

Dear Parents and Friends,

Well, it's certainly been a busy week this week and I'm starting the newsletter with a number of updates to share.

- ✚ Firstly, the excellent news that Rowan Brunger is going to be out new Parent Governor. I'm really thrilled that he'll be joining our team of supportive Governors and will be getting to know more about how the school runs. To find out more about Rowan, have a look on the website (click [here](#))
- ✚ Next, some staffing changes. At the end of the term, Ms. Pratt will be retiring from her role here as Mid-day Supervisor. Kathryn has really enjoyed her time here but now she wants to have more time to meet friends and visit her daughter.
- ✚ Also, Mrs. Graham will be moving onto pastures new. Her immense skills have got her noticed and she'll be returning to the world of finance and spreadsheets. Ruth has been a brilliant wingman for me and has helped the school move on in the last 4 and a half years. Both Kathryn and Ruth will be hugely missed as they are significant members of our staff team.
- ✚ Lastly, Mrs. Turner has asked that in September, she has the time to concentrate on her Teaching Assistant role and will no longer be running the Wraparound Club.



As a result of these changes, we are looking to recruit new staff to the roles of Administrator, MSA and Wraparound Club leader. We are open to options if people want to combine any of these roles. PLEASE can I ask you to share this information widely with friends and neighbours in the local community who may be interested. There is more information on the school website [here](#).



Friends of Dacre Braithwaite Give-away! Next week at our Barnabas Assembly, the FODBS will be pulling three children's names out of a bag to win a Father's Day Fry Up to take home. Make sure you're there to see who the lucky children are!

Also - the FODBS are looking for folk to help out with the Summer Barbeque - please could you speak to Abbie Smith if you're coming and wouldn't mind volunteering a bit of your time.

This week's school attendance looks really great - 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](#).)



Mr. Jones writes (from Peat Rigg),

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June

"This morning, after a few minutes together in Class 3, we set out on the bus ride to Peat Rigg. "It was quite a comfy bus!" said Harvey, although Ben T was happy to arrive at the adventure centre after having a bit of a doze along the way. Jackson has decided to keep a journal of the visit and has been busy with this.

We were greeted by the Peat Rigg team (delighted to see us as always) and after a thorough briefing all the children went to their allocated rooms to make their beds and unpack. "The rooms are spacious and well decorated" said Isaac, after struggling with his duvet cover. Emily M, Elkie and Ella were



delighted, "We even had a spare bed, and we can all hang out together!" said Emily M. Ella is just enjoying having fun with her friends.

Lunch came next, "Tasty, delicious and scrumptious!" according to Beau, and Joey was really impressed with the work of the cooks. Grace was delighted at the choices and Hannah was really pleased that the food was as reliable as ever.

After lunch, the important business began, and we split into teams for afternoon activities.

Anayah's group were crate stacking, she really liked the teamwork, the brilliant instructors and best of all, kicking the stack of crates down. Emily S liked dangling in her hareness high up in the roof of the barn.

Benjamin L summed the activity up, "It's really useful to be able to face your fears, afterwards I felt thrilled!" he said.

Caving was challenging, Theo enjoyed the scramble through tight passages and even turned his light out to experience total darkness. "It felt really remote." he said.

Max and his group worked on Bushcraft learning about nature, "It was good to share ideas and explore species." They also built a fire, Hannah enjoyed collecting firewood, using flint and steel to make a spark and finally cooking marshmallows.

Liv enjoyed the obstacle course and really showed leadership potential by ensuring all her team made it round. The instructor was really impressed with the way the whole team pulled together and worked as a unit. Holly loved the challenge and used her self confidence to overcome these obstacles.

Dinner was at 5.15, then it was time for orienteering.

Even though we got drenched, we worked as teams and tracked down the clues while exploring the steep and beautiful grounds.

As always, we finished with hot choc and biscuits and wound down before bed."

#### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June

"The first night at Peat Rigg was relatively uneventful, some staff (Mr Jones!) even managed to get some sleep. Everybody was ready for a hearty breakfast at 7.30, these are legendary, in fact Joey thought the word "phenomenal" better suited and Izzy preferred the cereal, bacon, beans and toast to her breakfast at home! Mrs Bradley loved the trusty bacon and Isaac ate four slices of special toast.

Group B began with the High Zip Wire, "Shockingly fast!" said Ella while Liv found it exhilarating and great fun. Hannah enjoyed the rush of wind and Holly commented on how challenging the climb in the slippery conditions was, but how happy she was to conquer it. Harvey enjoyed the descent so much that he danced all the way down.

While this was happening, Group A were learning about bushcraft in the Peat Rigg forest, Reggie said that it was frustrating trying to light a fire using flint and steel but after a lot of hard work everybody succeeded and we were able to toast marshmallows.

While walking through the woods we identified trees and ate Wood Sorrell leaves, Hannah and Alice thought they tasted of apples. Beau was interested in woodland crafts generally, we had to put the fires out very carefully once we had finished.

Abseiling was the main event, Holly was initially shocked at the scale of the viaduct, Harper enjoyed overcoming her nerves while Oscar felt that their time at Peat Rigg had given them plenty of confidence to tackle the task. Tobias said "There were amazing views from the top and it was absolutely incredible! Liv Turner worked hard to achieve success, then enjoyed watching the local wildlife.

After dinner we took part in various team games, it was great to let the children lead and explore these activities themselves, particularly as most of them were in the barn and therefore we were not being rained on!

Tomorrow is the last day, a mix of activities for the two groups and then the long bus journey back to school. What a great trip it has been and we are all looking forward to what the morning will bring!"

Mrs Stokes writes, "Despite the rainy weather cutting our outdoor playtime a little short this week, we have had a lovely week of learning in Class 2 and thoroughly enjoyed tapping into our creative sides! Our inspiration came from Roald Dahl's incredible book, *The Minpins* (1991), which we linked to our Art lessons as we explored the idea of imaginary worlds. The story inspired the children to design and make their own birds for a tiny Minpin to ride upon. We began by looking carefully at photographs of British garden birds. The children then designed their own unique birds, drawing inspiration from both real-life photography and the beautiful illustrations in the book. We are currently part-way through the making and decorating process, and the children are absolutely loving it.



In maths, the children have been working incredibly hard and showing great resilience with various money challenges. Meanwhile, in our writing, we have been exploring colder climates and the children produced some truly fantastic, descriptive writing about the Arctic and polar bears.

It was a very wet Gardening Club this week, but we braved the rain to transfer some of our plants, including our strawberries and tomatoes. Unfortunately, we were faced with a bit of a jungle! Thanks to the recent spell of warm, wet weather, the weeds have completely taken over, and we couldn't even see the soil in our raised beds. We have some serious weeding ahead of us before we can add the fresh compost, but we are incredibly impressed by how well our existing plants are doing—especially the rhubarb and fruit bushes from last year's planting.

Finally, a huge thank you to Oscar for all of your wonderful help in Class 2 this week. You are welcome back anytime!



Mrs Marshall writes, "Despite the awful weather this week, we have managed to get outside for our PE lessons. The children are now practising the skills needed for striking and fielding games. They were able to apply what they had learned in previous lessons about aiming at a target. This time, the target was a tennis ball resting on top of a cone tee. The children gained points if they were able to hit the ball beyond a certain point. The children love to challenge themselves and a little bit of competition helps to motivate them in their teams.



We are very much enjoying the World Cup that has just started. We've discussed the countries that are competing and where the matches will be played. We've enjoyed playing interactive games on Twinkl and decorating football kits in the classroom.



This week we are using our artistic skills to do our own observational drawings of flowers in a vase. We looked at a variety of examples using different media - oils, printing, watercolours. We looked at some of David Hockney's '20 Flowers for 2025' and the children were amazed to discover he'd used an Ipad to create these fabulous pieces of artwork! If you haven't had the chance to see these, I highly recommend a visit to Salts Mill in Saltaire to see the full exhibition."



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


Mrs Jo Dobbs

Headteacher

	<p>Our Christian Value this half term is <b>Respect</b>.          This week's thought for the week is from the Bible, and can be found in 1 Thessalonians Chapter 4 verses 11-12. <b>"Make your ambition to live a quiet life...so that your daily life wins the respect of outsiders"</b>.          There's certainly something to think about there!</p>	
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<p><b>12</b>  <b>Write a gratitude letter to thank someone</b></p>	<p>This month's Action for Happiness Calendar is entitled <b>"Joyful June"</b>.          Today's encouragement is - <b>"Think of 3 things you're grateful for and write them down"</b>  <a href="https://actionforhappiness.org/calendar">https://actionforhappiness.org/calendar</a></p>	
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	<p style="text-align: center;"><u><b>Bee Safe</b></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 Building School Ready Language Skills</p> <p>To find all of the Parent Safeguarding leaflets, please go to <a href="https://www.dacrebraithwaite.n-yorks.sch.uk/safeguarding">https://www.dacrebraithwaite.n-yorks.sch.uk/safeguarding</a></p> <p>For online training go to <a href="https://nationalcollege.com/enrol/dacre-braithwaite-ce-va-primary-school">https://nationalcollege.com/enrol/dacre-braithwaite-ce-va-primary-school</a></p>
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<div><p><b>This week : National Average Primary School Attendance = 95.9%</b></p></div>	EYFS	90.7%
	Year 1	98.2%
	Year 2	100%
	Year 3	97.4%
	Year 4	100%
	Year 5	97.2%
	Year 6	100%

### School Lunch Week 1 - W/C 15/06/26



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	Vegetable Stir Fry / Sweet & Sour Chicken / Ham, Cheese or Tuna Roll Chocolate & 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	Vegetable Chilli / Beef & Lentil Chilli / Ham, Cheese or Tuna Roll Watermelon Wedge / Fruit Jelly / Fresh Fruit / Fruit Yoghurt
Friday	Vegetable Sausages / Fish Fingers / Baked Bean and/or Cheese or Tuna Jacket Potato Raspberry Jelly / Fresh Fruit / Fruit Yoghurt

## Dates for your diary



June			
18 <sup>th</sup>	Playground Proms in school	Morning	Letter sent - please reply asap
18 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Serenade Concert	18:00 - 19:00	Letter sent - please reply if not done so!
19 <sup>th</sup>	FODBS Father's Day Treats	09:30 - 10:30	See poster in bulletin bag
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Last day to return class photo orders	End of day	Check book bags for proof sheets
25 <sup>th</sup>	FODBS Class 1 Bake Sale	15:15	See poster in bulletin bag
26 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day 1 (if dry)	13:00 - 15:15	Parents to be aware
26 <sup>th</sup>	FODBS Barbeque	18:00 - 21:00	See poster in bulletin bag
29 <sup>th</sup>	New Reception Starters Stay & Play 2	13:30 - 15:00	Parents to be aware
July			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Year 6 to Crucial Crew	09:00 - 12:00	Letter sent 8.15am drop-off
2 <sup>nd</sup>	New Reception Starters Stay & Play 3	09:00 - 13:00	Parents to be aware
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 6 Nidderdale Transition Day	All day	Parents to be aware
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Open Evening	15:15 - 17:00	Information to follow
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sports Day 2 (if wet on Sports Day 1)	13:00 - 15:15	Parents to be aware
3 <sup>rd</sup>	FODBS Barbeque (if wet on 26 <sup>th</sup> June)	18:00 - 21:00	See poster in bulletin bag
6 <sup>th</sup>	Years 2-6 Dallowgill Moor Visit	09:00 - 15:15	Letter sent - please reply if not done so!
7 <sup>th</sup>	Class 3 Performance	18:00 - 19:00	Information to follow
8 <sup>th</sup>	Class 3 Performance	14:00 - 15:00	Information to follow
9 <sup>th</sup>	Class 1 Trip to Askham Bryan	All Day	Letter sent - please reply if not done so!
9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Nidderdale Transition Day	All Day	Parents to be aware
10 <sup>th</sup>	FODBS School Leavers Disco	17:30 - 19:00	Information to follow
13 <sup>th</sup>	Leavers' Service at Holy Trinity, Dacre Banks	14:30 - 15:15	Parents to collect from Holy Trinity, Dacre Banks - please make a note!
17 <sup>th</sup>	School Closes for the Summer Holidays	15:15	Parents to be aware



Class 1	Blake Felicity	For his great art work sketching flowers For being extremely kind to her friends
Class 2	Ashton Jackson George	For challenging himself to find different amounts in money For challenging himself to find different amounts in money For excellent writing using great vocabulary

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Shortlist was Izzy - blocking and tactics Carrie - helpful Erin - helpful & blocking Hamish - dodge it Arthur - catch Elliot - excellent shooting Rocco - shooting		Winner was Erin 