

**27.02.2026**

Dear Parents and Families,

It has been another busy week at Duncombe.

This week we celebrated World Book Day, and it was a fantastic occasion across the school. One of the highlights was seeing different year groups come together to share their love of reading, with older and younger pupils mixing and reading to each other. The World Book Day parade allowed children to show off their costumes. Children have also enjoyed our book fair, as well as many fun and crafty activities that encouraged children to celebrate their enthusiasm for books throughout the school.

Our assessment week is progressing well across the school. Children have been showing great focus and determination, and we are very proud of how they are demonstrating our ASPIRE values. These assessments are an important opportunity for teachers to understand each child's progress and to continue supporting their learning effectively and feedback to you at parents evening.

Last week we also welcomed the Bikeability programme into school. Our Year 3 pupils took part in sessions designed to help them learn how to ride a bike safely and confidently. It was lovely to see the children developing new skills, building confidence, and enjoying being active outdoors.

Finally, as many of our families are observing Ramadan, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your loved ones a peaceful and meaningful month.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Warm regards,

*Katija Ali*

## Coffee Morning



**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March – 9am**  
Maths Coffee Morning Years 1 & 2

## Important Dates

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March**  
PSHE Coffee Morning

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March**  
Year 3 Poetry Assembly – 2:40pm

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>  
March**  
Parents' Evening

**Friday 27th March**  
Last day of term  
**1:30pm finish**

**Monday 30th March –  
Friday 10th April**  
Spring Holiday

**Monday 13th April**  
INSET day  
**School Closed**

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April**  
Children return to school

## Spring Lunch Menu

Click on the link to view our lunch menu for the  
Spring term.  
Next week is Week 1.



[Accent Catering Newsletter](#)



## School Attendance



**Julia Donaldson**

**83%**

**Eric Carle**

**88%**

**Judith Kerr**

**92%**

**Tony Ross**

**91%**

**Greta Thunberg**

**95%**

**Harriet Tubman**

**98%**

**Florence Nightingale**

**93%**

**Marie Curie**

**96%**

**Isaac Newton**

**95%**

**Michael Faraday**

**90%**

**Maya Angelou**

**92%**

**William Shakespeare**

**96%**

**Benjamin Zephaniah**

**93%**

**Emmeline Pankhurst**

**96%**

**Martin Luther King**

**96%**

**Marcus Rashford**

**97%**

**Nelson Mandela**

**96%**

The whole school's attendance for this week is **93.3%**

### 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





## Celebration Awards



### **Julia Donaldson 2YO: Zain**

For being so perseverant in activities. This has helped your confidence in class and trying new things. Well done, Zain.

### **Eric Carle 3YO: Abdirahman**

For spending some time on the carpet with Sherene in the morning! Well done.

### **Tony Ross Reception: Umaynah**

For how brilliantly you settled into Duncombe school, building friendships and making good progress with all your learning.

### **Judith Kerr Reception: Emily**

For working hard at practising blending and for your confidence and enthusiasm using the story map to retell 'The Little Red Hen' story.

### **Greta Thunberg Year 1: Belle**

For showing good listening and kindness with other children. It made everyone smile to see you so curious about your friends' outfit for World Book Day. Keep it up!

### **Harriet Tubman Year 1: Mateo**

For showing a huge amount of independence this week during assessment week. You have persevered in maths and writing tests and we are so impressed with your hard work! Keep it up.

### **Florence Nightingale Year 2: Rowayda**

For using her excellent imagination in our English lesson. Rowayda shared her great ideas to the class and we can't wait to read her story! Keep it up!

### **Marie Curie Year 2: Nyala**

For showing enthusiasm and perseverance in all lessons. You are a great role model for our school rules. We are so proud of you for your hard work throughout assessment week. Keep shining!

### **Isaac Newton Year 3: Luul**

Luul has shown a focused attitude towards learning, especially in maths. She has worked very hard this week and has made great progress. It has been wonderful to see her confidence grow as she takes on new challenges. Well done, Luul!

### **Michael Faraday Year 3: Livvi**

For showing resilience and perseverance during assessment week and for trying her best while making excellent progress in her Writing, Reading and Maths. We are all very proud of you. Well done and keep it up!

### **William Shakespeare Year 4: Troy**

For his enthusiasm and effort during English. He showed resilience and came up with some great ideas independently for his writing. Well done!

### **Maya Angelou Year 4: Wassim**

He has made great progress this year and has become much more independent with his learning. His confidence has grown, and it has been lovely to see him take pride in his work. We are so proud of how far he has come! Keep up the great work Wassim!

### **Benjamin Zephaniah Year 5: Sezay**

For a huge improvement in your confidence - I have been so impressed with your determination and focus in writing, reading and maths this week. You have made huge strides in your learning and have a fantastic attitude; always trying to improve and push yourself. Well done!

### **Martin Luther King Year 5: Safwan**

I have been absolutely thrilled with your work all week! Your wonderful ideas in writing have been fantastic and this week you have truly become a real author - well done!

### **Emmeline Pankhurst Year 5: Naeemah**

Well done, Naeemah! She produced a brilliant narrative and used ambitious vocabulary to make her writing engaging and exciting.

### **Nelson Mandela Year 6: Inara**

Inara has shown a focussed attitude towards learning, especially in reading. As an avid reader, she shone this week with her enthusiasm and the facts that she shared from her reading. Well done, Inara!

### **Marcus Rashford Year 6: Zuleyha**

Zuleyha, you have worked really hard this week. I was impressed with your attitude towards building your arithmetic score in maths. I have also been really impressed with the care and attention you have been putting into your writing. You have amazing ideas and all the makings of a fantastic author! Keep it up, Zuleyha.



## Year 2

Year 2 have thoroughly enjoyed book week. We have made our own books, designed new book covers for our favourite stories and decorated our classroom doors.

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## Year 1

Year 1 enjoyed an exciting puppet show where we learned the importance of being safe on and near the road.



## Reception

Reception loved their live story teller performance online and then the guided draw of the characters afterwards. We have loved all the World Book Day activities and parading in our outfits.

## 3YO Nursery

We had an amazing week celebrating world book day! We read lots of stories about our local heroes. Firefighters were a class favourite. We talked about parents being heroes and teachers being heroes. At the end of the week, we celebrated by dressing up as some of our favourite characters. The nursery looked amazing.



## 2YO Nursery

We have been celebrating world book day all week. We would like to thank year 5 children for coming down to read stories with our little ones. The children really enjoyed it.



## 2-Year-Old and 3-Year-Old Nursery

# Admissions

# OPEN

# 2025 – 2026



Your child deserves the best start in education.  
Come and have a tour of our setting.

Please see the school office to make an appointment  
Or to find out when the next tour dates are.



### Duncombe Vision

'Duncombe supports children to learn and achieve in a supportive, high quality, aspirational environment, leading to a successful transition to secondary school. We are working together to continue to raise standards across the school, striving towards excellence. We have high expectations of all our learners. We develop our children's sense of purpose, understanding, motivation and ability to learn.'

All 2-Year-old and 3-year-old applications require a part-time or full-time code provided by the Local Authority. You can check your eligibility on the Islington website.

If you need more support please talk to the team.

 The School office – 0207 272 5620  
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