

08.09.2023

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome Back to Duncombe!

It has been fantastic to welcome all of the children back to Duncombe this week. It is so lovely to see the children back in school happy and full of enthusiasm. Even the sun was happy- waiting until school started back to come out in full glory!

I hope you all had a restful and fun summer - it has been great finding out from the children how they spent their time.

A massive welcome to our new families in Reception and Nursery and also those starting in other year groups. Thank you for choosing us to share your child's learning journey.

We also have started to work with our new teachers. Rachel is teaching Harriet Tubman class in Year 1, Mal is teaching Charlotte Bronte in Year 4 and Alex is teaching Martin Luther King in Year 5. We also welcomed back Maria, who many of you will know as a previous TA at Duncombe. We are delighted to have all of the new staff at Duncombe and know that you will make them feel part of this special community.

All of the staff look forward to working with you to provide the best education and experiences for your child.

Stay cool this weekend!



Helen

Important messages:

**'Meet the Teacher' meetings
will be held starting next week
for Years 1 – 6 at 3:30pm.**

Year 1

Monday 11th September

Year 2

Tuesday 12th September

Year 3

Wednesday 13th September

Year 5

Thursday 14th September

Year 4

Friday 15th September

Year 6

Monday 18th September

INSET day

Friday 20th October

Half Term

Monday 23rd October –
Friday 27th October

Last day of term

Thursday 21st December
(1:45pm finish)

Important Dates

Monday 11th September – Year 1 Meet the Teacher 3:30pm

Tuesday 12th September – Year 2 Meet the Teacher 3:30pm

Wednesday 13th September – Year 3 Meet the Teacher 3:30pm

Thursday 14th September – Year 5 Meet the Teacher 3:30pm

Friday 15th September – Year 4 Meet the Teacher 3:30pm

Monday 18th September – Year 6 Meet the Teacher 3:30pm

Wednesday 20th September – Individual school photos

Wednesday 27th September – Reception parents Phonics workshop 9am

Thursday 28th September – Year 6 Cardfields parents meeting 3:30pm

Friday 29th September – Year 6 to Africa Writes Children's festival at the British Library

Thursday 19th October – Year 1 Phonics Screen parents meeting 3:30pm

Thursday 19th October – 2YO & Nursery closed (Staff training day)

Friday 20th October – INSET day (school closed)

Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October – Half Term

Wednesday 8th November – Year 6 SATs & Boosters parents meeting 3:30pm

Monday 27th November – Friday 1st December –

Year 4 swimming (class TBC)

Monday 4th December – Friday 8th December – Year 4 swimming (class TBC)

Tuesday 12th December – Parents Evening 3:30pm – 7pm

Wednesday 13th December – Parents Evening 3:30pm – 6pm

Tuesday 19th December – Reception class Nativity

Thursday 21st December – Last day of term (1:45pm finish)

Term Dates 2023 – 24

Autumn Term	
INSET Monday and Tuesday 4 th and 5 th September	
Monday 4 th September	Friday 20 th October
INSET Friday 20 th October	
Half Term Monday 23 rd to Friday 27 th October	
Monday 30 th October	Thursday 21 st December
Christmas Holiday Friday 22 nd December to Monday 8 th January	

Spring Term	
INSET Monday 8 th January	
Monday 8 th January	Friday 9 th February
Half Term Monday 12 th to Friday 16 th February	
Monday 19 th February	Thursday 28 th March
Easter Holiday Friday 29 th March to Friday 12 th April	

Summer Term	
INSET Monday 15 th April	
Monday 15 th April	Friday 24 th May
Half Term Monday 27 th to Friday 31 st May	
INSET Monday 3 rd June	
Monday 3 rd June	Wednesday 24 th July
Summer Holiday	



School Attendance



Julia Donaldson

Isaac Newton

83%

Eric Carle

Michael Faraday

99%

Tony Ross

Charlotte Bronte

94%

Harriet Tubman

88%

William Shakespeare

82%

Greta Thunberg

91%

Emmeline Pankhurst

97%

Florence Nightingale

85%

Martin Luther King

88%

Marie Curie

86%

Marcus Rashford

97%

Nelson Mandela

92%

The whole school's attendance for this week is **90%**



Celebration Awards



Harriet Tubman Year 1: Jahvani

For being respectful and always being kind to everyone.

Greta Thunberg Year 1: Rahima

For being so polite and a great role model to her peers of our school rules. Rahima you're a star!

Florence Nightingale Year 2: Kumsal

Kumsal has been an absolute star this week! She has come to year 2 showing that she is ready, respectful and safe! Keep up the amazing attitude.

Marie Curie Year 2: Leon

For being ready, respectful and safe at all times. Well done Leon - you are a star!

Isaac Newton Year 3: Alinna

For the amazing way she has been meeting our expectations in Year 3. She has been an absolute role model to those around her and has a great year ahead of her. Well done Alinna!

Michael Faraday Year 3: Faith

For a brilliant start to the year. She has been a fantastic role model and very ready for the year ahead. A superb start Faith!

William Shakespeare Year 4: Mazie

For showing a positive attitude to learning. She should be proud of herself for volunteering answers in class.

Charlotte Bronte Year 4: Kawsar

For showing enthusiasm by always being ready, following instructions immediately and being keen to learn. Well done!

Emmeline Pankhurst Year 5: Taylor

Taylor has made a fantastic start to Yr5. He has shown great enthusiasm during our lesson by always being ready to learn. Well done and keep it up!

Martin Luther King Year 5: Mumina

For showing great enthusiasm and treating everybody respectfully. Well done!

Marcus Rashford Year 6: Benjamin

For having a fantastic first week back in school. Benjamin has been enthusiastic in all our lessons, listening carefully to the teacher and sharing his ideas with the class. He has also been setting an excellent example by following all the Duncombe rules - great job Benjamin, keep it up!

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For an excellent start to year 6. Focused, enthusiastic and hardworking. Well done!

These are our exciting enrichment activities available this half term:



Duncombe Primary School

Monday 11th September - Thursday 19th of October 2023

Enrichment activities and prices

Activity	Spaces	Run By	Day	Time	Price
Football Y5-Y6	14	Stuart	Monday	3.30- 4.30	£15 for 6 weeks
Ballet Rec -Y3	14	Dance & Arts	Monday	3.30- 4.30	£30 for 6 weeks
Bollywood Dance Y3-Y6	14	Dance & Arts	Tuesday	3.30- 4.30	£30 for 6 weeks
Art Club Rec – Y2	12	Ana	Tuesday	3.30- 4.30	£15 for 6 weeks
Street Dance Y3 – Y6	14	Dance & Arts	Wednesday	3.30- 4.30	£30 for 6 weeks
Ball Games Rec – Y2	12	Roxy	Wednesday	3.30- 4.30	£15 for 6 weeks
Gymnastics Rec – Y2	12	Sami	Thursday	3.30- 4.30	£15 for 6 weeks
Art Club Y3 -Y6	14	Ana	Thursday	3.30- 4.30	£15 for 6 weeks