



DARLEY DENE DISPATCHES

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Headteacher's Message

The highlight of our school week was sports day which our children performed brilliantly in. There was wonderful sporting behaviour, competitiveness and kindness on display in both the infant and junior events and were delighted to see so many of you there cheering the children on. Thank you to Miss Nhambure and all the staff who made sure the event ran smoothly and that everyone had what they needed to participate or spectate in the warm conditions.

On Monday evening, Mrs. Devonport, Mrs. Butler and Miss Smit welcomed our new reception families. I want to thank them for giving such careful thought to the content they presented during the evening and for the organisation that had gone on with the support of our office team to ensure home visits could be booked and packs bursting with useful information were available for each child. Unfortunately a number of families were unable to attend this event and so we will run it again during the day with a creche - this will be at **9am on Thursday 26th June**. Please keep an eye out for further reminders and put the date in your diary if your family has a **child joining Reception in September** - we very much hope you will be able to attend.

Thank you to everyone who has been careful to send children into school with water, sun-cream on and a hat to wear. The warm weather is set to continue into next week so please continue to pack these things every day and help us make sure your children can enjoy playing and are able to get on with learning.

Green Green Grass

You will have noticed the orange fence that has appeared by our bike store. We are busy regrowing the grass in this space, so it is not a permanent fixture of our playground. Please can I remind everyone to walk on the paths when dropping off and collecting your children. This will help us keep our landscaping intact for the children to enjoy when outside.

Parent Governor Vacancy at Darley Dene

Local Governance Boards are important for the running of schools and assisting the Board of Directors decision making, by enabling more detailed consideration, to ensure the school is meeting the pupils' needs effectively. The Local Governance Board meet once each term and governors will need to visit the school on a regular basis and attend some governor training to increase their knowledge of the school. No qualifications are required to be a governor, other than a keen interest in school life, commitment and a willingness to learn. Please use the link to find out more about becoming a Parent Governor at Darley Dene please SCAN THE QR CODE.



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Darley Dene Nursery

Our Addlestone based nursery is an integral part of the wider Darley Dene family, working alongside our Reception year group and supporting children in taking their first steps towards being school-ready. Taking children from 2 years old in September, we offer a wealth of opportunities to learn as they play whilst following the Early Years Foundation Stage framework in an engaging, creative, friendly and encouraging environment. For more information please contact the school office on 01932 847674.

Funded 30 hours and 15 hour Nursery Spaces available in September for 2 year olds as well as 3 year olds. Please complete your details here [Nursery Application Form](#) in order to book your Nursery place for your child in September. If you have younger children and have not registered for when they turn 2 years old, we would encourage you to complete the application form now so that they can be added to the waiting list.

EYFS & KS1 Update

The children have loved the warmer weather we have had this week and all the summertime feelings that brings. All the children have been very good at wearing their hats and drinking water to get them through the day, and understand the importance of seeking shade. Sports Day was an absolute highlight of the week; the children were covered in stickers for their efforts and enjoyed showcasing their skills to their families. It was lovely to see so many parents attend the Year 2 Open Classroom yesterday, where the children were able to share the outcome of their Delight in Stories project. Reception have been busy with their under the sea topic, whilst Nursery had a giant visit after a beanstalk appeared in their room. Have a wonderful weekend.

KS2 Update

A big congratulations to our KS2 children for continuing the hard work and maintaining high expectations this week, even with the incredibly hot weather that we have all been enjoying at the same time. The Year 4 and Year 5 children were lucky enough to be invited to attend a theatre performance at St George's College led by their students as part of their enrichment period. It was wonderful to see the history topics that the children have enjoyed during their time at school brought to life with some entertaining dramatic performances.

Sports Day

What a fantastic Sports Day we had this week! The morning kicked off with KS1 and EYFS taking part in a fun-filled series of races and activities. From egg and spoon races to relays and sack jumping, the children showed brilliant enthusiasm, teamwork, and determination. It was a joy to see so many smiling faces and proud moments shared. In the afternoon, KS2 took to the field with great energy and sportsmanship. From sprints to longer-distance runs and team challenges, every child gave their best and cheered each other on. The day ended on a high with the much-anticipated teacher race - congratulations to Mr Markham for taking the win (and the glory!) with great style and speed! A huge thank you to all the parents and families who came along to support and celebrate with us. It was especially wonderful to see so many of you enjoying the music - and showing off your moves to the Macarena! What a brilliant day for our whole school community.

September 2025 - School Readiness webinars

The school nursing service are offering free health webinars on school readiness again this year. They are delivered by the school nursing team aimed at Parents who have children starting school in September. Parents can access the booking system to access these free webinars via our website:

[www.surreychildandfamily.co.uk/services/school-nursing-5-19-years/
School Nursing 5-19 Years](http://www.surreychildandfamily.co.uk/services/school-nursing-5-19-years/School%20Nursing%205-19%20Years)

Dates for delivery are: 24.06.2025/15.07.2025/25.09.2025/22.10.2025.

House Competition

Well done to Lena in Year 5 for winning the 'Design a Sports Day Cup' competition. She created a beautiful poster for Meteor house and won a football and colouring pencils for her efforts. Our runners up were Raven (Supernova) and Eleen (Comet) who won colouring pencils and a sports book. Thank you to all the children who entered the competition.



Dynamos

A huge thank you to our Dynamos for helping out in the EYFS and KS1 Sports Day. The Dynamos encouraged, supported and motivated the children to try their best in every event. They also set up all of the events in the morning and reset the sports equipment for Sports Day. Thank you to our Dynamos for making this a memorable sporting event.

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 Kiran Millwood Hargrave 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

Alyssia
Manha
Paige
Elsy
Yusuf A
Joshua P

Jigsaw

Jack
Angella
Tyler
Fatmana
Isabella S
Anh

Sports Stars

Noah R
Hunter
Chloe
Yusuf Y
Harper M
Darcy

Maths

Rory A
Anisha
Rory M
Isabelle
Caesar
Yovana
Jacob S

Writing

Antonia V
Nancy-May
Labiba
Lorelai
Jasmine
TJ
Isabella O

Explorer of the Week

Year 6 have tutoring sessions with Explore Learning on a weekly basis. Each week a Year 5 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 .

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.

Reception: Taylor, Illyria

Year 1: Graham, Zion, Andrei

Year 2: Angella, Labiba, Hunter, Logan

Year 3: Lorelai, Hanna, Lizzie

Year 4: Jasmine, Jayden, Advik, Srisajini

Year 6: Kacper, Jacob, Mehmet

Timestables Rockstars

Paulo, Sienna, Hoosela

Messages from the School Office

The Club4 programme, also known as the Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) is back for the summer 2025 school holidays. Funded by the Department for Education, this programme is for children in current year Reception – current School Year 11 who are eligible for benefits related free school meals.

[Club4 Vouchers](#)



Activity clubs in the Autumn term

The cost of extra curricular clubs will rise to £4 from September 2025 onwards. Further information will be sent out nearer the time. The allowance of one free club for pupil premium children will remain the same.



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.

School Meals

Summer term menu available [click here](#)

Please continue to pay for lunches through your ScoPay account.

There will be a small increase in charges from September 2025

Nursery **£2.49**

KS2 **£2.80**



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

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

Riverbridge Primary School is recruiting: We are looking to appoint a Breakfast Club Assistant to join our thriving and extremely popular Breakfast Club community. For more information please see: [BC Assistant - Maternity Cover](#)

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 recruit a Qualified Level 3 Teaching Assistant with a passion for creating lifelong learners, committed to inclusion and equality and has a high expectation of themselves and every child. For more information on these roles please see: [Level 3 Teaching Assistant](#)



Upcoming Diary Dates
Term Dates 2024 - 2025
Summer Term 2025

Mon 23rd June - Year 2 RHS Wisley Gardens Trip
Thurs 26th June - Reception 2025/26 (New Cohort) - Teddy Bear Picnic - 3:30pm-4:30pm
Fri 27th June - Transition Coffee Morning with Mrs Catherine Webb and Mrs Jones
Tues 1st July - Year 6 Secondary School Move Up Day
Wed 2nd July - Reception - Year 5 Move Up Day
Wed 2nd July - Year 6 Secondary School Move Up Day
Wed 2nd July - Reception Celebration Afternoon - Stay & Play - 2:15pm - 3:15pm
Thurs 3rd July - Reception Celebration Afternoon - Stay & Play - 2:15pm - 3:15pm
Thurs 3rd July - KS2 Disco
Fri 4th July - LAN Centre Legoland Trip
Fri 4th July - Year 5 Hampton Court Trip
Wed 9th July - Year 6 Show - 9:15am - Families welcome
Thurs 10th July - Year 6 Show - 1:45pm - Families welcome
Wed 16th July - Year 6 trip to top golf
Thurs 17th July - Leavers' Assembly - 2:30pm- Families Welcome
Fri 18th July - Last day of term - finish at 1pm
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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THURSDAY  3RD JULY 2025

COMING
SOON

A DISCO TO REMEMBER

END OF YEAR PARTY



2025

RECEPTION AND KS1 3.30-4.30
KS2 4.45-5.45

BUY YOUR TICKETS FROM FRIDAY 20TH JUNE





Year 6

2025

SUMMER TERM

EVENTS SCHEDULE

18TH
JUNE

SPORTS DAY PM

KS2 END OF YEAR DISCO

3RD
JULY

9TH
JULY

YEAR 6 SHOW @ 9.15AM

YEAR 6 SHOW @ 1.45PM

10TH
JULY

END OF YEAR TRIP TO TOP GOLF

16TH
JULY

17TH
JULY

LEAVERS' ASSEMBLY @ 2.30PM



Join the Runnymede Junior Rangers

**Are you aged between 13 -18
and love being outdoors?**

Have fun, explore the countryside
and learn practical conservation
skills as part of our Junior
Rangers programme.

Register to be a Junior Ranger!



Applications close
Friday 25 July 2025



Runnymede
BOROUGH COUNCIL



Street Party

Saturday 28th June 2 – 5.30 p.m.

Residents of the Garfield Road estate are invited to join us at Surrey Towers Green for a
late celebration of the 80th anniversary of VE Day.

Lots of fun for children and entertainment for adults:

- Children's activities run by EIKON
- Crafts sessions with Chertsey Museum
- Live VE Day Party Show by singer Claire Trusson
- Food stalls
- Exhibition,
- Wavell Barracks interactive games
- Quiz for the young ones and Suggestion Box for the adults – win a prize by simply participating!

Children must be supervised

We are going to take photos, and we might use them for our website or newsletters. If you do
not want your photo taken, let us know at the Runnymede Borough Council gazebo on the
day. Alternatively email us on Listening@runnymede.gov.uk

If the weather is bad, we may need to cancel the event – please look for updates on the
Council website.



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challenge in your
household?**

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child who is neurodivergent,
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Join our free webinar with **Niki Methold**,
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DATES:
Thursday 10 July | 1.30pm – 2.30pm
Monday 14 July | 7.30pm – 8.30pm

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Would you like to earn some extra income whilst contributing to our community?

Join our team for a 14-week mission as Children's Community Immunisation and Screening Assistants.

We are looking for enthusiastic individuals to work within our team, visiting schools across Surrey to support with the delivery of the school based 2025 flu vaccination programme and the Year R and Year 6 Weights and Measures.

Please apply via HCRG Care Group on the links below:

Closing Date: 13/07/2025

NE Surrey – Elmbridge, Spelthorne

<https://careershub.hcrgcaregroup.com/members/modules/job/detail.php?record=15883>

NW Surrey – Woking, Surrey Heath & Runnymede

<https://careershub.hcrgcaregroup.com/members/modules/job/detail.php?record=15885>

SE Surrey – Leatherhead, Epsom & Ewell, Mole Valley, Tandridge, Reigate & Banstead

<https://careershub.hcrgcaregroup.com/members/modules/job/detail.php?record=15886>

SW Surrey – Guildford & Waverley

<https://careershub.hcrgcaregroup.com/members/modules/job/detail.php?record=15887>



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