



DUNNINGTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 2nd October 2026

Dear parent/carer,

Parent Consultations

Parent consultations are scheduled for the 13th, 14th and 15th October. These consultations will provide you with the opportunity to discuss how your child has settled into their new year group, how they are progressing, both academically and socially, and how you are able to support them at home. Teachers will be available on the following evenings:

Earhart (Mrs Elliott)	Weds (14 th) and Thurs (15 th)
Goodall (Miss Dickenson)	Weds (14 th) and Thurs (15 th)
Hockney (Mrs Priest)	Tues (13 th) and Thurs (15 th)
Rashford (Mrs Todd and Mrs Jones)	Tues (13 th) and Thurs (15 th)
Parks (Mr Gargiulo)	Tues (13 th) and Thurs (15 th)
Johnson (Mrs Pilkington)	Tues (13 th) and Thurs (15 th)

The appointments will be in person, taking place in the school hall. They will last for 10 minutes and you will be given the opportunity to look at your child's work after your appointment.

Appointments can be booked online using the following link (please see attached guide for further information):

<https://dunningtonprimary.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

You will need the following to log in:

- Your title, first name, surname and email address
- Your child's first name, surname and date of birth

Booking opens: 6pm on Monday 5th October

Booking closes: 6pm on Monday 12th October

Please do contact the school office if you are experiencing any difficulties when booking your appointments or if you have any further questions.

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For EYFS parents

It was lovely to see those of you who were able to make it this week for our EYFS Welcome meeting and Phonics / Early Reading session. If you were unable to attend, you should have received a pack of handouts in your child's bookbag this week - please do let me know if you haven't received these or have any queries about the information shared.

During the meeting I also put out a little plea for family photos! To enhance our home area in the classroom, we would love to be able to put up family pictures of you and your children alongside their own hand drawn family pictures, which they have completed in class. If you are happy to share these with us, then they can be sent in electronically or hard copy. We know the children really love seeing these up in class too. Thank you to those of you who have already sent these in - they will be going on the wall shortly!

Thank you Over The Rainbow – Forest School Area

We have been working with staff at Over the Rainbow to redevelop the “wild area” at the bottom of the school field and turn it into a shared area which we can use for Forest School and Outdoor Learning.

A new boundary fence has been erected with support from the Yorkshire Learning Trust and we have utilised the help of one of our dedicated parents, Nick Hill, to start to clear the very overgrown area into something which will be accessible and safe for children to use.

Nick used one of his work ‘volunteer days’ to come in and help us with this crucial work over the Summer Holidays.

Thank you so much to Nick, Emma and the team from Over the Rainbow for making this happen. We can't wait to be able to use the space.



For children starting school in September 2027, we invite families to come and visit our welcoming school.

OPEN EVENING



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This will be a drop in event where you will have the chance to see our inviting EYFS area, to meet staff and to ask questions.

DAY	TIME	PLACE
NOV 9	4-5PM	Dunnington CE Primary School

Welcome
Back to School PTA Meeting
AGM
Sunday 11th October

Join us for a drink, Meet other parents and get as involved as you'd like in this years plans

Sign off of 25/26 accounts
Plans for 26/27

Dunnington Sports Club
7.30pm
(or whenever you get the kids to sleep)

Dates for your diaries – new dates will be added in bold each week.

October 2026	
Y6 Bikeability	Friday 2 nd October 2026
Book Fair	Wednesday 7 th – Friday 9 th October 2026
Parent Consultations	Tuesday 13 th October Wednesday 14 th October Thursday 15 th October
Harvest Service in Church Parents Welcome Any help walking to and from church would be appreciated – please let your child's class teacher know via the school office.	Thursday 15 th October EYFS and KS1 @ 10am KS2 @ 11am
Disco 5pm – 6pm KS1 6:15 – 7:15 KS2	Thursday 22 nd October 2026

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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 2026	
Children return to school	Monday 2 nd November 2026
Open Evening for New Starters 2026	Monday 9 th November 2026 4pm – 5pm
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
Christmas Service in Church Parents Welcome	Thursday 17 th December 2026 EYFS and KS1 @ 10am KS2 @ 11am
Open Classroom	Thursday 17th December 3:30pm – 4:30pm
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.

With very best wishes,

Clare Thompson

Attachments:

- Parent Consultations Guide
- YIKS newsletter (on website)
- Parent Carer Forum Newsletter (on website)

SEND Central October Offer

Here are the details of some of the sessions that are happening this month but please consult our timetable and flyers for further details.

Thursday 1 October 7pm - 8pm Transitioning to Secondary School with an Education Health and Care Plan-ONLINE-

Monday 5 October 1pm- 2pm How to Best Support Your Child with Reframing Demands when Life Feels Overwhelming

Wednesday 7th October 10am - 11.30am – Think Together - Understanding ADHD and how to refer for an assessment in CAMHS

Monday 12 October 1pm – 2pm Recognising Big Emotions in Primary aged children

Tuesday 13 October 1pm - 2.30pm Barriers to School Attendance

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Wednesday 14 October 10am - 11.30 Understanding Autism and how to refer for an assessment in CAMHS.

Tuesday 20 October 2pm – 3pm PCF Listening Event - The plans for SEND Reform in York

Wednesday 21 October 10am - 11.30 Energy Accounting Theory: Helping manage energy levels with Autistic young people.

Thursday 22 October from 1pm- School Admissions appointments

Friday 23 October 11am - 12pm Post 16 Education and Employment Pathways

<https://www.yorksend.org/parents/send-central>



Coached cycling sessions for kids aged 7 to 16

We train weekly at York Sport's traffic free circuit and are looking for more riders to join us. All you need is a working bike and a helmet

For more information and instructions on how to join, please message us on Facebook @cliftonccjuniors

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