



# DARLEY DENE DISPATCHES

Empowering success through a strong and respectful home-school partnership

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## Headteachers Message

As I am writing the newsletter this week it is pouring with rain - I have my fingers crossed for some sunshine over the bank holiday weekend and hope you all enjoy it. Please remember that school is closed on Monday and we will see you on Tuesday 7th May.

We have had a calm week in school with our Year 6 children having their final rehearsal of the SATs week which will go ahead formally on Monday 13th May. The rest of the children in school have been wonderfully respectful of the need for quiet and orderly movement around the building which is excellent.

This week we have been successful in gaining a place on Surrey's 100 Nurturing Schools project. Participating in this project will build on the Attachment Aware and Trauma Informed Schools work that we launched with our staff in September and will encourage us to think about how we might further enhance the offer we make to all of our children.

Mrs. Gardner has also secured a place for Darley Dene in an Enhanced Language Communication Initiative (ELCi) and she will share details of this with families as soon as she has more details.

We welcomed Mrs. Gomez-Loez back to school this week and I wanted to thank Miss Huxley-Edwards and Mrs. Ali for the support they have given to the breakfast and after-school club; it is wonderful to know that we have team members who will step-up to help when they can see that it will support our children and families.

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## Reading, Reading, Reading...

Congratulations to Deenie, Roshan, Scarlett and Advik for winning the Egg-Cellent Reading Challenge. The children sent in pictures which showed them reading in wonderful and interesting places. One was in a homemade den while another was on a plane! The children all received house points for being part of the winning group and received recognition in assembly this morning. It has been wonderful walking through classrooms this week seeing so many other children, snuggled in their new book corners or enjoying a book on ECollins. Remember you can access this at home. Ms Willis has been busy bringing the library to life, painting characters from much loved and inspiring texts. We are looking forward to our new cataloging system being ready for the children to access. *Remember if you would like to send in a book review, it would be published in our newsletter!*

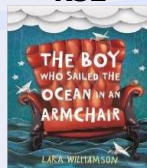
Below you will find our recommended books for this week:

### EYFS & KS1



Meerkat Mail  
Emily Gravett

### KS2



The Boy Who  
Sailed the Ocean  
in an Armchair  
Lara Williamson

### Key Stage 1 update

Nursery have been drawing their special places this week and they have been threading daisies through chick shapes in the garden to strengthen their fine motor skills. Reception have been exploring the equipment in PE this week. They have been taking turns, supporting their friends, climbing and balancing. Well done Reception! In Key Stage 1, Year 1 have been comparing the animals that live in Kenya to those that live in the UK. They have also enjoyed washing and tasting different vegetables in preparation for making their vegetable kebabs. Chertsey museum visited us this week in year 2 and the children participated in a Victorian seaside workshop. They played some old fashioned games, created seashell art and looked at some Victorian seaside costumes.

### Key Stage 2 update

This week, our Year 6 children have been working super hard ahead of their KS2 statutory assessments, which are approaching soon. Mrs Mackie has been blown away by their hard work and determination to achieve and we are all so proud of them. In Year 5, they have written a wonderful rainforest description using expanded noun phrases, literary techniques and a range of punctuation. They have loved publishing their writing into their journals that they have created to document Maia's journey in the 'Journey to the River Sea'. In Year 4, the children worked hard to create their very own Biographies on the environmentalist Wagari Maathai. The children really enjoyed carrying out their own research and applying this to their writing. The Year 3 children have been exploring money in their Maths lessons this week, where they have discovered that having more coins doesn't always equate to a higher value than fewer coins, leading to lessons in converting currency and employing various strategies for adding money.

**Year 6 Bristol Trip 2024** – An information meeting will be held on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May for our current Year 5 parents at 3:20pm.

### Dynamos!

Yesterday, Miss Legg hosted our first family Dynamo meeting, which was a great success. Thank you to our family Dynamos for their time and commitment. On Tuesday, some of our family Dynamos will start to be present on the playground during collection, where they will be a friendly face for all. Please feel free to approach them if you'd like to find out more about being a family Dynamo.

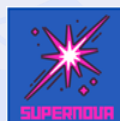
### House Competition



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### Home Learning

To support you in accessing all the home learning platforms that are on offer, we have included direct links on our website.

<https://www.darleydeneprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Home+Learning&pid=28>

Please let your class teacher know if you have any specific questions to support your child at home.

### Outside Achievements



Congratulations To Anusha in Year 3 for achieving outstanding success in the 11th International Abacus competition held by **BrainoBrain ved kids**.



## Talk Question

Cognitive - Is what you want to say clear and organised?

### Oracy Celebration

All of our children are enjoying the opportunity to earn one of the certificates. Well done to all the children who have already been successful and good luck to everyone else for the coming weeks.

#### Oracy Champions

Noah LA  
Noah R  
Joshua G  
Frankie S  
Kaylee  
Emine  
Kacper  
Marwan

#### Jigsaw

Olivia S  
Ivy  
Elsy  
Olaf  
Archie  
Rebecca

#### Sports Stars

Leo  
Denis  
Eleigh  
Sienna  
Charlotte-Ann  
Gracie  
Daniel

#### Maths

Rory A  
Marya  
Leelou  
Liza  
Jordan  
Matt W  
Johanna  
Lillie

#### Writing

Anisha T  
Alice I  
Max C  
Jayden T  
Freddie  
Jacob  
Poppy

### Gold Leaves

Congratulations to the children who earned a Gold Leaf this week. This could be for an exemplary piece of work, an over and above gesture of kindness, showing responsibility, perseverance, determination or other positive trait etc.

**NURSERY:** Noah LA

**RECEPTION:** Alice C, Jack

**MAGPIES:** Yusuf Y, Kaylee, Anusha, Laavanya, Srisajini, Alan

**DOVES:** Jude, TJ

**KINGFISHERS:** Ardi, Alfie, Mehmet, Joshua, Darcy, Archie, Maddie, Mohamad

**EAGLES:** Talha, Lexi D

### Explorer of the Week

Year 6 have tutoring sessions with Explore Learning on a weekly basis. Each week a Year 6 pupil will be awarded a certificate for the effort shown, commitment and, the amount of resilience shown towards understanding new concepts in their tutoring sessions. This week the Explorer of the week is **Ellie**

### Timestables Rockstars

Caesar, Kayden, Ardi, Marwan

### Our School App

Live and ready for you to install, our school app is available free of charge on your mobile device via the iOS App Store or Android Google Play. Just search for 'School News', look for the dark blue logo (right) and install to give you access to the key parts of our website including our website school calendar, a quick contact tab as well as handy extras to connect you to key school information and online forms. The app calendar will even allow you to add school events to your own device calendar so you need never miss an important date again. Make sure you install it today!

Please visit this link for full instructions on how to install the app on your device: [Darley Dene App](#)



## Messages from the School Office

### Safeguarding

Are the contact details we have for you up to date? This is a safeguarding issue. We need to have the contact details of at least 3 people we can ring in case of an emergency.

### Absence

Please be advised that if children are taken out of school without authority, parents will be liable to receive a penalty notice. Currently the amount payable under a penalty notice, is £60.00 per parent/carer, per child if paid within 21 days. Thereafter the amount increases to £120.00 if paid between 21 and 28 days. If the penalty notice remains unpaid after 28 days, the Local Authority will consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court. Please note that penalty notices are issued per parent/carer, per child, so a family of two parents and two children will receive 4 penalty notices. Further details regarding this can be found in our Attendance Policy on the school website: [Absence Policy](#)

### Uniform

Please ensure that your child's uniform including Coats, Jackets and PE Kits as well as water bottles are named.

### Lunch Boxes

Darley Dene is a **nut free** school. Please do not send your child to school with chocolate spread Sandwiches for lunch as it is not possible to distinguish between Nutella and a nut free chocolate spread. If your child has a chocolate spread sandwich we will call home to request that an alternative be brought in. Thank you for your co-operation.

### Medication

If your child has been prescribed with medication which needs to be administered during the school day, please ensure that you complete a Pupil Medication Request form which can be found on the school's website or from the school office. Without the completed form staff will not be able to administer any medication.

### Wrap Club

At Darley Dene we offer extended care at our breakfast and after school Wrap Clubs in order to support our families should they require it. Wrap Club is open to pupils in all year groups. At Wrap Club we have a variety of activities for the children to take part in.

- Play dough, puzzles, Rubik's games, book corner, kitchen area. Lego, bingo, transformers, costumes, construction, dominos, 4 in a row, cards, balloons, dolls. Engines, bowling and a wide selection of board games.
- We have plenty of puzzle words, cut-outs, water colour, painting and colouring.
- We promote "Reading for Pleasure" and free art, providing different sorts of materials every week to expand our children's imagination.

### Breakfast Club

- The Breakfast Club is a safe, stimulating and nurturing environment, provided for those children who may have parents or carers with work commitments outside of the usual school hours.
- Children who join us for Breakfast Club enjoy an array of activities - **from reading and crafts, to games and puzzles** - supervised by our friendly and experienced team.
- The children are provided with a delicious and nutritious breakfast which includes **bagels, toast, cereal, yoghurts and a variety of spreads and preserves.**

### Trust Vacancies

**Darley Dene Primary School in Addlestone is recruiting:** Are you ambitious and keen to make a difference? We are seeking to appoint a highly enthusiastic, proactive, flexible and reliable individual for the role of Teaching Assistant. This is an opportunity for an individual who is patient and emotionally resilient to join our friendly, inclusive and inspirational team of teaching and support staff. Closing date 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024. For more information please see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-1419247>





## Lumen Summer Camp 2024 now open for bookings

We are excited to announce that our 2024 Summer Camp is now live to take bookings.



### Prices

£32 daily rate or £140 weekly rate

Our online booking and payment portal will allow you to create an online account for your child/ren, complete all registration forms and book Camp day sessions. Childcare vouchers can also be used. For those parents who booked sessions for our previous Camps you are able to use your existing Magic Booking account – your child details will be saved ready for use.

Camp spaces are strictly limited. Please visit [www.lumenlearningtrust.co.uk](http://www.lumenlearningtrust.co.uk) and click on 'Summer Camps' in the top menu to be taken to our Camp pages or click

on <https://lumensummercamps.magicbooking.co.uk/Identity/Account/Login> to access our payment portal.

### Upcoming Diary Dates

#### Summer Term 2024

Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 2 Chertsey Museum Workshop Victorian Seaside
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> to Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs (Year 6)
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Class Photos
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> May	David Shepherds Wildlife Session Year 1-6
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Year 1 Local trip to Weybrigde Garden Centre
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Year 3 Feet First
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Year 5 Parents Bristol Informantion Meeting
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> to Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Rise Up Year 4
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Half term
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Children return to school after half term break
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> June	EYFS Farms to Ewe
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2 Trip - Wisley Gardens
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Trip - Windsor Castle
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 Trip – Science Museum
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Transitions Coffee Morning
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> July	End of term for children 1.00pm
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	INSET DAY 4
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	INSET DAY 5

### Term Dates 2024 - 2025

#### Autumn 2024

Monday 2nd September INSET Day 1  
Tuesday 3rd September INSET Day 2  
Wednesday 4th September Children return to school  
Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November HALF TERM  
Monday 4th November INSET Day 3  
Tuesday 5th November Children return to school  
Friday 20th December Last day of term

#### Spring 2025

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January New term starts  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February Half Term  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February Children return to school  
Friday 4th April Last day of term



## Summer 2025

Tuesday 22nd April Children return to school  
Monday 5th May Spring Bank Holiday  
Monday 26th – Friday 30th May HALF TERM  
Monday 2nd June Children return to school  
Friday 18th July Last day of term  
Monday 21st July INSET Day 4  
Tuesday 22nd July INSET Day 5

Kind regards



**Sarah Kober**  
**Headteacher**



**OUR DARLEY DENE  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
NURSERY**



**EVERY DAY COUNTS!**

**Consistent attendance builds strong habits for your child's future success.**

**Learning & Growing Together**  
Regular attendance ensures your child benefits from a supportive learning environment where they can **thrive socially and academically.**

**Join the Fun!**  
By attending nursery regularly, your child will have the opportunity to **make friends, develop essential social skills, and create lasting memories.**

**Why Attendance Matters**

- Builds routine and structure**
- Supports social development**
- Fosters a love for learning**









# TA SPORTS



## GIRLS FOOTBALL COURSE

### MAY HALF TERM 2024

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May**

**Venue:- Abbey Rangers Football Club (KT15 2QH)**  
**Times:- 8.30am – 4.00pm**  
**£28.00 Daily / £55.00 Two Day**

Designed for girls of *all abilities* aged between 5yrs to 13yrs!

- ☐ Playing in a fun, challenging & safe environment.
- ☐ Meeting new friends that have an interest in football.
- ☐ Develop technique, speed, tactics & improve skills & confidence.
- ☐ Professional FA qualified coaching.
- ☐ 3G Pitch and use of clubhouse.




If you would like further information or would like to book a place for your daughter to attend please kindly contact **Tom** on 07825 089500 or email **tom@tasportscoaching.co.uk**




## JOIN THE JUNIOR PARKRUN FAMILY

**WALK, JOG, RUN, VOLUNTEER**  
or simply come and watch - it's up to you!

<p><b>FAMILY-FRIENDLY 2K EVENTS</b> Every Sunday morning</p> <p><b>EVERYONE WELCOME</b> Walk, jog, run, hop, skip or jump - it's up to you!</p> <p><b>HAVE FUN BEING ACTIVE</b> Share high fives and big smiles!</p> <p><b>LEARN NEW SKILLS</b> Kids can volunteer in lots of roles</p>	<p><b>FOR 4-14 YEAR OLDS</b> Adults can join in with the kids too!</p> <p><b>FREE &amp; EASY TO TAKE PART</b> No special kit needed - wear whatever you like</p> <p><b>MAKE FRIENDS</b> Meet lots of new people</p> <p><b>FEEL HAPPY AND PROUD</b> Try your best and celebrate your achievements</p>
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*"We all do it together as a family. The volunteers are really nice, it's fun and you can walk if you want to"*

Register at [parkrun.com](https://parkrun.com) and head down to your local junior parkrun event!

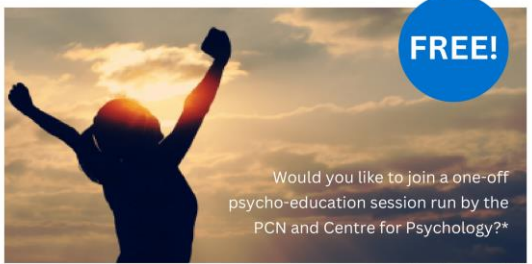
**notes:**



**Nearest Event - Laleham junior parkrun**


## Improving Self-esteem and Confidence



FREE!

Would you like to join a one-off psycho-education session run by the PCN and Centre for Psychology?\*

**Monday 13th May 2024, 2pm - 4pm**  
**Chertsey Museum, 33 Windsor St, Chertsey KT16 8AT**  
Contact Gemma on 07503 626227 or Dawn on 07818 110467 for further information and to book your place, or complete the slip below.



**Talking Therapies**

Yes please, I'd like to join the Self-esteem and confidence session on 13/05/24

Name: ..... Telephone no.: .....

GP practice: .....

Drop this completed slip into your practice FAO of Dawn Kitchener



## FAMILY LEARNING



**Free Courses for parents and carers**

Surrey Family Learning offer **FREE** courses and workshops to help you create a better family life.

Do you want to help your child or teenager to improve their behaviour, development and learning?

Book onto one of our tailored courses today to begin supporting you and your family. Find more information at:

 [surreycc.gov.uk/familylearning](https://surreycc.gov.uk/familylearning)



...or scan here

**Courses available**

- **Parenting** Help understand your children and teenagers' behaviour, anxiety and mental health.
- **English as an Additional Language** Support for you and your child with English and how education in English works.
- **Maths** Learn about methods used in schools today.
- **Literacy** Learn about how English is taught in schools today.
- **Cookery** Be inspired and cook healthy family dishes together.




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## Stepping Up for Autism

Christ Church, Ottershaw, KT16 0PB

An 8 session course over 2hrs a week for 8 weeks,

10am - 12pm

Wednesday 15th May 2024

To register for a place please email:

@ [info@runnymede-familycentre.org](mailto:info@runnymede-familycentre.org)

01784 464395

### Stepping Up For Autism Course Details

#### For Parents of Children aged 0-18 yrs.

Sessions include:

Understanding Autism

Sensory Differences

Communication and Visual Supports

Understanding and Supporting Behaviour Part 1

Understanding and Supporting Behaviour Part 2

Transition

Understanding and Supporting Social Interaction

Puberty and Understanding Autistic Identity

#### PLACES MUST BE BOOKED

Please email us to register and book a space.

