

Dear Parents and Friends,



Traditionally, I write a collection of Thank Yous in the last newsletter of the summer term, and this newsletter will be no different. I find that I am writing this with so many mixed emotions! I often refer to this school as being like a big family and in so many ways, it is. Like many families, we may fall out (very) occasionally, but ultimately there is so much love and support for each other that it is a privilege to be here! So, here are lots of very genuinely heart-felt 'thank you's'.

Firstly, I would like to say a massive thank you to all of the staff for their hard work throughout this year; in their care for the children and their unswerving dedication to enable all to flourish; for keeping me going and for all of the constructive suggestions, good humour and support I have received. What an **amazing team** they are and how lucky I am to have them! They are **all** fab!

Also, I would like to say a massive thank you and good luck to Mrs Graham, Ms Newell and Ms Pratt, who are all moving onto new pastures at the end of term. I hope that they will stay in touch and look back at their time at Dacre with great fondness. Welcome to Mrs Ratcliffe, new Administrator, and Ms Wilson, new After School Club Leader, who are joining us - we hope they enjoy their time at Dacre B.



Thank you also to the Governors for their support and challenge. They have continued to readily give up their free time to develop the work of our school and to make Dacre Braithwaite the very best that it can be for the children and staff, and I would be quite lost without their support.



Thank you also to the Richard Noake (CEO), Mark Foster (Director of School Effectiveness), Leanne Noone (CFO), Talitha Petch and Marc Burrow from the Leeds Diocesan Learning Trust for the huge support that they have given the school this year and the continued journey we've been a part of to make things better for our children.

A big thank you to the Friends of Dacre Braithwaite School who have continued to support us throughout the year. It has been lovely to see new members come 'on board' and start to get involved in the fundraising! And it's also amazing what variety of activities they all plan!



We love OUR Volunteers Thank you to the small army of volunteers who turn up weekly to hear children read, grow things, accompany trips and all manner of other things that may well be required! Thank you - we really appreciate all of your time and support!

And thank you also to all of **you** for your encouragement throughout the year and for the positive comments I continually receive. Thank you for your hard work in supporting your own children's learning at home, and for the many, encouraging emails and comments that the staff have received from you all - it really is appreciated.



 And lastly, but by no means the least, a big thank you to your amazing children. What a great bunch they are! I absolutely love coming into school, and even on a day when I'm feeling a bit fed up, it will only be a matter of a few minutes before one of the children will greet me with a smile or a friendly comment and it just lifts my heart!

They truly are amazing!





I'm sure that you'll be pleased to know that in September we will be once again running our After School Sports Club. It will run slightly differently as parents will pay Sporting Influence rather than the school, but it will still be run by Andy Banks (our Sports Coach). Letters will come out in September for parents to enrol their children.

In addition, we have decided that for our younger children to get the most out of their PE time, we are suggesting that from September, Classes 1 and 2 may come to school in their PE kits on their PE days and not have to get changed.



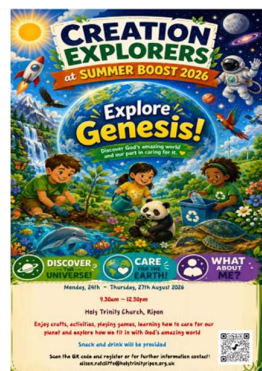
Please take a few minutes over the Summer to read what your amazing children think about our school - have a look in the Bulletin Bag.



For family treats and ideas for the summer - have a look at these publications

<https://familyfirst.co.uk/magazines/family-first-issue-3-2026/>

<https://allabout-family.co.uk/yorkshire-humberside/>



On Monday, 24th to Thursday, 27th August from 9.30am - 12.30pm Holy Trinity Church in Ripon will be holding their Summer Boost Holiday Club for all primary aged children who are of the age 5 years to 11 years as of the 1st September 2026. There will be crafts, activities, games, the exploration of Creation, how we can take care of our planet and how we fit in with God's plan. This is a link to the website so that you can see full details

<https://htripon.churchsuite.com/events/zqbeuh1z>

They have also produced a video, from our Trinity Puppet Theatre for the children to watch ...<https://youtu.be/x7FmxfsUfV8>



Looking for a fun and

affordable activity for the kids this summer? Active North Yorkshire swimming sessions offer something for everyone, from crash courses to exciting inflatables and wave sessions. Starting at just £1.10, you can make a splash at any of our 13 Leisure and Wellbeing Hubs across North Yorkshire.

[Dive into summer with Active North Yorkshire | North Yorkshire Council](#)

Have you heard about the York and North Yorkshire Youth Commission **Gender Violence Survey**? The survey has been co-designed with Youth Commission members, and forms part of the Youth Commission's Big Conversation peer-to-peer research, allowing young people aged 10-25 across York and North Yorkshire to have a voice on key Police, Fire and Crime Issues.

The survey is fully anonymous, and all responses will support the creation of young person-designed recommendations for change for the **Deputy Mayor for Policing Fire and Crime, North Yorkshire Police, North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service and wider partners.** Survey Link: <https://forms.gle/PEk8pvLnZ1mLiMU8> Deadline: 31st August Please encourage any young people, aged 10-25 who live, work or study in York and North Yorkshire to take part. If you would like to read more about the Youth Commission, visit: <https://www.northyorkshire-pfcc.gov.uk/news/categories/youth-commission/>



On Thursday morning, Cait Lee from Martin House came to school to collect a cheque for £142:64 which the Class 3 Enterprise Groups raised from their stalls at the Barbeque. In fact, this is half the total they raised, they wanted the other half to go towards the school, so I've added it to the Library Refurbishments. Cait is a nurse there and she answered lots of questions about the work of the hospice and what the money could go towards. Thank you Cait, it was great to see you!



LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR VACANCY



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

Included in the Bulletin Bag this week are two guides to support parents with enabling Neurodivergent children to play safely online and how to have conversations with your children about online safety.



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](#).



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.



Date for September for your diaries - 26/27th September will be another (hopefully) fantastically successful Fewston Teas weekend! Here's hoping that everyone comes along to support it like last year - it was great fun!

Mr. Jones writes, "Well, we have made it to the end of the year, bittersweet as always as we have to say farewell to our fabulous Year 6 cohort.



After all the upheaval surrounding SATS marking I was absolutely delighted that we finally received the marks on Thursday and I was able to share these with the children. I was even more delighted with the results which entirely reflect the effort put in by every single child. Well done all of you!



Thank you to everybody who attended the leavers assembly on Monday, what a joyous event and it's great to come together to celebrate the achievements of such an accomplished group of children.

We have spent a little time preparing the classroom for next year, cleaning white boards and organising work packs etc and a huge thank you to Mrs Turner and Class 3 children who have managed these tasks. Now, we have the last assembly of the school year, Yr6 photographs and then we all go our separate ways before moving on to whatever comes next.

Thank you to everybody for your hard work this year, I look forward to welcoming the current year 3 children into Class 3 and let's look forward to an equally fantastic time at school next year."



Mrs Stokes writes, "I can hardly believe that's the end of another school year and what a year it's



been! We've kept it nice and calm this week, challenging ourselves with a few open-ended maths problem solving activities, reflecting on our year and writing about some of our favourite memories as well as enjoying some much-needed COOL time! We're looking forward to a final day of farewells and fun before the summer holidays and



wish all our wonderful families a wonderful summer break. We will certainly miss all our current year 3s but know they will make the most of the opportunities on offer in Class 3. Our current year 2s are ready and excited to welcome the current year 1s in September and we already have been planning lots of lovely learning and activities. Enjoy!

It's been a week of saying goodbye to our Year 6s too and so lovely to see their learning photos today. Lots of happy memories from Class 2 from our visit to an iron age settlement in Raygill to sandwich making in DT, young voices and of course the amazing Coronation Bench win and trip to London! It's been amazing to have been part of your journey at Dacre B.

Thank you to our determined gardeners who have battled with all types of weather this year to make our classrooms greener, filled with the wellbeing benefits of plants and enjoying growing some different fruit and vegetables this year, patiently waiting for crops and taking care of the. It wouldn't be possible without Gardening Granny so a huge thank you to her for her expertise and time each week. The Green Beans and Carrot Club did take part in the school's entry to Ripley Show, so if you are free on **Sunday 9th of August** then do go along to see their entry in the magnificent setting of Ripley Castle. If you say you're from Dacre Braithwaite and give the number 1062 then school will receive some plants in Autumn. There are lots of classes for children to enter and prize money to be won! Take a look at all the young farmers, baking, craft, handwriting

and flower arranging opportunities here <https://ripley.eticketme.com/sales/events/ripley-show-2026/entries>

A final thank you to the marvellous FODBs who have made such a difference to our school this year with all their fabulous fundraising and lovely events for families. We love choosing and sharing books in our beautiful new library and Class 2 have benefited so much from all the amazing visitors, trips and new seating in our reading corner, all part funded by FODBs. Thank you!"

The Green Beans and Carrots Club have been harvesting today!

They've amassed 14.1kg of potatoes and 700g of rhubarb. Bring your purses at collecting time to buy the produce - it doesn't come fresher than this!



Mrs Marshall writes, "Well, the time has come to bid farewell to our Year 1 pupils. Looking back on all of the photos over the past 2 years, it is amazing how much they have matured and grown. Saying that, it still does not make the job of passing them on to Class 2 any easier. Even after 26 years of teaching, this is definitely one of the hardest things a teacher must do. To all of the year 1 pupils, I have loved being your teacher and I know that Mrs Stokes will also love having you. I know that you'll continue to be amazing, and I hope that you all have a fantastic Summer. Thank you for the lovely cards that you have made and bought for us."



On Tuesday, our resident VIP (Mrs Dobbs) picked 2 raffle tickets out of the box and our reading champions were Toby and Faith. They both got to choose a book to keep. A huge well done to both of you, you deserve it! Keep up the great reading in Year 2!"



Have a great summer holiday - whatever you get up to - and we look forward to hearing all about your exploits when we return on Tuesday 8th September. Mrs Jo Dobbs, Headteacher



At the end of this school year, we give thanks to God:

For all the teaching and learning that has taken place in our school, both in and out of the classroom,
For the talents and gifts that have been shared and the challenges that have been faced;

For the burdens that have been lifted and the hurts that have been healed;

For the respect and care that has been given.

We give thanks for the friendships that have just begun and for those that have grown.

For the faith that has been lived in our daily struggles,

For the hope that has lifted our hearts on the dark days

And for the love that has kept us going.

We give thanks for the community that we are,

Bless our children: may your Spirit inspire them with confidence and calmness

Bless our families as we take our holidays, may our time together leave us with memories to cherish.

Pour out your love on us that we may return renewed and refreshed to continue our journey together.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen

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Use one of
your strengths
to overcome a
challenge today

This months Action for Happiness
Calendar is entitled
"Jump Back Up July".
Today's encouragement is -
"Use one of your strengths to
overcome a challenge today"

<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 Skin Betting

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	94.4%
Year 1	93.52%
Year 2	95.37%
Year 3	89.74%
Year 4	100%
Year 5	98.15%
Year 6	97.5%



School Lunch Week 1 - W/C 7th September 2026

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

Dates for your diary



September			
7th	Training Day	08:40 - 15:15	Parents to be aware
8th	School opens to Y1 - Y6	08:40	Parents to be aware
9 th -11 th	Reception in school	08:40-12:00	Parents to be aware
11 th	Flu Vaccinations In School		More information to follow
14 th - 18 th	Reception in school	08:40-13:00	Parents to be aware



Class 1	Toby Reggie	For a fantastic year in Year 1 and for working so hard For being you! And bringing sunshine into the class every day
Class 2	Isabel Walter	For being such a positive personality in Class 2 For always choosing kindness and for being a fab friend
Class 3	All Year 6	For being such a fantastic year group - we will miss you!

Reading Plus	Winning Team
Level F Tobias	 Richard Snow