

2ND MAY
2025



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear Families,

What a vibrant and exciting week it has been at Dringhouses! Our school has been buzzing with curriculum enhancements, learning, and community spirit.

Our KS1 children were treated to a magical puppet show this week, sparking their imaginations and bringing stories to life in a truly memorable way. Meanwhile, our Lower Key Stage 2 pupils had a fantastic time on their visit to Beetle Bank Farm. The trip provided a brilliant opportunity to bring their classroom learning to life through hands-on experiences with animals and the great outdoors. A huge thank you to all the parent volunteers who kindly gave their time to support the trip—we couldn't have done it without you!

We've also had a wonderful week of community connection. Reverend Carew and Helen Cross from St Edward's Church visited to meet our SLT to discuss how to strengthen the important links between our school and the wider community. On Wednesday, we welcomed Mrs Rothenburg, the Principal of Millthorpe School, who met with our Year 6 pupils as part of their upcoming transition journey—it was a great opportunity for them to begin preparing for the exciting step ahead. And finally, a big thank you to the Friends of Dringhouses School (FODS), who met on Thursday to continue to plan some exciting fundraising opportunities. We're so grateful for the time, ideas, and enthusiasm they bring to support our school.

Have a wonderful, long weekend,
Miss Swiers and Mr Laycock

DATES FOR THE HALF TERM

Monday 5th May- May Bank Holiday (School Closed)

w/c Monday 12th May- Y6 SATs Week

Thursday 15th May- Neurodiversity and Wellbeing Parent Drop In (8:35-10:00am)

Wednesday 21st May: School sponsored walk

Thursday 22nd May- EYFS Outdoor Learning (am)

Thursday 22nd May- FODS KS2 Disco

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: 98.5% Year 1: 99.5% Year 2: 97% Year 3: 97% Year 4: 94.5% Year 5: 94% Year 6: 94%

The class with the highest attendance this week was Class 2. Well done for an excellent 99.5% attendance. 'Attendi Pengi', our giant (very cute!) penguin will be spending the week with them after the Easter break.



CLASS GROUPING FOR NEXT YEAR

Next week, the children will have the opportunity to write down the names of four children they would like to be in a class with next year. We encourage you to discuss this with your child/ren ahead of time to ensure they have a chance to reflect on their preferences. Our teaching team will carefully consider these ensuring that children are with at least one friend listed, along with other important factors, as we work over the Summer term to create balanced and supportive class groups. We'll be putting these groups together in time for the transition days, which will help ensure a smooth and positive start to the new school year.

LKS2 TRIP TO BEETLE BANK FARM

LKS2 had a wonderful sunny day at Beetle Bank Farm this week. Over the course of the day we were lucky enough to have a tour of the farm with Farmer Angela, a scavenger hunt around the farm and the chance to feed and hold some small animals. We also took the opportunity to have an outdoor story time with our current book, Charlotte's Web. To top it all off we played on the fantastic play equipment and took full advantage of the sunny weather!



YEAR 3 MOVIE AND PIZZA NIGHT

This week, our Year 3 students had a fantastic time at the Pizza and Movie Night! It was a cozy and fun-filled evening as the children returned to school in their pyjamas and comfy clothes, ready to enjoy delicious pizza and chips with their friends. The school hall was transformed into a mini cinema, and the students loved watching a movie together. A big thank you to the wonderful teachers who gave up their time to organise this event—it was a memorable experience for everyone!

LOST PROPERTY

We have an increasing amount of lost property at school. If your child is missing items please come to the office and we will show you down to lost property to hunt for it. Please remember to put your child's name on their clothes, water bottles and lunch boxes so they can be returned to them if they go astray.

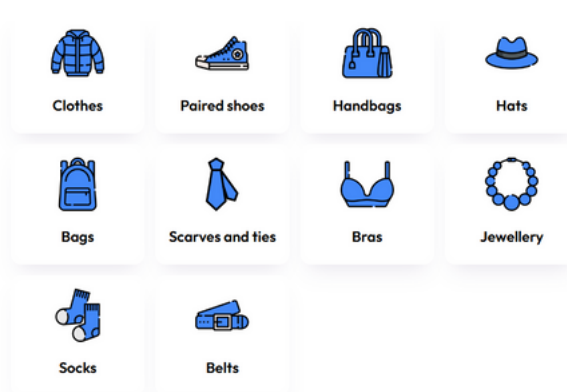
BAG 2 SCHOOL COLLECTION

Bag2school will be collecting donations of second hand clothing on **Friday 5th June** to help raise money for our school.

Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality secondhand clothing and we have arranged to make a collection from your school. All the bags will be weighed and the school will be paid for the total weight collected. Please have a look in your wardrobes for anything you can donate.

Please note they do not collect school uniform (with or without logos), workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric.

Please bring your donations on the 5th June before 9am.



FREE PARENTING COURSE

Hello from Brightsparks CIC! 🌟

We know the Easter holidays can be a whirlwind for parents — the change in routine, endless energy, big emotions. It's no surprise that many parents come out the other side feeling exhausted and overwhelmed.

That's why this May, we're launching a FREE online parenting course for families living in York. This course is designed to give you the tools and confidence to feel calmer, more connected, and better equipped to handle whatever parenting throws your way.

Positive Futures Parenting Support
Our next Positive Futures course starts Tuesday 20th May from 6:00–7:30 PM!

The online course will span over 7 weeks, designed with expert knowledge to equip parents with the tools they need to better understand and manage their relationships with their children.

This course will help you:

- Build your parenting confidence
- Strengthen your relationship with your child
- Understand your child's behaviour and developmental needs
- Reduce stress and bring more calm into your home

This course is for York parents with children aged 4–16 and FREE for York residents, so book your place as soon as possible!

👉 <https://www.brightsparkscic.org.uk/positive-futures>

A colorful flyer for the "FREE COURSE POSITIVE FUTURES" by Brightsparks CIC. The flyer has a purple and yellow background with wavy lines. It features a "FREE COURSE" badge and the title "POSITIVE FUTURES". The text describes the course as a 7-week online program for parents in York, aimed at building confidence and understanding. It includes a "SIGN UP NOW" button, the website URL "www.brightsparkscic.org.uk", and a QR code. There are also two circular images showing a parent and child interacting.



FORDS/your PTA presents

KS2 DISCO

THURSDAY 8TH MAY 2025

Lower KS2 (Y 3&4s) 3.30 - 4.30pm

Upper KS2 (Y 5&6s) 4.45 - 5.45pm

£4 ON PARENTPAY

DRINK AND A SNACK PROVIDED