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Friday 22nd May 2026

Dear parent/carer,

It has been a wonderful – and very busy – half-term, full of exciting learning, lots of sport and lots of fun opportunities. It has been great to end the half-term with such a gorgeous sunny day – and the glorious weather looks to continue into next week for half-term – we hope you enjoy whatever you intend to do.

We look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 1st June – we are certain next half-term will be just as busy and full of fun!

Sand-pit building

What an exciting two days we have had! Children have enjoyed popping out to watch our huge new sandpit being built. They are so excited to try it out after the holidays and are busy thinking of all the lovely play ideas for the sand.

We would like to say a huge thanks to Glenn from Tip Top Landscapes York for all his help and hard work building the sandpit and the PTA for supporting and providing the funds for the digger and sand. A huge thanks to Simpson Joiners in Dunnington for the donation of wood last year which has helped to build the frame for the sand pit.

As a school, we are grateful for all the support we receive to make OPAL the success that it is. The children enjoy play at Dunnington School and it is lovely to be able to enhance the provision further through kind donations and support. The sand pit will be such a wonderful addition to our OPAL provision available at school.

Please can I ask for any donations of buckets, spades and sand play toys that are no longer needed at home. We would gratefully receive them.

Many thanks once again,
Mrs Priest
OPAL Lead



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Class Photos

The class photos have all gone out – they are really lovely this year! If you would like to order one, please do so by Tuesday 2nd June.

Residential meetings

On Tuesday 2nd June, Mrs Pilkington will lead a meeting for the year 5 residential and Miss Dickenson will lead a meeting for the year 6 residential at 3:30pm. An information PowerPoint will also be sent home, so please do not worry if you are unable to attend.

KS2 bake sale

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the KS2 bake sale fundraiser by baking and purchasing cakes. There were so many delicious contributions, and it was wonderful to see such generous support for Oscar's Brain Tumour Charity. Thank you to our Year 5 and 6 members of the Junior Leadership Team who did a fantastic job setting up, manning the stall and helping to clear up afterwards. Well done to all the children who showed such polite manners while choosing and buying cakes. We will let everyone know the combined total raised for Oscar's once we have held the KS1 bake sale next half term.



Sporting events

On Thursday, our Year 5/6 cricketers took part in a cricket tournament here at Dunnington. Everyone played with great sportsmanship and endeavour! One of our teams won the tournament and will be moving onto the County finals. Well done to all that took part!

Mr Gargiulo

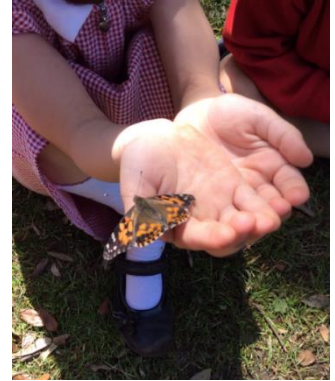


Brownlee Mini Triathlon

All of the children did us proud at the triathlon on Wednesday. Mr Sellers and Mrs Lockwood said you represented the school superbly – well done all!

Our learning in EYFS this half term

In Anning class, we have loved learning all about different insects and minibeasts this half term. Just this week the children have found out lots about worms (Did you know worms use tiny, stiff bristles along their bodies to grip the soil and wiggle around?) and then we all enjoyed learning and talking about bees to celebrate 'World Bee Day' on Wednesday! But the most exciting part of our week, has been our butterflies! After watching our caterpillars grow and change into chrysalides over the last 6 weeks, we were finally rewarded with 4 beautiful Painted Lady butterflies! As the weather has now got warmer, it was the perfect time to release them today - and we all enjoyed looking at them a bit more closely before they flew away. Keep a close eye this week - I wonder whether one of our home-grown butterflies will take up residence in your garden!



PE Days

Year 1 PE days will be in Wednesdays and Fridays after half-term – thank you.

The poster features a purple background with several images: a pizza, a chef's hat icon, and gingerbread cookies. On the right, there is a 3D illustration of a female chef with long grey hair, wearing a white chef's uniform and hat, standing on a black and white checkered floor. The text is centered and reads:

**Clare's Kitchen @
Dunnington Primary
After School Cookery Club**

Clare's Kitchen Cookery Club will be launched in June and run for 4 weeks on a Thursday on the following dates; 4/06, 11/06, 02/07 & 09/07. Sessions will be 2 hours from 3.15-5.15pm. If your child is not already registered to join us, contact our Cookery Tutor, Rachel to know more.

This club is for Year groups 1-6

Email rachel@clares-kitchen.co.uk Whatsapp 07828086820

Follow Clare's Kitchen in schools <http://www.facebook.com/clareskitchenyork>
Instagram @clareskitchenyork



Kidslingo FUN French Clubs
at Dunnington CE Primary School
for Reception, Key Stage 1 & Key Stage 2



Booking is open for summer half-term 2!

(Existing half-term 1 club members are already enrolled for half-term 2 😊)

Our multi-Award-Winning French clubs are an action-packed adventure of FUN songs, games, storytelling & drama!

CLUB DETAILS:

- ✓ Our FUN clubs run on Tuesday:
- ✓ 12.00-12.30pm – Key Stage 2 (Year 3, 4, 5 & 6)
- ✓ 12.30-1.00pm – Reception & Key Stage 1 (Year 1 & 2)

*All club members receive a **FREE SUBSCRIPTION** to our Kidslingo games website.*

HOW TO BOOK – Go to the website - www.clubenrolment.com/kidslingohelenw

- ✓ Enter Club Location Dunnington CE Primary School, select the correct club & enrol.
- ✓ The club costs £5.00 per week. Payment is made termly by bank transfer and should be made when booking.



Learning a new language at a young age helps children develop their cognitive skills, such as problem-solving, critical thinking, and attention to detail. These skills lead to better academic performance and have a positive impact on pupils' overall mental health and well-being.

'Most Loved Creative & Academic Activity'
WINNER - What's On 4 Kids Awards 2025



Helen Westerby Kidslingo French York, East & Humber
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Our tutors are fully trained, insured and hold DBS certificates.



Dates for your diary

New dates will be added in bold each week

May 2026	
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 1 st June
Year 6 parent meeting - residential Year 5 parent meeting – residential	Tuesday 2nd June @ 3:30pm
Year 3 and 4 trip to Magma	Friday 5 th June
Teach Rex workshops for EYFS and KS1	Monday 8 th June
Year 5 Residential – Boggle Hole	Monday 8 th June – Wednesday 10 th June
Year 1 Phonics Screener	Tuesday 9 th June
Year 4 Multiplication Check	Wednesday 10 th June
Summer Beach Day celebrating International Day of Play	Thursday 11 th June Parents invited between 11:50am and 1pm.
Years 3, 4 and 5 complete NFER assessments	w/b Monday 15 th June
Whole school visit to York Mosque over three mornings	Tuesday 16 th June - EYFS and KS1 Wednesday 17 th June - Year 5 and 6 Thursday 18 th 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 26 th 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 13th July – 1:30pm – Year 3 and 4 Monday 13th July – 6pm – Year 3 and 4 Tuesday 14th July – 1:30pm – year 5 and 6 Tuesday 14th July – 6pm – year 5 and 6
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 20 th July

Best wishes,

Clare Thompson

Attachments/ links:

- Raise York Families Newsletter
<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKYC/bulletins/416b8f9>
- Parent/ Carer Forum Newsletter
- Fulford School Minibus Fundraising <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/fulfordminibus>
- Children's Commissioner – the big future survey – have your say
<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/TheBigFuture/>
- Online hate – misogyny <https://kidsonlinesafety.campaign.gov.uk/learn/online-hate-misogyny/>



YORK RLFC KNIGHTS

MAY HALF TERM

SUITABLE FOR AGES 5-12YRS
FREE OUTDOOR MULTI SPORT SESSIONS
TUES 26 - FRI 29 MAY | AT VENUES ACROSS THE CITY

INFO@YORKRLFC.COM
FREE TURN UP & PLAY HOLIDAY SESSIONS
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MAY HALF TERM

COMMUNITY OUTREACH SESSIONS
HELD AT VENUES ACROSS THE CITY
FREE TURN UP & PLAY MULTI-SPORTS SESSIONS FOR CHILDREN
AGED 5-12 YEARS.

Tuesday 26th May 2026

- 10:30am – 12 Woodthorpe Green, YO24 2RX
- 1:30pm – 3pm Fulford Parish field School Lane, YO10 4LY

Wednesday 27th May 2026

- 10-12 Wheldrake Village Hall Playing Field, YO19 6BU Inflatable.
- 2-4pm Arron Place, King George's Field, YO31 8SF (off Dodsworth Avenue) Inflatable.

Thursday 28th May 2026

- 10am – 12pm. Archbishop of York's Church of England Junior School (AYJS), YO23 2QT (on the school field) Inflatable
- 2 – 4pm. Acomb Green, YO26 5LL. Inflatable

Friday 29th 2026

- 10:30am – 12 Viking Road Play Area, Acomb, YO26 5EZ .
- 2-3:30pm Strensall Green North Fields Park, YO32 5XW.

For more information visit yorkrlfc.com/schoolholidays



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