



Newsletter

Positive Ambitious Nurturing

Friday 22nd May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It feels like this half-term has absolutely flown by, and as we head towards the half-term break and into the final term of our academic year, life in school has continued to be as busy and purposeful as ever.

Our Year 6 children completed their SATS tests last week, and they did brilliantly. All children were well prepared and worked incredibly hard throughout the week. We are so proud of each and every one of them — whatever the outcomes, they gave their very best, and that is all we can ever ask.

To support them during the week, we ran our SATS Breakfast Club each morning, helping children to settle calmly into the day and start in a relaxed and positive way. As a



reward for their hard work and resilience, Year 6 also

enjoyed a Forest School day on Friday, which they definitely deserved. It has also been lovely to see so many excited Year 6 pupils already looking ahead, now busy preparing for their end of year performance, learning lines and songs.

I have spent a great deal of time this week looking through children's exercise books and have been really impressed with the standard of work being produced. It is clear to see the progress children are making, and our books are a real credit to them — full of neat presentation, pride in learning and high-quality work across all subjects. We're looking forward to inviting you in next half-term for our open afternoon, where you will be able to see this for yourselves.

In assembly this week, we had a really thoughtful discussion with Key Stage 2 about our school values — positive, ambitious and nurturing — and which, if any, might be the



most important. The children shared some excellent ideas and gave very well-reasoned arguments for their choices. I think what we discovered by the end of assembly is that there isn't a clear "most important" value, and many children felt strongly that each one depends on the others — that we cannot truly be positive without being ambitious and nurturing, and vice versa.

As I write this, children are fizzing with excitement about this afternoon's colour dash. Thank you to everyone who has managed to raise money for the brilliant LCH charity. I'm sure children will have a great afternoon completing the colour dash – and apologies in advance for how they look on collection!

Community Hero Award – Nominations Open

We're excited to once again be presenting the Peter Riley Community Hero Award at the end of this academic year, and nominations are now open. I always enjoy reading nominations to find out the different ways our children make us, their family and our community proud.

This award recognises a child at our school, who has made a positive contribution to the local area over the past year. This might include, for example, raising money for charity, taking part in community projects, helping others, organising events, litter picking, or any other act of kindness and service that has made a difference.

If you would like to nominate a child, please email slt@donisthorpe.leics.sch.uk with your child's name and a brief explanation of why they deserve the award.

The deadline for nominations is **Monday 15th June**.

Saffron Lane Athletics Competition

Every year, some of our strongest athletes from Key Stage 2 represent the school at the Saffron Lane athletics competition, competing against other schools from the local area.

Over the past few weeks, Clubszone staff have been running heats with children in school to determine who will go forward to represent



Donisthorpe at the event. Well done to all children who took part — it has been fantastic to see such effort, enthusiasm and sportsmanship throughout.

Congratulations to those children who have been selected to go through to the competition. We know they will represent the school brilliantly.



School Uniform

We would like to let parents know that our amended school uniform policy is now in place and available to view on our website:

[Donisthorpe Primary School Policies](#)

We ask all children to continue wearing the correct school uniform and to take pride in their appearance as representatives of the school. Full expectations can be found in the policy link above.

Reminder of acceptable items of school uniform:

- Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan (with or without school logo)
- White or royal blue polo shirt (with or without school logo)
- Plain white shirt or blouse
- Grey or black school trousers, shorts, pinafore dress or skirt
- Blue and white gingham summer dress
- Plain black school shoes or trainers (no coloured logos or designs)



One key update relates to **PE kit, starting from August 2026**. Children now only require **one PE kit**, rather than separate indoor and outdoor kits. This change is designed to simplify requirements for families while ensuring children are still appropriately equipped for all PE activities.

The PE kit is:

- Royal blue or white PE t shirt (with or without school logo)
- Plain blue or black shorts, joggers or leggings
- Plain blue or black sweatshirt, tracksuit top or hoodie (for colder weather)
- Trainers (suitable for sport)

Please ensure all items are clearly named.

Thank you for your continued support in helping children look smart and ready for school each day.

Sports Success

Well done to our Year 5/6 Cricket Team, who took part in a competition yesterday at Ashby Cricket Club. The team performed brilliantly throughout the tournament, initially finishing level at the top of their group before narrowly missing out on a higher finish due to run difference, eventually placing 3rd overall.

Mr Sherlock messaged me as soon as the competition had finished to tell me how brilliant our children were.



Open Classroom

We would like to invite parents and carers into their child's classroom on **Thursday 2nd July** to look at their books, see how hard they have been working, and find out more about what they have been learning. Classrooms will be open from **3.20pm until 4.00pm**. We will hand over children as normal at the end of the day before opening classrooms up.

The Nook – Price Update

We would like to inform parents that, due to continued increases in general running costs, there will be a small increase in the cost of our before and after school club from the start of the next academic year.

We have worked hard to keep any increases to a minimum; however, we are now required to increase prices by **£1 per session**.

From the start of the new academic year, the revised costs will be:

- **Morning sessions:** £7
- **Afternoon sessions:** £13

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.



Sports Day

Weather permitting, we are hoping to hold our **Sports Day on Friday 5th June at 1.30pm**.

Parents and carers are very welcome to join us on the school field from **1.15pm**. For the safety of the children, we kindly ask that parents do not cross the running track during the event.

We will be holding a range of traditional races involving all children across the school — and maybe even a parent race (plenty of time to start training).

Children will remain with their class groups on the field. When it is time for their race, they will be collected by a member of staff and taken to their event. Miss Morton, our PE Coordinator, alongside class teachers, has been working hard to organise teams and ensure all children have the opportunity to take part and enjoy the day.

Children should come to school wearing:

- A t-shirt in their team colour (red, green, blue or yellow)
- Shorts or joggers
- Trainers suitable for running

Please also ensure children come prepared for the weather with a sun hat and an extra drink if it is warm. Let's hope the sun shines for us!

Sunny Weather

The current forecast for the half-term break is looking lovely, with hot, sunny weather expected. Hopefully this will continue when we return to school.

When the weather is warm, we encourage parents to send children to school with a **sun hat** for playtimes, as the sun is at its strongest when children are outside. **Sun cream should be applied before school.** If sending sun cream into school, please ensure that children are able to apply it themselves independently.



Finally, I hope you all have a great bank holiday weekend and all of our children enjoy a well-earned half-term break.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jamie Williamson'.

Jamie Williamson
Headteacher