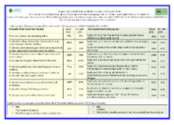
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16th October 2026

Dear Parents and Friends,



Well, what a brilliant day was had yesterday at our Eco theme day! I have loved hearing all about what the children have been up to and how much they enjoyed it. I think the best bit was making our very own home-made apple juice – you couldn't possibly get any fresher! Well done to everyone for getting involved and to the amazing staff for providing such fantastic learning opportunities.



We've had the results back from the Growing Up in North Yorkshire Survey that our children took part in last summer. The results are really positive – please take a few moments to have a look (in the Bulletin Bag)



Don't forget to get your places booked for the forthcoming Pub Quiz on the 22nd – contact Abbie to secure your table and then pay on the night. Thank you for supporting this, it will be a fabulous evening!

We are still looking for anyone who may be able to support us at lunchtimes with serving dinners and supervising playtimes. If you can spare an hour, even on an ad hoc basis, please let us know. Thank you.



Thank you to those who have started off our Foodbank Appeal to support the local Churches' Foodbank. If you have anything that you wish to donate, there is a box in the Entrance Hall to put your goodies into – they suggest – **tinned rice-pudding, tinned custard, tinned spaghetti (NOT dry pasta of any sort please!), instant coffee, and sweet biscuits are the main gaps.** Thank you for supporting us.

Have a look at the latest edition of the Primary Times (in the Bulletin Bag). There are loads of really interesting articles from places to go to pick pumpkins to half term activities and bonfire night venues. It's packed full of ideas!





If your child is in year 6, you can apply for a secondary school place 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. Feel free to come along any time and see what goodies there are to be had. (It's just inside the front of school).



We are looking forward to seeing you next week in our forthcoming Parents Evenings. It's a lovely way to chat about your amazing children and discuss their progress. Thank you for being so willing to engage with us.

Mr Jones writes, "Another full week to report on from Class 3 including maths calculation, writing as journalists and improving our skills on the rugby field!





Writing for purpose is something I talk about a great deal in Class 3, it is the process of selecting the correct vocabulary, punctuation, style and tone of writing to suit the task at hand. We have just finished diary writing which is very much about expressing opinion and personal ideas. Newspaper writing is entirely different, based on delivering facts and keeping the writer's voice hidden. I'm looking forward to seeing what we are able to produce!

The school Eco theme day was a huge success, in part thanks to the older children in school who went out of their way to support the younger pupils in accessing the day and making the most of the experience. Well done and thank you to everybody for contributing to such a successful event!

Mrs Stokes writes, "Eco Day was such a joy! One of the real joys of our school community is seeing children from all classes come together, mix and support one another, truly living out our Christian value of friendship.



This year, Class 2 focused on *'Every Disc Making a Difference'*. We explored how CDs and DVDs are no longer used as widely as they once were, thanks to advances in technology and the many ways we can now access music and films online. Unfortunately, this can result in discs ending up in landfill, where their plastic components do not readily decompose.

The charity we are supporting recycles and repurposes these discs into a variety of creative projects, and we were delighted to create a stunning art display using them too! You can find out more about the charity and its work by following this link:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=59-lW0QkThU



A huge thank you to everyone who supported our project. Eco Day was full of wonderful experiences, from tasting the delicious apple juice made from freshly pressed apples to learning about the water cycle and discovering the eco-friendly actions the children are planning to take. The children were also delighted to take their wildflowers home and look after them as they grow!

The rest of the week has been just as busy in Class 2 as we continued our learning about the Iron Age. The children were fascinated to hear about a shipwreck recently discovered, which featured on Newsround and contained pottery dating back to the Bronze Age! It is always exciting to see their curiosity sparked and their enthusiasm for learning grow. In PE, we focused on developing our jumping skills and practising our aim through target activities, both of which are important skills for a range of ball games. We've been comparing and ordering numbers in maths too.

A big thank you to Andrew for creating our lovely new compost bins, which are easy for the children to access and use. Despite the rainy weather, our hardy GBACC team were out planting bulbs, emptying the old compost bin and putting the compost to good use by filling and topping up our raised beds. Everything is now getting ready for planting onions and seeds next year!
It has been a wonderful week of teamwork, curiosity and caring for God's world.

Mrs Marshall writes, "What a fantastic day we had yesterday! For many of the children in Class 1, this was their very first Theme Day. Being 'off timetable', moving around school and working with teachers they are less familiar with can sometimes be a little unnerving, but the Reception children coped very well. We had lots of fun learning about pollination and how crucial bees are in the process. Once again, the Year 6 buddies were outstanding, and I was so impressed with the support they provided.







So far this year, we have focused mainly on 'subitising' during our maths 'fast eyes' lessons. This is basically, looking at an arrangement of objects and saying the number without needing to count. This is relatively easy whilst working with small numbers, but it is an important skill and it helps to develop the children's number sense.

Show and Tell: This week, Horace Gledhill have had the opportunity to bring photos or a small item into school to show the rest of the class. After half term, it will be Newbold Houseman 's turn. We politely ask that the item is small enough to fit into their book bag and that children don't bring anything in to school until Friday.

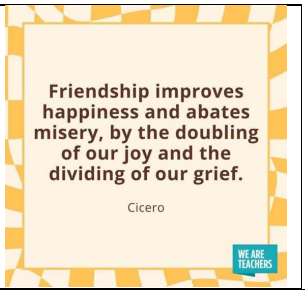


Have a great weekend, whatever you're up to, and don't forget next week we are closed on the 23rd for a Training Day!

Mrs. Jo Dobbs
Headteacher



Our new Christian Value this half term is **Friendship**.
This week's thought for the week is an ancient one from Marcus Tullius Cicero (a Roman Statesman from 106BC – 43BC) who said,
"Friendship improves happiness and abates misery, by the doubling of our joy and the dividing of our grief".
That's quite a deep one for this week isn't it?





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 AI Companions

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



This week: National Average Primary School Attendance = 95.68%

This week we looked like this

EYFS	**100%**
Year 1	**98.15%**
Year 2	**98.15%**
Year 3	**95.37%**
Year 4	**99.07%**
Year 5	**98.15%**
Year 6	**96.3%**

School Lunch Week 1 – W/C 19th October 2026



Monday	Penne Pasta with Tomato Sauce / Tomato, Ham & Broccoli Pasta / Baked Bean &/or Cheese or Tuna Jacket Potato Lemon Shortbread / Fruit Jelly / Fresh Fruit / Fruit Yoghurt
Tuesday	Veggie Stir Fry with Carrot Rice/ Sweet & Sour Chicken with Rice/ Ham, Cheese or Tuna Roll Chocolate & Banana Brownie Sponge / Fruit Jelly / Fresh Fruit / Fruit Yoghurt
Wednesday	**Roast Quorn / Roast Gammon & Roast Potatoes / Baked Bean &/or Cheese or Tuna Jacket Potato** Orange Jelly & Mandarins / Fruit Jelly / Fresh Fruit / Fruit Yoghurt
Thursday	Pea-powered Chilli with Rice / Beef & Lentil Chilli with Rice/ Ham, Cheese or Tuna Roll Watermelon Wedge/ Fruit Jelly / Fresh Fruit / Fruit Yoghurt
Friday	Veggie Sausages & Chips / Fish Fingers & Chips / Baked Bean &/or Cheese or Tuna Jacket Potato Raspberry Jelly / Fresh Fruit / Fruit Yoghurt

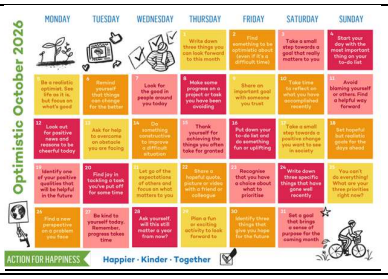
Dates for your diary



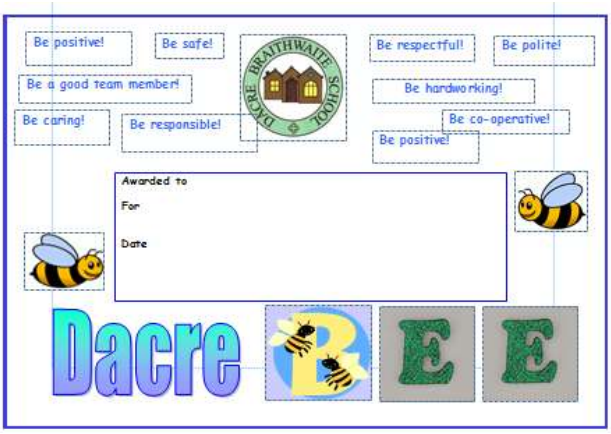
October			
20th	Parents Evenings	15:30 – 18:30	Parents to be aware
21st	Parents Evenings	15:30 – 18:30	Parents to be aware
22nd	School Closes for half term	15:30	Parents to be aware
23rd	School Closed for Staff Training Day	All day	Parents to be aware
November			
2nd	School Opens	08:40	Parents to be aware
11th	Remembrance Service	09:00 – 09:30	Parents to be aware
13th	Children in Need non uniform day (wear spots or stripes and bring a suggested £1 donation)	All Day	Parents to be aware
26th	Advent Theme Day	All Day	Parents to be aware
30th	School Closed for Staff Training Day	All day	Parents to be aware

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Put down your to-do list and do something fun or uplifting

This month's Action for Happiness Calendar is entitled
"Optimistic October 2026".
Today's encouragement is -
"Put down your to-do list and do something fun or uplifting"
https://actionforhappiness.org/calendar



December			
10th	Whole School Nativity	14:30 – 15:00	Parents to be aware
11th	Whole School Nativity	09:00 -09:45	Parents to be aware
14th	Class 1 Christmas Party	13:00 – 15:10	Parents to be aware
15th	Class 3 Christmas Party	13:00 – 15:10	Parents to be aware
16th	Class 2 Christmas Party	13:00 – 15:10	Parents to be aware
18th	Christmas Lunch - tbc	12:00 – 13:00	Parents to be aware
17th	Christingle Service, Holy Trinity Church, Dacre Banks	18:00 – 19:00	Parents to be aware
18th	School Closes for Christmas	15:15	Parents to be aware
January			
4th	School Closed for Staff Training Day	All day	Parents to be aware
5th	School Opens for the Spring Term		Parents to be aware





Class 1	Freddie Evelyn	For his fantastic effort in all areas of his learning For great maths work in making the number 3
Class 2	Evie W Ashton	For being helpful and kind towards th other children in maths For fantastic team work and attitude in PE
Class 3	Anayah Tobias	For showing great confidence in her writing and sharing in Class 3 For great maths work and brilliant problem solving
Special Award		Hannah and Theo C for their brillinat attitude during our Theme Day helping others and explaning what we've learnt

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Shortlist
Tobias - all round excellence (including honesty
Izzie - good officiating
Amera - shooting
Elliott - effort
Arthur - improvement

Winner was Tobias



Reading Plus Awards

Level Pre D – David and Joseph
Level C - Ella



This week's winning house team is
Tuley Teal