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Dear parent/carers,

As we reach the end of another busy and successful school year, it is a wonderful opportunity to pause and reflect on all that we have achieved together. Looking back over the past year, I am incredibly proud of our pupils, whose enthusiasm, kindness and determination have shone through in so many different ways. From exciting learning experiences in the classroom to sporting events, performances, trips and charity projects, our children have embraced every opportunity and continued to make us proud.

This year has been filled with memorable moments, achievements both big and small, and countless examples of our school values being lived out every day. None of this would be possible without the dedication of our staff, the enthusiasm of our children, and the support of our families. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents and carers for the trust, encouragement and partnership you have shown throughout the year. Whether supporting learning at home, attending school events, volunteering your time or simply working alongside us to help your children thrive, your contribution makes a real difference and is greatly appreciated.

A special mention must go to our Year 6 pupils who are preparing to take their next steps. They leave us with wonderful memories and have been fantastic role models for our younger children. We wish them every success and happiness as they begin their new adventures.

As the summer holidays begin, I hope that everyone has the opportunity to rest, relax and enjoy time with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 8th September for the start of another wonderful year at Dunnington Primary School.

Wishing you all a safe, happy and enjoyable summer.

Highlights from the last two weeks

The final two weeks of term have been incredibly busy and exciting. **Sports Day** was a wonderful celebration of teamwork and sporting spirit, with every child showing real enthusiasm and fantastic support for one another throughout the day in spite of the very hot temperatures. We were equally impressed by the enthusiasm and competitive spirit on display in the parent race! A huge

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congratulations to the winners of Oscar's Cup and to Rowntree House, who were our sports' day winners.

What a wonderful way to say goodbye to Mr Sellers who has done so much for us here at Dunnington and will be very much missed. Thanks so much to the PTA for providing much-needed ice lollies to cool us all off!

The **Colour Run** was a truly special event in support of Candlelighters and has so far raised an astonishing £1,361. Mrs Rowntree was incredibly touched by the level of support. I hope your washing machines and showers have coped with the mess created – I am quite fond of my new-look multi-coloured trainers.



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Magical memories were made to celebrate the end of primary school during year six's trip to **York Maze** – the water fight was apparently epic!



The term ended on a spectacular high with KS2's production of ***Cinderella Rockerfeller*** – a joyful performance that showcased the incredible talent, confidence and creativity of our children. We have never had two productions running in tandem before – and I'm not sure we will again – but huge thanks to everyone involved for making it happen. It really is what primary school is all about!



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Our heartfelt thanks go to all of the staff who worked so hard to organise such a wonderful end to the school year and create so many lasting memories for our pupils and families.

A huge thank you...

We wanted to say a huge thank you to Phoebe and Amelia's grandma, who made a £500 donation to school in memory of the girls' wonderful grandad, Keith.

We are so grateful and will use this money to invest in more books which will mean children in EYFS and KS1 can take a phonically appropriate reading book home with them. This will make a real difference in school.

Thank you – your kindness will always be remembered.

Well done to the JLT for raising so much money for Oscars during our recent bake sales.



Statutory Assessments

Over the course of the last term, children in several year groups have sat statutory assessments, such as the year 1 phonics screen, the year 4 multiplication check and the year 6 SATS. We are really proud of the results achieved, which are testament to the incredible hard work of our pupils and staff and the support from families at home.

In EYFS, 75% of children achieved a Good Level of Development, in year 1, 78% of children passed the phonics screener and 86% of children have now passed in year 2. The year 4 multiplication check was out of 25 - 52% of children scored above 20.

In year 6, 83% of children achieved expected level reading and 52% achieved greater depth. 92% of children achieved expected level in writing and 39% achieved greater depth. 87% of children achieved expected level in grammar, punctuation and spelling and 39% achieved greater depth. 83% of children achieved expected level in maths and 35% achieved greater depth. 74% of children achieved expected level or above in reading, writing and maths combined and 30% of children achieved greater depth in reading, writing and maths combined. We could not be prouder of you year 6.

A full break down of results compared to national data will be shared on the website once we have all the data available to us.

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School Games Gold Mark

We were delighted to received the School Games Gold Mark Award for 2025-2026.

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

So many of our children have competed in local inter-school competitions this year; we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year. A special thanks to Mrs Rowntree, Mr Gargiulo and Mr Sellers.

We look forward to applying once again in 2027



A Huge Thank You from the PTA

As another fantastic school year comes to an end, we'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has supported the PTA and helped us raise over **£8,500** this year!

Whether you've bought a raffle ticket, enjoyed a doughnut, sent your child to school in fancy dress, volunteered at an event, washed teddy bears for the tombola, or given up your time to run a stall, every contribution has made a difference.

Thanks to your incredible generosity, we've been able to fund a wide range of projects and resources for our children, including Little Wandle reading books, Chromebooks, transport for swimming lessons, and the materials needed to create our fantastic new mega sandpit.

A special thank you goes to Glen Robinson of Tip Top Landscapes (And Phoebe & Amelia's Dad), whose hard work digging, sourcing materials, transporting, moving and building the sandpit has created an amazing resource that will be enjoyed by generations of Dunnington pupils.

With another huge shout out to Gemma Harper who was able to double the Summer Fair profits to £2000 via Match Funding via her work at Aviva! An amazing scheme run by many companies..... subtle wink to the readers :)

It's not just the larger projects that your fundraising supports. Throughout the year, we've also been able to provide the little extras that make school life even more special, including Frozen Fridays, welcome packs and book bags for new starters, Year 6 leavers' gifts, and many other treats and experiences that our children enjoy.

None of this would be possible without the continued support of our parents, carers, staff, local businesses and the dedicated volunteers who give up their time to organise and run PTA events

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throughout the year.

If you've ever thought about getting involved, we'd love to welcome you. Whether you can spare an hour at an event or would like to join the PTA, every helping hand makes a real difference.

Thank you once again for helping us make Dunnington Primary School such a wonderful place for our children.

Matt & The Fabulous PTA Committee

Dunnington Primary Choir

We have a fantastic KS2 choir in school which meet every Monday morning at 8am to enjoy singing new songs together. We have regular performance opportunities throughout the year including concerts for parents in school, singing at the local care home and taking part in the York Schools Choral Festival. If your child is currently in Y2 and would like to join us in September, please email Becca Oldfield at bek_19@hotmail.com to let me know. I look forward to welcoming them. Our first choir session will be on Monday 14th September at 8am.

Need to Know for September

Start and Finish Times

	Start Time	Finish Time
EYFS, KS1, KS2	8:45am (Soft start means doors would be open from 8:40 . Gates will be locked at 8:50)	3:15pm

School Uniform

Daily Uniform

- Red/ blue sweatshirt or cardigan, with or without school logo
- Trousers, skirts, culottes, shorts or pinafore dresses in dark grey / black, or gingham dresses in red or blue.
- A polo-shirt, shirt or blouse in white, red or blue.
- Shoes, boots or plain trainers in black. Please make sure these are something the children can be active in during playtime.

PE Uniform

Pupils attend school in their PE Kit instead of their uniform on their PE days.

- Plain t-shirt in white
- Sports shorts, tracksuit bottoms or leggings in black with minimal branding
- A plain black hoodie (preferably unbranded)
- Trainers or plimsolls suitable for indoor and outdoor

Every child needs a pair of wellies and waterproofs available to wear every day. These can stay in school through the week. If you have any old wellies/ waterproofs that your child has grown out of, we would be very grateful for donations so that we have some spares at school. There will be areas of the playground that are inaccessible to the children if they do not have wellies.

Children should also have a spare pair of clothes to change into at school. This does not need to be school uniform.

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Pupils should not wear jewellery in school other than small stud earrings. Please note that pupils MUST remove their own jewellery for PE and sport.

Children are allowed to wear non-uniform on their birthday, or the most appropriate Friday/Monday if their birthday falls on a weekend or during a holiday.

Class Meetings

We will share dates and times for class meetings on the inset day in September. They are likely to be in the second or third week in September.

Parentpay

We would be very grateful if parents/carers can clear any monies owing on Parentpay before the end of term.

Thank you

September 2026	
Inset Days – no children in school	Monday 7 th September 2026
Children (Y1 – Y6) return to school	Tuesday 8 th September 2026
Reception children start school	Wednesday 9 th September 2026
Y6 Bikeability	Friday 25 th September 2026
October 2026	
Y6 Bikeability	Friday 2 nd October 2026
Book Fair	Wednesday 7 th – Friday 9 th October 2026
Disco 5pm – 6pm KS1 6:15 – 7:15 KS2	Thursday 22 nd October 2026
Last Day of Autumn 1 for children	Thursday 22 nd October 2026
Inset Day – no children in school Break up for half term	Friday 23 rd October 2026
November 2025	
Children return to school	Monday 2 nd November 2026
Individual school photos	Thursday 12 th November 2026
Flu vaccinations	Monday 30 th November 2026
December 2025 2025	
Tree Decorating Assembly	Tuesday 1 st December 2026
EYFS and KS1 Nativity 2pm	Tuesday 8 th December 2026 Wednesday 9 th December 2026
Last day of the Autumn Term	Friday 18 ^h December 2026

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

Have the most wonderful summer. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 8th September.

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With very best wishes,

Clare Thompson

Attachments:

- YLT Safeguarding July Newsletter
- YLT Newsletter
- School Shop Update
- PCF newsletter
- Local Offer Survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CYC-SENDLocalOfferReview26-Parents>
- SEND central timetable <https://www.yorksend.org/parents/send-central/4>



Clare's Kitchen @ Dunnington Primary

Clare's Kitchen After-School Cookery Club will continue to run every Thursday from September from 3.15-5.15pm. If your child is not already registered to join us, contact our Tutor, Rachel to know more.

This club is for Year groups 1-6

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

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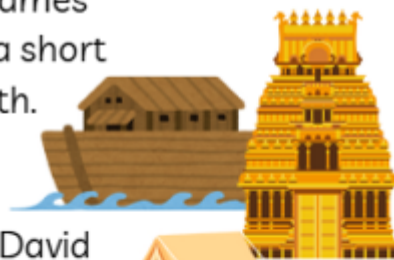


**Thursday 20th August 2026
10am until noon**

St Nicholas Church, Dunnington

Join us for a morning of games
and crafts, finishing with a short
worship time with Rev Kath.

Build an ark like Noah
Use a shepherd's sling like David
Design a temple like Solomon
Catch fish like the disciples
Make a tent like Priscilla



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



Kids-go wild at the

Hassacarr Nature Reserve Activity and Open Day



Mini Beast Safari



Pond Dipping



Arts and Crafts



Moth Trapping

Thursday 6th August

10.00 am - 12.00 noon

2.00 pm - 4.00 pm

The event is organised by Dunnington Conservation Group
and Natural England

Hassacarr Nature Reserve, Hassacarr Lane
Dunnington, York