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Friday 20th March 2026

Summer Term Newsletter



Dear families,

As we begin the summer term, we would like to take a moment to celebrate our wonderful children and reflect on the rich experiences and successes of the spring term. Each child has continued to grow in confidence, resilience and ambition, and we are incredibly proud of the determination, kindness and curiosity they bring to school each day.

This term has been filled with memorable opportunities that have strengthened both learning and community spirit. Our on-site swimming pool has been a phenomenal success, giving every child the chance to develop vital life skills and enjoy the excitement of swimming lessons right here at school. Our cultural days have been vibrant celebrations of diversity, helping children deepen their understanding of the world around them. Events such as our Valentine's Day Movie Night, World Book Day and our Warm Hands, Warm Hearts project have brought families together and shown the compassion, creativity and unity that make Hunningley so special.

The purpose of this newsletter is to share information about the upcoming events and opportunities taking place throughout the summer term. We hope this helps families stay informed and excited as we move towards the end of the academic year, building on the achievements of the past term. Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support. We look forward to a joyful, busy and successful summer term ahead.



Whole School Inset Day – Monday 13th April 2026

Hunningley will remain closed to all pupils on Monday 13th April to support with our in-school staff training.

Hunningley will reopen to all pupils on **Tuesday 14th April 2026** with Breakfast Club resuming as normal from 8am.

Year 3 – Magna Education Visit

On Wednesday 15th April, all Year 3 pupils will be visiting Magna Science Adventure Centre to extend their learning on volcanoes.

This visit will build on the work they have completed in class and bring their learning to life. Please refer to the letter previously shared with families for all timings and further details about the visit.



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Culture Day Timetable

Our Culture Days have been a wonderful celebration of diversity and community across school this year.

Year 1, Year 3, Year 6 and Year 2 have enjoyed fantastic Culture Days throughout the spring term, proudly sharing their heritage and wearing the colours of their countries' flags. Years 4 and 5 will be celebrating their Culture Days during the summer term, and all information and dates can be found in the timetable below.



Year Group	In School Culture Day	Country	Colours
Year 4	Thursday 30 th April 2026	Germany	Black, Red & Yellow
Parent Presentation Date		Time	
Thursday 7 th May 2026		9:00am – Main Hall	



Year Group	In School Culture Day	Country	Colours
Year 5	Thursday 21 st May 2026	Italy	Green, White & Red
Parent Presentation Date		Time	
Thursday 4 th June 2026		9:00am – Main Hall	

We are really looking forward to continuing these celebrations throughout the summer term. Thank you for supporting and embracing these special events.

Year 1 – Parent Phonics Meeting

On Tuesday 21st April 2026, our Year 1 team would like to invite all Year 1 families into school to share important information about the upcoming Phonics Screening Checks.

The meeting will begin at 3:30pm, and families can enter school through the Year 1 door.



Parents Evening

Our summer term Parents' Evenings will take place on **Wednesday 22nd April 2026** from 2:30–5:30pm and **Thursday 23rd April 2026** from 2:30–4:30pm.

These sessions will be held in the school's main hall, and appointments can be booked through Arbor from next week. We look forward to welcoming you into school to share your child's progress.



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Non-Uniform Day

On Friday 24th April, all children are invited to attend school in non-uniform. There is no cost for this event, but we kindly ask for tombola prize donations, if you are able, to support our upcoming Spring Fair. It's going to be a good one!



Spring Fair

On Friday 1st May, we will be hosting our first ever Spring Fair, which we are running this year instead of a Summer Fair. We are really excited about this event. School will close to all children at 1:30pm, with the fair beginning between 1:45 and 2:00pm. There will be sweet treats, games and plenty of exciting stalls and activities for everyone to enjoy.

We hope you can join us!

May Day Bank Holiday – School Closure

We would just like to remind families that school will be closed to all children on Monday 4th May for the May Day Bank Holiday.

We will reopen to all pupils on Tuesday 5th May 2026, with Breakfast Club resuming as normal from 8am.

Have a great day!



NATIONAL COAL MINING MUSEUM

Year 4 – National Coal Mining Museum

On Wednesday 6th May 2026, our Year 4 pupils will be visiting the National Coal Mining Museum to extend their learning in History.

This will be a fantastic opportunity for children to deepen their understanding through real-life, hands-on experiences. Please refer back to the letter previously shared with families for all the information you need about this visit.



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**YORKSHIRE
SCULPTURE PARK**

Year 1 – Yorkshire Sculpture Park – Careers Trip

On Thursday 7th May, our Year 1 children will be visiting Yorkshire Sculpture Park as part of our careers curriculum.

This trip is designed to inspire our young artists and creatives of the future by exploring art in a real-world setting. More details will be shared in the coming weeks, but please refer to the letter sent via Arbor for all current information.

VE DAY CELEBRATIONS – Whole School

On Friday 8th May, we will be celebrating VE Day for its 81st anniversary.

All children are invited to attend school in non-uniform, and we will be hosting our annual whole-school outdoor lunch (weather permitting!). More details will be shared after the Easter holidays.

It will be another day to remember!



Year 6 SATs



YEAR 6 – SATS WEEK

Year 6 SATs Week will take place from **Monday 11th May to Friday 15th May 2026**.

Our children have worked incredibly hard in preparation for their assessments, and we are committed to making this a positive and enjoyable week for them. All Year 6 pupils will be served a delicious breakfast each morning and will finish the week with an exciting celebration day on the Friday. If your child is going to be absent at any point during this week, please let us know at the earliest opportunity.

YEAR 6 – ALTON TOWERS

On Monday 18th May, our Year 6 children will be heading to Alton Towers to celebrate the completion of SATs Week. We had an incredible time last year, and we cannot wait to share this experience with this year's cohort. Please refer to the letter shared via Arbor for all important details that families need to know about the trip.



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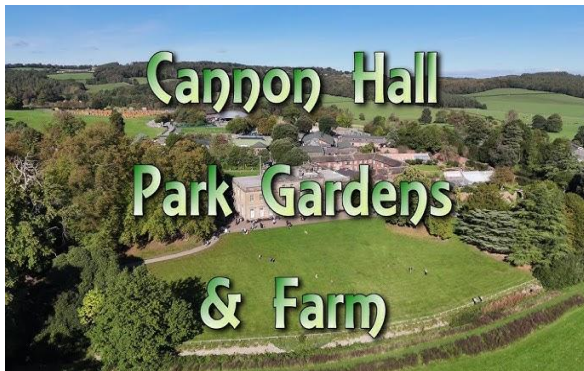


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Cannon Hall Park Gardens & Farm

Reception – Cannon Hall Farm Visit

On Tuesday 19th May 2026, all children in our Reception classes will be going on an exciting visit to Cannon Hall Farm.

This trip links to the children's curriculum topic of 'Life Cycles', and they will enjoy exploring the farm as well as taking part in a private tour of the grounds. How exciting! Please refer to the letter shared via Arbor for all important details regarding this visit.

Hunningley's Day of Kindness

On Wednesday 20th May 2026, we will be celebrating our very first Hunningley's Day of Kindness.

This is an amazing initiative created by our children. Each year group has chosen a charity they would like to support and will be completing acts of service or taking part in fundraising activities throughout the day to help their chosen cause. More information about this event will be shared in the coming weeks.



MAY HALF TERM

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All children in school will break up for the May half-term holidays on Friday 22nd May 2026, with school closing at the normal time.

School will remain closed until **Tuesday 2nd June 2026**, with Breakfast Club resuming as usual from 8am.

Happy half term, everyone!

SUMMER 2



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Year 4 – Austerfield’s Residential

From Tuesday 2nd June, our Year 4 residential visits to Austerfield Study Centre will begin!

This fantastic one-night trip gives children the chance to build teamwork, resilience, independence and problem-solving skills.

Class 4G will be attending from Tuesday 2nd June to Wednesday 3rd June 2026, and **Class 4T** will be attending from Wednesday 3rd June to Thursday 4th June 2026.

We are so excited for this visit, and more information regarding staffing and arrangements will be shared in the coming months.



Year 4 – Multiplication Check

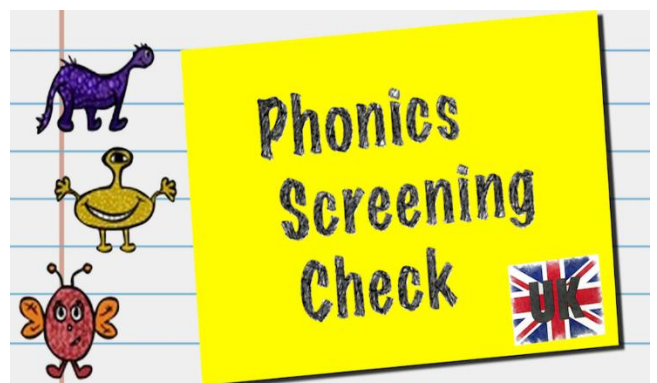
The Year 4 Multiplication Check will also be taking place during the first week back at school.

If your child is going to be absent at any point during this window, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can plan accordingly.

Year 1 – Phonics Screening Check

From Monday 8th June through to Friday 12th June, all Year 1 pupils will be sitting their compulsory Phonics Screening Check.

Our children are working incredibly hard to prepare, and we can't wait to see how well they do. Please let us know at the earliest opportunity if your child is going to be absent during this week.



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Year 3 – London Trip

On Tuesday 9th June, all our Year 3 children will be going on an educational visit to London.

The children will be exploring the Natural History Museum and enjoying a river cruise along the River Thames. To top it off, the children will be stopping at McDonald's on the way home for tea! Please refer to the letter shared via Arbor for all the important details regarding this visit.

FIFA World Cup 2026

The FIFA World Cup begins on Thursday 11th June, and we can't wait to see how England perform in this year's tournament.

We will be celebrating their achievements as the competition progresses, and we'll share relevant updates on our social media pages throughout the event.



FIFA WORLD CUP
UNITED STATES - CANADA - MEXICO

Sports Week

Please find the dates and times for our annual Sports Days below:

Tuesday 16 th June 2026	
Year Groups	Time
Years 1 & 2	9:30-10:30am
Years 3 & 4	1:45-2:45pm

Wednesday 17 th June 2026	
Year Groups	Time
Reception	9:30-10:30am
Years 5 & 6	1:45-2:45pm



Father's Day Crafts

Father's Day Crafts will also be taking place during Sports Week.

We are currently in the planning stages of this event, and dates and times will be shared as soon as possible so that families can plan accordingly.



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Year 5 – National Space Centre

To extend our children's knowledge and learning in the curriculum, our Year 5 pupils will be visiting the National Space Centre on Thursday 18th June 2026.

This exciting experience will support their understanding of space, science and exploration in a real-life setting. Please check Arbor for further updates and important information regarding this visit.

Houses of Parliament

We have some exciting news to share! On Monday 22nd June 2026, a group of Hunningley pupils have been invited to visit the Houses of Parliament in London.

If your child has been invited by Stephanie Peacock, you will receive notification via Arbor in the coming weeks.

What an incredible opportunity!



New Teacher Information

On Friday 26th June, all children, parents and carers will be provided with their child's new teacher information.

Transition

All children will then spend time in their new classes on **Monday 29th June** and **Tuesday 30th June 2026**.

Meet the
TEACHER

Year 6 – Robin Wood Residential

Our Year 6 pupils will be going on their two-night residential to Robin Wood Activity Centre from Wednesday 1st July to Friday 3rd July 2026.

This fantastic experience helps children develop teamwork, confidence, resilience and problem-solving skills through a range of exciting outdoor activities. We had an incredible time last year, and we cannot wait to share this adventure with this year's cohort.



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Reception – EYFS Graduation Ceremony

On Thursday 2nd July 2026 at 9:30am, our Reception classes will be holding their in-school graduation ceremony.

This is a wonderful celebration of the children's achievements, with plenty of photo opportunities and a chance to mark this special milestone together. More information, including how many adults can attend per child, will be shared in the coming months.



RUNWAY

VISITOR PARK

Year 2 – Manchester Airport

On Monday 6th July, our Year 2 children will be going on our annual visit to Manchester Airport.

The children will enjoy a tour of the real-life Terminal 2 before heading over to the Visitors Park to take part in a lesson inside a real aeroplane. An exciting new addition this year is the opportunity to step aboard the Concorde—a truly unforgettable experience!

Year 6 – Prom – Provisional Date

We currently have a provisional date for our Year 6 Prom, which is planned for Wednesday 8th July. We are still awaiting final confirmation from Barnsley Academy, so we kindly ask families to hold off making any bookings or arrangements just yet. We will notify you as soon as the date is confirmed. If Prom does go ahead on this day, children will be able to leave at lunchtime to prepare for the evening's celebrations. Transport will also be provided by school.



Year 6 – Afternoon Tea

Please see the dates and times for this year's Year 6 Afternoon Tea sessions below:

Monday 6 th July 2026	
Class	Time
Miss Winton's (6RW)	2:00pm

Friday 10 th July 2026	
Class	Time
Mrs Webb's (6W)	2:00pm



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Summer Concerts

Last year, we hosted our Spring Concerts during the spring term and then held our Summer Fair later in the year. This year, we have decided to switch things around and will instead be holding a Spring Fair followed by our Summer Concerts for parents and carers to enjoy. Our children will be singing and performing, and they cannot wait to showcase their songs for you. Please find the dates and times below for families to come along and enjoy the show!

Thursday 9 th July 2026	
Year Group	Time
YEAR 1 Families	9:30am

Friday 10 th July 2026	
Year Group	Time
YEAR 2 Families	9:30am

Monday 13 th July 2026	
Year Groups	Time
YEAR 3 Families	9:30am
YEAR 4 Families	2:00pm

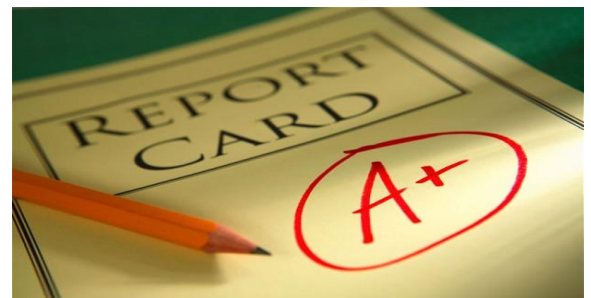
Thursday 16 th July 2026	
Year Groups	Time
YEAR 5 Families	9:30am
YEAR 6 Families	2:00pm

We hope you can make it – It's sure to be an amazing show!

End of Year Reports – Whole School

Our end of year reports will be sent out to parents and carers on Friday 10th July 2026.

Our reports are designed to share and celebrate all your child's successes and next steps from the work and learning they have completed this academic year.



School's Out!

Friday 17th July 2026 is our children's final day in school of the academic year.

School will close to all children at 1:30pm once class parties and end of year celebrations have finished.



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Hunningley Summer Events – Timetable

APRIL 2026	
EVENT	DATE
Whole School Inset Day	Monday 13 th April 2026
Year 3 – Magna Science Museum	Wednesday 15 th April 2026
Year 1 – Parents Phonics Meeting	Tuesday 21 st April 2026
Parents Evening – Day 1	Wednesday 22 nd April 2026
Parents Evening – Day 2	Thursday 23 rd April 2026
Whole School Non-Uniform Day	Friday 24 th April 2026
Year 4 – German Cultural Day	Thursday 30 th April 2026

MAY 2026	
EVENT	DATE
Whole School Spring Fair	Friday 1 st May 2026
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 4 th May 2026
Year 4 – National Coal Mining Museum	Wednesday 6 th May 2026
Year 4 – Parent Cultural Day Assembly	Thursday 7 th May 2026
Year 1 – Yorkshire Sculpture Park	Thursday 7 th May 2026
Whole School VE Day Celebrations	Friday 8 th May 2026
Year 6 – SATS WEEK	Monday 11 th May – Friday 15 th May 2026
Year 6 – Alton Towers	Monday 18 th May 2026
Reception – Cannon Hall Farm	Tuesday 19 th May 2026
Hunningley's Day of Kindness	Wednesday 20 th May 2026
Year 5 – Italian Cultural Day	Thursday 21 st May 2026
May Spring Bank Holidays	Friday 22 nd May 2026

JUNE 2026	
EVENT	DATE
Whole School Inset Day	Monday 1 st June 2026
Year 4 – Austerfields Residential	Tuesday 2 nd June – Thursday 4 th June 2026
Year 5 – Parent Cultural Day Assembly	Thursday 4 th June 2026
Year 4 – Multiplication Check	Monday 1 st June – Friday 5 th June 2026
Year 1 – Phonics Screening Check	Monday 8 th June – Friday 12 th June 2026
Year 3 – London Trip	Tuesday 9 th June 2026
Sports Days	Tuesday 16 th June & Wednesday 17 th June
Father's Day Crafts	Monday 15 th June – Friday 19 th June 2026
Year 5 – National Space Centre	Thursday 18 th June 2026
Houses of Parliament	Monday 22 nd June 2026
New Teacher Information	Friday 26 th June 2026
Whole School Transition Days	Monday 29 th June & Tuesday 30 th June 2026



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JULY 2026	
EVENT	DATE
Year 6 – Robin Wood Residential	Wednesday 1 st July – Friday 3 rd July 2026
Reception – Graduation Ceremony	Thursday 2 nd July 2026
Year 2 – Manchester Airport Visit	Monday 6 th July 2026
Year 6 – Prom – PROVISIONAL	Wednesday 8 th July 2026
Class 6RW – Afternoon Tea	Monday 6 th July 2026
Class 6W – Afternoon Tea	Friday 10 th July 2026
Summer Concerts	Thursday 9 th July – Thursday 16 th July 2026
End of Year Reports	Friday 10 th July 2026
School's Out for Summer	Friday 17 th July 2026

Thank you for taking the time to read through this newsletter. I apologise for the length, but I wanted to ensure that all parents and families have as much notice as possible about the many exciting events and opportunities taking place between now and the end of the school year. We know that things may change between now and July, and we will notify families at the earliest opportunity should any updates or amendments become necessary.

As always, thank you for your continued support, encouragement and involvement in school life. The strong partnership we share with our families plays a vital role in creating meaningful experiences, memorable moments and the very best opportunities for our children. We are incredibly grateful for everything you do and look forward to working together throughout the summer term to make it a truly special one for our school community.

Kindest Regards,
Mr Parker
Vice Principal
Leader of KS1, Education with Character & the Wider Community



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