

Dear Parents and Friends,

Thank you to the Friends of Dacre Braithwaite for such a fantastic Summer Barbeque on Friday evening - it was a really enjoyable way to spend time together. Well done to Class 3 and their Enterprise Stalls - they kept everyone really busy with activities and challenges to do. Overall, the children alone raised a grand total of £285.26. Well done!



On Monday morning, we had a visit from Harriet who came to talk to the children about the Library Summer Reading Challenge. This is something which we actively support in school and we would heartily encourage you to join up with your children.

For anyone who is new to this, there is information on the website ([here](#)). There is loads of information in the Bulletin Bag this week with so many activities that you can get involved with. But if you want to go further afield, have a look [here](#) at what is on offer across the county at the different libraries!

How safe are your children when they are on devices which access the internet and social media? Qustodio have an app which gives parents access to their children's devices i.e. Phone/tablet/laptop. The parent can install the app on their phone which means you can -



- Filter content and apps
- Monitor children's activity
- Set limits and times
- Locate where your child(ren) are
- Track calls
- Get reports and alerts

There is a charge of £75 for the year but that gives unlimited features, however there is also a free version. Have a look here for more info <https://www.qustodio.com/en/why-qustodio/>



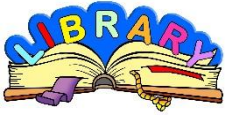
Latest news! We are really pleased to let you know that we have been successful in appointing Mrs Alison Ratcliffe to be our new school administrator. Alison will be joining us at the end of term to try to learn all of the things in Mrs. Graham's head before she leaves us!

She does have a lot of experience in administration and education and I know she'll be relying on these skills over the coming months. I'm sure you'll make her feel very welcome!

Also, we have managed to divide the Wraparound Club job between Mrs Sue Banner and Mrs Karen Wilson - both of whom are very experienced at running After school clubs (and may well be known to some of you) and we're looking forward to them joining the team!

However, we haven't managed to appoint a Mid-Day Supervisor. If there are any parents / carers / friends of school who might be able to do one or two days a week for an hour at lunchtime (between 12 and 1pm) helping to serve the delicious lunches and supervising the children playing afterwards, we would be really grateful. Please get in touch with the office for a chat. (01423 780285)





The refurbishment on our school library is now finished! We are really thrilled with the end result - it is amazing! Do please pop in one night after school and have a look for yourself! If you can't get to school, we've enclosed a collection of photos at the end of the newsletter to give you a taster! We are very grateful to everyone who has enabled this to happen.

On Wednesday morning, Mrs B. Bradley and I had the privilege of taking our Year 6 children to Queen Ethelburga's School where they saw presentations on water safety, vapes and smoking, fire safety, internet safety and being safe around trains. There was a lot to think about and the children were super attentive and learnt loads!



I am mindful that at this time of the year, the children seem to have growth spurts - maybe it's the sunshine?! If your child has grown out of their school shoes, please don't feel you need to buy new ones. I am more than happy for them to wear trainers until the end of the term and we can start afresh in September with new shoes then.

This week's school attendance looks really great again - have a look at the back of the newsletter! But please may I remind parents and carers that you are **not permitted** to take children out of school for **any family holiday**. Please arrange family holidays when the school is closed. Term Dates for 2027-2028 are on the website now so that you have plenty of notice for booking holidays in advance. (see the school website, click [here](#).)



North Yorkshire Council is mapping parental demand for holiday childcare provision across the county. As part of this work, the local authority has developed a short survey to be completed by parents and carers of children aged 4-14. Your views will provide a better understanding of the childcare needs of families and will help shape future services. The deadline to reply to the survey is 5pm, **Friday 3rd July 2026**. The survey should take approximately 5-10 minutes to complete. [Link to parent and carer holiday childcare survey](#)

Mr. Jones writes, It seems a bit odd to be thinking about next year when we still have so much to do before the end of term, but it's good to be prepared! 'Moving Up' day took place on Thursday, in our case introducing the current Yr3 children to Class 3. We had a great morning finding out where everybody will be sitting, talking about what the children could expect from Class 3 and also doing some work around push and pull forces!



One subject which did crop up was pencil cases and what should be in them. The truthful answer is very little really, a pencil and pencil sharpener, a plain white rubber, some coloured pencils and a protractor would be perfect!

Overall, everybody seemed to settle in well and we can look forward to September with a lot of confidence.

Leavers assembly is looming, the Yr6 children are preparing their contributions and reflecting on their time at Dacre Braithwaite and, of course, looking forward to their SATS results. As we have learned, these have been delayed, which is such a shame given all the effort, preparation and concentration put in by the children involved. Obviously, we will get the results out as soon as we receive them, but in the meantime, sorry for the delay!

On Wednesday Yr6 children made their annual trip to "Crucial Crew" in Harrogate, Yr4/5 children created some fantastic fantasy writing and we even fitted in a full play rehearsal!

Thank you to everybody who has helped out with props and resources, we look forward to seeing you all next week."

Mrs Stokes writes, "A huge thank you to all the families who dropped by for our Open Evening on Thursday, it was fantastic to share the children's up-to-date work and show off our beautiful library!



It was a busy day, as earlier that morning the soon to be Year 2s joined us to get a feel for our lovely classroom and spent time with the soon to be Year 3s. We had a

brilliant time playing getting-to-know-you games, making decorative cards and peg designs, and chatting about all the fun learning ahead next year.

We've also been busy prepping for DT by exploring seasonal produce and the benefits of buying local. This will help us plan some delicious sweet and savoury crumbles to bake next week. The children can't wait to invent new recipes and taste-test them!

Good luck to everyone competing in Sports Day later today! Have fun, cheer loudly, and may the best team win!"

Mrs Marshall writes, Class 1 have enjoyed using the Ipads this week to control the BeeBot by entering algorithms into a programme. We used the vocabulary 'forwards', 'backwards', 'left' and 'right' to decide where the BeeBot needed to go. As the levels got more and more difficult, we had to navigate the BeeBot around obstructions and avoid certain characters that were trying to capture us. This was quite a challenge at first but the children quickly learned to erase the previous code before entering a new one. Next week, we are hoping to use the real BeeBots and allow them to navigate the classroom.

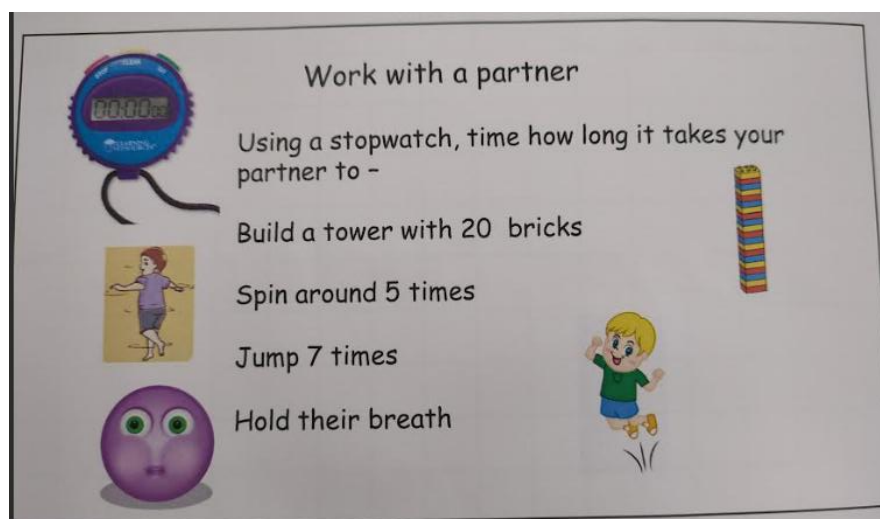


Children in Year 1 have been introduced to the concept of time. We experimented with how many times we can write our names in a minute. The children then used the timers to see how long it would take their partner to complete an activity such as building a Lego tower with 20 bricks. This practical lesson was enjoyed by everyone and we had lots of fun! Reception have continued exploring how to share objects into equal groups and enjoyed putting the small world sheep and horses into 'fields'.



This week, we also welcomed our new Reception intake for their final 'Stay and Play' session. It is always lovely to meet the new starters, but it never fails to amaze us with how much the existing Reception children have matured. We are really looking forward to September when we'll get to know them even better.

As we draw to the end of the academic year, I ask the Reception parents to download their child's Learning Journal before I archive everything next Friday. There are some instructions on the website/app, but if you need any help doing this, please email me at hmarshall@dacreb.co.uk



Have a great weekend, whatever you're up to!

Mrs Jo Dobbs,
Headteacher





Our Christian Value this half term is **Respect**.
This week's thought for the week is a brilliant quote from the Dalai Lama.
It is. **"When you practice gratefulness, there is a sense of respect toward others."**
Wow! That's a thought to really get your teeth into - I love it!

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— Dalai Lama



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Be willing to ask for help when you need it

This month's Action for Happiness Calendar is entitled
"Jump Back Up July".
Today's encouragement is -
"Be willing to ask for help when you need it"

<https://actionforhappiness.org/calendar>



Bee Safe

Continuing our support for parents with keeping their children safe and happy, this week in the Bulletin Bag there is a really helpful leaflet with lots of useful tips and links to support parents and carers with Managing boundaries for Children under Five

To find all of the Parent Safeguarding leaflets, please go to <https://www.dacrebraithwaite.n-yorks.sch.uk/safeguarding>

For online training go to <https://nationalcollege.com/enrol/dacre-braithwaite-ce-va-primary-school>

This week : National Average Primary School Attendance = 95.12%



EYFS	98.33%
Year 1	98.33%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	98.46%
Year 4	99.17%
Year 5	100%
Year 6	100%

School Lunch Week 1 - W/C 6th July 2026



Monday	Tomato Pasta / Tomato, Ham & Broccoli Pasta / Baked Bean and/or Cheese or Tuna Jacket Potato Lemon Shortbread Biscuit / Fruit Jelly / Fresh Fruit / Fruit Yoghurt
Tuesday	Veg Stir Fry / Sweet & Sour Chicken / Ham, Cheese or Tuna Roll Choc & Banana Brownie / Fruit Jelly / Fresh Fruit / Fruit Yoghurt
Wednesday	Roast Quorn / Roast Gammon / Baked Bean and/or Cheese or Tuna Jacket Potato Orange Jelly & Mandarins / Fruit Jelly / Fresh Fruit / Fruit Yoghurt
Thursday	Veg Chilli / Beef & Lentil Chilli / Ham, Cheese or Tuna Roll Watermelon Wedge / Fruit Jelly / Fresh Fruit / Fruit Yoghurt
Friday	Vegetable Sausages / Fish Fingers and Chips / Baked Bean and/or Cheese or Tuna Jacket Potato Raspberry Jelly / Fresh Fruit / Fruit Yoghurt

Dates for your diary



July			
6 th	Years 2-6 Dallowgill Moor Visit	09:00 - 15:15	Letter sent
7 th	Class 3 Performance	18:00 - 19:00	Information to follow
8 th	Class 3 Performance	14:00 - 15:00	Information to follow
9 th	Year 6 Nidderdale Transition Day	All Day	Parents to be aware

9 th	Class 1 Trip To Askham Bryan	All Day	Letter sent
10 th	FODBS School Leavers Disco	15:15 - 17:15	See bulletin bag
13 th	Leavers' Service at Holy Trinity, Dacre Banks	14:30 - 15:15	Parents to collect from Holy Trinity, Dacre Banks - please make a note!
17 th	School Closes for the Summer Holidays	15:15	Parents to be aware

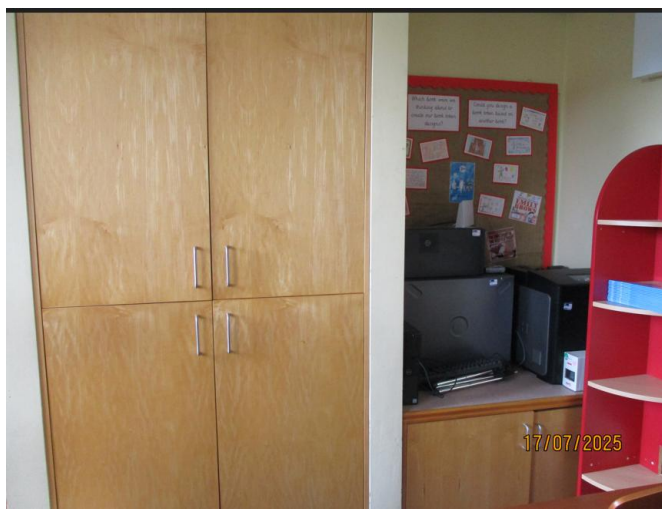
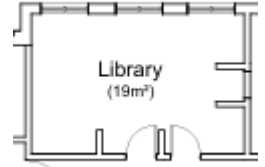


Class 1	Georgie Ethan	For enjoying learning all of the time. For persevering with Bee-bots in computing.
Class 2	Carrie River	For fantastic savoury and sweet crumble recipe ideas. For showing kindness to the new Year 2s on move up day.
Class 3	Ella Theo C	For helping the new year 4's on their transition morning. For care and attention to his new buddy.

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The winner was Elliott He's always quiet, well-behaved and does what is asked when it is asked.		Alice – Level D

Before

Much of the work on the library has been led by Kate Parker (a former parent and governor) who had all of the inspiration behind the project and who did loads of the hard work (helped a little by the children, Mr. Jones and Mrs. Dobbs, and some very useful chaps with tools!)

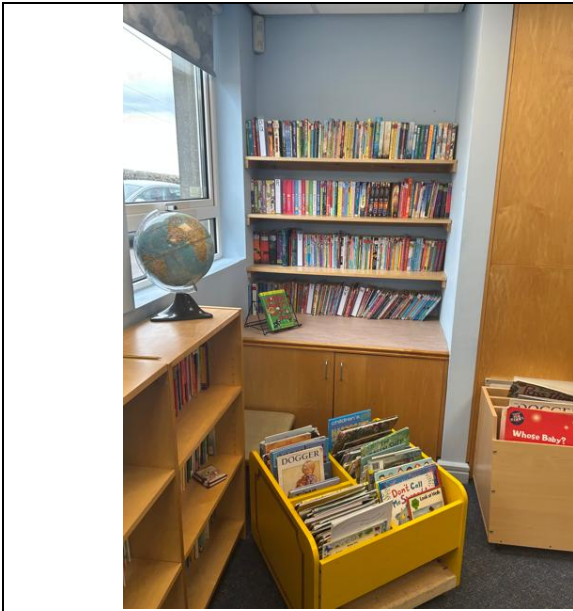


During



After





Works completed

- ✚ Library books have been audited and old or tatty books have been removed
- ✚ The best of the rejected books were given to a book charity; the tatty ones were used for the wall art collage
- ✚ Two old ineffective wall heaters removed and new electric panel heating installed in the ceiling
- ✚ Room has been totally repainted
- ✚ Some bookcases have been removed (to make space for a sofa) and some have been rotated 90°
- ✚ Some bookcases have been lowered in height (so children can reach the books)
- ✚ Bookcases removed have been repurposed to make shelving either side of cupboard with wooden doors
- ✚ Noticeboards have been put up and painted
- ✚ New blinds have been installed
- ✚ New sofa, cushions and seating / storage boxes have been installed
- ✚ New bookshelf labelling systems for fiction and non-fiction have been installed
- ✚ Children have been involved in completing the wall art – a collection of Nidderdale birds all done in collage.