



DARLEY DENE DISPATCHES

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Headteacher's Message

We have had a wonderful final week of the Spring term. Everyone has seemed to enjoy the good weather - I know lots of us have our fingers crossed that it lasts into the holidays. The children have enjoyed a talent show and our family Dynamos put on a lovely Easter craft afternoon yesterday. I wish you all a good break and hope that the time away from school gives you fun and relaxation in whatever measure you need it.

Today, we have let the children know about an exciting development at Darley Dene - we have shared the news that from September 2025, there will be a new Headteacher. I have been your Headteacher for 6 years this year and I am enormously proud of the success we have achieved together as a community. Throughout the course of this year, I have been increasingly involved in the work of the Lumen Learning Trust in my role as the Deputy Executive Principal and in the next academic year I am going to do more of this. I will still see you all because I am going to have an executive headship role over Darley Dene for a year so that I can help the new Headteacher to settle in.

It is a wonderful time for a new person to take up the Headship at Darley Dene. We have achieved a Good outcome at Ofsted and we have brilliant plans for the future, starting with an amazing financial grant to enhance our nursery classroom and welcome our first 2 year olds. We received news this week that we were successful in our bid for funding to make these improvements and are delighted that the local authority has chosen us to expand in this way - you may have spotted the good news story in 'Get Surrey'. A new Headteacher will be able to pick up from where we have got to together and put energy and enthusiasm into taking the next steps forward with you.

We have put an advert out today and will conduct interviews when we return from the two week break. As soon as I am able to share the news of who your new Headteacher will be, I will include it in the newsletter. Leading the children and staff at Darley Dene is an absolute privilege and I am looking forward to helping to find the very best candidate to travel alongside you all in an exciting future.

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Staff news

Today we wish Miss Legg well on her maternity leave. Year 2 will welcome their new teacher, Miss Frost, on the first day back and I hope she will quickly feel part of our team.



Provision Maps

Today, the parents/carers of children on our SEND register will receive a provision map for their child. This document outlines the additional interventions and support your child receives, beyond what is provided through Ordinarily Available Provision and high-quality classroom teaching. The provision map also shows how your child has progressed towards their personalised targets over the past two Plan, Do, Review cycles, as part of our ongoing support through the SEND process.

We hope this helps you understand the steps we are taking to meet your child's individual needs and how we are tracking their progress. If you have any questions in relation to this, please speak with your child's class teacher in the first instance.

Dynamos

Family Dynamos

We are continually looking to create links with our community so if you work locally and would be interested in working with us such as sponsoring an event or providing resources we would love to hear from you. If you would like to get involved, please call or email the school office team.

Tel: 01932847674 Email: dynamos.darleydene@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk

House Competition

House Winner

After an exciting term filled with house competitions and the collection of gold leaves, we are thrilled to announce that this term's house winner is... **Meteor!**

A huge congratulations to all the students in Meteor House for their hard work, team spirit, and dedication throughout the term. Your efforts have truly paid off!

The DD Talent Show 2025

Yesterday, we hosted our very first Darley Dene Talent Show, and what an incredible event it was! The atmosphere was electric as children took to the stage to showcase their amazing talents. From singing and dancing to magic, every act brought something special to the show.

We are so proud of all the children who took part, whether performing or cheering on their friends in the audience. Their enthusiasm and confidence truly made the event a memorable one.

Events

KS2 Easter Games Night

Thursday 24th April 2025 - 3.30-4.40

Tickets **£2 per child** and available on SCOPay

If you'd like to help at any of our events your help would be much appreciated - please let the school office know.

Recipe Book

As part of our upcoming Diversity Week, we are excited to announce the creation of a whole school recipe book! We invite both staff and families to contribute their favorite recipes to be included in this special publication. To make it even more personal, we would love for you to include a picture along with your recipe. This can be a photo of you cooking, a picture of the finished dish, or even a hand-drawn illustration! Please submit your recipes and pictures to the school office via email by **Wednesday, 23rd April**. Once we have collected all the submissions, we will compile them into beautiful recipe books that will be available for sale. More information will follow shortly.

EYFS & KS1 Update

Easter Crafts Afternoon

Yesterday, we had a fantastic time hosting an Easter Crafts Afternoon for our Reception, LAN, and KS1 children, alongside our wonderful Family Dynamos. The children had lots of fun getting creative, making Easter decorations, and embracing the festive spirit. A huge thank you to our Family Dynamos for generously giving up their time to support this event.



KS2 Update

This week signals the end of our Spring Term and the beginning of a hard-earned break for all our children. Each class have been hard at work this week wrapping up their learning around each of their topics for this half term, finishing any outstanding work or projects, and getting to the end of their term reading books. I very much enjoyed the Darley Dene Talent show that was held for all children. It is inspiring to see just how many wonderfully talented and confident children we have in this school. Have a wonderful break and a Happy Easter to those who celebrate.

P.E.

This week we had an incredible visit from Sports Cool who conducted a P.E. workshop on 'UV Dodgeball'. The dining hall was turned into a neon explosion of wonder as the children practised their throwing, catching and dodging skills in the game. This incredible taster of what Sports Cool has to offer Darley Dene will be fully available in Summer Term in their Tuesday Club 'Multi Sports'. This will be an opportunity for both KS1 and KS2 to participate in! Book and pay via scopay if your child would like to play a range of different sports every week including, 'UV' Dodgeball, mini golf,

Next term we have an exciting opportunity for our children in Years 1,2,3 and 5 to participate in Chance to Shine Cricket coaching sessions. Thus, these year groups will have to come in P.E. uniform on Tuesdays during Summer 1. Year 3 and 4's P.E. day will also be changing to a Tuesday as Year 4 will be having swimming lessons in the Summer term. Reception will be having their P.E. afternoon on Thursdays until the end of the year.

Home Learning

Each week, your child will have a chance to visit the Library and they will bring a reading for pleasure book home. This may be a book they can read by themselves or a book to read with you. [Home Learning](#)

Support for Home Learning - What does my child have a log in for?

There are a range of online learning platforms available for your child to access at home which are listed below. If you are unsure of your child's log in details, please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance.

Times Tables Rockstars & Numbots - All Year Groups

Atom - Year 3, 4, 5 & 6

Ed Shed - Year 3, 4, 5 & 6

Fonetti - Year 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6

Fonetti is an AI system, which has automatic speech recognition, providing real-time feedback on a child's reading accuracy. All logins have been sent home previously and children have practised logging in at school. Please use the following link to log in: [Fonetti](#). Read the assigned book in a quiet space directly into the device. Do not use a headset as it reduces accuracy.

ECollins - All Year Groups

Class teachers have assigned books to each child, which they can access below using a personal log in that was previously sent home. We hope you enjoy using this fantastic resource to support your child in their reading. Please use the following link to log in: [ECollins](#)

Reading, reading, reading

Reading Books

Throughout the school, children will go home each week with a banded book and a library book of their choice. It is important that these are brought back into school weekly, so they can be exchanged for a new exciting book. Until books are returned, we are unable to send home another one, however we will continue to assign books on E-collins for your child to access at home. Class teachers will remind families about books and then a letter will be sent home asking for a small contribution to the lost book.



Recommendations

Previously we have been recommending individual books each week for our phases. However, we are going to try something new. In school we are encouraging the children and teachers to suggest books to each other based on what they have already shown an interest in reading. So, we will do the same in the newsletter for our families.

For parents and children that are fans of Rainbow Magic by Daisy Meadows, try these...



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

Alice C
Gizem
Gabrielle
Jayden
Christina S
Eros

Jigsaw

Azeemah
Olivia
Franek
Diana
Isla
Poppy

Sports Stars

John
Nellie
Ayaana
Advik
Milan
Darcy

Maths

Aaron
Aaliyah
Joshua G
Francesca
Elsy
Yovana
Gracie

Writing

Noah LA
Remi
Labiba
Paulo
Diana
Jayden T
Taybah

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: Lilly

Reception: Isabella

Year 1: Jack

Year 2: Raven

Year 3: Paulo, Arabella, Reni

Year 4: Sienna, Yusuf

Year 5: Harper, Orest, Lena

Year 6: Ardi, Darcy

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 Explorers of the week is **Hoosela**.

Timestables Rockstars

Yusuf Y, Izabela, Darcy



Enrichment Clubs

Please find below the new list of enrichment clubs which will be starting in the Summer term after the Easter break. The clubs will be running from 28/04/2025 - 19/05/2025 break for May half term then continue 02/06/2025 - 07/07/2025 for a total of 10 weeks.

These are now live on SCOpay for you to book if you have any problems, please contact the school office.

Club	Year Group	Day	Lead	Number of spaces
Friendship Bracelets	KS2	Monday	Miss Oomen	12
Performing Arts	KS2	Monday	Trio Arts Academy	40
Bowls	KS2	Tuesday	Addlestone Bowls	30
Multi-Sports	KS1/KS2	Tuesday	Sports Cool	30
KS2 Football	KS2	Wednesday	Sports Elite	30
Comic Club	Rec - KS1	Wednesday	Miss Lansdell	12
Dance/Cheerleading	KS1/KS2	Thursday	Resolution Dance	30
Lego Club	KS1	Thursday	Miss McIsaac	12
Gardening Club	KS1/KS2	Thursday	Miss Spink	12
KS1 Football	KS1	Friday	Sports Elite	12



Outside School Achievement

Wishing the PGPA children good luck on their trip to Disneyland Paris during the Easter break to perform on stage. Break a leg!



Messages from the School Office

Unique employment opportunity

This week we have a unique opportunity for a special person. A family in our school community is looking for a personal assistant to support their daughter to access social activities in the local area. If you are a kind, patient, caring and sociable person, looking for around 6 hours of work during term time, this could be just the role for you.

Hours: 6 hours per week during the term time. 12 hours per week during the school holidays.

Job Role: You will be providing support for a 10 year old to access various social activities within the community, helping to engage her in fun activities to build interaction through play, as well as growing her understanding of risk whilst ensuring their safety.

Person requirements:

Be flexible and work with the family to support their child to achieve their potential and increase their independence. The family would like you to have experience of working with children with additional needs. It is also important to have excellent listening skills to enable you to communicate with their daughter effectively.

In addition, you will be required to complete a DBS check. The role offers flexible working (after school and weekends) so could be worked in addition to another role.

Please contact the school office for more information if you are interested and we can then put you in touch with the family and their support worker.

First Aid

The school is now using a new communication tool to advise parents of any minor first aid incidents that take place during the school day. An email will be sent to you confirming the details of what has happened and any treatment that they have received. For any serious incidents and cases of bumped heads parents will also be called from the office to advise.

Earrings

It is a Trust-wide stipulation that school children must not wear earrings while taking part in PE lessons. Members of staff cannot remove earrings on behalf of children so a child must be able to remove their earrings independently or alternatively the earrings are removed before they come to school. Children with newly pierced ears are included in these guidelines and so are also required to remove their earrings; the duration of the lesson is not long enough to allow piercings to close over. Additionally, we are not able to allow children to take part in lessons with plasters covering earrings so it is imperative that children learn to remove/insert earrings themselves.



Uniform

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

Entrance to School

Entrance to the school should be via the main school gates only between 08.30am - 08.50am. If you need to speak to the office staff, parents should go via the internal door to the office from the playground. The main office entrance is for the use of Breakfast Club only before 08:30am.

Water bottles

Water only is allowed in children's water bottles. **No juice or sugary drinks are allowed in school.** Please also name your child's water bottle.

Lunch Boxes

Darley Dene is working towards becoming a **nut free** school. Please **DO NOT** send your child to school with chocolate spread Sandwiches, chocolate crepes 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 or a chocolate crepe 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.

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](#)

Attendance & Fixed Penalty Notices

Please be advised if families take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), then the following will apply:

1. If a parent/carer has not incurred a penalty notice relating to the relevant child/children since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
2. If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19 August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
3. If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, per parent/carer per child, in the Magistrates Court under s 444 Education Act 1996. Requests for exceptional leave need to be submitted via the form on our website, at least 2 weeks before the date being requested. All other exceptional leave will or will not be authorised on a case by case basis. A child's attendance and previous requests for leave will always be considered when making a decision.

[Attendance & Punctuality Policy 2024](#)



Trust Vacancies

Darley Dene Primary School 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 . For more information please see: [Teaching Assistant](#)

Darley Dene Primary School is recruiting: We are looking to appoint a highly enthusiastic, proactive reliable Breakfast Club Assistant to join our thriving and extremely popular Breakfast Club, committed to offering first class care to our Darley Dene children. The Breakfast Club Assistant role is term time Monday – Friday 7.30 a.m. – 8.30 a.m. For more information please visit: [Breakfast Club Assistant](#)

Riverbridge Primary School is recruiting: We are looking to appoint an Office Assistant with a 'can do' attitude who is passionate about making a difference, to join our friendly, committed, hardworking team. For more information: [Office Assistant](#)

Lumen Learning Trust is recruiting: Are you a skilful and creative Communications Lead looking for a part time, term time role? We're looking for a dynamic and skilled wordsmith who can deliver clear, compelling communication to inspire action, drive change and strengthen relationships, as part of our Central Team, to work 10 hours per week , 39 weeks per year. For more information: [Communications Lead](#)



Upcoming Diary Dates
Term Dates 2024 - 2025
Summer Term 2025

Tues 22nd Apr - Children return to school
Thurs 24th Apr - Year 1 Phonics Parents Meeting
Thurs 24th Apr - KS2 Easter Games Night - 3.30pm-4.30pm
Mon 5th May - Spring Bank Holiday
Fri 16th May - Class Photos
Mon 26th - Fri 30th May HALF TERM
Mon 2nd June - Children return to school
Fri 13th June - Year 1 - Windsor Castle
Fri 18th July - Last day of term
Mon 21st July - INSET Day 4
Tues 22nd July - INSET Day 5

Term Dates 2025 - 2026
Autumn Term

Tues 2nd Sept - INSET DAY 1
Wed 3rd Sept - INSET DAY 2
Thurs 4th Sept - Children return to school
Friday 24th Oct - INSET DAY 3
Mon 27th Oct - Friday 31st Oct - HALF TERM
Mon 3rd Nov - Children return to school
Fri 19th Dec - End of term 1:45pm

Spring Term 2026

Mon 5th Jan - Children return to school
Mon 16th Feb - Fri 20th Feb - HALF TERM
Mon 23rd Feb - Children return to school
Fri 27th Mar - End of term 1:45pm

Summer Term 2026

Mon 13th Apr - Children return to school
Mon 25th May - Fri 29th May - HALF TERM
Mon 1st June - Children return to school
Fri 17th July - End of term 1:45pm
Mon 20th July - INSET DAY 4
Tues 21st July - INSET DAY 5

Kind regards



Sarah Kober
Headteacher

Darley Dene Primary School Penalty Notice and Fines

Changes effective 19/08/24

FIRST OFFENCE

1

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave or irregular attendance the amount will be:
£160 per parent per child if paid within 28 days.
Reduced to £80 per parent per child if paid within 21 days.

SECOND OFFENCE (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

2

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave or irregular attendance the amount will be:
£160 per parent per child if paid within 28 days.
No reduced rate will be offered.

THIRD OFFENCE AND ANY FURTHER OFFENCES (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

3

The third time an offence is committed for term time leave or irregular attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child. Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on a parent's future DBS certificate, due to failure to safeguard a child's education.

10 SESSIONS (5 DAYS) OF UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE IN A 10-WEEK PERIOD
Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period.



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Citizens Advice Drop-In Service April, May and June 2025

A Citizens Advice Adviser will be available at the following locations, no appointment necessary

Addlestone Baptist Church 10am – 12pm 5 Crouch Oak Lane, Addlestone, KT15 2AN	Tues 8 th April Tues 6 th May Tues 3 rd June
Chertsey Foodbank 10am – 12pm The Beacon, 95 Guildford Street, Chertsey, KT16 9AS	Weds 2 nd April Weds 16 th April Weds 7 th May Weds 21 st May Weds 4 th June Weds 18 th June
Egham Foodbank 10am – 12pm Virginia Lodge, 68A Station Road, Egham TW20 9LF	Mon 28 th April Mon 19 th May Mon 23 rd June
Englefield Green Foodbank 1pm – 3pm Village Centre, 68 Victoria Street, Englefield Green, TW20 0QX	Weds 30 th April Weds 28 th May Weds 25 th June
Staines Library 10am – 12pm Friends Walk, Staines, TW18 4PG	Mon 7 th April Mon 12 th May Mon 2 nd June
Stanwell Foodbank 12pm – 2pm every Friday (excluding Bank Holidays) New premises at The Community Building, Cordelia Park, Stanwell, TW19 7ER	4 th April, 11 th April, 25 th April 2 nd May, 9 th May, 16 th May, 23 rd May, 30 th May 6 th June, 13 th June, 20 th June, 27 th June
Sunbury Foodbank 10am – 12pm every Monday (excluding Bank Holidays) St. Saviour's Church, Vicarage Road, Sunbury TW16 7TP	7 th April, 14 th April, 28 th April 12 th May, 19 th May 2 nd June, 9 th June, 16 th June, 23 rd June, 30 th June

Referrals to Citizens Advice are available at other Runnymede and Spelthorne Food Bank locations – please ask at the Food Bank. Please note that Drop-in service is limited to 15 minutes of initial exploratory advice and we are unable to complete forms such as PIP at these sessions. If further, more detailed advice or form filling is required, you will be offered a telephone appointment. We apologise if you have to queue at busy times, please respect our staff and volunteers. Our queue will close 15 minutes before the published finish time. If you've been unable to obtain advice at our Outreach session, you'll be offered a telephone appointment. Dates correct at time of publishing but subject to amendment at short notice.



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Our freephone Adviceline is open Monday-Friday 10am to 4pm

(closed on public holidays)

0808 250 5706



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It is delivered by a group made up of NHS, national and local voluntary sector organisations all working together.

For more information visit our website:

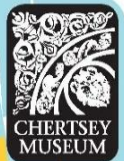
www.mindworks-surrey.org



Worried about exams? Watch our short video on exam stress. It can help you with effective study strategies and relaxation techniques:



Easter Holiday Activities



Learn to Weave

8th April

11am-12:30pm or 2-3:30pm

Learn to weave by creating a saddle blanket on a cardboard llama.

Cost: £4

Make a Pocket Play Set

10th April

11am-12pm or 2-3pm

Use card and felt to create a mini teddy and a mini home for it in a small metal tin.

Cost: £4

Bunny Bunting

15th April

11am-12pm and 2-3pm

Make spring bunting!

Cost: £4

Cup and Ball Toy

17th April

11-11:45am or 2-2:45pm

Create a traditional cup and ball toy and decorate it like a spring chicken.

Cost: £3

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL FOR ALL ACTIVITIES

Activities for ages 6-12 (5 year olds with parent)
<https://chertsey-museum.arttickets.org.uk/>

www.chertseymuseum.org/events

Call 01932 565764 to book your place



Easter Lunch Project

St Paul's Addlestone

FREE PACKED LUNCH

Available to all children, regardless of circumstances

Monday 7th April to Friday 11th April

Monday 14th to Thursday 17th April

12 noon to 12.45pm

From any of our collection points at

ST PAULS CHURCH

TESCO, Addlestone (by Timpsons)

LONGDEN AVENUE, off Strawberry Fields

Good Friday, 18th April, 12—12.45 PM

Lunches will be available to all children at

ST PAULS CHURCH ONLY

Sun Shining? Enjoy a Picnic Lunch!

Why not enjoy your free lunch on the front lawn at St Paul's Church. Bring a picnic blanket or use our benches/blankets.

Parents/Carers must supervise their children at all times.



Contact us at hebrews@stpaulscofe.org or on 07743 243008 with any queries