11TH SEPTEMBER
2026



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear families,

A very warm welcome to all our families as we begin another exciting year at Dringhouses Primary School!

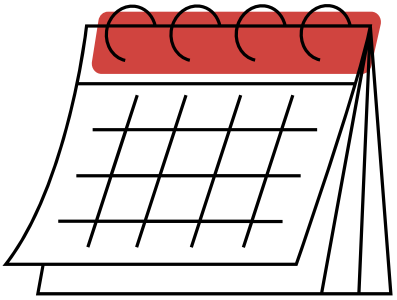
A particularly special welcome goes to our new Reception children and their families. They have already made a fantastic start to school life, and it has been wonderful to see their smiling faces, growing confidence and enthusiasm as they begin their journey with us. We are really looking forward to getting to know each of our new children and their families over the next seven years and sharing all the wonderful milestones along the way.

It has also been lovely to welcome all of our returning families back to school. The children have made a fantastic start to the new academic year. They have come back looking smart, ready to learn and excited about their new classes, teachers and routines. We have been incredibly proud of the way they have settled in and embraced the opportunities that a new school year brings. There is a real sense of excitement and positivity around school, and we are looking forward to everything the year ahead will bring. We are excited to learn, grow, laugh and achieve together as Team Dring.

Here's to a fantastic new year at Dringhouses Primary School!

Mrs Swiers and Mrs Scott-South

DATES FOR THE HALF TERM



17th September - Individual school photos
22nd September - LKS2 Food festival
24th September - Sports day
13th - 14th October - Next door but one theatre KS2 (Class schedule tbc)
14th October - Open evening for new starters
15th October - Early years parents phonics session
21st October - Book fair
22nd October - Halloween special lunch menu
22nd October - Winning house non-uniform day
23rd October - Staff training day
26th -30th October - Half term

NOTICES

School Dinners
Please be reminded that school dinner orders close at midnight on a Thursday for the following week.

Clubs
Please keep an eye on your emails in September for information about our Autumn clubs.

Image permissions
If you haven't already please complete the image permission form as a matter of urgency: https://forms.gle/uAtQk1sWhLSSqP1f9

Sports day
Please note that sports day is taking place on the 24th September rather than in the summer term.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF

We are delighted to welcome several new members of staff to our school this academic year. Mrs Matten has joined us as our EYFS & KS1 Assistant Head and is teaching in Class 4, while Mr Hodges has taken on the role of KS2 Assistant Head and is teaching in Class 8. We are also pleased to welcome Miss Emmett, who has joined our team as a Teaching Assistant. We are thrilled to have them as part of our school family and look forward to all they will bring to our pupils, staff and wider school community.

GOODBYE TO MISS BEVERYLEY

The wonderful Vikki Beverley, who many of you know as the face of Dringhouses, will be leaving us on Friday 18th September to take up an exciting new opportunity at York College. Vikki will be greatly missed by children, families and staff alike. We are incredibly grateful for all of the time, energy and commitment she has given to our school and for the positive impact she has had on the children and those around her. If you would like to join us in wishing Vikki every success and happiness in her new role please sign the digital card we're creating for her. Please pass on the link to any former Dring families who may wish to send her a message as well.

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Vikki will be leaving us on FRIDAY 18th SEPTEMBER so please sign before then.

DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEADS

If you have any safeguarding concerns about a child or member of staff please contact our designated safeguarding leads (DSL's)

- Mrs Scott-South (DSL)
- Mrs Swiers (DSL)
- Mr Hodges (Deputy DSL)
- Mrs Matten (Deputy DSL)
- Mark Newman (Safe-guarding Governor)

RUGBY AND HOCKEY TASTER EVENT

Rugby and Hockey Taster Event -Tuesday 15 September - 16.00-18.00pm

Join us of a fun evening, where you can try out Hockey or Rugby with our team of coaches.

Dinner will be provided after the event.

Sign up: https://stpetersyork.jotform.com/261652279181360

