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Dear Parents and Friends,



Thank you to all of you who came to Parents / Carers Consultations this week. What a brilliant turn out we had! It is a great way to allow us to share all of the positive things that we see daily with your children and explore ways together to support them further in their learning. Thank you.



We are still looking to appoint a new school cook. Please could you share this information as widely as you can – we know the right person is out there, we just need to find them! Thank you.

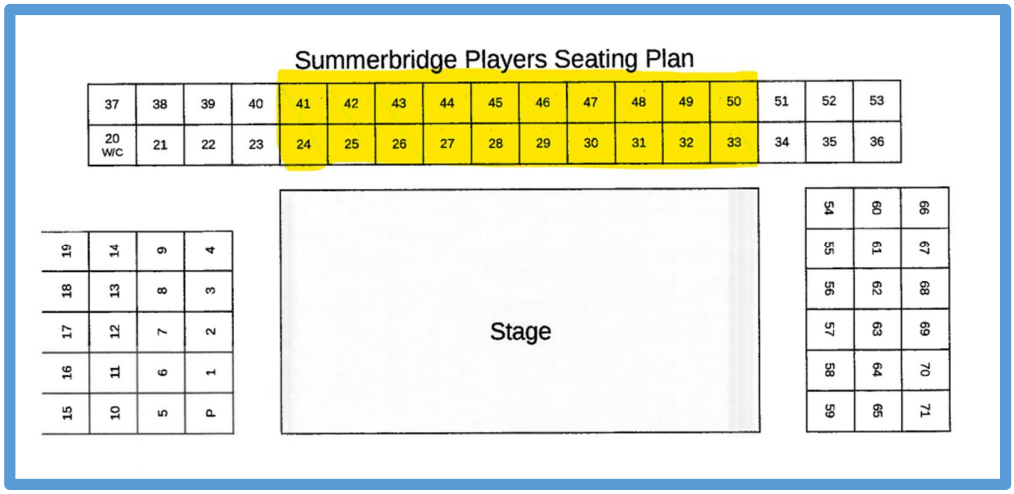
We are still looking for anyone who may be able to support us at lunchtimes with serving dinners and supervising playtimes. If you can spare an hour, even on an ad hoc basis, please let us know. Thank you.



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.

Guess what? We have been given tickets to sell for the Summerbridge Players Matinee Performance of the Wicked Witches on 5th December. Each ticket costs £6 and look at the fantastic seats they've given our school!! Come along to the Office to buy yours before they go out on general sale on November 6th!!!







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)



Mr Jones writes, "

Is it really half term already? The time seems to have flown by but looking back over the work we have done and the subjects covered, we have made very good use of the past seven weeks.
It has been particularly gratifying to see how well children have adapted to their new roles in school, Yr6 as Dacre Braithwaite's elder statesmen, Yr5 showing more and more maturity and Yr4 adapting to new teachers, routines and expectations.
Well done to everybody involved.
I know this isn't strictly a Class 3 project, but drama club have been working very hard on a short play and we plan to showcase this with a performance on 9th November during assembly. It will be lovely to see the budding actors stretch their wings a little!

Mrs Stokes writes, "



There have been lots of tired children in Class 2 this week, which is a real testament to the effort each and every one of them has put in over the past half term. From settling into a new class, routines and structure, to rising to the challenges of a new year and its expectations, the children have worked incredibly hard, and they should be very proud of themselves!

We were disappointed not to be able to go ahead with our Stone Age theme day this week due to the weather, but we have another date in mind for after half term and are already looking forward to it!

Geography learning has continued at pace, with the children exploring the four countries of the UK, their capital cities and the different climates found around the world. We also had a wonderful discussion during our class assembly this week, using pictures as prompts to explore the question: **Should age decide what we can and cannot do?** The children shared some really thoughtful ideas, listened carefully to one another and built on each other's contributions. It was fantastic to see such thoughtful discussion and respectful listening.

A big thank you to all our families for engaging with parents' evening. It is always a pleasure to share insights into the children, celebrate their progress and talk about life in Class 2.

We hope to see some of you at the pub quiz tonight, and in the meantime, we wish you all a very happy and restful half term!

Mrs Marshall writes, "



What a busy half term it has been. A few 'thank you's' from me before we break up for the holidays. First, thank you to all the parents that made an appointment for a parents evening. It was lovely to chat with you all. We hope you enjoyed having a look through your child's exercise books and finding out about all the lovely things your child has been doing. If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to email school.



Secondly, a huge thank you to Florence's Grandpa for bringing in some real fossils for us to explore. It was an amazing way to end our topic on 'Mary Anning'. It is always nice to welcome visitors into school, so if you have any special talents or a lot of knowledge on a particular topic, please do let us know.



I would like to wish you all a good break and I look forward to seeing you all again on 2nd November.

See you at the Welly tonight for the Pub Quiz – it'll be a great evening. And may I wish you all a happy and restful Half Term break. We will see you all back again on November 2nd.



Mrs. Jo Dobbs
Headteacher



Our final thought for the half term is from the children. On Monday, we all shared what Friendship means to us and this is what they said.



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Recognise that you have a choice about what to prioritise

This month's Action for Happiness Calendar is entitled "Optimistic October 2026".

Today's encouragement is -

"Recognise that you have a choice about what to prioritise"

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 Deepfakes

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	97.9%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	100%
Year 4	100%
Year 5	99%
Year 6	95.8%

School Lunch Week 3 – W/C 2nd November 2026



Monday	Margherita Pizza / Cajun Chicken Pizza / Baked Bean &/or Cheese or Tuna Jacket Potato Watermelon Wedge / Fruit Jelly / Fresh Fruit / Fruit Yoghurt
Tuesday	Cheesy Leek Mac 'n' Cheese/ Beef & Lentil Bolognaise/ Ham, Cheese or Tuna Roll Oaty Apple Crumble & Custard / Fruit Jelly / Fresh Fruit / Fruit Yoghurt
Wednesday	Roast Quorn / Roast Chicken & Roast Potatoes / Baked Bean &/or Cheese or Tuna Jacket Potato Orange Jelly & Mandarins / Fruit Jelly / Fresh Fruit / Fruit Yoghurt
Thursday	Veggie & Chickpea Stir Fry / Tomato & Herb Chicken & Rice/ Ham, Cheese or Tuna Roll Chocolate Orange Brownie / Fruit Jelly / Fresh Fruit / Fruit Yoghurt
Friday	Veggie Sausages & Chips / Fish Fingers & Chips / Baked Bean &/or Cheese or Tuna Jacket Potato Lemon Shortbread / Fresh Fruit / Fruit Yoghurt

Dates for your diary



October			
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
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