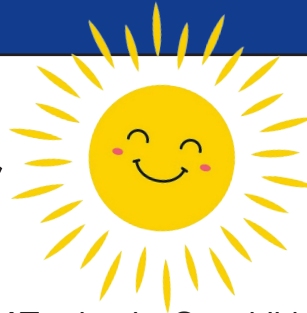




## WELCOME



We have had a fantastic summer in our SYMAT schools. Our children and young people have worked really hard. Year 2 and Year 6 completed their SATs and Year 11 and Year 13 their GCSE's and A Level's respectively. They all did a brilliant job. They showed commitment, determination and a great deal of resilience. We are proud of all our pupils' achievements. Well done!

Achievements in our schools go well beyond the academic and it has been great to see sporting success, musical excellence and a plethora of extracurricular activities going on.

Pupils have visited each other's schools to share their love of music and reading. Staff have also collaborated well in shared development of key areas including PSHCE, Reading and SEND provision. Our aim is for our schools are rooted in our communities. Schools are important to pupils and parents and pupils and parents are important to our teachers and leaders in school.

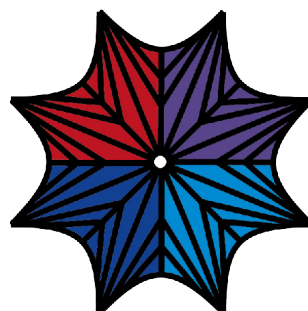
Mrs Sutton, the Acting Head of Archbishop of York CE Junior School is retiring at the end of this week. She has been an integral part of life at AYJS for many years. She has a passion for her work and a love for the children she has nurtured and helped to shape over her time at the school.

She has a deep commitment of service to the community of Bishopthorpe and I am sure you will join with me in thanking Mrs Sutton for all she has done for the children and wider community of Bishopthorpe. We send her all of our good wishes for the future.

Over the last year, Mrs Rhodes has been Acting Head of Bishopthorpe Infants School. She has done a great job of leading the school. In September, Mrs Rhodes will return to class teaching. I know parents will wish to join me in thanking her for the leadership she has provided the school.

I hope you enjoy reading about our schools and that you have a relaxing and enjoyable summer break.

Steve Lewis  
CEO



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# Archbishop of York Junior School

Certainly, at AYJS, we live by the bible verse which underpins our vision - Colossians 3 v 23 'Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart'. Staff and children at AYJS definitely do just that: ensuring they have a healthy heart by being very active; showing heartfelt love, care and respect to others; and taking part in the many extra activities and opportunities we offer, very enthusiastically, with heart and soul!

This term has been full of so many exciting, extra opportunities and trips: a visit to the LNER stadium to swim, play sport and tour the fantastic facilities; a trip under the sea to The Deep; a 'day of inspiration' at York University; a fabulous IsingPOP week with concerts in church nurturing our Christian values; taking part in the Queen's Baton Relay event; caving, climbing, abseiling off bridges and river walking on the Year 6, 5 day residential to Peat Rigg and camping out in the woods for two nights at Bush Craft, alongside Wellbeing House day, history theme week, art week and sports day!



## Special edition... What a truly fabulous day we had at the Palace celebrating the Platinum Jubilee!



Our Royal Platinum Week was definitely a highlight this term and will certainly go down in the AYJS history books. We all had a wonderful time celebrating the 70 years of dedicated, selfless service of Her Majesty The Queen in the grounds of Bishopthorpe Palace. We are very grateful to Archbishop Stephen, his wife Rebecca and all the staff at the Palace for their excellent hospitality. We started the event with a special commemorative service led by Archbishop Stephen alongside Mr Dave Godfrey and Rev Simon Bray. Following the service, everyone shared a Royal picnic lunch together on the lawn, then joined in games and activities. During the day, we enjoyed fabulous musical performances from all our talented musicians: wind band; guitar ensemble; hand bells; our 60 strong choir and the whole Year 6 drumming band! The afternoon finished with a rousing

rendition of the National Anthem and the waving of Union flags. Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York said, "It's been wonderful to join the school as we celebrate and give thanks for all The Queen has done for our nation. She has been an outstanding example of someone who has dedicated her life to serve others and we recognise that her faith in Jesus Christ has been the bedrock of this." This is a video link to the highlights of our wonderful day at Bishopthorpe Palace.

## Sports

No one can deny that AYJS IS a very 'Active' school, and definitely has been this year! We have worked very hard throughout the year on all areas of **P E S S P A**. We have really developed our approach to Physical Education lessons, ensuring all children enjoy working towards becoming physically literate by the time they leave us at the end of Key Stage 2. Our lessons are now taught through the P.E Umbrella concepts: physical, cognitive, social and emotional. Pupil voice feedback has highlighted how inclusive and fun this makes P.E. We have been hugely successful in inter school School Sport competitions, where we have taken part in over 24 fixtures throughout the year (over 85 games played!). Cricket has been particularly successful with both the boys and girls bowling us over with their achievements, winning their leagues and progressing to finals: the girls reached the Yorkshire cricket finals where they finished runners up and the boys are playing in the York finals in the last week of this term. A huge well done to all children who have represented school in an area of School Sport. Next year already looks to be another busy one, with lots more opportunities for children to represent #teamAYJS. The drive for Physical Activity has inspired staff and children alike to lead a more active, healthy lifestyle focusing on our own wellbeing and the impact exercise has on feeling positive and enhancing self-esteem. This agenda has certainly been at the centre of school life this year and has had a big impact on us all. A recent survey showed that 96% of children know what a healthy and balanced diet is and over 80% felt that they lived a very active or active lifestyle.



# Bishopthorpe Infant School

As we come to the end of another busy school year at Bishopthorpe Infant School it's time to celebrate the hard work of the children.

Their enthusiasm and love of learning has not ceased this year and they make staff and their parents feel very proud.

The good weather has allowed lots of time to explore and learn outdoors as well as in. It's always lovely to see the children enjoying each other's company and working collaboratively.



## Monk Park Farm

Our whole school enjoyed a trip to Monk Park Farm near Thirsk. The children visited the petting barn to meet the guinea pigs and goats, fed lots of different animals, watched a very unhappy alpaca get sheared and enjoyed a trip on the barrel ride. There was also lots of time to play in the play area and on the bouncy pillow.

## The Queen's Platinum Jubilee



The children enjoyed learning about Queen Elizabeth II and were amazed to find out that she has been Queen of England for seventy years! To celebrate the Queen's platinum Jubilee they designed their own crowns and then carefully made them out of clay. We had a red, white and blue themed day

and enjoyed a picnic lunch. John Conyard visited from Historical Interpretations and the children learnt about Knights and Castles. They were immersed in the experience; dressing up in armour and handling medieval artefacts.



## Sports Day

The children participated in their first sports day with us. This event was well supported by a huge audience of parents and grandparents who did a fabulous job cheering everyone on. All year groups participated in their own events such as egg and spoon race, bean bags in hoops and the sack race. We then came together at the end for running races. Everyone was a winner and loved taking part and earning lots of stickers. The PTA - Friends of Bishopthorpe Infant School kindly purchased ice lollies for children, staff and visiting toddlers. After an exciting, warm afternoon these went down very well!



# Dunnington Primary School



## Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration

What a fantastic day we had celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee! A huge thank you to staff, parents and children alike for their outstanding efforts and support, ensuring the day was a truly memorable experience. We really did take a 'trip down memory lane' learning about key events, toys, food, fashion and music from the last seventy years. The children's performances of songs from each decade were incredible and I'm sure will stay etched in our minds for a very long time. The kitchen staff provided us with a magnificent 'Royal Picnic' and we were totally overwhelmed by the brilliance of entries for our 'Great British Bake Off and Bake Sale' which raised a whopping £512.84 for our two chosen charities.



## Sporting Success

A huge congratulations to the year 5/6 football team who won their local league and made their way to the finals at the York City training ground. On the day they finished in a very respectable 5th place. A huge thank you to the children who have been great throughout and all the parents that have

supported the team and provided lifts in what turned out to be a very successful season

The Y3/4 and Y5/6 cricket team enjoyed a fantastic afternoon at Dunnington Cricket Club in the inter schools' tournament. The children were a real credit to themselves and to the school, showing great teamwork, encouragement and sportsmanship throughout. Both teams won their competitions making it through to the regional finals. A super day was had by all and so nice to be back enjoying competitive sport against other schools!



## Porridge Finally!

On 12th and 13th July 2022, Year 5/6 brought the house down in their long-awaited production of 'Porridge'. Unfortunately, in March 2020, due to the evolving Covid situation, we had to cancel the Y3/4 performance. This was incredibly disappointing for the children and staff who had worked so hard in preparation. We had hoped to perform it later in the year but that wasn't to be either. Finally,



two years on and just in the nick of time before our Y6 cast move on to secondary school, a very fitting end to their time in primary school! Thank you to all the parents for their support with costumes, props and line-learning, and an enormous well done to the children for their fantastic stage-skills. We know that we will see lots of the Year 5s and 6s on stage again in the future. What a talented bunch!

# Escrick CE Primary School

**Reception** have been learning about animals this term. The children particularly enjoyed watching our caterpillars transform into beautiful butterflies. They also learned about farm animals which concluded with a trip to Monk Park Farm where they fed, observed and handled a range of different farm animals.

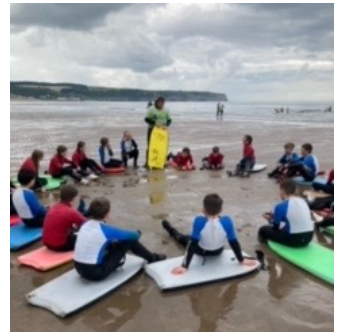


**Year 1** had a fabulous morning in Woodlands working as a team to create a campfire. They learnt songs off by heart to sing around the campfire whilst enjoying yummy toasted marshmallows and campfire popped popcorn! They then enjoyed some creative writing time back in the classroom recounting their experience with a focus of 'ed' ending verbs.



**Year 2** have been applying what they have learnt in Maths to their Design and Technology work. They have carefully measured ingredients using grams to make their very own buns and healthy salads.

**Year 3** have been celebrating their learning in History by preparing and presenting a Viking documentary. They also really enjoyed the whole school Skate Park activity, going on ramps and building up their confidence and risk taking!



**Year 4** have been enjoying practical Science lessons all about the digestive system, using scientific enquiry skills to observe how different liquids affect the enamel of our teeth!

**Year 5** welcomed six new members to their class over the term and they have each been super additions to the cohort. They have been studying World War Two in history and were lucky enough to be able to visit Eden Camp in June to further expand their wartime knowledge!

**Year 6** have absolutely loved their final term at Primary school and had lots of fun! Firstly, they welcomed 'Yo-Yo' who came to do a workshop about transition. Next, the class took part in a leavers' service at Beverley Minster along with other schools from the region.

The Year 5 and 6 children then went on a two-night trip to East Barnby for their end of year residential! This was an incredible experience for all the children and they took part in lots of activities such as: beck scrambling, sailing, canoeing, wind surfing and body boarding! Thank you to all the staff at East Barnby who made this possible, the children had a fantastic time and we are all experts with wet suits now! Ahead of the Commonwealth Games, the Queen's Baton Relay came to York! Year 6 children were invited to the York St John University's campus, where 600 children from 20 primary schools were able to see the baton up close and take part in lots of sports events! Two of our children were lucky enough to run alongside the baton relay team and we had great fun! The baton, carrying a message inside written by The Queen which will be read out at the Games' opening ceremony later this month!



**All of the children have had a super term, they have worked hard and we hope they all have a fantastic summer holiday.**



# Fulford School

Such a lot has happened over the Summer term at Fulford School.

Our core purpose is the Realise Potential and Create the Future. Our students have done that in so many ways.

After three years we had a full exam session this summer. Our year 11 and year 13 pupils rose to the challenge with style. Despite the disruptions they experienced they remained focused and determined to give of their best. Their preparation was admirable with many accessing after school revision sessions in school and showing great maturity in time management and organisational skills. I know the wait for results can be anxious, but all should be proud of how they have finished their time at Fulford School and have laid down foundations for the future. Well done. The shared smiles and laughter of students at their proms were great to see. A well deserved celebratory end to a successful year.



Celebration of achievement is an important part of life at Fulford School. With awards evenings and assemblies, sporting events and trips we have all had the opportunity to mark what students have achieved this year. It was particularly good to welcome parents to our rewards evening. Not only did this give an opportunity to recognise the efforts and talents of their children but it also gave our artists and musicians the chance to showcase their phenomenal skills. As you know from previous issues of the newsletter we are really proud of the creativity of our students. Their levels of skill and performance just gets better and better.



A number of our students have experienced great success on a national and international stage. Last week we hosted BBC Radio York who did a series of broadcasts highlighting the success of our Frisbee Team. A number of students will represent our country at the world championships in Poland later this year.

A team of year 8 pupils were finalists in the Institution of Engineering and Technology Faraday Challenge. From over 150 national entries they finished second in the finals held at Alder Hay Hospital in Liverpool. Megan Walmsley in year 7 represented Fulford School at the national finals of the Foreign Language Spelling Bee that took place at the University of Cambridge. Poppy Davis-Coyle in Year 9 will be swimming for Saint Helena at the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham this summer. She will be competing in five individual events and a number of mixed relay races. Amber Mawer also in year 9 competed with her team at the Dance World Cup in Spain. Within a competition where 62 countries were represented Amber's team ranked in the top ten in the commercial and street dance section.

A tremendous achievement from all these young people. We are so proud of you!



# Wheldrake with Thorganby

The summer term is always busy and this year, it has been filled with lots of different events, learning experiences and a return to some of our school community favourites after a two year break due to the pandemic.

We have all enjoyed the chance to be together again and events such as sports days and the annual summer disco (an outdoor event for families) have been really well attended.



There have been a range of musical performances in recent weeks including the school rock band, the choir and a piano concert. Year 6 put on a super production of Matilda with some excellent acting and singing skills on show.



Earlier this year, The Pavers Foundation led a tree planting project in Wheldrake, to establish the Pavers Foundation Forest, and in May, our Year 2 children returned to the site to plant a wildflower meadow. They planted a variety of wetland and wildflower seedlings as well as cornflowers, which they had grown from seed in school as part of their science lessons.

Years 1 and 2 visited Harlow Carr and had a lovely day in spite of the weather! The children had been learning about how plants grow and about different types of plants. They loved the workshop, where they planted some rainbow radishes. They also practised identifying and measuring different plants and trees. They then had the opportunity to explore the beautiful gardens and practise sketching flowers and tree bark rubbing.

We had a super Jubilee celebration in June with a range of activities. We invited clients from Sharing Life to come to school to enjoy a performance of our children singing, high tea and some games. The outdoor performance was really special and the children who served and played games with the clients were a real credit to the school. Our school cooks served up a street party themed picnic at lunchtime and the governors then surprised the children (and staff) and treated us all to an ice cream.



We surprised the children with a visit from The Reptile Roadshow which launched a new writing project about snakes that every class participated in. This hands-on experience certainly inspired some great writing throughout school and we are planning more events to stimulate our writing.



Some writing by a  
Year 1 pupil:

