

Dear Parents and Friends,



Well, there's certainly been a lot going on this week but before we get into all of the various activities - I would like to say a HUGE thank you to the FODBS for their support with refreshments and the Sports Day on Friday. And also a HUGE thank you to all of you for coming to support the children! They certainly had a good time and many congratulations to Tuley Teal who were the overall winners!



I'm sure you don't need me to tell you how tired the children are at the moment. We are trying to take the pressure off in the last few days of the term - especially as it's so warm. Please can they have restful evenings and continue to get early nights as much as you are able? Here's a reminder of what is going on.

Next week

Children won't need to bring Book Bags on Monday or Friday.



Monday	 Governors Awards / Leavers' Service at Holy Trinity, Dacre at 2:30pm on Monday. It is such a special service where we get to celebrate all that the Year 6 children have achieved, as well as children throughout the school who have reflected our Christian values. Even if you don't come, please remember that ALL of the children will be in church, so collection is 3:15pm at Holy Trinity Dacre. Please don't come to school as there won't be anyone there!
Tuesday	Normal Day
Wednesday	Class 2's last swimming lesson of the year - so don't forget kits!
Thursday	Normal Day
Friday	Barnabas Assembly with Y6 photos from their time at Dacre Braithwaite (tissues will be needed!) No book bags. Finish school at 3:15pm

LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR VACANCY



We still haven't managed to appoint a Mid-Day Supervisor to start in September. If there are any parents / carers / friends of school who might be able to do one, two or more 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 and you will be paid accordingly. Please get in touch with the office for a chat if you are interested. (01423 780285)

I hope those of you who came to our Production of The Next Big Step enjoyed it as much as I did! The children were excellent at remembering their lines, songs and places on stage. It's hard to say which my favourite part was, but needless to say, I was chuckling all the way through! Well done to all of Class 3.



We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2025/26 academic year. 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. We are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year. A special thanks to our amazing Staff Team who willingly and eagerly supported our children on all of their sporting trips this year!



Leeds Rhinos 50% off tickets offer

"Leeds Rhinos are delighted to offer supporters 50% off tickets for their match against Toulouse on Friday 31st July 2026. With the team currently in first place in the league table we would love for you to join us to cheer the team on. Whether you are a regular supporter, or would be attending for the first time, we would be delighted for you and your family to come and experience the unique atmosphere of a match at AMT Headingley Stadium.

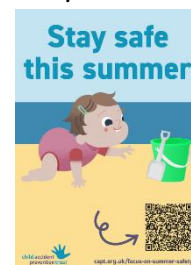
To book your tickets visit [Leeds Rhinos - Online ticket sales](#) with prices starting from just £13 for adults and £7 for juniors aged 16 and under."

Don't forget to enrol for the Library Summer Reading Challenge. We have a few happy readers who have already joined and are well into their first few books! For anyone who is new to this, there is information on the website ([here](#)). There are lots of activities that you can get involved with, have a look [here](#) at what is on offer across the county at the different libraries!



This week's school attendance looks really great again - have a look at the back of the newsletter! Thank you for co-operating with school and for keeping your children's attendance consistently high. If you are looking to book holidays - we've put the academic dates for the next 2 years [here](#).

The Child Accident Prevention Trust have produced some really useful guidance about keeping your children safe this summer (which we've put in the Bulletin Bag). They have also done a lot of research into 10 dangerous products to avoid this Summer (click [here](#)) which makes some really interesting reading!



If you are getting new school uniform over the Summer holidays please can we be clear that **black trainers are NOT part of school uniform**. We've noticed a few pairs creeping into school, especially with the older children, and we would prefer that they complied with our uniform code. **Neither are black trousers - the uniform is Navy or grey**. Don't forget also to come and have a look in the Uniform Exchange- there are loads of different items needing new homes!

From September onwards, we will be charging a flat rate of £5 for Breakfast Club starting from 07:45. Children are welcome to come along from the start and will be given breakfast if they would like it.



If you are considering allowing your child to have their ears pierced, the summer holiday is the time to do it! If done at the beginning of the holiday, it will allow 6 weeks for the holes to heal, meaning that earrings can be removed for PE in September.

Mr. Jones writes, "Obviously, I have to start by talking about the wonderful end of year production, "The Next Big Step," prepared and performed so brilliantly by Class 3. We put on a production every year, it's a pleasure to work on but there are always hiccups and bumps along the way.



This year, for some reason, we seemed short on rehearsal time but all of the cast members pulled together and the result was outstanding! I have never seen all of the children throw themselves into the event with such enthusiasm and obvious enjoyment and it was a delight to be involved. Well done to everybody who contributed.

On Monday we enjoyed a day at the Dallowgill estate, the idea being to learn about moorland environments and the activities, wildlife and challenges faced by these landscapes. The activities were great, Class 3 had trouble deciding whether they preferred leaf blowing, sheep shearing, mountain rescue, game keeping or using moorland animal poo as clues to which species are active in the area. Personally, I enjoyed the Pheasant sausage rolls, but the main thing was that everybody enjoyed the day and the organisers were delighted with how engaged and knowledgeable Dacre Braithwaite children were.

Also this week, we have been preparing for leavers assembly, looking at photographs of Yr6 children through their time at school, prompting lot of memories and reminiscences. For Yr6 children we are now entering the final week of Primary School and as Holly put it at the end of the production, "We are going to make the most of every single minute left there!"



Mrs Stokes writes, "What a fantastic final two weeks of term we've been having! The excitement kicked off last Friday with an incredible Sports Day. The mix of team and individual events gave every child a chance to shine, enjoy the games, and cheer on their friends. A huge thank you to FODBs for surprising us all with well-deserved ice creams at the finish line and to Mr Banks and Mrs Marshall for organising the event!"



On Monday, Classes 2 and 3 headed to Dallowgill for the 'Let's Learn Moor' project, hosted by the Nidderdale Moorland project. The children split into groups to experience everything from sheep shearing and mountain rescue to wildfire protection and studying ground-nesting birds. The event, which spans seven locations, aims to connect primary school children with the beauty of their local moorlands and inspire them to explore nature, an objective that was absolutely achieved!

Tuesday began bright and early with an exceptional performance by Class 3. The singing and acting were of an incredibly high standard and we all thoroughly enjoyed the show. The creativity continued into the morning with a hands-on cooking session for Class 2. After designing their own seasonal sweet and savoury crumbles, the children put their chopping and mixing skills to the test to create the perfect crunchy topping. The delicious bakes were then enjoyed at home, and we hope that they inspire plenty of future chefs!

Finally, while Class 1 was away on their school trip on Thursday, Class 2 celebrated filling up their cube rewards jar, with a brilliant "beach theme" day. It was a well-deserved treat packed with fun, from cooling off in the paddling pool and playing beach volleyball to enjoying summer crafts, sandcastles, and plenty of singing. The ice creams and refreshing mocktails were the perfect finishing touch to an unforgettable day!"



Mrs Marshall writes,

"What a fabulous day we had yesterday at Askham Bryan Wildlife Park. We explored a variety of animals and minibeasts and compared their habitats.



As always, the children behaved impeccably and enjoyed asking our guide Connor lots of questions in order to find out more. The weather was very hot so we had to keep hydrated as much as possible, but the children were amazing at keeping hold of their water bottles.

The children loved watching the meerkats dig in the sand and then disappear underground before popping back up for a nosey around. It was very amusing! A huge thank you to Ms Eyre and Mrs Smith for helping out, without you the trip would not have been possible."



Have a great weekend, whatever you're up to and we'll see you after school for the disco!

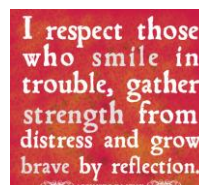
Mrs Jo Dobbs,
Headteacher



Our Christian Value this half term is **Respect**.

This week's thought for the week is a brilliant quote from Leonardo Da Vinci. It is. **"I respect those who smile in trouble, gather strength from distress and grow brave by reflection."**

Even though that is really old, it's still just as true today!



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Reach out to
someone you trust
and share your
feelings with them

This month's Action for Happiness
Calendar is entitled
"Jump Back Up July".
Today's encouragement is -
"Reach out to someone you trust and
share your feelings with them"

<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 Tech Free Summer for Teens

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>



National Average Primary
School Attendance Latest
Figures = 89.07%

EYFS	%
Year 1	95%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	98.46%
Year 4	98.33%
Year 5	100%
Year 6	100%



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

Monday	Margherita Pizza / Tomato, Spinach & Salmon Pasta / Baked Bean and/or Cheese or Tuna Jacket Potato Watermelon Wedge / Fruit Jelly / Fresh Fruit / Fruit Yoghurt
Tuesday	Vegetable Sausages / Pork Sausages / Ham, Cheese or Tuna Roll Carrot Cake & Orange Wedge / Fruit Jelly / Fresh Fruit / Fruit Yoghurt
Wednesday	Roast Quorn / Roast Turkey / Baked Bean and/or Cheese or Tuna Jacket Potato Raspberry Jelly & Mandarins / Fruit Jelly / Fresh Fruit / Fruit Yoghurt
Thursday	Tomato Pasta / Coconut, Chicken & Chickpea Curry / Ham, Cheese or Tuna Roll Oaty Apple Crumble / Fruit Jelly / Fresh Fruit / Fruit Yoghurt
Friday	Vegetable Sausages / Fish Fingers and Chips / Baked Bean and/or Cheese or Tuna Jacket Potato Chocolate Shortbread / Fresh Fruit / Fruit Yoghurt

Dates for your diary



July			
Only Breakfast and After School Clubs This Week - Other Clubs Have Finished			
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!
13 th	No After School Wraparound Club - Tonight Only	15:15 - 17:30	Parents to be aware
15 th	Class 2 Last Swimming Session	PM	Don't forget your swim kit!
17 th	Family Barnabas - Leavers' Special	09:00	Bring tissues.
17 th	School Closes for the Summer Holidays	15:15	Parents to be aware

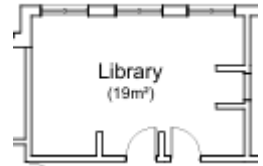


Class 1	Hattie Ottie	For fabulous work in maths exploring odd and even. For leading by example on our school trip.
Class 2	George S Skye	For living life to the full and having fun in all activities. For fantastic crumble making skills from start to finish.
Class 3	All of Class 3 Joey Liv	For a fantastic end of year production. For great resilience and leadership in Class. For a fantastic TA job in Class 3.

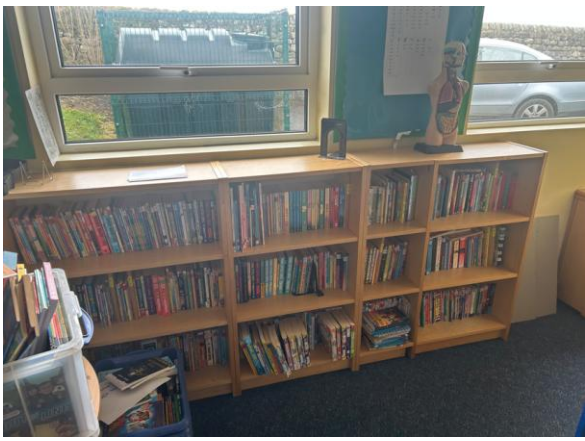
<u>VX</u>		Winning Team
Overall winner was Lenny B		 Manny Moorhouse

Library Refurbishment Project - 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!)

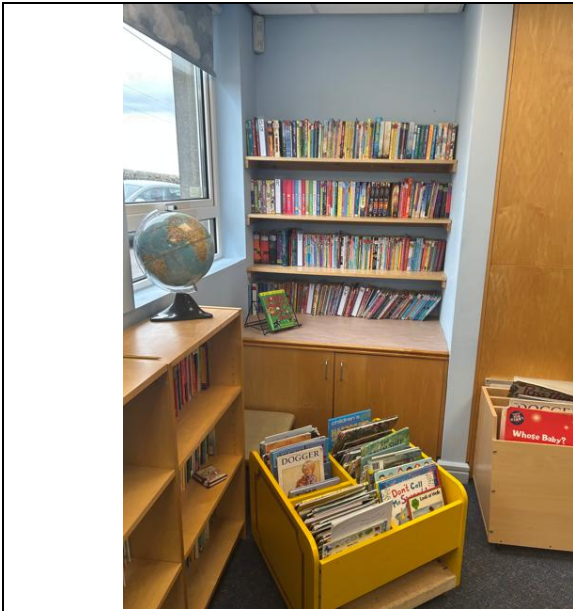


Library Refurbishment Project - During



Library Refurbishment Project - 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.

We are very grateful to everyone who has helped bring this project to life.

All of which could not have been possible without generous funding from the following sources:

- Friends of Dacre Braithwaite School
- Making a Difference Locally through Nisa Local at Grassington
- Charity of Isabel Day
- Anonymous Donation
- Book Sale Donations

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