

# NEWSLETTER

INSPIRING ALL TO SOAR TO NEW HEIGHTS

CHALLENGE - CREATIVITY - CRITICAL THINKING -  
COLLABORATION - COMPASSION



## Edition 1: 5<sup>th</sup> September 2025

### Welcome to a New School Year!

As we embark on the new school year, I would like to extend a very warm welcome back to all our pupils and their families, and especially our new EYFS pupils who will be starting next week! It has been a pleasure to see the children returning to school with such enthusiasm and energy, ready to embrace the challenges and adventures that await them.

We are delighted that the children have settled in remarkably well. Their behaviour has been exemplary, demonstrating great respect towards both their peers and staff. It is heartening to see them engage actively in their learning and support one another while building strong friendships. Throughout this week, we have focused on establishing a positive learning environment, reinforcing our classroom values and expectations. The children have eagerly shared their summer experiences. As we move forward, I look forward to working closely with each of you to ensure our children thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. Thank you for your continued support. Here's to a fantastic year filled with growth, learning, and joy!

With warmest regards,

Miss Bailey, Executive Deputy Headteacher, BA (Hons), PGCE, NPQH

### IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Please ensure the children are wearing the correct footwear - they should have plain black shoes or trainers (not boots).



### COMMUNITY NEWS

This week we met with Revd Jacqui from The Parish Church of St Margaret, Downham. She would like to warmly welcome you all to the all-age worship on the first Sunday of every month. We will also be having a service at the War Memorial in the village at 10.45am on 11<sup>th</sup> November.

### READING RECORDS

All children will be coming home on Monday with a new reading diary. Please use these diaries to log every time your child reads at home. They should aim to read at least five times each week. Children who read fifty times or more by the end of term will be awarded a special certificate!



### EXCITING NEWS!

Thank you so much to the PTA for funding and arranging new lines on the KS2 playground; we now have a new netball court and soft-tennis court!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

We are delighted to announce that Downham C of E have been successful in gaining a place at the Barnado's Young Supporters concert at the Royal Albert Hall on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

This concert not only provides a musical experience which the children will never forget, but also raises vital funds for Barnado's work, which includes supporting children and young people to feel safer, happier and more helpful. The choirs are accompanied by the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and is hosted by Barnado's President, Natasha Kaplinsky, OBE. The children will also be joined on stage by singer Heather Small.

We are able to take 30 children to this event. You will have received a clubs letter for your child this week. Please return these as soon as possible. If your child wishes to be considered for this concert, they must sign up for Miss Proctor's choir.

If more than 30 children apply to take part, then we will hold auditions. More information will follow shortly, including how family members can purchase tickets to the concert.



## SOCIAL MEDIA

We have a brand new account on X (formerly Twitter). Please do follow us to see all the wonderful things we get up to in school! You can find us by searching **Downham C of E Primary School** or **@DownhamE43521**

## HELP NEEDED!

We would love to brighten the entrance to the school and the playgrounds. We would be very grateful for donations of compost, spring bulbs and pots. Furthermore, if there are any parents or grandparents who could spare an hour or two on a Saturday morning to help with gardening, please let Mrs Doyle in the office know. This would really make our school grounds look more cheerful! Thank you in advance if you are able to help.



## IMPORTANT UPDATE: LATENESS

**Collective Worship will be held at 9.00am each morning and attended by all staff, including the office staff. It is important that your child arrives on time for school. If they arrive after 8.55am then you will need to wait with your child until Collective Worship has finished at 9.15am as there will not be any staff to let them in.**

**Collective Worship is a legal entitlement in a Church of England school and a time of reflection and respect.**

