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Dear parent/ carer,

World Book Day

We have had a wonderful time over Thursday and Friday celebrating World Book Day and the joys of reading. It will be so lovely to end the week watching our older children buddying up together with the younger classes to share stories in their cosy clothes.

We were also so impressed with the creativity that the children have shown decorating their wooden spoons - thank you to everyone who entered. We had a hard time choosing our winners! The spoons will now move to our new library where they will be used as puppets for re-telling stories.



Congratulations to the children who designed the winning spoons



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All of the children have also been given a World Book Day token, which they can exchange for one of the World Book Day books pictured below.

The redemption period for World Book Day 2026 £1 token is until Sunday 15 March 2026 and there are lots of local retailers who accept them, including Asda, Sainsburys, Tesco, TG Jones (WHSmiths), Waterstones and The Works.



There is also a digital token this year which can be used and shown from your phone (see attachment).

Each digital token is single use per transaction, but the same PDF and barcode can be used for every child within the school.

Finally, there are some book related competitions which your child may wish to enter on the World Book Day website (<https://www.worldbookday.com/celebrate-world-book-day/>). Closing dates for these are all this month, so do enter soon if you'd like to.

Recruitment

Congratulations to Mrs Kukaswadia and Mrs Jackson who successfully interviewed this week to join our team as teaching assistants. Mrs Kukaswadia will be supporting children in year 2 on a Monday and Tuesday and children in reception on a Wednesday and Thursday. Mrs Jackson will be supporting children in reception on a Friday. Their values and ethos exactly aligned with ours and we are really looking forward to welcoming them to the team.

Parent consultations

Parent consultations will take place on Tuesday 24th, Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th March – we will send more information about how to book appointments next week, but we wanted to let you know the nights the teachers are available so you can organise your diaries accordingly.

Mrs Elliott	Anning	Tuesday and Wednesday
Mrs Priest	Attenborough	Tuesday and Thursday
Mr Gargiulo	Jemison	Tuesday and Thursday
Mrs Todd/ Mrs Jones	Owens	Wednesday and Thursday
Mrs Pilkington	Yousafzai	Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
Miss Dickenson	Turing	Tuesday, Wednesday (netball will be cancelled)

Golden Welly

Well done to our first Golden Welly recipient, for always being so supportive at playtime. Each week, a member of the play team will select a winner; I wonder who will stand out next week?



Dodgeball Tournament

Congratulations to our year 3 and 4 dodgeball teams, who came out as gold and bronze final winners in this week's dodgeball tournament. Mr Sellers was incredibly proud of the teams and said a huge amount of resilience was shown! The B team are now into the finals. Well done and thank you, as always, to everyone involved.

Biomes – Owens Class

The children in Owens class had a great time teaching the year 1s about the biomes they had created. I love seeing the children work together across the school – they all get so much out of it.



Thank you from Mrs Rowntree

Mrs Rowntree wanted to pass on this message to any family that were able to contribute to the incredibly kind and thoughtful gift she received – she was incredibly touched by the care she has been shown. What a wonderful community we have!

Morning,

I wanted to say a huge thank you for the most amazing and thoughtful gifts that you bought for our family. I was completely overwhelmed and the words in the card made me cry. I love my job and being away from the children at Dunnington is hard because it's a huge part of my life and has been for 25 years!

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The thought that went into the gifts for myself to make things more comfortable and relaxing were just beautiful and the slippers have not left my feet since I got them. Harry was thrilled to receive an Amazon voucher and the shopping/food vouchers do make our busy lives that bit easier right now. Hospital trips and some sleepless nights are definitely made better when you don't have to consider what is for tea!

Harry is being very brave and despite the awful side effects that go with cancer treatment, he is responding well and the team at Leeds LGI have been phenomenal. I am sure you will have seen his fundraising campaign and I think he is enjoying being a social media superstar right now which helps to give him some focus, other than on the diagnosis.

I genuinely am so grateful for all your support and as soon as I am able to, I will be back in school enjoying teaching again.

Mrs Rowntree

https://www.justgiving.com/page/hazza24?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=WA&utm_campaign=020

RESPECT (this week and last)



Thank you for all the children who exemplified our values this week! So many of the children were described as “always children” – setting a shining example every single week!

Great work for children on Numbots this week!



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Dates for your Diary

New dates will be added in bold each week

March 2026	
World Book Day – PJ Day	Friday 6 th March 2026
Beep Beep! Day - EYFS	Wednesday 18th March - Beep Beep! Day The main aim of a Beep Beep! Day is to help children to start learning the basics of road safety through fun activities, and to raise awareness among parents and the local community about protecting children on roads.
Easter Service at St Nicholas Church	Tuesday 24th March 2026 EYFS and KS1 – 10am KS2 – 11m Parents are welcome to come along to join the service. Any help walking to and from the church is much appreciated as always.
Yoyo Easter visit	Wednesday 25 th March
Parent consultations	Tuesday 24 th March 2026 Wednesday 25 th March 2026 (no netball) Thursday 26 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

Best wishes,

Clare Thompson

Attachments:

- Parent Carer Forum Newsletter
- YLT Primary Safeguarding Newsletter



DISCOVER



EASTER

Monday 30th March 2026

10am until noon

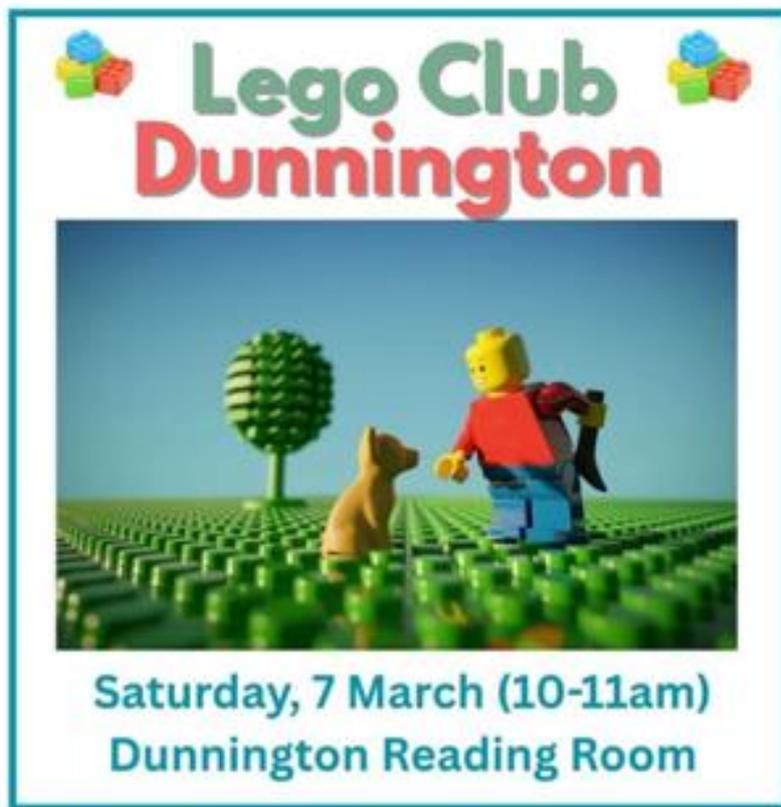
St Nicholas Church, Dunnington



Come and join our Easter celebrations: Activities will include an Easter egg hunt, games, crafts and a short worship time with Reverend Kath.



Children of all ages are welcome accompanied by an adult. There is no need to book a place or pay.



Calling all Lego fans!!

Friends of Dunnington Library are running their Lego club next Saturday, 7 March from 10 -11am at Dunnington Reading Room.

The club is suitable for any children up to 12, accompanied by their adults. There will also be Duplo available for any younger aged children. Please enter via the library on the day.

To register your interest, please call in at Dunnington Library or email friendsdunningtonlibrary@gmail.com