3RD JULY 2026



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear families,

As we reach the end of another incredibly busy fortnight, it is wonderful to reflect on the wealth of exciting learning and memorable experiences that have taken place across Dringhouses Primary School.

Despite the warmer weather last week, our children have continued to demonstrate fantastic resilience, enthusiasm and positivity, approaching every day with smiles, determination and a real love of learning. We have been incredibly proud of how well they have adapted to the higher temperatures while continuing to work hard both inside and outside the classroom.

One of the highlights of the past two weeks was our annual Sports Day. It was a fantastic celebration of teamwork, perseverance and sporting spirit, with children giving their very best in every event. Thank you to all of the families who came along to support and encourage our pupils, helping to make the day such a success.

We were also delighted by LKS2's production of It's All Greek to Me. The children impressed audiences with their confidence, acting, singing and humour, showcasing the incredible talent and dedication that had gone into preparing such a memorable performance. Well done to everyone involved!

Our KS1 pupils thoroughly enjoyed their visit to the Sea Life Centre, where they brought their classroom learning to life through exciting hands-on experiences and the opportunity to discover a fascinating range of marine creatures. It was a wonderful day of exploration and curiosity that created lasting memories for all.

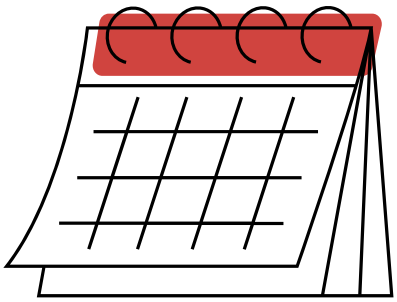
Finally, our Transition Day was a huge success, giving every child the opportunity to spend time with their new teacher and classmates as they begin to look ahead to the next stage of their learning journey. It was lovely to see so much excitement, confidence and enthusiasm as everyone prepared for the new academic year.

As always, thank you for your continued support. We hope you enjoy reading about the many achievements and experiences from across the school in this week's newsletter.

Mrs Swiers and Mrs Scott-South

DATES FOR THE HALF TERM

8th July - EYFS Outdoor School
8th July - Summer event (3.15-4.15pm)
9th July – Summer Concert (6pm)
10th July - Rock Steady concert (10.30am)
15th & 16th July - Year 6 Performance (6-7pm)
16th July – Winning house water fight
17th July – Y6 Leavers' assembly (9.30am)
17th July – FODS end of term treat
17th July – End of term



NOTICES

Hot weather
As the weather gets hotter please remember to apply sunscreen to your children and provide them with a water bottle and sunhat.

Choir
Choir is on the 3rd and 10th of July but **NOT** on the 17th July.

READING SHED REVEAL

We are delighted to invite you to a special after-school event on **Wednesday 8th July.**

We are excited to officially open our new **Reading Shed**. During the event, children and their families will be invited to spend some time enjoying books together on the playground and exploring this wonderful new resource. We will be welcoming donations to help us continue to expand the collection of books available in both the Reading Shed and the school library.



This celebration will provide our Year 6 pupils with the opportunity to run their own stalls, while members of our Face Painting Club can showcase their fantastic talents. These stalls will be cash only, and all proceeds will go towards supporting the school. In addition, our Friends of the School (FODS) team will be holding a **bake sale.**

We hope this will be a lovely opportunity for our school community to come together.

FODS NEWS

Bake sale

Alongside our amazing year 6 students running their fun stalls and the opening of the new book shed, we will be holding a bake sale. To be able to provide everyone with lovely sweet treats we need your baking (or buying) skills. Please drop off any bakes before school on the 8th July.

The Web

We are also really excited about seeing lots of families on Monday at The Web. If you haven't been able to get tickets then please don't worry, The Web is still open and you can just come and pay (standard price) on entry and join in the fun.

PHASE NEWS: LKS2

What a fantastic few weeks it has been in LKS2! The children have worked incredibly hard to prepare for their performance of It's All Greek to Me. They have shown great dedication in learning their lines, reciting poems, making props and practising songs, all of which came together beautifully in a wonderful final performance. We are so proud of the enthusiasm, teamwork and confidence they showed on stage. A big thank you as well to all the families who came along to support - it really meant a lot to the children.

Over the next couple of weeks, we will be continuing our work on playscripts in English. The children will build on what they have learned to create their own playscripts, before having the exciting opportunity to perform them to their classmates. This will help them further develop their creativity, as well as their speaking and listening skills, in a fun and supportive way.

CONGRATULATIONS

Many congratulations to Florence in Year 5 who trialled for the York and District schoolgirls Under 11's football team this week and has been offered a place in the team representing York next season as their goalkeeper! They will be playing matches against teams from Sheffield, Rotherham, Leeds and other teams across Yorkshire. Well done Florence, we look forward to hearing about your upcoming season.



DONATIONS FOR KS1

Dear Families.

We would like to replenish some of the provision opportunities in KS1 ready for September. If you have any of the following that you no longer need please would you consider donating it to school.

We are in need of:
Buttons, beads, ribbons, other craft bits and bobs, pebbles, magnet tiles, small world plastic animals, Lego, including Lego boards, den building equipment, children's scooters, hula hoops, small off cuts of softwood (if you are able to stick your finger nail into the wood it is classified as a softwood), wooden blocks, novelty pens and paper, clean plastic plumbing piping, clean guttering,

Any items can be dropped at the school office.

Many thanks
The KS1 Team

NEW PLANTS



Thank you to Poppleton Community Railway Nursery who donated some bedding Plants for our early years playground!

ZONES OF REGULATION

As we reach the end of another school year myself and Mr Field are planning ahead for the next one. As you know, we regularly use the 'Zones of Regulation' to support our pupils understanding of their emotions. New for 26/27, we are happy to share a parent guide to the zones of regulation. Our hope is that this help families understand how we use the zones of regulation at school.

This a taster of what the guide contains and the full version is an attachment to this newsletter and will be available on the Dringhouses Primary School website.

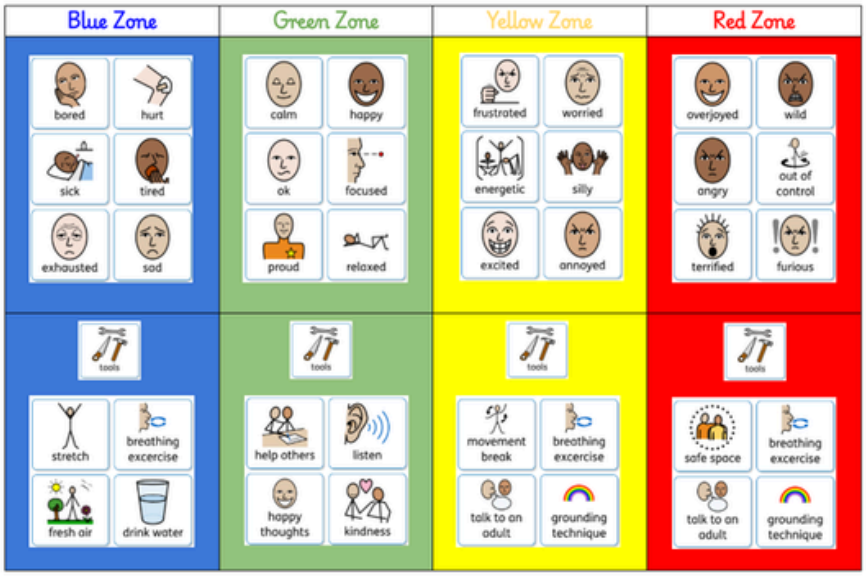
What are the different Zones?

Blue Zone: low level of arousal; not ready to learn; feels sad, sick, tired, bored, moving slowly.

Green Zone: calm state of alertness; optimal level to learn; feels happy, calm, feeling okay, focused.

Yellow Zone: heightened state of alertness; elevated emotions; has some control; feels frustrated, worried, silly/wiggly, excited, loss of some control.

Red Zone: heightened state of alertness and intense emotions; not an optimal level for learning; out of control; feels mad/angry, terrified, yelling/hitting, elated, out of control.



We teach the children that everyone experiences all of the Zones. The Red and Yellow zones are not 'bad' or 'naughty' Zones. All of the Zones are expected at one time or another. We show them that the Blue Zone, for example, is helpful when you are trying to fall asleep.

We hope you find this document helpful and appreciate any questions or comments you may have.

Mrs Murray and Mr Field