



## DUNNINGTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Dear parent/carer,

### All weather OPAL!

We would just like to say a huge thank you to everyone that made it to OPAL lunch and picnic. The weather wasn't the best but we are so lucky here at Dunnington that we have a huge area for play and OPAL allows us to use the grounds to their best in sunshine or rain.

It was wonderful to see all the adults getting involved with digging, splashing and creative play. Our children really do enjoy OPAL and we are pleased that you have been able to see it in action, even if it is just a glimmer of what we normally get out on a dry day.

With that in mind, we will check the weather forecast on the last week of term before we break up for summer, and if the weather is dry, we would like to invite you in for a play before pick up. Time and date to be confirmed.

Thank you for all your kind donations and support with OPAL. It is such a success because of everyone's help.

Please can we use this opportunity to remind parents and carers that it is important for each child to have a pair of wellies and a waterproof with them in school, along with a spare change of clothes and socks.

Mrs Priest  
OPAL Lead



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### **Ice cream Van – A lovely treat!**

We would like to say a huge thank you to the PTA for paying for an ice cream van to come to school so we could all have a treat to celebrate our OPAL day of play.

It might not have been typical ice cream weather, but each one was still devoured happily in the rain on the way back to class.

The children loved their treat!

Thank you!

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### **Teach Rex Dinosaur day**

What a wonderful day EYFS and KS1 had on Monday when we were visited by Jam, the T-Rex and some baby dinosaurs! The children learned so much about dinosaurs and what amazing skills the T-Rex had and also enjoyed getting to know the baby dinosaurs who came for a visit too! The teachers, on the other hand, were given a run for their money! Mrs Priest and Mrs Collins were given the run around and had to duck to escape the T-Rex's tail, Mr Gargiulo struggled to reach the chicken without being caught, and Mrs Elliott got eaten for lunch! All in all, a great day and the children had a lot of fun!



### **Contributions to enrichment opportunities**

Following on from the email sent home yesterday about contributions to trips, workshops and other enrichment activities, we are currently over £700 short on donations. We know and understand that some families may not be able to donate, however, if you are able, we would really appreciate if you could to allow us to continue to expand our extra-curricular offer in future.

### **Cricket Finals**

On Wednesday, the year 3-4 cricket team played in the North Yorkshire finals in Richmond. They did amazingly well to finish up as the sixth best school side in the whole of North Yorkshire.

Mr Sellers reports that they played well as a team and won a couple of tight games on the day and were really unlucky to lose a few tight games too.

Well done to all!

**Look out for a bumper write up of the year 5 residential in next week's newsletter!**

### EYFS Pirate Day

Ahoy, me hearties! On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June, Reception will be having a Pirate Day and we would love it if the children could dress up for this. Please don't feel that you need to go out and buy anything especially for this - think bright or stripy t-shirts with jeans / shorts (the older, the better!) and maybe a bandana thrown in for good measure! Eye-patches are fine, but no cutlasses please! We are sure we will all have a fun day!

### EYFS Additional PE session - Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June

Next week, the children in Reception will be having an additional PE session on Wednesday with Mr Sellars, where they will be starting to practise for Sports Day. Please could the children come in PE kit on Wednesday and Thursday next week. Thank you.



**CINEMA**  
DUNNINGTON SCHOOL PTA

FILM NIGHT  
Fri June 19<sup>th</sup>  
3:15pm-5pm

£3.50 per ticket  
Scan QR code below to book tickets



Ticket includes  
Squash, crisps and fruit

Tuck shop open



### Dates for your diary

New dates will be added in bold each week

June 2026	
Years 3, 4 and 5 complete NFER assessments	w/b Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> June
Whole school visit to York Mosque over three mornings	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June - EYFS and KS1 Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June – Year 3 and 4 Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June - Year 5 and 6
<del>Yoyo prayer spaces in church for years 2 and 3</del>	<del>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June</del>
<del>Yoyo prayer spaces in church for years 4 and 5</del>	<del>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June</del>
Film Night	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June
Year 6 residential – Low Mill	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June – Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>EYFS Pirate Day</b>	<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June</b>
July 2026	
<b>Transition morning – children spend time in their new classes.</b>	<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2026</b>
Rainbow Run – Raising money for Candlelighters	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July ( <b>change of date</b> )
Summer Fair	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July @ 3:15pm

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Sports Day – KS2am, KS1pm	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July (reserve date Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July)
<b>Transition morning – children spend time in their new classes</b>	<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July</b>
EYFS and Key Stage 1 Bake Sale – Raising money for Oscars	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July
Reports out to parents	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July
KS2 production dress rehearsal	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July
KS2 production	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July – 1:30pm – Year 3 and 4 Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July – 6pm – Year 3 and 4 Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July – 1:30pm – year 5 and 6 Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July – 6pm – year 5 and 6
Year 6 Leavers Assembly and Tea	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July – 1:30pm
School Disco	<del>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July</del> <b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July</b> EYFS and KS1 – 5pm – 6pm KS2 6:15pm – 7:15pm
Leavers' Service in St Nicholas Church (no parents)	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July – 10am
Last day of the summer term	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July
Disaggregated Inset Day – no children in school	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July

Best wishes,

Clare Thompson

**Attachments/ links:**

**PCF Newsletter**

**NHS Guidance Sheet – Is my child too ill for school**



# THE LITTLE GYM CAMPS

FOR CHILDREN AGED 3-12 YEARS  
Our Summer Camps run: 20th July - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept

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