



NEWSLETTER

Dinnington Community Primary

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a fantastic first week back at Dinnington Primary and it has been wonderful to see the children return so settled, happy, and ready to learn. They have shown great enthusiasm in setting their own personal targets for the new year and have approached their new topics and class texts with real excitement. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the wide range of learning opportunities offered during this first week, and we are very proud of how positively they have started the year.

We have many exciting events planned for 2026, which will be shared with you via ClassDojo and here in the newsletter. If you do not currently have access to ClassDojo, please contact your child's class teacher, who will be happy to provide you with login details.

For parents and carers of children with special educational needs, we will be holding an **Inclusion Coffee Morning on Thursday 15th January at 9.15am**. This will be a relaxed and informal opportunity to meet our inclusion staff, ask questions, and receive any advice or support you may need. We look forward to welcoming you.

Mrs Evans

Christmas Events

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported us at the Christmas Fair. It was a fantastic afternoon, raising over £400 to support school events. We would also like to thank our School Council for organising a wonderful Christmas Movie Night – the hot chocolates were amazing and thoroughly enjoyed by all!



Key Dates

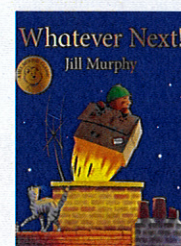
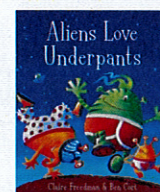
Key dates

- Thursday 15th January – SEND coffee morning
- Monday 19th January – Y5 visiting Dinnington High School
- Tuesday 20th January – Y6 SEND drop-in with DHS SENCO (more details to follow)
- Friday 23rd January – EYFS – Stay and Play 9.15–10.15am
- Friday 13th February – last day of half term
- Monday 16th – Friday 20th – February Half Term Holidays

Our Food Pantry is open every Tuesday morning at 9.15am. Families are warmly invited to come along and take any items that would be helpful for their household. There is a range of food available, and everyone in our school community is welcome.

Early years

The children have had a lovely first week back and have settled in really well, showing enthusiasm and confidence as they return to school routines. This half-term, we'll be exploring the exciting theme of Space, using the texts *Aliens Love Underpants* and *Whatever Next!* to spark curiosity, imagination, and lots of fun learning across the curriculum. We're looking forward to a fantastic half-term ahead! text



Year 1

Year 1 have had a fantastic start to the new year. Miss Tarlton has taken on the role of class teacher, and the children are thoroughly enjoying having her in the classroom. In History, they have begun learning about explorers from the past and are showing great enthusiasm for the topic. They are also enjoying reading their new class book, *The Journey Home*.

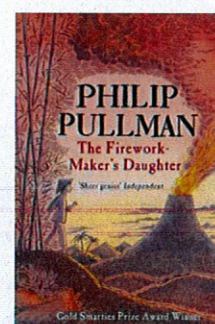
Year 2

Year 2 have made a fantastic start to the Spring Term! They have produced some wonderful pieces of writing, showing that their excellent handwriting skills were not forgotten over the Christmas break. In mathematics, the children confidently revisited addition and subtraction, quickly demonstrating how much they remembered. In science, they explored how forces can affect different materials and investigated whether their properties change – a particular highlight was discovering how chocolate melts, especially when tested in their mouths!

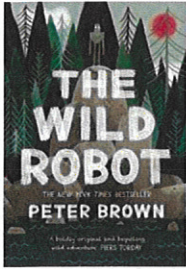


Year 3

Year 3 have had an amazing first week back after the Christmas holidays! They have settled in beautifully and are ready to learn. This week we have started reading *The Firework-Maker's Daughter*, which links closely to our writing as we are learning how to write a diary entry. The children have already explored the character profile of the protagonist, Lila, and looked at the layout and linguistic features of a diary entry. We are really looking forward to developing all of this learning in our writing next. Across the curriculum, we are continuing to learn lots about the Romans in history, forces and magnets in science, and Hinduism in RE. We are also having a big push on times tables, so please encourage your little ones to log into TT Rockstars at home



Year 4

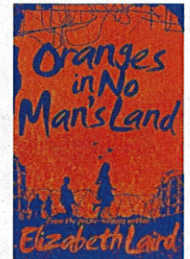


It's been a brilliant first week back for year 4. This week they have set their new years resolutions for school and begun working hard on them. This term, year 4 will be learning their 6 and 9 times tables as well as learning all about the Ancient Egyptians and creating some Egyptian art. They will be reading *The Wild Robot* and learning all about how electricity works too. In PE (on Tuesdays), the children will be developing their rugby skills.



Year 5

What a fantastic first week back we have had in Year 5. It has been so lovely to be back! On Monday we discussed the importance of having a growth mindset and we all made pledges and set goals for this year ahead. We have worked extremely hard on our multiplication knowledge in maths this week. Everyone has impressed me with their resilience and determination, especially while exploring 2-digit by 2-digit multiplication. This week, we have started our new book in guided Reading lessons titled *Oranges in No Man's Land* by Elizabeth Laird and started our learning journey in English to write and publish contrasting setting descriptions. We have also started our living things block of learning in science and our developing texture block in art.



Year 6



Year 6 has made a really productive start to the spring term. The children are already showing lots of enthusiasm for our history topic, which is 'Britain in World War Two'. If anybody has any older relatives or daily friends that grew up during the second world war, it would be interesting to ask them what their experience was like. For children that attend the maths booster session, this starts again on Wednesday 14th January (15:15 - 16:00).

Attendance

0 days absence	100% Attendance Outstanding
4 days absence	98% Attendance Impressive
7 days absence	96% Attendance On Target
9 days absence	95% Attendance Needs Improvement
13 days absence	93% Attendance Concerns
19 days absence	90% Attendance Very Concerned
29 days absence	85% Attendance Serious Concerns

- Well done to our 100% attendance winners and well done to Y3 for having the highest attendance for the whole autumn term.

Regular attendance is vital for children's learning and wellbeing. Being in school every day helps pupils build strong routines, develop friendships, and keep up with their lessons, giving them the best chance to succeed. Even missing a small amount of time can make it harder for children to catch up, so we kindly ask families to support good attendance whenever possible. By working together, we can help every child enjoy a positive, confident, and successful school experience.

Inclusion Coffee Morning

If you have a child with SEND please join us for our inclusion coffee morning on Thursday 15th January. It is a chance to meet the inclusion team, have an informal chat and gain expert advice.

Time: 9.15am
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Come and support some of our pupils who will be performing in this musical show