



DUNNINGTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 17th April 2026

Dear parent/ carer,

We hope you were all able to have a relaxing and restful Easter break and enjoyed the gorgeous sunshine. It has been really lovely to welcome the children back this week and they have been working wonderfully hard as ever.

Attendance

We are so lucky that the vast majority of children have excellent attendance here at Dunnington and understand the importance of attending school.

Coming to school every day helps children to have fun, learn, make new friends and experience new things. Even missing a few afternoons can make it much harder for your child to keep up with their learning and fully enjoy school.

We absolutely do not want you to send your child to school if they are unwell and really appreciate your support with this to try to prevent illnesses spreading around school. We understand that a nasty illness can have an effect on the percentage attendance your child has and we do always look at the reasons behind a child's absence when analysing attendance.

On the whole, good attendance is considered to be above 96%, and we are particularly worried when attendance slips below 90%, when a child is classed as a persistent absentee.

We have sent attendance records home for children who have an attendance below 95% - this means they have missed at least 6.5 days, over a week, of school so far this year. If you receive one of these and want to talk to us about your child's attendance, our door is always open. Please do get in touch if there is a reason why your child is struggling to come to school – we will do everything we can to help.

Gates closing

Please remember gates will be closed at 8:50am. If you arrive after this time, your child will have to come in via the school office.

Sporting Events

We have taken part in lots of sporting events over the last few weeks and the children, as always, have done Dunnington proud.

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Jimmy in year 6 has written about the recent Nerf Tournament:

The Thursday before we broke up for the Easter Holidays, a few of the Year 3/4s went to Fulford Secondary School and took part in a Nerf competition against two other schools and six teams altogether. All of the children who took part showed great sportsmanship and did brilliantly!

Well done also to all the other teams who have represented us, and good luck to the girls playing football tonight.

Dunnington in Bloom



Thank you to Mrs Priest and to the green-fingered children in year 1 who planted spring bulbs around the grounds – they look glorious – we hope you are enjoying them as much as us!

Dunnington has been invited to enter the Yorkshire in Bloom Golden Award Scheme due to the civic pride seen throughout the area. Over the last 12 months, we have been working hard and are continuing to do so to try to enhance our school grounds. As part of this, Dunnington in Bloom are providing us with sunflower seeds, which the children will plant be the fencing at the front of school. This should produce a spectacular display to be enjoyed by the whole village. We will then use the seeds for birdfeed in the Autumn and Winter.

Easter Services

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our Easter services - £159.67 was collected for Oscar's Charity. We look forward to raising more money for Oscars in our bake sales this term.

Change of Menu

Thursday 23rd April is Curry Club Day – the menu will be:

Chicken Tikka
Vegetable Korma
50/50 rice
Naan Bread
Cheese sandwich

Sounds delicious!

Meal Manager has been changed to reflect this so you may need to check your pre-orders.

Congratulations to all of the children we celebrated in assembly this morning – what superstars you are!



We have a budding golfer in our midst who will play in the regional final after achieving second place in the Faldo Futures regional qualifier! Congratulations.

Please do continue to send in things your child has achieved into school – we love celebrating everyone on our class wonder walls here in school.



Dates for your Diary

New dates will be added in bold each week

April 2026	
Betsy Bug Hotel Visit EYFS and KS1	Friday 24 th April
Hinduism Visit – year 3, 4, 5 and 6	Thursday 30 th April
May 2026	

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Class Photographs	Tuesday 5 th May
SATS week	Monday 11 th May – Thursday 14 th May
Key Stage 2 Bake Sale – Raising money for Oscars	Thursday 21 st May
Last day of half term	Friday 22 nd May
Half Term Holiday	Monday 25 th May – Friday 29 th May
June 2026	
First Day back for children	Monday 1st June
Year 5 Residential – Boggle Hole	Monday 8 th June – Wednesday 10 th June
Year 1 Phonics Screener	Tuesday 9th June
Year 4 Multiplication Check	Wednesday 10th June
Summer Beach Day celebrating International Day of Play – parents invited	Thursday 11 th June
Years 3, 4 and 5 complete NFER assessments	w/b Monday 15th June
Whole school visit to York Mosque over three mornings	Tuesday 16th June - EYFS and KS1 Wednesday 17th June - Year 5 and 6 Thursday 18th June - Year 3 and 4
Yoyo prayer spaces in church for years 2 and 3	Wednesday 17 th June
Yoyo prayer spaces in church for years 4 and 5	Thursday 18 th June
Film Night	Friday 19 th June
Year 6 residential – Low Mill	Monday 22 nd June – Wednesday 24 th June
Colour Run – Raising money for Candlelighters	Friday 26th June
July 2026	
Sports Day – KS2am, KS1pm	Wednesday 8 th July (reserve date Wednesday 15 th July)
EYFS and Key Stage 1 Bake Sale – Raising money for Oscars	Thursday 9 th July
Reports out to parents	Friday 10 th July
KS2 production dress rehearsal	Friday 10 th July
KS2 production	Monday 13 th July – 1:30pm Monday 13 th July – 6pm Tuesday 14 th July – 6pm
Year 6 Leavers Assembly and Tea	Thursday 16 th July – 1:30pm
School Disco	Thursday 16 th July EYFS and KS1 – 5pm – 6pm KS2 6:15pm – 7:15pm
Leavers' Service in St Nicholas Church (no parents)	Friday 17 th July – 10am
Last day of the summer term	Friday 17 th July
Disaggregated Inset Day – no children in school	Monday 20th July

Reception, year 1, year 2, year 3, year 4 and year 6 are all in the process of arranging school trips. We will send details about these out as soon as possible.

Best wishes,

Clare Thompson

Attachments:

- Primary Spotlight on Safeguarding Trust letter



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COMEDY FESTIVAL

SATURDAY 30 MAY 2026

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Marcel Lucont: Les Enfants Terribles —A Gameshow For Awful Children

4.00pm | £16 Adult / £12 Child/Under 25

Marcel Lucont presents a wild family gameshow, in which kids get to be pests, politicians and pétomanes to be crowned the most awful child of the day.

See what happens when international insouciance meets infantile exuberance.

A big hit at Edinburgh Fringe and many other festivals, the multi-award-winning comic channels his acerbic humour and quickfire wit into a series of tasks for the younger generation, which is every bit as entertaining for adults as it is for children.

"An absolute gem... If you don't have kids, borrow someone else's... a treat from beginning to end"

—★★★★★ Edinburgh Festivals magazine

"A real highlight of Edinburgh Fringe for the entire Horne family. Très funny"

—Alex Horne, Taskmaster



Darryl J Carrington: Out of the Box

2.00pm | £16 Adult / £12 Child/Under 25

Out of the Box is a multi-award-winning family show delighting audiences across the UK; an hour of joyful chaos, jaw-dropping skill, and irresistible fun.

Fresh from five-star success at the Edinburgh Fringe and being named Best Family Show at Brighton Fringe, Darryl J Carrington transforms everyday objects into extraordinary adventures. A toothbrush stars in a balancing act, a string sparks a heist, and a tea party lands on someone's head!

With over 20 years of circus and clowning experience, Darryl's silent comedy blends world-class juggling, inventive physical theatre, and heartwarming audience interaction. His humour transcends age and language, captivating children, parents, and grandparents alike.

"Chaotic and hugely enjoyable"

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