

Newsletter 3rd July

Stars of the Week	
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Reception	Olivia
Year 1	Ronia
Year 2	Yolanda
Year 3	Alex
Year 4	Kene
Year 5	Dara

Head of School Update

It has been a wonderfully exciting week in school as we have been taking part in our transition activities. Our Year 6 pupils have spent time visiting their secondary schools, experiencing life as Year 7 students. It has been so lovely to hear their positive feedback – they've had a fantastic time and are feeling excited and confident about starting in September.

Across the rest of the school, children have spent four days in their new classes with their new teachers. It has been lovely to see how quickly they have settled, building new relationships and enjoying the experiences in their new environments. As part of this week, all classes have been exploring the beautiful book *The Grand Hotel of Feelings*. This has helped children to think about the different emotions we all experience, how feelings can come and go just like hotel guests, and how our behaviour can change depending on how we feel. There have been some fantastic reflections and discussions in classrooms.

You might like to take this opportunity to chat with your child about what they have been learning—what emotions they've been thinking about and how they can recognise and manage them. These conversations can be a really helpful way of supporting children's emotional understanding at home as well as in school.

A reminder that next week, children will return to their current classes where they will stay until the end of term. The end of term is jam packed, please keep an eye on the dates in the newsletter so you are aware of any events involving your child.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone!

Laura Tullock
Head of School

Football

Last night, our Y5/6 team played in their final's night. This tournament consisted of the three league winners and the three runners-up, meaning each team was extremely good. A tough night ended with the team finishing on two wins, two draws and one loss. They went into the last match with a shot at winning the whole competition, highlighting just how well they had done. A third-place finish does not tell the whole story; the teamwork, dedication and attitude on display was excellent all night. They helped out teammates and encouraged each other in each game.

For many of our team, this was the last time they will play football for the school. Our Year 6s have played in so many games for us over the past two years, winning many tournaments and leagues but also representing the school and setting high standards throughout. We're so proud of them and we hope they keep playing football.

The team were also awarded their trophy for winning their league this season. Their trophy cabinets are going to be creaking!



Outstanding Balances

As we approach the end of the school year, we kindly remind you that all outstanding balances, including lunch account balances, must be paid in full via the Arbor App by **Friday, 10th July.**

Please take a moment to check your account and settle any remaining fees by the deadline.

If you have any questions or need assistance, feel free to contact the school office.

Happy Birthday Northern Lights!

This weekend, on 4th July, Northern Lights Learning Trust celebrates a very special milestone - its 10th anniversary. Over the coming year, we will be marking this occasion with a range of events and activities across the Trust, and we are excited to begin our celebrations with a special assembly in school on Monday.

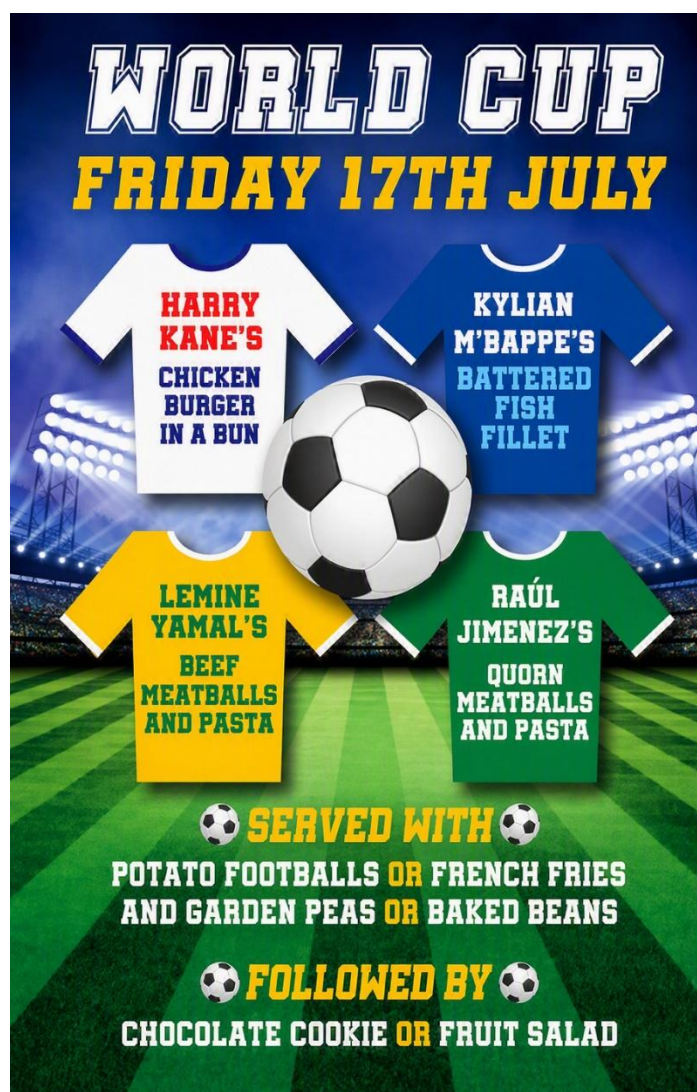
There will be many opportunities throughout the year for our pupils to join with children from other Northern Lights schools to celebrate together, share experiences, and create lasting memories.

While we are incredibly proud of our own school community, it is also important for our children to recognise that they are part of something even bigger - a wider family of schools across the North East. Together, we support one another, learn from each other, and, just like the Northern Lights themselves, we shine even brighter when we come together.

School Meals Menu - World Cup

The school meals service is holding a World Cup theme day on Friday 17th July.

We would encourage all children to have a school meal on the day. If your child does not normally have school dinners, then please let the school office know in advance if they want to be part of the promotional day so that the kitchen can plan to feed them.



Thank Crunchie It's Friday!

Celebrating Our Staff

Our staff truly do make Dame Dorothy a special place. From all of the rich learning experiences in the classroom to the opportunities pupils get outside of the classroom. Don't forget, if there is a member of staff who has made a difference, please nominate them for a Crunchie award via the Arbor app.

Safeguarding

This week's safeguarding focus links to the summer of sport. With the warmer weather, we know many children are enjoying spending more time outdoors being active, while others are spending time playing games online.

ONLINE FAIR PLAY
The Dos and Don'ts of Online Conduct

Alongside individual skill, impressive teamwork and some truly epic matches, one of the most enjoyable things about this summer's European football championships has been the sense of sportsmanship and fair play. Players have competed fiercely, but they've (mostly) remembered that they're representing their country – and that bad behaviour, dangerous play or outright cheating tends to last in people's memories for a long time after tournaments are over. The same is true of how we act online – one error of judgement or loss of control might only take a second, but can have results that are difficult to forget. Instead, just like the heroes of the Euros, we should aim for people to see us and feel proud and inspired. So, in a five-a-side line-up (with five "dos" and five "don'ts"), here are our top tips for playing fair online.

FAIR PLAY

- 1 ORGANISE YOUR DEFENCE**
Use strong passwords to protect your personal information, accounts and data. A trusted adult, like a teacher or a relative, can help you choose one that's easy for you to remember but hard for anyone else to guess.
- 2 KEEP POSSESSION**
Only share personal information online with people you know well, like friends and family. A trusted adult will be able to help you change your online privacy settings so strangers can't find things out about you.
- 3 USE TEAMWORK**
Before you use a device for the first time or download a new app, always check with a trusted adult. They'll be able to check if it's safe for you to use and make sure the privacy settings are right for you.
- 4 BE RESPECTFUL**
Treat people online like you would treat them in real life. Remember your manners and be polite and kind in your posts, comments and messages.
- 5 CATCH ATTACKERS OFFSIDE**
If someone is trying to bully you online, a trusted adult can help you to gather evidence and report that person to the authorities. You should also tell a trusted adult if you see anything online that makes you feel worried, upset, frightened or sad.

FOUL PLAY

- 1 DON'T IGNORE POSSIBLE DANGER**
Never accept a friend request from a stranger. If somebody you don't know tries to contact you online, tell a trusted adult straight away.
- 2 DON'T LOSE CONTROL & RETALIATE**
Although it can be tempting, it's best not to respond if someone attempts to bully you online or sends you hurtful messages. Tell a trusted adult what happened, and then block the person from contacting you again in future.
- 3 DON'T HURT PEOPLE DELIBERATELY**
It's important to behave online just like you would in real life. Don't post anything that can make you look like a bad person, because the things we put online can stay there for a long time.
- 4 DON'T CHEAT YOUR WAY TO VICTORY**
Don't copy another person's work that you found online or pretend that it's yours. This is called plagiarism and can get you into a lot of trouble.
- 5 DON'T PLAY FOR EXTRA TIME**
It can be easy to spend too much time online. Instead, take a break to go outside for some fresh air and exercise. Not using your device just before bed will also help you get a good night's sleep so you can be fresh and focused the next day.

Wake Up Wednesday The National College

Our guide this week looks at how children can play fairly and stay safe in online spaces. It offers helpful advice and practical tips that you may wish to talk through together at home, supporting your child to enjoy their online activities in a safe, respectful and responsible way.

[Online Fair Play: A Guide for Educators and Parents](#)

Book Recommendations

'Today a reader, tomorrow a leader.'

Margaret Fuller

This week's recommendations link closely to the work we've been doing in school around feelings and emotions. While stories can take us on wonderful adventures to new and exciting places, they also give children the chance to pause and look inward. By reading about different characters and their experiences, children can explore their own feelings in a safe, relaxed way. These stories help them to understand emotions, develop empathy for others, and recognise that it's perfectly normal to feel a whole range of emotions. Most importantly, they remind children that they are never alone in how they feel.

The books we've chosen this week are not only beautifully written, with engaging characters and storylines, but also offer valuable opportunities to start conversations and encourage reflection around feelings and emotional wellbeing.

[10 Best Children's Books About Feelings and Emotions – Mental Health Center Kids](#)



Attendance

This week's attendance winners with **99.5%** are **Year 3**.

Children with **5** late arrivals will miss out on prizes and awards even if they are at **98%**.

Our school day starts at 8:00am with our free Breakfast Club, which is open to all children from Reception to Year 6. Children must arrive before 8:30am to attend Breakfast Club. If your child arrives after 8:30am, they will not be able to enter school until the main gate opens at 8:45am.

Classroom doors are open from 8:45am to 8:55am for the start of the school day. Any children arriving after 8:55am must enter through the school office and will receive a late mark.

Thank you for your support in helping your child arrive on time each day.

Diary Dates

10 th July	Y3 & Y4 Water Fight	To celebrate all the children's hard work this year, Year 3 and Year 4 will be taking part in a water fight at school on Friday 10th July. Please ensure your child brings the following items: • A water gun (no larger than 40cm) or a water bottle Note: Water guns must be an appropriate size and not overly powerful, otherwise they will not be permitted. • A towel • A change of clothes • A bag for wet clothes • A change of shoes If your child does not wish to take part, please inform their class teacher as soon as possible.
13 th July	100% attendance treat	Parents of children who have had 100% attendance will be contacted by the school with details of this treat.
14 th July	Sports Day	Parents are invited to join us for Sports Day. Timings are below. EYFS: 9:15am Y1 & Y2: 10:30am Y3 & Y4: 1pm Y5 & Y6: 2pm
16 th July	Beach Day	Our annual beach day returns! As a school, we will have a community day out! Children should come to school at usual time, suitably dressed for the beach. Please make sure they have a hat and have suncream applied, suncream in their bag and water to drink. We will all leave school at 10.30am, if parents wish to join us, please be at school at 10.15am. Parents of our Early Years will be contacted separately about supporting children walking to the beach. Our 2-year-olds and Nursery can be collected from the beach at 11.45am. The rest of the school will leave the beach at 2.30pm to return to school.
17 th July	Y6 Leavers Assembly	The Y6 leavers assembly will take place at 2pm . It will be a reflection on their time and experiences from here and a chance for us to say goodbye to a wonderful group of children. Hankies recommended!
22 nd July	Guard of Honor	We will be staging our leavers' Guard of Honour at 3pm where we say our final farewell in front of all the children, staff and parents. Not to be missed!

22ND JULY– LAST DAY OF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 3:15PM

2ND SEPTEMBER – CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL

School Calendar



Dame Dorothy Primary School 2026-2027



August 2026							
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September 2026							
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May 2027							
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June 2027							
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July 2027							
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Bank holidays 2026/27 UK



Inset days

31 August '26	August Bank Holiday	28 December '26	1 January '27	New Year's Day	3 May '27	Early May Bank Holiday
25 December '26	Christmas Day		28 March '27	Good Friday	31 May '27	Spring Bank Holiday
26 December '26	Boxing Day		29 March '27	Easter Monday		