

14TH
MARCH
2025



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear families,

We've had an exciting and action-packed week at Dringhouses Primary, full of creativity, adventure, and community spirit. A huge congratulations to our Upper Key Stage 2 (UKS2) students for hosting their very first Art Gallery. Families had the chance to admire some incredible pieces of artwork, and the event was made even more special with delicious food and drinks to enjoy. It was wonderful to see so many visitors and to celebrate the talent of our young artists.

We'd also like to thank everyone who supported our recent Book Fair. Thanks to your generosity, we raised an amazing £270, which will go towards enhancing our school's library and resources for our students.

Lastly, a special mention goes to Year 5, who have had a wonderful time at PGL with amazing memories and stories to share. From stepping outside their comfort zones to trying new challenges, they've come back with newfound confidence and experiences that will stay with them for a lifetime.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Swiers

DATES FOR THE HALF TERM

- 20th March: KS2 Spring Concert (1.30pm-3.30pm)
- 21st March: Red Nose Day non uniform day
- 26th March: Easter Service at St Edwards Church (9.30am)
- 27th March: Class 1 & Class 2 Outdoor Learning (am)
- 27th March: Mothers' Day Tea & Biscuits Parent Event (2.40pm-3:10pm)
- 28th March: Neurodiversity and Wellbeing Parent Drop In (8.35am)
- 28th March: KSI Parent Event (2.30pm - 3pm)
- 28th March: Bake sale after school
- 31st March: Easter egg competition
- 1st April: Parents evening (3.30pm-6.30pm)
- 2nd April: Easter service at st Edward's Church
- 3rd April: Parents evening (3.30pm-6.30pm)
- 4th April: Rocksteady Concert (10am)
- 4th April: End of Term

ATTENDANCE AT DRINGHOUSES

Please see below our attendance for each year group this week. Please remember that each missed session has an impact on your child's educational journey. Please see the attendance for this week below.

Reception: 95.5% Year 1: 98.5% Year 2: 99% Year 3: 96% Year 4: 96% Year 5: 94.5% Year 6: 95%

The classes with the highest attendance this week were Class 2 and Class 3. Well done to both classes for an excellent 100% attendance. 'Attendi Pengi', our giant (very cute!) penguin will be splitting the week with them.



FOOD WASTE DISPOSAL

We would like to inform you that, starting from 31st March 2025, new legislation will require all food waste to be disposed of separately from other waste. In addition, only clear waste bags are to be used for food waste disposal. To support this initiative, we kindly ask that children who bring packed lunches take all of their rubbish home with them in their lunch bags. We appreciate your cooperation in discussing this important change with your children, as it will help ensure we are compliant with the new regulations and contribute to a more sustainable environment. Thank you for your understanding and support.

PARKING

As part of our ongoing commitment to ensuring the safety and well-being of everyone in our school community, we would like to remind all parents and visitors about the importance of safe and respectful parking outside the school, especially on St Helen's Road.

Please be reminded that only vehicles displaying a Blue Badge should be parking on St Helen's Road, as this area is designated for those with accessibility needs. We ask that all other vehicles refrain from parking in these spaces to ensure that those who need them have access to convenient parking.

Additionally, we must all be mindful and respectful of our local residents. It is essential that we park in designated areas and avoid causing any disruption to the neighborhood. Respectful and considerate behavior towards those who live near the school sets a positive example for our children. By modeling respectful conversations and actions, we teach our students how to behave respectfully in all aspects of life.

Let's continue working together to maintain a safe, respectful, and considerate environment for everyone in our school community.

BOOK FAIR

This year's World Book Day celebration at Dringhouses Primary School was a huge success! We were thrilled to welcome Derek from the Book Fair, who visited each class to read stories and share his love of books with the children. After the reading sessions, the children had the opportunity to spend their World Book Day tokens and explore the book fair, where they enjoyed browsing and selecting new books for themselves. The conversations and recommendations shared among the children were heartwarming, showcasing their excitement and enthusiasm for reading. Thanks to everyone's support, the book fair raised an impressive £270, which will be reinvested into new books for our library, helping to inspire the next generation of young readers.



YEAR 5 TRIP TO PGL

Year 5 have been enjoying a 3 day residential trip to PGL in Newby Whiske this week. They've pushed their bravery to the limits with high ropes, trapezes, zip wires, rock climbing and more. Between them they climbed over the height of the Eiffel Tower and had a wonderful time.



If you'd like to volunteer for any forthcoming events or would like to join our volunteer WhatsApp group then please do let us know at friends@dringhouses.co.uk

Easter Bake Sale - Friday 28th March

Get ready with your Easter bakes and come and join us for some after school treats. Homemade and shop bought cakes all very welcome. Please bring them to the office before school. We would also love some helpers to collect the cakes in the morning or to help set up and sell in the afternoon - please email friends@dringhouses.co.uk if you can help. Thank you!

Easter Egg Competition - Monday 31st March

It's back! Get your thinking caps on and join in the egg decorating competition this year. Donations of £1 are welcome for any entries and there will be Easter Egg prizes on offer for each year group as well as the family group category. More information will be coming out via email soon!

FODS Treat: Friday 4th April

We know lots of people enjoyed the free hot chocolate at the end of the Christmas term, so FODS will be providing a treat at the end of this term too. More details to follow soon.

TESCO STRONGER STARTS

Dringhouses Primary School has been selected for "Tesco Stronger Starts". This is the programme where Tesco customers vote for local community projects using the blue tokens, and this spring that includes us! We are raising money for our Early Years Playground Development. A dedicated outdoor space to provide and support learning opportunities for our pupils, and other service users. Voting will commence in stores from the first week in April 2025 until the end of June 2025.

The project with the highest number of votes across the region will receive £1,500, the second placed project £1,000, and the third placed project £500. So please vote if you shop in Tesco!

You can vote in the following Tesco stores: Acomb Wood (YO24 3XN) Tadcaster Road (YO24 1LW) Low Ousegate (YO1 9QX) and Piccadilly (YO1 9TU). To vote, you will need to make a purchase within store of any value. You will receive one token per transaction and it's not necessary to purchase a carrier bag in order to receive a token.

Thank you for your support and please remember to pick up a blue token and vote if you're in Tesco.

PARENT CARER FORUM

Dear Parents / Carers,

As the first stage of the Parent Carer Forum Coffee mornings come to a close I would be delighted if you could join us for our Open Forum Lunch Event.

This free event is on 20th March, 11:00 am - 13:00 pm and is an opportunity for us to thank you for your involvement so far in meeting me at school coffee mornings and sharing your family experience. It is also a chance for you to tell us about what your priorities are for education, health and social care services for the future. What's going well for you and what not so well?

Please book on using the Eventbrite Link below.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parent-carer-forum-york-open-forum-tickets-1269708645739?aff=oddttdtcreator>

It really would be lovely for us to see you there.

Best Wishes,

Mary

<https://www.parentcarerforumyork.org>

**WE'RE DOING SOMETHING
FUNNY FOR MONEY
THIS RED NOSE DAY!**

WHAT?

NON-UNIFORM DAY

WHEN?

FRIDAY 21ST MARCH

WHERE?

DRINGHOUSES SCHOOL



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FRIDAY 21 MARCH



EASTER HOLIDAYS MULTI-SPORT CLUB

ACOMB SCHOOL

7th - 17th APRIL

WILBERFOSS SCHOOL

8th & 15th APRIL

HEMPLAND SCHOOL 9th, 10th, 16th, 17th APRIL



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