

16TH MAY  
2025



# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear Families,

What a fantastic week it has been here at Dringhouses Primary! Our Year 6 students have tackled their SATs with incredible resilience and determination, and it has been a joy to see their incredible attitudes as they embraced the challenge. The positive attitude shown by each of the children is a true testament to their hard work and the support they've received from their teachers and families.

A big thank you to our wonderful kitchen team for providing breakfast for the children each day during SATs week – your support has made such a difference to the start of their days. We'd also like to extend our appreciation to all the staff who have worked tirelessly in preparing the children for this important milestone. Their dedication and commitment are truly valued.

This week also marked our Full Governing Body meeting, where we saw Matt Boxall step down as Chair of Governors. Matt's leadership, especially through the challenges of COVID, his role in recruiting both Ben Sutton and myself and Claire Scott-South as headteachers, and his unwavering support of the school, has been invaluable. A huge thank you to Matt for all his hard work and commitment to Dringhouses Primary.

We are pleased to announce that Luke Zwalf has been voted in as the new Chair of Governors. We look forward to working closely with Luke and continuing to build on the success of our school.

Next week is my final week in school ahead of maternity leave and I look forward to spending time with our families as we welcome you into school for our end of half term events. We will write to you next week to inform you of my maternity leave arrangements.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend ahead!

Warm regards  
Miss Swiers

## DATES FOR THE HALF TERM

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May- UKS2 Parent v Child Quiz (2:15-3:00pm)

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May: FODS The Great Dringy Run

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May: Y6 Brownlee Triathlon (pm)

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May- EYFS Outdoor Learning (am)

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May- KS1 Parent Event (8:50-9:15am)

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May- School Council Bake Sale after school

# 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: 90.5% Year 1: 97% Year 2: 97% Year 3: 97% Year 4: 96% Year 5: 98% Year 6: 95%

The class with the highest attendance this week was Class 3. Well done for an excellent 99% attendance. 'Attendi Pengi', our giant (very cute!) penguin will be spending the week with them after the Easter break.



## LKS2 UPDATE

Over the last two weeks, we have been delighted to welcome back Mrs Howarth to school as she joins the LKS2 team – it's wonderful to have her with us again! In maths, our learning continues to focus on telling the time, so please support your children at home by encouraging them to practise using both analogue and digital clocks. In English, the children have been busy writing newspaper reports about the exciting 'miracle' discovered at the farm in our class book, Charlotte's Web. They've really enjoyed bringing this magical moment to life through their writing!

## NAMING UNIFORM



As you may have noticed, we have recently held a pre-loved clothing sale over the past couple of days. This sale was organised due to the significant amount of lost property that had accumulated over time.

While some of the items have been kindly donated, it's important to remember that all of these clothes originally belonged to children. We hope that this sale has provided an opportunity for those in need while also helping us clear the excess lost property. Any items left over from the sale will be recycled.

To help prevent lost property from building up in the future, we kindly remind all families to ensure that their child's uniform and personal items are clearly labeled with their name. This small step can make a big difference in helping us reunite lost items with their rightful owners more quickly.

## FODS

The Great Dringy Run – Wednesday 21st May

As a school community, we're setting ourselves the challenge of running a combined total of 300 miles around Dringhouses Cricket Field. Each class will be taking part during the school day, and we'll be cheering each other on as we work together to reach our goal. It's not a race — it's all about teamwork, participation, and having fun!

We're also inviting families to support the run through sponsorship. Donations can be made via our Go Fund Me page: <https://gofund.me/3a1b308a>.

If cash works better for you, please bring it to the school office in a clearly labelled envelope by Friday 6th June. We know our Year 6 pupils are heading off to the Brownlee Triathlon that afternoon, so they'll be completing their laps in the morning to make sure they're part of this exciting challenge too.

Date for your diary

The next FODS meeting will be on Monday 9th June, 7.15–8.15pm at school – hope to see you there!

Hosted by your PTA

...FODS...

# The Great Dringy Run

21 May 2025

Dringhouses Cricket Field



## Run - Walk - Dance 300 Miles

Fundraising for:

Hire of Chrome Books

Picnic Benches and Parasols

Dynamic Learning Software

The Great Dringy Run



## CHICKEN RUN

The Joseph Rowntree Theatre are showing Chicken Run on Sunday 25th May at 2pm. They are offering of one free child ticket with every standard ticket purchased. You can use the code FREECHILDCR at the checkout when purchasing tickets to apply the offer.



2pm 7pm

**Fundraising Film Screenings**  
**Sunday 25 May 2025**

Tickets £5.00

Book online at  
[josephrowntreetheatre.co.uk](https://josephrowntreetheatre.co.uk)  
or via Box Office  
01904 501935



## FESTIVAL OF IDEAS



The Festival of Ideas is back in York from the 10<sup>th</sup> of May.

The full calendar of events can be found at:  
<https://yorkfestivalofideas.com/2025/calendar/>

Some family friendly events include:

- Explore Space (28<sup>th</sup> May)
- Hunt for Medieval Mason's Marks (31<sup>st</sup> May)
- Indoor Dig (31st May)
- The Filthy, Beastly Tour of York (1<sup>st</sup> June)
- Michael Morpurgo day (3<sup>rd</sup> June)