

# EAST DENE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## SPRING 1 NEWSLETTER

**2026**  
HAPPY NEW YEAR



### Welcome Back!

Happy New Year and welcome back to school after the break! We hope everyone enjoyed a restful holiday and are ready for an exciting term ahead. This term, we have lots of fantastic learning opportunities planned, along with special events to look forward to. Thank you for your continued support as we work together to make this a successful and enjoyable start to 2026 for all our pupils.

### NSPCC

On Thursday 15th January, we are delighted to welcome the NSPCC into school to lead a session on building positive friendships. Then, on Friday 13th February, we'll celebrate kindness and friendship at our annual Friendship Party. This special day will include a themed menu featuring Pizza and Pasta Bolognese.



### PINS Workshop

We're pleased to continue our partnership with PINS workshops, offering support for families of children with SEND on Thursday 5th February.

### Reminder - PE Kit

- A plain white t-shirt - no football shirts
- Black joggers, shorts or leggings
- Suitable sports trainers (black)
- A school jumper (please note, hoodies are not permitted)

### Diary Dates

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January- Heights and weight F2 and Y6

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January- NSPCC workshops

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January- Science workshop Y5/6

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January- Y5 Family learning

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February- PINS workshop

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February Some Y6 children at New York Stadium

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February- Y5 York Yorvik Trip

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February- Y6 - Leeds Museum Trip

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February- Friendship disco

### Parking Around School

We want to keep our school safe. At the start and end of the day. We ask families to please park sensibly around school and avoid pulling up or parking on the zig zag lines.

### WOW- Active Travel

We're delighted to share some incredible progress we've made with active travel last term. Between 3<sup>rd</sup> September and 10<sup>th</sup> December 2025, based on Travel Tracker data compared to our original baseline, here are the highlights:

- Active Travel: Increased from 64% to 82% - a fantastic 28% rise!
- Walking: Up from 52% to 64% - a 23% improvement!
- Park & Stride: Jumped from 4% to 15% - an amazing 275% increase!

This is a tremendous achievement. Together, we're encouraging healthy habits and environmentally conscious choices that will benefit our children for years to come.



### Careers Club

Every Friday, our careers curriculum gives children the chance to explore a wide range of future careers. These range from sewing and catering to supporting at the local care home, music club, fashion, Henna art, and even training to be a teacher.

These experiences are more than just fun activities, they help pupils develop practical skills, creativity and confidence. By engaging in real world tasks, our children learn teamwork, problem solving and communication. These skills are essential for future success. Exposure to different careers broadens aspirations, helps pupils see the relevance of their learning and inspires them to think about possibilities beyond primary school. Our aim is to build ambition and resilience for every child..