

15TH MAY 2026



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear Families,

This week in school it has been SATs week and we are incredibly proud of our Year 6 children for their determination and positive attitude! They approached each day with confidence, worked exceptionally hard and demonstrated the progress they have made during their time at school. Their perseverance, maturity and willingness to try their very best have been wonderful to see. We would also like to thank our staff and families for their continued support and encouragement, which has helped the children feel calm, confident and ready to succeed. A special thank you also goes to our kitchen staff for providing delicious bacon sandwiches each morning – a much-appreciated treat that helped start the day with smiles and full stomachs! Well done, Year 6 – you should all be very proud of yourselves!

Meanwhile it has been another busy and exciting couple of weeks across school! Our LKS2 children had a fantastic trip to Magna Science Adventure Centre, where they enjoyed a range of engaging and interactive learning experiences. We also came together as a whole school to celebrate the 100th birthday of David Attenborough, spending time reflecting on his incredible work and the importance of caring for our planet. Meanwhile, Class 3 thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Howsham Mill, exploring nature and learning more about the environment. To end the week on a high, our KS2 discos, organised by FODs, were a huge success and great fun for everyone involved. Thank you to all staff, volunteers and families who helped make these events so memorable for the children. And just to finish off all this good news I have completed my fire warden training which now means I am now able to call myself an unofficial firefighter – hurrah!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and we will see you on Monday.

Best wishes,
Mrs Scott-South

DATES FOR THE HALF TERM

18th – 21st May – FODS Sponsored Joke Event
18th May – Howsham Mill Trip Class 4
19th May – Year 3 Cinema Night (4–6pm)
20th May – Howsham Mill Trip Class 5
20th May – EYFS Parent Event AM Back Playground
20th May – Yr6 Brownlee Triathlon

21st May – Winning house play on the field
21st May – KS1 Parent Event – 2.30–3pm (Hall)
21st May – FODs bake sale
21st May – End of half term
22nd May – Staff training (inset day)

PHASE NEWS: LKS2

LKS2 got an incredible opportunity to explore Magna on their school trip. We looked into the 4 elements, earth, fir, water and air, experimenting with how they interact with the world around us. This links to our Topic this term: Eureka – a science led topic where we have studied states of matter, the water cycle and electricity!



NEW AIRTAG POLICY

We have introduced a new airtag (and similar devices) policy which has been attached to this newsletter and is available on our website.

SPOTLIGHT ON... R.E. AT DRINGHOUSES



At Dringhouses we follow the York Agreed Syllabus for RE which provides opportunities for the children to learn about world religions, to extend their cultural understanding and have time for reflection and discussion around the key themes. EYFS have been thinking about places that are special to them and finding out about different religious buildings that are special to the people that worship in them.

KSI has been reflecting on the importance of celebrations and sacred days. This week they had a workshop with Reverend Richard Carew from St Edwards Church to find out more about Christian celebrations- including some of the special clothes that are worn on these occasions.



LKS2 has been learning about the rights of passage in different religions and how these events mark out key moments in the journey through life. UKS2 have recently covered a unit of work about what religion has to offer when times get hard.

KS2 Disco – Yesterday we had 2 fantastic discos! Huge thanks to everyone who volunteered, including all the teachers who stayed behind. Special shout out to Mrs Auckland who helped at both discos. The children had a wonderful time and we saw some amazing dancing on display.

Joke Fundraiser – Get Ready to Giggle! – This May, pupils will be invited to take part in our Sponsored Joke Fundraiser, a joyful whole school event designed to celebrate playful use of language, build children's confidence, and raise funds to support inclusivity across the school. Children will collect sponsorship by telling jokes to friends and family, before choosing their favourite joke to share in class. Each class will select a winning joke, with those pupils invited to perform at a special whole school assembly on 21st May.

A teacher panel will then choose the top three jokes, which will be featured in the school newsletter after half term. Top 3 winning jokes will receive a FODs sponsored prize.

We're looking forward to lots of laughter along the way!

Sponsor forms and parent information will be sent home with children on 5th May, with forms and joke cards due to return to school on Monday 18th May.

Donations can be made via sponsor forms; parent pay or a just giving link that will be shared with parents via the Facebook year groups.

If anyone has any questions, please contact Marianne – 07867778685

May Bake sale – We are already nearing the end of half term which means it is nearly bake sale time. We will be holding the next bake sale on Thursday 21 May straight after school in the playground. We will be collecting any donations of cakes/bakes and any other sweet treats (homemade or otherwise) at drop off in the morning. Any donations are greatly appreciated, as is coming to purchase some tasty treats to help start the school holidays.

Summer Fair – Next half term sees the return of the summer fair. With so many exciting events happening both in school and out during July. We have moved the summer fair forward from July to Friday 26th June. So far we have some wonderful young face painting volunteers as well as an amazing animal stall (with animals to meet and hold). If you are able to volunteer (or would like to lead our amazing band of volunteers) please drop an email to friends@dringhouses.co.uk

Funding – All these events go towards subsidising some of the amazing things coming up next half term for our Year 6 students. This includes the Year 6 Flamingo Land trip, Year 6 musical licence and the Year 6 year books to mark their time at Dringhouses Primary. Without your support during the fundraising throughout the school year we would not be able to support these activities and help celebrate our children's time at Dringhouse Primary School. Thank you.

SPONSORED

Joke Week!

Laughs for Learning!

Can you make your class laugh?

HOW IT WORKS

1, Get Sponsored

Ask family and friends to sponsor you!

Sponsor Form | ParentPay | JustGiving

2, Practise Your Joke

Pick your best, school-friendly joke!

3, Tell Your Joke in Class

Monday 18th - Wednesday 20th May

Teachers will choose one winning joke from each class!

4, Grand Joke Assembly!

★ Thursday 21st May

★ Non-Uniform Day on 21st May!

★ WHAT ARE WE RAISING MONEY FOR?

School Activities • New Equipment
• Enrichment for Pupils

★ WHY TAKE PART? ★

- ✓ Build Confidence
- ✓ Develop Speaking Skills
- ✓ Be Creative
- ✓ Have FUN!

THIS IS A **FODS** ORGANISED FUNDRAISER

Start collecting sponsors and practising your jokes today today!

Let's raise lots of laughs — and lots of funds!