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Friday 8th May 2026

Dear parent/carer,

SATs – message to year 6

Most of you will be aware that it is SATS week next week – whilst many of the children are looking forward to the tests and the opportunity to show off how brilliant they are, I know others will be feeling nervous.

I wanted to say to all of the children in year 6 that we are incredibly proud of each and every one of you. You have worked so hard this year, and throughout every year here at Dunnington, and you have done so with good humour and an amazing work ethic. You are all absolute superstars!

These tests are designed to see how well the school is doing. They are assessments in maths, reading, spelling, grammar and punctuation – things that you are all brilliant at – but there is so much else they do not assess – your talents over so many different areas, how caring and thoughtful you are, what brilliant friends you are and the hopes and dreams you all have.

Please don't worry about these tests this weekend. You will do your best and that is all that matters. Get lots of rest, eat lovely food, make sure you go to bed at a decent time and believe in yourselves – we all believe in you!

Good Luck – not that you need it!

Year 6 parents and carers – you will receive an additional letter from Miss Dickenson, providing a little more information about how next week will work.

Dynamos Girls' Cricket Team

Tom Bates, who is in charge of primary school cricket for Yorkshire, has teamed up with Dunnington Cricket Club to promote girls cricket this year. This has involved a 6 week block of sessions, a CPD staff session and fabulous kit and equipment which has all been fully funded by the ECB (England and Wales Cricket Board). The girls are loving taking advantage of this amazing opportunity – we are so pleased so many have been able to participate.



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JLT Bake Sale Letter- written by Fabian

Dear Parents/Carers

Our Junior Leadership Team has come to the decision to raise money for Oscar's brain tumour charity by holding a bake sale at school. Yum!



There will be 2 bake sales which will take place in school on the following dates:

KS2 21/05/26 (on the KS2 playground) Please can KS2 families send baked goods in for this sale?

KS1 and EYFS 09/07/26 (on the KS1 playground)
Please can EYFS/KS1 families send baked goods in for this sale?

We kindly ask that you send in baked contributions on the day. We also kindly ask that no nuts are included in the cakes.

All cakes will cost 50p. Thank you for your support.

Dunnington Primary School Junior Leadership Team

EYFS Church Visit

A plea – if anyone is able to support Anning class visit St Nicholas' church on Tuesday 12th May in the afternoon, please let Mrs Elliott know.

EYFS request

Our student, Miss Hayward, is wanting to do some work next week with the children in EYFS about pets - if any of you have pictures of family pets that you would be happy to send in and share, then we would love to receive them.

We are also on the lookout for children's recipe books if anyone has any spare that they no longer need. Thank you!

Year 3/4 football match against AYJS

Well done to our superstar footballers who represented us after school yesterday in a thrilling 4-4 draw against Archbishop of York Junior School.



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5K Pretty Muddy

Congratulations to these two superstars who ran the pretty muddy 5k race for life in memory of their friend Elsie.

The girls raised over £650, and as a team they raised over £2000 for cancer research. Not only was it muddy but pretty rainy on Sunday, but the girls put their best foot forward and made it to the finish line. We are all so proud of the girls!



OPAL fun



Still places available!!

One of the things the Junior Leadership Team (JLT) said they really wanted was a wider variety of clubs and enrichment opportunities on offer. As a result, we have arranged taster sessions for a new and exciting club we hope to run after half-term! Please sign up if you are interested.



Clare's Kitchen @ Dunnington Primary

After School Cookery Club

Do you have a little chef at home who enjoys cooking and baking? Clare's Kitchen is offering 2 half price taster sessions on 14th & 21st May 3.15-5.15pm. We will plan, prepare and cook our own recipe, then eat together. We have lots of fun each week exploring delicious recipes. If your child would like to join us for a taster, contact Rachel to know more.
This club is for Year groups 1-6

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

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Thank you to the children in reception and year 1 for brightening up the library with their wonderful pictures!



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Dates for your diary

New dates will be added in bold each week

| May 2026 | |
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| SATS week | Monday 11 th May – Thursday 14 th May |
| Active Afternoon led by Huntington School Pupils (Years 3-5) | Wednesday 13 th May |
| Non-uniform for year 5 | Friday 15th May |
| Hate Crime Assembly led by York Youth Justice for years 5 and 6 | Tuesday 19th May |
| Music Workshops for KS2 | Thursday 21 st 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 3 and 4 trip to Magma | Friday 5 th June |
| Teach Rex workshops for EYFS and KS1 | Monday 8th 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 – parents invited | Thursday 11 th June |
| 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 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 |

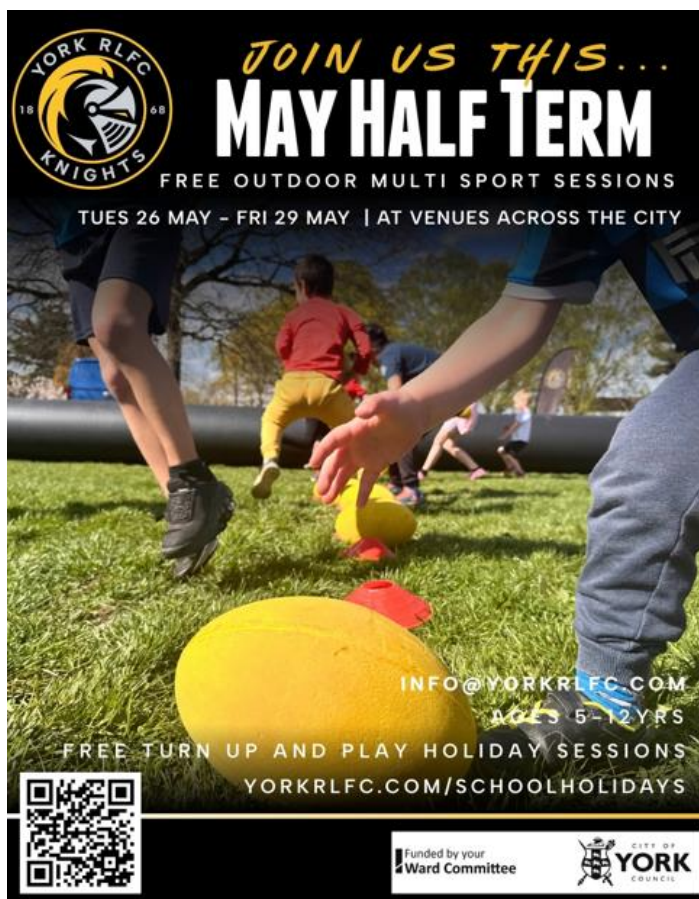
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| Leavers' Service in St Nicholas Church (no parents) | Friday 17 th July – 10am |
| Last day of the summer term | Friday 17 th July |
| Disaggregated Inset Day – no children in school | Monday 20 th July |

Best wishes,

Clare Thompson

Attachments/ links:

- RAISE York Support for Parents/Carers <https://www.raiseyork.co.uk/families/parents>
- Brightsparks courses for parents <https://www.brightsparkscic.org.uk/our-courses>
- Basketball registration link <https://www.playhq.com/uk/basketball-england/register/012d47>
- What's happening at SEND Central <https://www.yorksend.org/parents/send-central/4>
- Parent Carer Forum Newsletter



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St Peter's School Taster Events Summer 2026

Robotics
Monday 11 May, 4-6pm

Drama
Thursday 11 June, 4.30-7.30pm

Languages
Saturday 13 June, 9-10.30am

Fencing
Saturday 20 June, 10.30am-12pm

Join us this Summer to experience a selection of activities at St Peter's, experience our wonderful facilities and meet our staff.
All events are free to attend and are aimed at Year 5 pupils.

Register here

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SUNDAY 10TH MAY | 2-4PM

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KIDS CAPOEIRA

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IN DUNNINGTON PARK

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| <p>WHAT IS CAPOEIRA? A fun mix of martial arts, dance, music and games that builds confidence, coordination and resilience.</p> | <p>4-11 year olds All abilities welcome!</p> | <p>DATES Saturday 27th June Saturday 4th July Saturday 11th July Saturday 18th July</p> | <p>WHERE Dunnington Park (Meet on the main field)</p> |
| <p>CLASS TIMES</p> <p>10:00 - 10:50 4-7 YEAR OLDS</p> <p>11:00 - 12:00 7-11 YEAR OLDS</p> | <p>PRICING</p> <p>£20</p> <p>FOR ALL 4 SESSIONS</p> | <p>★ SPACES ARE LIMITED - BOOK YOUR PLACE TODAY!</p> <p>CONTACT EMILY 07359 955572</p> | |

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