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Friday 6th November 2026

Dear parent/carer,

What a lovely first week back at school we have had – we have enjoyed hearing about all of the fun and adventures the children had over half-term.

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us at the Harvest Services, where we raised £237.09 for Oscars.

Candlelighters Assembly
We had a visit from Becki from Candlelighters yesterday to celebrate our fantastic fundraising achievements. Becki said *"The children asked some wonderful questions, and it was a real privilege to share how the money they have raised will make such a meaningful difference to Candlelighters families, like Mrs Rowntreee's.*

Their enthusiasm, kindness, and hard work were truly inspiring, and we are incredibly grateful for your support."

Asthma Friendly School
We were delighted to be awarded the Asthma Friendly School accreditation this week. In order to receive this reward, we have self-assessed that the following Asthma Friendly Standards are in place:

- The school has an Asthma Champion.
- The school has an Asthma Policy.
- There is a register of all children with Asthma in school.
- The school keep an emergency inhaler and spacer.
- The school requests a Personal Asthma Action Plan for children with Asthma.
- The school communicates with parents/carers to keep children with Asthma safe.
- School staff receive Asthma training and have an awareness of how to support children with Asthma.

Congratulations Mrs Jones

Congratulations to Mrs Jones, who competed in the Pickleball 2026 English Nationals on Sunday. Her partner had to pull out before the games so she competing with Rhian, who she had never played with before. They qualified in the top two for the knock out round before getting knocked out. Mrs Jones said she was really nervous because it was her first competition, but it was an absolutely amazing experience. What a brilliant embodiment of our values you are Mrs Jones!







Please spread the word to any families with children starting school in September 2027.

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

November 2026	
Year 6 Assessment Week	**Monday 9th November – Thursday 12th November**
Open Evening for New Starters 2026	Monday 9th November 2026 4pm – 5pm
PCSOs visit to KS1 with police van	**Thursday 12th November 2026**
Individual school photos	Thursday 12th November 2026
OPAL assembly introducing new equipment and activities	**Friday 13th November 2026**
Dance Festival	**Tuesday 17th November 2026**
KS2 Community Police Visit	**Monday 30th November 2026**
EYFS and KS1 Church Visits with Yoyo	**Monday 30th November 2026**
Flu vaccinations	Monday 30th November 2026
December 2025 2025	
Tree Decorating Assembly	Tuesday 1st December 2026
Year 6 Fundraising Workshops – OSCARS	**Wednesday 2nd December 2026**
Band Assembly	**Friday 4th December 2026**
EYFS and KS1 Nativity 2pm	Tuesday 8th December 2026 Wednesday 9th December 2026
Oscars Christmas Jumper Day and School Christmas Dinner	**Thursday 10th December 2026**
Choir Concert for parents	**Friday 11th December @ 3:30pm**
Yoyo Assembly and Workshops	**Tuesday 15th December 2026**
Christmas Service in Church Parents Welcome	Thursday 17th December 2026 EYFS and KS1 @ 10am KS2 @ 11am
Open Classroom	Thursday 17th December 3:30pm – 4:30pm
Last day of the Autumn Term	Friday 18h December 2026

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

With very best wishes,

Clare Thompson

Attachments:

- **YIKS October Newsletter (on website)**
- **SEND Central November schedule and weekly calendar (on website)**
- **Parent/ Carer Safer Schools Survey**
  https://york.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_39LNi3xLkCvdeWq

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Kidslingo FUN French Clubs

at Dunnington CE Primary School

for Reception, Key Stage 1 & Key Stage 2

**** SPECIAL OFFER ****

Join us for autumn half-term 2 and get your first class for FREE!

Our multi-Award-Winning French clubs are an action-packed adventure of FUN songs, game play, storytelling & drama.

CLUB DETAILS:

- ✓ Our clubs run on Thursday:
- ✓ 12.00-12.30pm – Key Stage 2 (Year 3, 4, 5 & 6)
- ✓ 12.30-1.00pm – Reception & Key Stage 1 (Year 1 & 2)
- ✓ *Special offer valid for new customers only for autumn half-term 2 2026-27 & free class valid in the w/c 2 November 2026.*

*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 £5.50 per week. A credit will be applied after enrolling for the free class. Payment is made termly by bank transfer. Spaces are confirmed once payment is received.



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

helenw@kidslingo.co.uk 07815 765989 www.kidslingo.co.uk

Our tutors are fully trained, insured and hold DBS certificates.



Bee-Friendly Blossom for your Community

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@DunningtonGIG is looking forward to returning to your school with our 6th not-for-profit Community Garden Trees & Shrubs Scheme. The scheme is open to parents/guardians of current students at host schools, current staff of host schools and residents of Stockton-on-the-Forest, Osbaldwick, Holtby, Warthill, Gate Helmsley and Dunnington.

We're bringing on the blossom with budget-friendly, wildlife-loving shrubs and trees to suit gardens of all sizes. This year, our costs are just £2.50 per shrub/tree and donations beyond costs will go to York Mind.

To celebrate National Tree Week, we have 6 buzz-bringing beauties: Crab Apple, with sweet-smelling, pinky-white blossom and small yellow fruits loved by birds; Pear, a favourite with wildlife with attractive autumn leaf colour; Plum, with early blossom providing essential early nectar for bees emerging from their winter sleep; Hawthorn, a biodiversity champion supporting over 300 insects; Elder, which can be pruned as a shrub; and Dogwood (aka Cornus) which has crimson stems for winter interest.

Pls EMAIL DunningtonGIG@gmail.com with your VILLAGE NAME to receive an invitation to order (inc FAQs) BEFORE OUR DEADLINE, so you can COMPLETE YOUR ORDER by our deadline at midnight Sunday 15th November.

Don't miss out! Make a bee-line for our planet-positive, community-spirited project!



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Inspire
Challenge
Enrich
BOOTHAM SCHOOL
WHERE LITTLE MINDS THINK BIG
• Little Worlds: Create Your Own Terrarium
• Print, Press, Reveal: Exploring Trace Monoprinting
• Introduction to Laser Shooting
• Ready, Set, Inflate! The Balloon Car Challenge
• The key to Creative Writing
• Code Breaking
FREE
ACADEMIC MASTERCLASSES FOR ANY LOCAL STUDENTS IN YEARS 3 & 4
THURSDAY 19TH NOVEMBER
16:15 TO 18:00
MORE INFORMATION AND BOOKING HERE

Are you a parent or carer?
Looking to support other parents & families?

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!

We're looking for parents and carers to become group leaders to deliver EPEC parenting courses in your local area. As a volunteer group leader you will help families thrive while gaining new skills, building meaningful connections and boosting your own confidence.

As a Parent Group Leader, you will:

- Receive full and comprehensive training (over 10 weeks)
- Lead a parenting course to support local parents and families
- Make a real difference in your local community with a group of like-minded parents
- Have the opportunity to attend additional training within the Council
- Receive ongoing supervision and support from your local Family Hub team

Once you have completed your training, then you and another parent group leader will deliver the courses to other parents in York.
Lunch, travel and childcare costs are covered during both training and course delivery.



To find out more
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