



# Friday 3rd July 2026 Newsletter

## Flookburgh C of E Primary School

This is such a great school community! Thank you for continuing to get your children to school on time and ready to learn – the children are still bringing their best efforts – and the school team is still working to the highest levels to make sure we finish strongly.

### **'Dress like a Star' Day**

The children can come dressed up on Thursday (in return for bringing a nut free cake for the Summer Fair). Feel free to interpret 'like a star' as you choose

### **Summer Fair**

Next Friday – 2:00 – 4:00pm – come and join us for the FoFS summer fair. Bring friends and fun to the different stalls and refreshments. Any help setting up and packing down will also be warmly welcomed. Please speak to a member of FoFS if you are able to help.

Please drop any sweet donations for our 'Sweet Tombola' or raffle prizes into the office ASAP! Thank you!

### **Summer Building Project**

Over the summer the school will become a building site, as work begins to replace all external windows and doors, the hall floor and fire doors. It will be a busy time and we hope all works will be completed before the children return. This is a massive investment provided by the local authority – it will create a safer and cost-effective environment for our children.

### **Local Authority Learning Adviser visit**

It was great to welcome the local authority into school today – they looked at books, how we are developing reading and writing, spoke to children and met with some staff. They were excited by the progress within school and how the children spoke so clearly and articulately about how their school is improving and making them more keen to learn. These are exciting times – please keep speaking to friends and family about the chance to join our school.

### **Open Morning**

The final Open Morning of the year **is** on Weds 8th July at 9:30am. Please let people know and encourage them to come and look around. Good things are happening.

### **Attendance**

The attendance officer for the local authority visited school on Monday. We would like to say a collective thank you and well done – our attendance levels are strong and have been commended. The more the children are in school (on time), the more they will make progress and form strong relationships with their class. Please continue to support us with this – thank you.

### **Lions Football Tournament**

Our school was represented strongly by a mixed Y3-6 team yesterday. **They** performed with great skill, energy and resolve. The children had a great time, winning two, drawing one and losing narrowly 2-1 to Grange in the semi-final. We are so proud of them all.

### **After-school club & extra curricular clubs**

Thank you for the growing uptake of the **wraparound** care provision. Please continue to use this service next year as we ideally need it to be self-sufficient by Sept 2027.

On Friday 10th and 17th there will be no after-school club due to the Summer Fair and finishing school for the end of term at 2:00pm respectively.

Moving forward, after school club will close at 4:00pm on a Friday. There has been little demand for this service. If this becomes a regular need moving forward, please let us know and we will re-adjust.

Athletics, Gardening, Singing clubs will continue next week but will stop on Thursday 9th July. There will be no rounders club on Friday 10th or any day in the final week.

## **Stay & Play**

Parents of Hilltop class and prospective parents are warmly invited to Stay & Play (join in with your children in their learning at school) on Thursday 9th July between 2:00 – 3:15pm

## **School Lunches WC06/07/2026**

The deadline for ordering lunches for next week has now passed, please ensure if you haven't ordered a lunch you send your child/ren to school with a packed lunch.

*Phil Wright*

## **Class pages**

### **Hill Top Class**

#### **This Week at Hilltop**

We have enjoyed a cooler week this week and have made the most of being outside looking for signs of summer. The children loved exploring the school grounds and forest area looking for summer shades on a colour hunt. They picked flowers for our flower press and made ice flower shapes in the water area. The children noticed on the colour walk that there were black currants and raspberries on the bushes. We decided to pick them before the birds and the children suggested we baked scones with them to share with parents on Stay and Play afternoon next week.

Last week we read the story of the tiger who came to tea and this week we wrote a story map to help the children retell the story in the right order. The children walked on the map as they retold it and even some of youngest members of Hilltop wanted to join in and did a great job!

We had a mischievous visitor on Wednesday that knocked on the door! It was a monkey called Buster that decided to nibble our apples, drank our drinks and even snatched the crackers off Mrs Shaw and ran around the classroom. The children suggested Buster needed some time out. This was a great imaginative base for the children to help innovate a new version of the monkey who came to snack time and make a story map in Drawing Club.

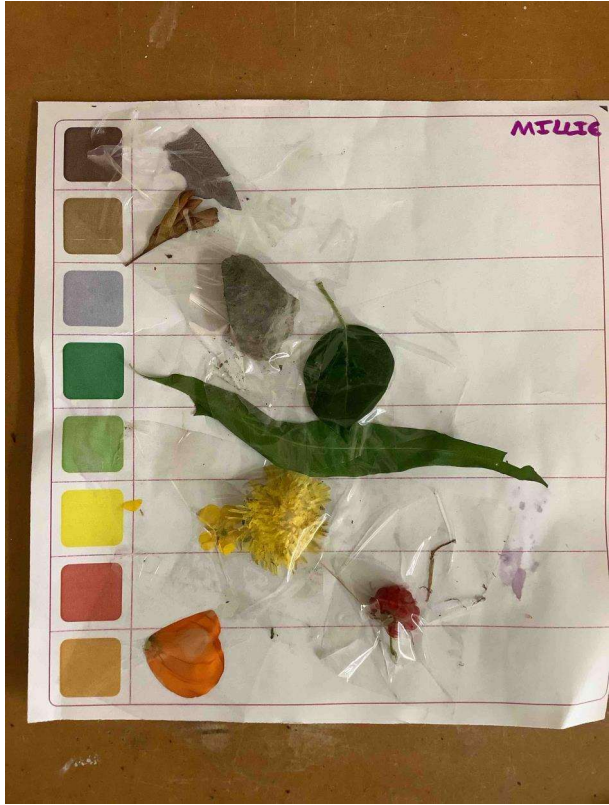
The children have made sure Buster has behaved himself for the rest of the week!

#### **A Reminder!**

If you have not already done so, please can you let Mrs Wright know if you are able to join us next week for the Stay and Play session from 2 - 3.10pm. The children are very excited to share their learning with you.









## Dove Class

### ***Dove Class***

We loved our DT day on Monday! All of the children successfully planned and made a pizza, following a set of instructions. We have been working hard over the last couple of weeks and had to write a very clear shopping list for Miss Butler's trip to Asda. Following on from Monday we have written our own set of instructions, so that anyone can make a pizza!

Important information:

- PE is every Wednesday and PE kits should be kept in school, please can earrings be taken out or covered
- Please can all uniform be labelled (I have lots of unlabelled jumpers and cardigans in the classroom if anyone is missing some!)
- Please can reading folders come in to school everyday
- Homework will be sent out Friday and checked on a Thursday. Please check your child's reading folder for any books and homework



## Bluebird Class

We have been D&T mad this week.

We have used our Science knowledge about magnets and our history knowledge to build an Egyptian-themed stable structure that has a secret moving part that can be moved with a magnet. The children have worked really hard on their structures and they are wonderfully creative. We have some pyramids with secret doors or compartments, sphinxes with moving heads and sarcophaguses that reveal mummies. Thank you to those who brought in cardboard, it was really appreciated.

In English, we have been looking at poetry with a focus on limericks. On Monday, the children had a go at reading and performing poetry to explore rhythm and rhyme. Then, we have explored limericks about well-known villains and have worked on creating our own limericks. In maths, we have been exploring coordinates and translation of shapes. The children created some great treasure maps and used their problem-solving skills to find where the hidden treasure was using coordinates.

Important information:

- PE is on a Tuesday and a Thursday. Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit, including PE shorts.
- Homework is set on a Friday and is due in on the following Wednesday
- Please could children bring in only water in their water bottles. Thank you.

## Wainwright Class

What a week!

I'm sure the children have come home and told you all about the residential trip and everything they got up to. It was an utterly fantastic few days.

On arrival, the children got settled into their rooms and met our instructors for the week, Imogen and Matt. We went on an alien hunt around the grounds. Teams had to remember the name and 6 digit code number for each of the aliens and it was a great start to build the team spirit. After lunch, we went ghyll scrambling up Stickle Ghyll. The children had a blast and for most of them, this was their favourite activity of the trip. It was so lovely to see how the children helped each other and encouraged one another.

On Tuesday, we started with canoeing across Windermere. We canoed, played some games and planned our splash attacks for the other canoes. We were then able to have a little dip and spend time jumping off the jetty. Some of the children were really nervous and scared of the deeper water and showed such wonderful courage. By the end, they were standing in the canoes, climbing into other canoes and jumping off jetties! In the afternoon, we walked up Todd Crag in the beautiful sunshine and took in the spectacular view. Everyone showed

fantastic determination and we enjoyed a moment of calm by Lily Tarn at the top listening to the sounds of nature.

On our last morning, all of the children were up, packed and rooms stripped and cleaned by 8am. We then went climbing, where the children climbed up 10m poles and then could sit or jump off the top. The children were so encouraging of each other and everyone pushed themselves the second time they went up to go that little bit higher. After this, we completed a very wet orienteering competition around the grounds before lunch and sadly home.

The children were such a fantastic reflection of you and our school with their manners and their kindness. They helped to look after their rooms and the dining room when we ate and the instructors were blown away with their enthusiasm and encouragement of each other.

***Wainwright Class:***

- Homework will continue to be given out on a Monday and be collected on a Friday
- PE days are Monday and Wednesday (please make sure your child has their full kit- including trainers- in school)
- Y6 are welcome to come to school for 'breakfast' at 8:30am on the mornings of the SATs test.

## Wrap-around Care Club

Following recent feedback from parents, we are pleased to share that we have been able to extend our after-school wraparound care to include our upcoming Reception children who will be joining Reception in **September 2026**.

Bookings can now be made using the **Arbor app**, or by calling the school office.

If you would like to book your child/ren into any of our sessions, please contact the school office or book via Arbor.



## Upcoming Events...

**Summer Term:** Key Dates

<b>Fri 26th June</b>	<b>Sports Day 1:00 – 3:00pm</b>
Weds 1st July	Sports Day Back-up – pm only
Weds 8th July	Open Morning (9:30 – 11:00am)
Thurs 9th July	<b>Dress Like a Star Day – 9th July</b>
<b>Fri 10th July</b>	<b>Summer Fair, 2:00 – 4:00pm</b>
Thurs 16th July	Leavers Service
Fri 17th July	Last Day of Term
Mon 20th July	First Day of Summer Holidays

Dates may be amended or added throughout the term so please keep checking back!

## Friends of Flookburgh School



### ★ FoFS Summer Fair – Important Information

Our annual **FoFS Summer Fair** will take place on **Friday from 2:00pm–4:00pm**, and we would love for you to join us for an afternoon of fun! Bring your family and friends along to enjoy our fantastic stalls, games, refreshments and much more.

### ✨ Dress as a Star – Thursday 9th July

To help us celebrate, children are invited to come to school dressed as a '**star**'. This could be:

- An actual star!
- Their favourite celebrity, sportsperson or famous person.

- Or anyone they consider to be a star.

Instead of a monetary donation, we kindly ask that each child brings **either a homemade or shop-bought cake** (no judging here—we'll happily accept both!). Please ensure that all cakes are **nut-free**.

### **Donations Needed**

We would be very grateful for donations of:

- Wrapped sweets or chocolates for our **Sweet Tombola**.
- Prizes for our **Raffle**.

### **Volunteers Welcome**

We are also looking for volunteers to help with setting up before the fair and packing away afterwards. If you are able to spare some time, please speak to a member of the **FoFS** team.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to seeing you at the Summer Fair for a fantastic afternoon of fun and fundraising!

**Autumn Disco 2025** - We managed to raise an impressive **£125.50!** The children had fun, some great snacks and music (courtesy of DJ Culbert). Thank-you to all our helpers!

**Christmas 2025** - We're delighted to share that the current total for our Elf Dash stands at **£1,840.00 with £369.84 coming to FOFS**. Thank you for your generosity!

**Easter Family Bingo 2026** - Thank-you for the fantastic support, in total we raised **£637.00!**

## Arbor

We are now moving towards using Arbor for all school communication, trips, and clubs. To support this transition, please note the following:

**Outstanding Balances:** Please ensure any outstanding balances on ParentPay are cleared before the end of September.

**Communication via Arbor:** Messages that used to be sent via text message will now be sent via our in-app messaging on your Arbor profile.

**App & Notifications:** To make sure you receive all updates, please download the Arbor App and enable notifications.

**Urgent Messages:** Any urgent information will still be sent directly via text message.

**Support:** If you experience any issues with setting up or using the Arbor App, please visit the school office and we will be happy to help.

Thank you for your support in helping us make communication more efficient and cost-effective.

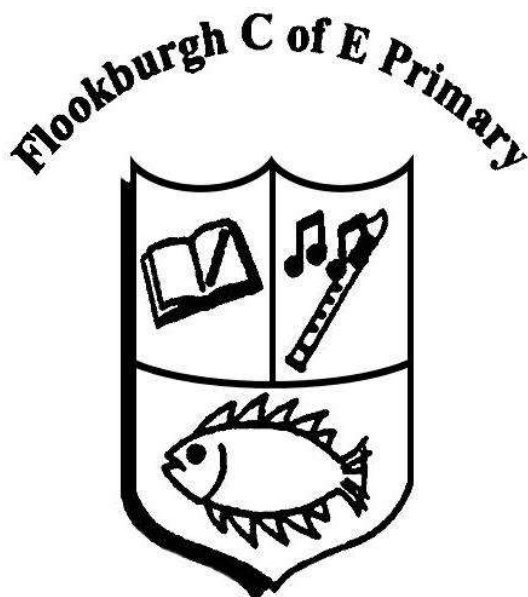
**School Lunches:** The cut-off time for ordering school lunches is **Fridays at 9:00am**. Any school lunches ordered after this time will not be seen or processed.

**Wrap-around Care:**

If you would like to book your child onto one of our **Breakfast Club sessions (Nursery–Year 6)** or **After School sessions (Reception–Year 6)**, please book via **Arbor** or call the school office and leave a voicemail. Phones will be checked before **3:00pm** and bookings will be confirmed.

Thank you.

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