



Duncombe Primary School Newsletter

11th September 2026

Coffee Morning:

**Dates to be announced in
September**

Dear Parents and Families,

What a fantastic first week back!

Our children have been calm, happy and focused on their learning. They have enjoyed seeing their friends and staff and have settled very well into their new classes, year groups and timetables. I am very proud of our children and would like to thank all our staff for helping to make such a positive start.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who came to our Meet the Teacher meetings this week. We have more meetings next week and look forward to seeing you there.

Thank you too for making sure your children have come to school in full school uniform. Your support helps us to set high expectations from the start.

Yesterday, we had to respond to a safeguarding concern. I would like to thank our staff and parents for remaining calm and supporting the school. Our children continued with their learning and the school day was uninterrupted. Keeping children safe is always our first priority, and I am very proud of the way our school community responded.

Thank you for your continued support. It has been a wonderful start to the new school year, and I am looking forward to another great week.

Have a lovely weekend!

Katija Ali

Important Dates

**Monday 14th
September - Year 4
Meet The Teacher
15.45-16.30**

**Tuesday
15th September - Year
3 Meet The Teacher
15.45-16.30**

**Wed 16th September -
Year 5 Meet The
Teacher 14.45-16.30**

**Thursday 17th
September - Year 6
Meet The Teacher
14.45-16.30**

**Friday 18th
September
Foodbank - .9.00**



School Attendance



Julia Donaldson 91%	Maya Angelou 93%
Eric Carle 96%	William Shakespeare 90%
Judith Kerr 100%	Emmeline Pankhurst 98%
Greta Thunberg 94%	Martin Luther King 88%
Florence Nightingale 90%	Marcus Rashford 94%
Marie Curie 93%	Nelson Mandela 91%
Isaac Newton 87%	
Whole School Attendance this week = 93%	

Attendance and Punctuality

Our target for individual and whole school attendance is 95%.

Click [here](#) to see the attendance prizes we will be awarding for this year.

The higher a pupil's attendance, the more they are likely to learn.

School starts at 8:50am. It is important that your child arrives on time to ensure they have a positive start to the day.

If your child is going to be absent, please call the school office on 02072725620.

The school office is open from 8am – 4:30pm.



**Attendance
Matters**





Fantastic Work and Learning at Duncombe



Reception

In Reception, we have enjoyed exploring our new classroom and garden environments. We were especially delighted to see the pictures we created during our pre-holiday Stay and Play session and home visits proudly displayed on our art wall.



Year 1

In Year 1, we have made a wonderful start to our new term! We learnt about our school rules: "Ready, Respectful and Safe" and thought of different ways we can show these every day. We talked about being kind to our friends, listening carefully, looking after our classroom and making safe choices. We are very proud of how well the children have settled in!



Our School Rules



Be ready,



respectful,



and safe.



Celebration Awards



Julia Donaldson 2YO:

Well done to our 2 year olds.
What a great start. You are being very brave
and slowly getting back into routine.

Eric Carle 3YO

Well done to our 3 year olds. You hva all settled
in so well. Keep up the good work!!!

Judith Kerr Reception

We are so proud of all our Reception children,
who have made a wonderful start during their
transition days! They have settled in confidently
and enjoyed getting to know their new routines,
adults and friends.

Greta Thunberg Year 1: Jojo

For having an excellent start to Year 1. We are so
proud of the way he has shown how ready,
respectful and safe he can be. Keep up the great
work Jojo!

Florence Nightingale: Legacy

For having a wonderful start to the term! You
have been trying so hard to be ready, respectful
and safe every day. We are all so proud of you!
Keep it up!

Marie Curie Year 2: Ellington

For a fantastic start to Year 2! You consistently show
that you are ready, respectful and safe. You
demonstrate excellent behaviour, always try your very
best, and enthusiastically participate in your learning.
Well done and keep it up!

Isaac Newton Year 3: Lina

She has had an excellent start to yer 3, showing
ready, respectful and safe behaviour in all
lessons. She is a great role model to the rest of
the the class. Well done and keep it up Lina!

William Shakespeare Year 4: Rayyan

Settled in well into year 4. He showed enthusiasm in
English and was able to work well with others in his
group.

Maya Angelou Year 4: Ariadna

For showing a radiant and positive attitude
towards learning. You have started Year 4 with
the right attitude and are inspiring others to do
the same. Keep it up!

Martin Luther King Year 5: Otis

Well done, Otis, on an amazing start to Year 5. You
have consistently shown the values of being ready
and respectful. As well as this, you have shown
ambition in your Doodle and your willingness to try a
challenge problem. Keep it up!

Emmeline Pankhurst Year 5: Sophie

Well done, Sophie! I love how enthusiastic you
are in lessons and how you actively participate,
especially by using your speaking thumb. Keep
up the amazing work!

Marcus Rashford: Year 6: Abdi

For a fantastic start to year 6. Showing positive
learning behaviours and being ambitious in all his
lessons so far. This excellent attitude will help him
make great progress this year, well done!

Nelson Mandela Year 6: Harrison

For a fantastic start to Year 6. You showed
ambition and self-esteem in our fluency reading
lesson where you performed wonderfully.

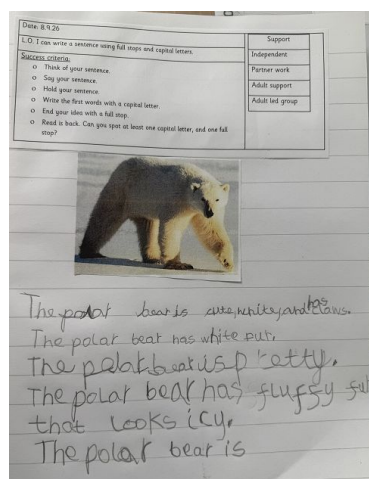
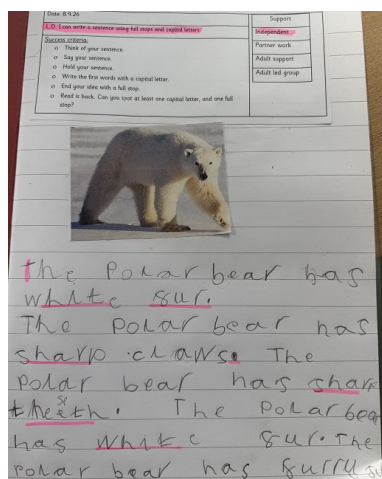
Orchard Room: Naveed

Well done for listening, following instructions and
using kind hands. You are showing great self-esteem
this week and you have focused on your writing.

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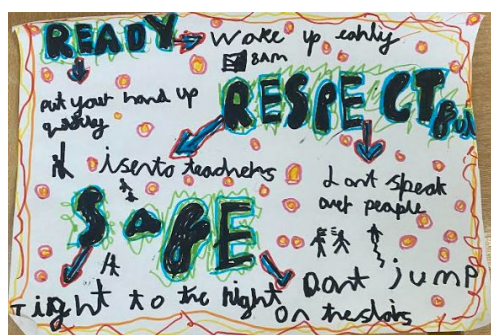
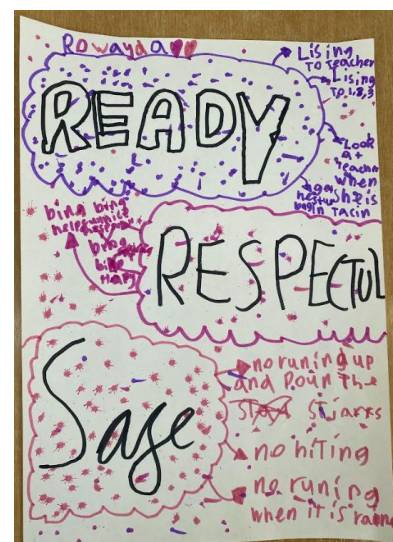
Year 2

We have transformed into polar bear explorers! They have been busy writing their very own exciting sentences all about polar bears, remembering to use capital letters and full stops. They used their Fred Talk to carefully sound out their words and showed fantastic independence and enthusiasm. Year 2 had an amazing start to the term!



Year 3

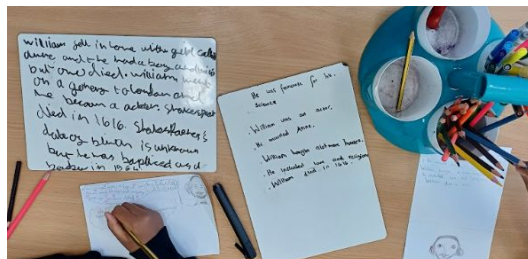
In year 3 this week, we looked at Ready, Respectful and Safe behaviour in school and made some posters to showcase how we should behave. Here are some great examples...



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Year 4

In Year 4, we explored our class names. We began by researching the backgrounds of William Shakespeare and Maya Angelou, learning about their most famous works, and the impact they had on the world. Using what we learned, we worked in groups to design posters. These included key facts and it was really fun.



Year 5

Year 5 have made a fantastic start to the new year. This week they spent time learning about what to expect this year. As our new geography topic is Scandinavia, this week pupils learned about and tried their hands at Scandinavian artwork. We worked out key features of this type of artwork by studying different examples. Can you work out any key features too?



Year 6 -

In Year 6, we wrote letters to ourselves in the future. We thought about the targets we have for our learning, things that we are looking forward to learn in year 6 and anything that we might be nervous about. We will get to open these letters at the end of year 6! Hopefully we will have met all our ambitious targets!





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