

Dear Parents and Friends,

Well, I hope that you've had a good week and that you've managed to find some cool places to rest in the current heatwave? It's certainly been hot lately but I think the temperatures are going to improve over the weekend and then we'll all feel a little better.

This week has been really busy as we've been up to all sorts! I'm sure you'll hear more about it later in the newsletter, but on Wednesday we had a visit from Graffiti Classics (find out more [here](#)) The children absolutely loved the performance, were really engaged and had loads of fun!



On Thursday, Lauren Doherty from Road Safety Talks came to talk to Class 3. (see [here](#)) Lauren visits our school every year to share her story and to teach the children to stay safe on the roads and they enjoyed it every bit as much as usual. It was a special anniversary this time, as Lauren started her journey at Dacre Braithwaite 10 years ago! Since June 2016 she has

shared her message with many thousands of youngsters and young adults all across the country. This time, we were also joined by Pete Edgerton from Your Harrogate and he interviewed a few of the children afterwards - keep tuned to hear the interviews on the radio!



I am mindful that at this time of the year, the children seem to have growth spurts - maybe it's the sunshine?! If your child has grown out of their school shoes, please don't feel you need to buy new ones. I am more than happy for them to wear trainers until the end of the term and we can start afresh in September with new shoes then.



Thank you to the Friends of Dacre Braithwaite and the Parents from Class 1 who sent in some delicious goodies for the end of the day bake sale on Thursday. If you missed out on the tempting treats, you will be able to buy them at the Barbeque tonight.

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



North Yorkshire Council is mapping parental demand for holiday childcare provision across the county. As part of this work, the local authority has developed a short survey to be completed by parents and carers of children aged 4-14. Your views will provide a better understanding of the childcare needs of families and will help shape future services.

The deadline to reply to the survey is 5pm today, Friday 26th June 2026.

The survey should take approximately 5-10 minutes to complete.

[Link to parent and carer holiday childcare survey](#)

Mr. Jones writes,

"This week has been dominated by trying to keep cool but we have also fitted in rehearsals, live music, road safety and even some classroom learning! This stage of term is always a bit frantic but it was a delight to welcome Graffiti Classics into school for a morning of live music and a follow up to Playground Proms. They are a string quartet/comedy musicians with a mission to interest children in musical instruments and based on the reaction of all the children, there will be a run on violins in the music shops of North Yorkshire! It was brilliant, and thank you to them.



Talking of brilliant, we were visited by Lauren Doherty on Thursday afternoon to deliver a road safety awareness session to Class 3. Lauren was involved in a road accident herself leaving her wheelchair bound and has made it her purpose to improve road safety awareness among primary aged children; this year marks the tenth anniversary of Lauren's work.

We have been rehearsing the show whenever an opportunity arises and are making fantastic progress, this week was the first full run through and I was impressed, we also had a chance to think about costumes and the final plan is quite simple.

Apart from the narrators, could all of the children wear either black/dark blue leggings (girls) or trousers and black or dark blue plain T shirts? They will put additional costume on over the top of these (football shirts, police helmets etc) as the play rolls along. If there are any problems regarding costumes or props for the show please let me know, in the meantime we look forward to Dallowgill, moving up day, dress rehearsal and all the excitement of the last few weeks."

Mrs Stokes writes,

"What a creative week it's been in Dacre Braithwaite this week! Following on from our Summer serenade, the whole school was treated to an hour with 'Graffiti Classics' on Wednesday as part of the Playground Proms project. The quartet of string musicians performed a high-energy, interactive concert which combined incredible live classical music with comedy. Following on from our visit we received this lovely message from the group founder, Cathal:



*'It was an absolute pleasure to visit Dacre Braithwaite and to share the morning with such enthusiastic children and staff. The pupils were fantastic and their energy, participation and willingness to throw themselves into every activity made the experience just as enjoyable for us. We loved hearing the anthem and were especially impressed by the choir's own verses and chorus. It's always rewarding to see how much creativity and confidence the children develop through the project.'*

It was an absolute joy to see the children clapping, whooping and singing along with the live music and learning about composers, instruments and famous classical pieces of music along the way. The choir had even composed their own song words last week to accompany the Playground Proms anthem tune.

Class 2 also completed their art project and we photographed their amazing bird sculptures. I would have loved to make a display in school but everyone was too keen to take them home where I am sure they now have pride of place in bedrooms!

Gardening club were delighted with their first harvest of the season and promptly picked, washed, shared and ate some deliciously ripe strawberries with Class 2 and 3 (Class 1 you will get to share the next crop!). It was particularly exciting that this was a variety that we had planted previously in the raised beds and the fruit is even more plentiful this year. It was great to see how nature takes over with very little intervention from us! The children have been doing non-stop watering in this warm weather and doing an absolutely amazing job!"





Mrs Marshall writes,

"The heat must have gone to Mrs Bradley's and my head this week as we decided Class 1 were going to cook pizzas on Tuesday - the hottest day of the year! 24 pizzas was quite a challenge, but we managed. The children had carefully planned the toppings that they were wanting to put on their pizza. Using knives carefully, they chopped ham, chicken and red peppers. Once the pizzas were cooked, the children enjoyed eating them. Yum! Yum!



The children then evaluated their own pizza by deciding if it looked how they planned. Was there anything the children would change if they made another pizza? They then graded it, 5 stars if it was perfect and 1 star if it was awful! Luckily, we all agreed that the pizzas were worthy of at least 3 stars. We did have some 5 star pizzas too. Perhaps we have a few future pizza chefs in Class 1."



Have a great weekend, whatever you're up to!  
Mrs Jo Dobbs,  
Headteacher



Our Christian Value this half term is **Respect**.  
This week's thought for the week is a brilliant quote from Laurence Sterne. It is. **"Respect for ourselves guides our morals; respect for others guides our manners"**.  
There's certainly something to think about there!



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**Make time  
to do something  
playful, just for  
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This month's Action for Happiness Calendar  
is entitled

**"Joyful June"**.

Today's encouragement is -

**"Make time to do something playful,  
just for the fun of 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>

**This week : National Average Primary  
School Attendance = 95.38%**



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| EYFS   | 98.15% |
| Year 1 | 94.44% |
| Year 2 | 95.79% |
| Year 3 | 99.04% |
| Year 4 | 93.06% |
| Year 5 | 100%   |
| Year 6 | 98.41% |



### School Lunch Week 3 - W/C 29<sup>th</sup> June 2026

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| Monday    | Margherita Pizza / Ham Pizza / Baked Bean and/or Cheese or Tuna Jacket Potato<br>Watermelon Wedge / Fruit Jelly / Fresh Fruit / Fruit Yoghurt               |
| Tuesday   | Tomato Pasta / Beef & Lentil Bolognese / Ham, Cheese or Tuna Roll<br>Oaty Apple Crumble / Fruit Jelly / Fresh Fruit / Fruit Yoghurt                         |
| Wednesday | Roast Quorn / Roast Chicken Breast / Baked Bean and/or Cheese or Tuna Jacket Potato<br>Orange Jelly & Mandarins / Fruit Jelly / Fresh Fruit / Fruit Yoghurt |
| Thursday  | Veg Stir Fry / Sticky Chinese Chicken / Ham, Cheese or Tuna Roll<br>Chocolate & Banana Brownie / Fruit Jelly / Fresh Fruit / Fruit Yoghurt                  |
| Friday    | Vegetable Sausages / Fish Fingers and Chips / Baked Bean and/or Cheese or Tuna Jacket Potato<br>Lemon Shortbread / Fresh Fruit / Fruit Yoghurt              |



## Dates for your diary



| June             |                                      |               |                            |
|------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| 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             |                                               |               |                                                                         |
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| 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                                  | 13:00 - 15:15 | Parents to be aware                                                     |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>  | Years 2-6 Dallowgill Moor Visit               | 09:00 - 15:15 | Letter sent                                                             |
| 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>  | Year 6 Nidderdale Transition Day              | All Day       | Parents to be aware                                                     |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> | FODBS School Leavers Disco                    | 15:15 - 17:15 | 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                                                     |



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| Class 1 | Coel Barnaby | For designing and making his healthy pizza<br>Joining in with enthusiasm during Playground Proms |
| Class 2 | Bem Ada      | For creating an imaginative design in Computing<br>For making great progress with her reading    |
| Class 3 | Emily Harper | For having a positive attitude to all her work<br>For great contrast painting in Art             |

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| Shortlist was<br>Hannah - catching<br>Elliott - honesty<br>Arthur - improvement<br>David – blocking |                                                                                     |                                                                                       | This week's winning house team is<br>Manny Moorhouse |
| Winner was Hannah                                                                                   |                                                                                     |                                                                                       |                                                      |