

Dear Parents and Friends,

I hope that you all had a lovely time last week and managed to enjoy the sunshine? Over half term we became famous! We've appeared on the North Yorkshire Council website - click [here](#) to find out more and you simply **MUST** watch the video - it will make you smile!



This week is Child Safety Week. Many of you will have seen the reporting of the tragic suspected drowning deaths over half term. We have been talking to the children in Classes 2 and 3 about how to keep safe in water and how not to be tempted to jump in on a hot day. We've been showing the children the Float to Live campaign that the RNLI are promoting. (click [here](#)). For more information on how to keep your child safe we've included the Child Accident Prevention Trust's Parent's Pack (also on our website [here](#)) We have also added a Fact Sheet about Water Safety in this week's Bulletin Bag.



Please may I remind parents and carers that you are **not permitted** to take your child out of school for **any family holiday**. Please arrange family holidays when the school is closed. **This week we have uploaded the Term Dates for 2027-2028** so that you have plenty of notice for booking holidays in advance. (see the school website, click [here](#).) Because our numbers in school are small, overall each child represents 1.25%, meaning we have to be even more determined if we are to reach and maintain attendance in line with the National Average. (see the back of the newsletter for more information)



This Sunday coming (June 7th) why not come along to the Pateley Bandstand where the Summerbridge and Dacre Silver Band will be playing. Some of you may remember that members of the band came to school to play to Class 3 with a view to encouraging a few children to consider joining the training band. You may well be able to spot our very own Mrs Barbara Bradley playing her horn. It'll be well worth a listen!

North Yorkshire Council is inviting parents and carers of children aged 4-14 years to take part in a brief survey about holiday childcare. This should take no more than 5 minutes to complete.

For many families, school holidays can bring additional challenges trying to find childcare. North Yorkshire Council is trying to understand the needs of families during these periods.

We're asking all parents and carers of school aged children to complete the holiday childcare survey:



<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/NorthYorkshire-SchoolAgeChildcareSurvey2026/>
or use the QR code.

Feedback is important and will inform future planning. Please could survey replies be submitted by Friday 26th June 2026.

Thank you in advance for your support.



Mr. Jones writes, "Welcome back to everybody following the half term break, though after a very busy week back in school it scarcely seems we have been away! Much of this week in Class 3 has been given over to rehearsing for the end of year production, I'm very impressed with the number of children who know most, if not all of their lines! As you probably know we alternate the production year by year between a "themed" production and an end of primary school, rite of passage type of show. This year is the latter, a look back over primary school life, and it ends on a real tear jerker of a song which we are working hard to perfect!"



Maths wise the Yr4 children have been practising and practising for their compulsory Multiplication and Times Table check, it's a slog but we do seem to be getting there and well done to everybody for keeping up the hard work!



We wrapped up the work on Vikings by making reproductions of Viking shields to decorate the Viking longboat display, working on colour mixing, geometric designs and using runic lettering to name and label the finished shields. I think the results are pretty good and certainly make the classroom colourful!

Peat Rigg next week, if there are any last-minute questions or queries then please feel free to contact me."

Mrs Stokes writes, "Welcome back, everyone! It has been wonderful hearing all about Class 2's fun in the sun over the half-term break. It is hard to believe how quickly this year has flown by, and that we are already into the second half of the summer term!"

We have had a fantastic start to the new term, full of hands-on learning. In maths, the Year 2s have been busy measuring mass, capacity and volume, while our Year 3s are absolutely astounding us with their hard work on multiplying and dividing two-digit numbers with exchange—tricky concepts that they are tackling with great determination.



Our love for reading continues to grow; because we enjoyed *The Last Bear* so much, we have officially moved on to the sequel, *Finding Bear*. After the emotional ending of the first book, the children are absolutely desperate to find out what happens next! We have also linked our latest literacy project to the story. The children have been researching the Arctic and Bear Island, gathering brilliant facts to help them write some vivid descriptions of this icy setting.

Meanwhile, our new art project is off to a flying start. We are exploring how other art forms, like poems and stories, can inspire us, which will ultimately lead to building our own sculptures. The children loved the freedom of using their sketchbooks to respond to Harry Behn's lovely poem, *Growing Up*, by sketching, collaging, and colouring their ideas. We even had some wonderful hidden tigers peeking out from behind cut-out boulder flaps! We also explored the iconic style of illustrator Quentin Blake. The children used black fine-liner pens to capture different poses, finishing them off beautifully with a single-colour watercolour wash. We were incredibly impressed by their creativity and experimentation!"

Mrs Marshall writes, "Well, it is lovely to see all of the children in Class 1 again – just a shame we couldn't bring the lovely, sunny weather back with us! I hope you all had a lovely break and made some time to enjoy the sunshine wherever you were. If the nice weather does come back, we ask that sun cream is applied before the school day begins. If needed, we can supervise the children reapplying it at lunchtime so please ensure any bottles are clearly named."



This week, the children in Class 1 have continued with their Geography work, this time focusing on the physical features of our locality. As I am sure I've mentioned before, we are incredibly lucky in this part of Yorkshire to see such wonders outside of our windows. The rolling hills and beautiful scenery amazes me on my journey to school each and every morning. The children have been thinking of describing words (adjectives) for a selection of the physical features studied this week.

The Year 1 children have been doing some work this week on apostrophes ('). We looked at phrases such as 'did not' and 'can not' and then rewrote them in a less formal way – didn't and can't. The children quickly noticed that some of the letters were missing and that the apostrophe takes their place. They then wrote their own sentence using one of the examples we had looked at."



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

Mrs Jo Dobbs

Headteacher

	<p>Our Christian Value this half term is Respect. This week's thought for the week is one of my favourites - it takes a bit of thinking about. "Treat everyone with kindness and respect, even those who are rude to you - not because they are nice, but because you are". I love this quote, and it's so true!</p>	<p>Treat everyone with kindness and respect, even those who are rude to you - not because they are nice, but because you are.</p>
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<p>5 Think of 3 things you're grateful for and write them down</p>	<p>This month's Action for Happiness Calendar is entitled "Joyful June". Today's encouragement is - "Think of 3 things you're grateful for and write them down" https://actionforhappiness.org/calendar</p>	
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	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Bee Safe</u></p> <p>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 allergies and anaphylaxis</p> <p>To find all of the Parent Safeguarding leaflets, please go to https://www.dacrebraithwaite.n-yorks.sch.uk/safeguarding</p> <p>For online training go to https://nationalcollege.com/enrol/dacre-braithwaite-ce-va-primary-school</p>
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School Lunch Week 3 - W/C 08/06/26



Monday	Margherita Pizza / Ham Pizza / Baked Bean and/or Cheese or Tuna Jacket Potato Watermelon Wedge / Fruit Jelly / Fresh Fruit / Fruit Yoghurt
Tuesday	Tomato Pasta / Beef & Lentil Bolognese / Ham, Cheese or Tuna Roll Oaty Apple Crumble & Custard / Fruit Jelly / Fresh Fruit / Fruit Yoghurt
Wednesday	Roast Quorn / Roast Chicken / Baked Bean and/or Cheese or Tuna Jacket Potato Orange Jelly & Mandarins / Fruit Jelly / Fresh Fruit / Fruit Yoghurt
Thursday	Vegetable Stir-Fry / Chinese Chicken / Ham, Cheese or Tuna Roll Chocolate & Banana Brownie Sponge / Fruit Jelly / Fresh Fruit / Fruit Yoghurt
Friday	Vegetable Sausages / Fish Fingers / Baked Bean and/or Cheese or Tuna Jacket Potato Lemon Shortbread / Fresh Fruit / Fruit Yoghurt

Dates for your diary

June			
			
8 th	New Starters Stay & Play 1	15:30 - 16:30	Reception Sept 2026
9 th	EYFS / KS1 Multi Skills Festival	08:40 - 12:00	Email sent
10 - 12 th	Class 3 to Peat Rigg Residential Trip	All Day	Return Outstanding Consent Forms Please
18 th	Summer Serenade Concert	18:00 - 19:00	Letter to be sent today
19 th	FODBS Father's Day Treats	09:30 - 10:30	Information to follow
26 th	Sports Day 1 (if dry)	13:00 - 15:15	Parents to be aware
26 th	FODBS Barbeque (if dry)	18:00 - 21:00	Information to follow
29 th	New Starters Stay & Play 2	13:30 - 15:00	Reception Sept 2026
July			
1 st	Year 6 to Crucial Crew	09:00 - 12:00	Letter to follow
2 nd	Year 6 Nidderdale Transition Day	All day	Parents to be aware
2 nd	New Starters Stay & Play 3	09:00 - 13:15	Reception Sept 2026
2 nd	Open Evening	15:15 - 17:00	Information to follow
3 rd	Sports Day 2 (if wet on Sports Day 1)	13:00 - 15:15	Information to follow
3 rd	FODBS Barbeque (if wet on 26 th June)	18:00 - 21:00	Information to follow
6 th	Years 2-6 Dallowgill Moor Visit	09:00 - 15:15	Letter to follow
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	All Day	Letter to follow
10 th	FODBS School Leavers Disco	17:30 - 19:00	Information to follow
13 th	Leavers' Service at Holy Trinity, Dacre Banks	14:30 - 15:15	Parents to collect from Holy Trinity, Dacre Banks
17 th	School Closes for the Summer Holidays	15:15	Parents to be aware

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Shortlist was Arthur and Lenny
Winner was Lenny

