

Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome back to the new academic year. What a super start the children have made already! They all looked extremely smart this week as they arrived and soon settled into their new routines. I would like to warmly welcome Eddie, Poppy, Freddie, Florence, Evelyn, Bobi, Carter, Alfie, Robert, Jo-Jo, Charlotte and Monty. But that's not all, I would also like to welcome Mrs Ratcliffe to school as our new administrator - she's doing a great job so please give her a smile when you see her as she gets to know who belongs to whom! I hope that you will all feel really settled in our lovely school and that you will soon make some great friends!



This week there is quite a collection of information to look through. As a general rule, we try to keep the amount of paperwork to a minimum, so (for the benefit of our new parents and carers and a reminder for everyone else) you will receive an email each Friday with the newsletter and any other information. This is also put on the website on the [bulletin bag page](#) should the email go missing.

Today we started our Barnabas (Celebration) assemblies where we welcome our parents and families into school every Friday morning. For those parents who are new to school, each Friday morning at 9:00am we have an act of Collective Worship where we celebrate all the children's achievements, both inside and out of school. Many children bring along certificates from swimming, dance, gymnastics and other out of school activities to have them presented in addition to our own Dacre B certificates awarded by the teachers. It lasts about 20 minutes. Please feel free to come along and share in the celebrations - it's very relaxed and there's a lovely atmosphere! **BUT** *We won't bring our Reception children into Barnabas for the first few weeks as a hall full of people can be quite daunting for them.*



Hot off the Press - we need your help!

We've been lucky enough to secure a second weekend supporting our school by providing refreshments at Fewston Parochial Hall on **26th and 27th September**. We will be asking for your help to **bake** goodies, **bring** them along and help out and **buy** some refreshments. In fact, why not plan your meals that weekend around the event? Bring your family along and feed them at the same time! Please put the dates in your diaries to come and support us in any way you can as last year it was amazingly successful! Look out for more info on the What's App and in next week's newsletter.

Thank you.



Due to a change in circumstances, we are looking to appoint someone to run our Wraparound Club for 2 nights a week - Wednesday and Thursday - from 3:15pm - 5:30pm. The role involves supervising activities which interest the children and is term time only. We are really hoping that there is someone reading this who would like to be a part of our fabulous Dacre B team - for more information, please contact Mrs. Ratcliffe in the school office. Thank you.

We are also looking for a new school cook!

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The role...

Job Title:	Cook Manager
School Location:	Dacre Braithwaite CE Primary School, Harrogate, HG3
Working Days:	Monday to Friday
Shifts & Working hours:	8am-1.30pm (27.5 hours per week)
Working Weeks:	39 weeks per year (term time plus inset days)
Pay Details:	£20,000 per Annum



What will I be doing?

As a **Cook Manager**, you'll lead a friendly kitchen team to deliver **fresh, seasonal meals** to students each day. This is a hands-on management role, where you'll oversee the kitchen, support your team, and ensure smooth service.

Your responsibilities will include:

- Managing the day-to-day running of the kitchen
- Leading, motivating, and developing your catering team
- Preparing and serving fresh, seasonal meals for the school
- Planning menus, managing stock, and ensuring compliance with food hygiene and safety standards
- Liaising directly with onsite clients and stakeholders
- Ensuring service runs smoothly and efficiently

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Keeping our children happy in school is **really** important to us. We do genuinely care about the children we teach, and we want them to be happy in school and enjoy themselves. If, at any time, you have concerns, please don't hesitate to come and chat to your child's teacher or a member of staff. In addition, there are some helpful resources on the school website - have a look at our [wellbeing resources](#) and our [safeguarding](#) and [Internet Safety](#) pages. (click on the words for the links). Over the Summer I have been adding lots of useful Parents Information leaflets to the Safeguarding section on the website - please do have a look to see what is there to support you with your children.



Just a few housekeeping notes:

The Car Parking and Packed Lunch policies have been included in this week's Bulletin Bag. Please make sure that you read these to remind yourselves of how things work at Dacre B! Please could you make grandparents or friends of the family who might collect children about the Car Parking Policy too - especially starting to park at the far end of the playground, near the Chalet, if you come onto the playground first. Thank you.





Lift sharing - it is quite likely with increasing fuel costs that parents may choose to car share or to give lifts to children, and this would certainly seem a sensible option, however **it is your duty to inform school if you are not collecting your child in order to ensure that we keep all the children safe.** Thank you.

We understand how busy family life is. So, we always have an updated Dates section on the Newsletter for you to put events in your diaries or on your calendars. Where possible, we will try to avoid changing these dates.

Please make sure you are familiar with the term dates this year ([here](#) on the website) so that you can book holidays when school is closed. We are unable to authorise absences for family holidays.



Next week, we will send out the Class Curriculum Maps and Letters which will give you more information about your children's routines.

As you know the Summer Reading Challenge has been running in libraries during the holidays and has been a great success.



For those that started but haven't finished there is still time. They have rewards and medals ready and waiting for any children that signed up and have read 6 books. The children can bring their medals and certificates to our Barnabas assembly to have them presented there.



We have a defibrillator in the office, which the DfE sent out to all schools a couple of years ago. I sincerely hope that we never have to use it, but just to make you aware that it's there should anyone ever find themselves in an emergency.

If your young people are struggling to get to sleep at the moment, either because they're tired from starting back at school, struggling to get into routines after the holidays, have a look at the school website on the wellbeing resources section (click [here](#)) where the Sleep Charity have some really helpful advice for parents.



If your child is in year 6, you can apply for a secondary school place for your child from 12 September 2026 and you must submit your application by 31 October 2026.

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/education-and-learning>



Please remember that we have a thriving Uniform Swap. Please feel free to come along any time and see what goodies there are to be had. (It's just inside the front of school)

Mr Jones writes, "Most importantly, welcome back to everybody! New and old members of Class 3 and everybody else at school. It sounds as though people have really enjoyed the summer break and I have heard some lovely stories about holiday adventures.

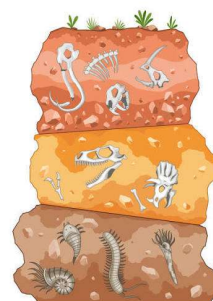


In Class 3 this week we have spent quite a lot of time dealing with the admin needs of the new school year: jobs have been allocated; class routines established and each year group has taken time to settle into their new position in school. Well done to everybody.

Among all these routine tasks however, we have also found time to get some serious work done. Maths wise, we are looking at place value, the building blocks of how we understand numbers. It is really important to secure the basic maths facts so I anticipate we will continue exploring this theme for a few weeks, stretching the Yr6 children to include concepts like percentages and ratio.

We have written postcards, made a start on guided reading groups and also thought about how important fossils are in understanding how living things have evolved over hundreds of millions of years. It's easy to think of fossils as just being interesting objects from the past, literally set in stone, however by dating and organising fossils and rocks we can trace all sorts of ancient historical detail.

We even found time to make some fossils of our own so keep an eye open for a Class 3 display!

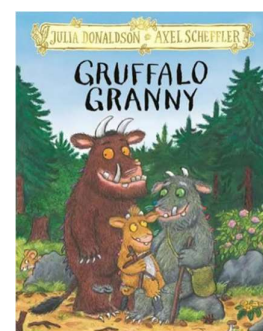


Mrs Stokes writes, "It has been a wonderful start to the new school year, and we have loved welcoming Class 2 and all the Dacre B family back to school! The children have settled in brilliantly and are enjoying getting back into our routines, establishing expectations and creating a happy, positive learning environment together. We have already been busy with our learning.



In maths, we have started our Mastering Number programme, developing our understanding of number and mathematical fluency. In science, we have begun our new topic on Light exploring sources of light and those that reflect the light. Next week we will be conducting an investigation into reflective materials and finding out more about sun safety.

One of the highlights of our first week was an exciting live online workshop with the British Library today. We were thrilled to meet the author and illustrator of the brand-new *Gruffalo Granny* book! We saw the Gruffalo being acted out, then a read through of the new book, a Q&A before a live draw along of the new character. The illustration segment was Jackson's favourite part and Maia, Walter and Faith all loved seeing the Gruffalo story acted out. We all enjoyed sharing the brand-new Gruffalo Granny story together, with so many connections to other Julia Donaldson books and we will share it with Class 1 too! It was a very special experience and a brilliant way to inspire our young readers and writers.



We are looking forward to a fantastic year of learning, exploring and growing together!

Mrs Marshall writes, "Welcome back everybody! What a lovely week we've had. It is great to see everybody again, and I am so pleased to see the new reception children settling in. We usually have a few tears from children who find it difficult to separate from their parents, but not this year! The children arrive with huge smiles and confidently explore the resources in the classroom. I am so proud of the year 1 pupils too as they have really stepped up and taken care of the little ones, showing them where to find things and helping them adapt to a new routine. The year 6 buddies have also been a great help at playtime and lunchtime when the parents arrive.



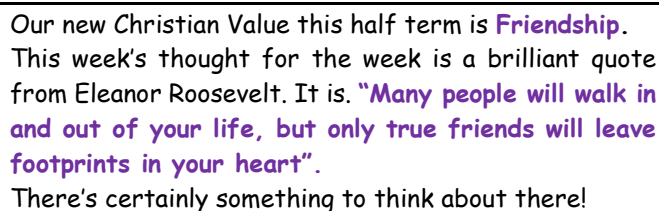
I would like to apologise for the confusion with the PE kits situation. We are hoping that the children arriving at school in their PE kits on a Monday and Friday will help us to enjoy a longer lesson.

We will soon be holding curriculum information and phonics evenings so please look out for further information in the next few newsletters. These will give you important information on the topics we'll be covering in class 1 and how we teach phonics using the Little Wandle scheme. Finally, I'd like to thank you for the amazing gifts and cards that Mrs Bradley and I received in July. It was very generous of you and greatly appreciated.

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

Mrs. Jo Dobbs
Headteacher





Plan a fun or relaxing activity and make time for it

This month's Action for Happiness
Calendar is entitled
"Self-Care September 2026".
Today's encouragement is -
"Plan a fun or relaxing activity and
make time for 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 Invoice Fraud

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>



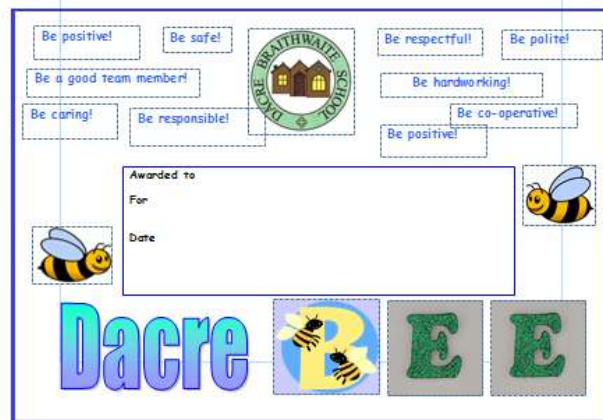
School Lunch Week 2 - W/C 14th September 2026

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	Vegi / Pork Sausage & Mash/ Ham, Cheese or Tuna Roll Carrot Cake / Fruit Jelly / Fresh Fruit / Fruit Yoghurt
Wednesday	Roast Quorn / Turkey with Roast Potatoes / Baked Bean and/or Cheese or Tuna Jacket Potato Raspberry Jelly & Mandarins / Fruit Jelly / Fresh Fruit / Fruit Yoghurt
Thursday	Tomato Pasta / Coconut Chicken Curry with Rice / Ham, Cheese or Tuna Roll Oaty Apple Crumble & Custard / Fruit Jelly / Fresh Fruit / Fruit Yoghurt
Friday	Vegetable Sausages / Fish and Chips / Baked Bean and/or Cheese or Tuna Jacket Potato Chocolate Shortbread / Fresh Fruit / Fruit Yoghurt

Dates for your diary



September			
21 st	Class 1 Parents Information Afternoon	15:15 - 16:15	Class 1 Parents to attend
22 nd	Class 3 Parents Information Afternoon	15:15 - 16:15	Class 3 Parents to attend
24 th	Class 2 Parents Information Afternoon	15:15 - 16:15	Class 2 Parents to attend
26 th 27 th	FODBS Fewston Charity Teas / Cafe	10am-4pm	Please come along and support
29 th	Phonics Information Afternoon	15:15 - 16:15	Class 1 and 2 Parents to attend
30 th	Bags to School	09:00	Parents to be aware
October			
1 st	School Photos (individual and with siblings)	09:00 -10:30	Parents to be aware
5 th	Parents Online Safety Information Sessions	15:15 - 16:15 repeated at 18:00 - 19:00	Parents to be aware
9 th	Class 3 Harvest Assembly	09:00 -09:30	Parents to be aware
15 th	Eco Theme Day	All Day	Parents to be aware
20 th	Parents Evenings	15:30 - 18:30	Parents to be aware
21 st	Parents Evenings	15:30 - 18:30	Parents to be aware
22 nd	School Closes for half term	15:30	Parents to be aware
23 rd	School Closed for Staff Training Day	All day	Parents to be aware
November			
2 nd	School Opens	08:40	Parents to be aware
11 th	Remembrance Service	09:00 - 09:30	Parents to be aware
13 th	Children in Need non uniform day (wear spots of stripes and bring a suggested £1 donation -)	All Day	Parents to be aware
26 th	Advent Theme Day	All Day	Parents to be aware
30 th	School Closed for Staff Training Day	All day	Parents to be aware
December			
5 th	School closed for Training Day	All Day	Parents to be aware
10 th	Whole School Nativity	14:30 - 15:00	Parents to be aware
12 th	Whole School Nativity	09:00 -09:45	Parents to be aware
14 th	Class 1 Christmas Party	13:00 - 15:10	Parents to be aware
15 th	Class 3 Christmas Party	13:00 - 15:10	Parents to be aware
16 th	Class 2 Christmas Party	13:00 - 15:10	Parents to be aware
18 th	Christmas Lunch - tbc	12:00 - 13:00	Parents to be aware
17 th	Christingle Service, Holy Trinity Church, Dacre Banks	18:00 - 19:00	Parents to be aware
18 th	School Closes for Christmas	15:15	Parents to be aware
January			
4 th	School Closed for Staff Training Day	All day	Parents to be aware
5 th	School Opens for the Spring Term		Parents to be aware



Class 1	Hattie	For coming back to school this term with a great attitude
Class 2	Ellie Ada	For settling into Class 2 so well and being a great role model For being so kind and helpful to the new Year 2 children
Class 3	David Theo	For a really positive attitude on return to school For being such a good role model and helping out his buddy