue to park considerately and safely, avoiding the yellow zig zag markings, and not parking opposite these where possible.

We have been asked to remind you that Hunters Close is a private road, and therefore no one should use this for parking unless they are a resident.

**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 and TTRS certificates this week.



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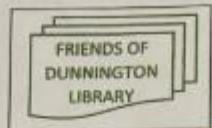
## Dates for your Diary

New dates will be added in bold each week

<b>February 2026</b>	
Children's Mental Health Week	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February
Year 6 trip to see Fulford show and participate in sports	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
Safer Internet Day	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
<b>Pancakes for pudding at school!</b>	<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2026</b>
Riley's fundraising bake sale	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2026 3:30pm
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>Bring in Wooden Spoons</b>	<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026</b>
<b>World Book Day – PJ Day</b>	<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026</b>
<b>Yoyo Easter visit</b>	<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March</b>
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

### Attachments:

- [Club Letter](#)
- [YLT Safeguarding Newsletter](#)



**PRIZES!**

# Beetle DRIVE

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February**

**6.00pm for 6.30PM**

**Dunnington Reading Rooms**

**£2 PER PERSON**

**Accompanied Under 12s free**

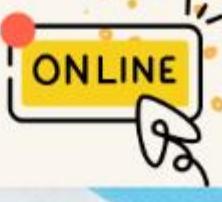
**Light Refreshments served**

**This event is suitable for all ages 3-103!**

**Tickets available from Dunnington Library from Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> January**

**Be sure to get your tickets!**

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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 13<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**  
**3:13PM – 3:45PM**  
**JUNIOR PLAYGROUND**



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