



DARLEY DENE DISPATCHES

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Headteacher's Message

It has been another lively and positive week here at Darley Dene, so it feels fitting to share a few highlights and updates with you all.

We were delighted to welcome EYFS and SEND Advisors from Surrey this week for a *Team Around the Nursery* visit. It was a fantastic opportunity to showcase the work happening in our Early Years provision. Our visitors were particularly impressed by the purposeful environment and individualised provision already in place. Our own Early Years and Inclusion Team here will continue to work with Surrey over the year ahead to ensure the best offer for our youngest learners.

The senior leadership team organised the governor visits for the autumn term this week. We also welcomed Amanda Manzoni as a new governor. Amanda brings a wealth of experience and will no doubt make a valuable contribution in her new role. We look forward to working with her and the rest of our Local Governing Body throughout the year ahead.

Our LAN Centre children went on the first trip of this school year to Taplow Playground on Thursday. The children excitedly returned to school, but definitely ready for an early night after such a busy day. Thank you to the staff involved for organising this experience. The LAN Centre said goodbye to Miss Wilson today. I know our families have been busy wishing her well this week. We are grateful for the impact Miss Wilson has had and wish her all the best in her new role.

The book fair was overflowing each day with the children eager to share with you books that sparked their interest. Thank you Mr. Bartlett and the Office Team for enabling this to run so smoothly. Please continue to hear your child read each day and read to them to continue to develop their love for reading.

A *thank you* to all our families who attended our Open Afternoon this week. It was wonderful to see so many of you exploring classrooms, chatting with staff, and celebrating your children's learning. Your support means so much to the children – they were *beaming with pride*, when preparing their learning and classrooms for your arrival.

Your support really does matter. With that said, there are a few ways you can be involved in the Darley Dene community

Currently, we have four volunteers that come in weekly and we are always looking for more. Whether it is hearing readers, helping on trips, or supporting classroom activities, your support is invaluable. If you're interested in becoming a volunteer, please pop into the office for a short application pack and DBS information.

The PTA – known around here as the *Family Dynamos* – is always looking for new members to bring fresh ideas, energy and creativity to our community events and fundraising efforts. Whether you can spare a little time or a lot, your involvement really does make a difference. If you'd like to join or just find out more, please speak to the office or drop them an email.

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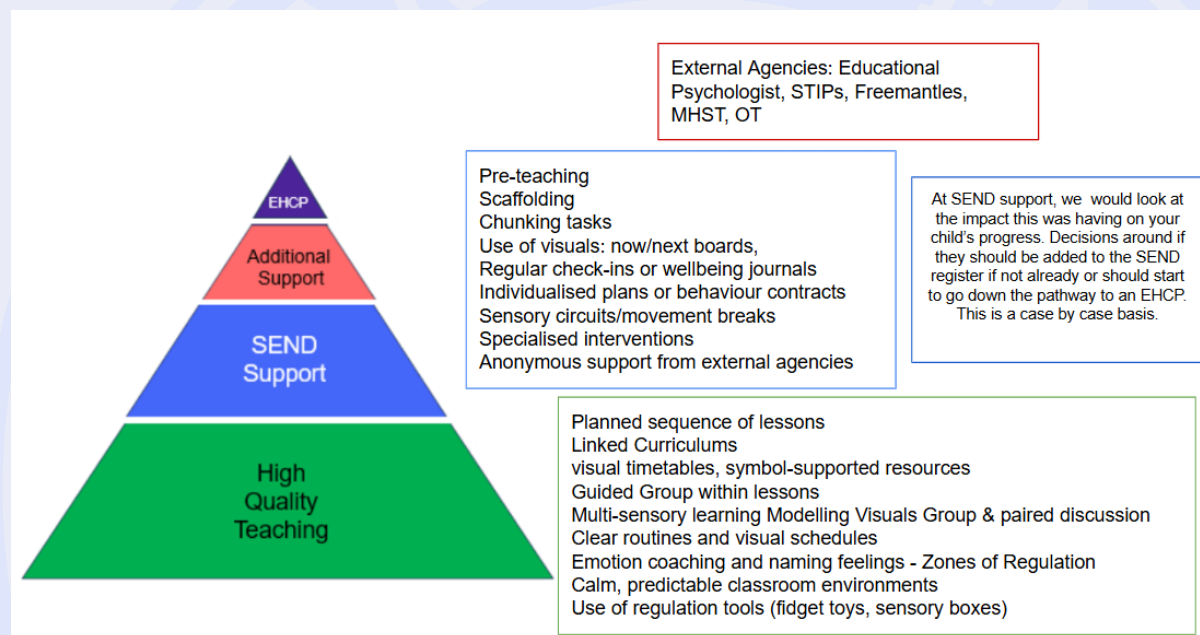
Year 6

LAN Centre



Inclusion Update

At our Darley Dene, we believe that every child deserves the opportunity to succeed, and this is reflected in the way we support children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). In the classroom, this begins with high-quality teaching and the use of an Ordinarily Available Provision (OAP), which ensures lessons are accessible to all learners. For children who may need extra support, this could include scaffolding tasks, providing visuals, regular check-ins, or specialist interventions tailored to their needs. Where further support is required, we work closely with external agencies to access additional expertise and resources, ensuring that every child receives the right help at the right time.



Time to talk

What was the best part of the past week for you?



Secondary school place

Year 6 parents please remember to apply for a secondary school place for your child by 31st October 2025. Please see link below for application form.

[Secondary admissions](#)

EYFS & KS1 News

The children in EYFS and KS1 have had a fantastic week of learning, exploration, and creativity. In EYFS, the children have been developing their understanding of numbers, focusing on the concept of 'more than' through hands-on activities. They've also been reading *The Colour Monster*, using the story to help them recognise and talk about their feelings. In Year 1, the children have enjoyed reading *One Day on Our Blue Planet*, using the book to inspire discussions about the world around us. They've also been learning all about their eyes in science, showing great curiosity and asking thoughtful questions. Meanwhile, in Year 2, the children have been busy writing their own versions of *Pattan's Pumpkin*, using rich vocabulary and imaginative ideas to bring their stories to life. It's been a pleasure to see such enthusiasm and progress in our classrooms this week.



KS2

Another fantastic week for our KS2 children and we are well and truly into the school year. Our Year 3 children have had great fun acting as reporters and developing their skill using speech in their writing as journalists. Our Year 4 children have been tackling their tag rugby unit in PE with energy and enthusiasm; our Year 5 children have been getting stuck into their understanding of place value in Maths; and our Year 6 children have been increasing their writing stamina with a focus on using more and more of their grammatical knowledge picked up in lessons.

House Competition

This week is the fateful week where the class book corner winner will be selected. We are all waiting on baited breath for Mr Bartlett's decision. Best of luck everyone!

Dynamos

Congratulations to our school Dynamos for this year:

Year 1: Taylor, Darius, and Bradley.

Year 2: Ola, Jayleen, and Anisha.

Year 3: Dolcie, Leigh and Ronnie.

Year 4: Reni, Andrei, and Lorelai.

Year 5: Yusuf, Fatmana, and Advik.

Year 6: Sudem, Jude, and Melody.

All of the Darley Dene community look forward to watching you all grow and flourish in your roles this year.

Home Learning

Home learning will be given out on a Thursday and will need to be completed (and returned in KS1) for the following Tuesday. [Home Learning](#).

Alongside their home learning, the expectation is for children to read daily at home for 10-15 minutes. If your child is in Reception or KS1, please log this in their reading journal. If your child is in KS2 (Year 3,4,5 or 6) they will be able to write a short paragraph in their reading journal. *Examples may include their favourite parts in the story, character descriptions and their predictions.*

Each week, your child will also 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.

Reading, reading, reading

This week, we celebrated the success of our Book Fair. The children had the chance to explore the fair during the school day on Tuesday, and it was fantastic to see them so excited about choosing and discussing books. A huge thank you to all parents for supporting the fair — your contributions will make a real difference, and it was lovely to see the children's love for reading shine through.

In class, our reading lessons are continuing to build key skills. Children are developing their key skills, from understanding new vocabulary to beginning to develop deeper understanding by making inferences from the text they read.

Finally, here are a few book **recommendations** you might like to explore with your child at home:



The Ogre Who Wasn't
Michael Morpurgo

KS1 fantasy book

A classic fairy tale with a fun modern twist. Clara is a small, strong-minded princess who loves climbing trees, jumping ditches - and making friends with creepy-crawlies! But with a fussy nanny and a bossy butler, it's not easy being herself. There's only one thing for it...



Attack of the Snaliens!
Alex T Smith

KS1 fantasy book

Astrid Atomic is a normal 6-year-old - until bedtime! As soon as the lights go out, she becomes a Space Cadet, blasts off in her ship Stardust, and zooms into space! With her friends Beryl, Professor Quackers, and Zoink, Astrid gets missions from The Chief to help clean up the Milky Way. But when an alien needs help, and giant Snaliens appear, things quickly go off course!



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

Mileh
Azeemah
Harper W
Lukas
Yusf
Olaf

Jigsaw

Taylor
Zion
Levy
Kayla
Anusha
Ameerah

Sports Stars

Deina
Ola
Eleen
Gabi
Daisy K
Mia

Maths

Mahadev
Noah L-A
John
Rory M
Tyler M
Fatmana
Izabella

Writing

Freddie
Isabella AD
Curtis
Dolcie
Jacinta
Arzo
Melody

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: Erich

Reception: Freddie, Aarish, Godstime Jnr

Year 1: Illyria, Victoria, Darius

Year 2: Azeemah, Nancy-May

Year 3: Rory, Eyup

Year 4: Hanna, Frankie

Year 5: Alan, Advik, Ada-Marie, Sienna, Jasmine, Elsie-Jean, Yusuf

Timetables Rockstars

Arabella, Mehrab, Lena

Messages from the School Office

Uniform

We want children to be proud of Darley Dene and to take a pride in their appearance whilst wearing our school uniform, encouraging a sense of belonging amongst the children as well as embedding our identity in the wider community. Please ensure that your child's uniform including Coats, Jackets and PE Kits as well as water bottles **are named**.

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.

Pupil Premium/FSM

Have your circumstances changed? You may qualify for your child to have free school meals and other benefits under the Pupil Premium/FSM scheme from Surrey County Council. Scan the QR code to check.



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 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

Autumn term menu available [click here](#)

Please continue to pay for lunches through your ScoPay account.

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

Amount Payable for a Penalty Notice and Consequences for repeat unauthorised absences

1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period 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.
Surrey County Council is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the Headteacher.

[Attendance & Punctuality Policy 2024](#)



Vacancies

Darley Dene Primary School is recruiting: We are looking to appoint a Teaching Assistant with a Level 3 qualification who has a passion for creating life long learners, is committed to inclusion and equality and has high expectations of themselves and every child. For more information please see: [Level 3 Teaching Assistant](#)

Darley Dene Primary School is recruiting: We are seeking to appoint 2 highly enthusiastic, proactive, flexible and reliable individuals for the role of Teaching Assistant. This is an opportunity for individuals who are patient and emotionally resilient to join our friendly, inclusive and inspirational team of teaching and support staff. For more information please see: [Teaching Assistant](#)

Saxon Primary School is recruiting: We are looking to recruit a permanent term-time Office Assistant to join our busy school office. This is an exciting opportunity for anyone wishing to be part of a friendly, dedicated, fast paced team where you can make a real difference to our children. For more information: [School Office Assistant](#)

Upcoming Diary Dates

Term Dates 2025 - 2026

Autumn Term

Thurs 2nd Oct - Year 5 cake sale
Fri 3rd Oct - Whole School Parent Coffee Morning - 9am
Wed 8th Oct - Year 5 Planetarium Workshop
Fri 10th Oct - World Mental Health Day - Hello Yellow Day
Mon 13th - Tues 14th - Year 6 Bikeability
Mon 20th Oct - Parent consultations 4:30pm - 7:00pm
Tues 21st Oct - Individual and siblings photos
Wed 22nd Oct - Parent consultations 3:30pm - 6:00pm
Friday 24th Oct - INSET DAY 3
Mon 27th Oct - Friday 31st Oct - HALF TERM
Mon 3rd Nov - Children return to school
Mon 3rd Nov - Fri 7th Nov - Year 6 Bikeability
Tues 11th Nov - Frid 14th Nov - Year 6 Bristol Trip
Thurs 20th Nov - Year 1 Chertsey Museum Toy Workshop
Tues 9th Dec - Pantomime YR -Y6
Fri 19th Dec - End of term 1:00pm

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 1:00pm

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 1:00pm
Mon 20th July - INSET DAY
Tues 21st July - INSET DAY 5

Kind regards



Zoe Devonport
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

2

(WITHIN 3 YEARS)

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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CHERTSEY HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 1st October
6pm-8pm

www.chertseyhighschool.co.uk



JUBILEE HIGH SCHOOL OPEN EVENTS



**OPEN EVENING 24th
SEPTEMBER 2025
(5:00pm - 8:00pm)**

**OPEN MORNINGS
22nd, 24th & 29th SEPTEMBER and 1st OCTOBER 2025
(Tour Times 9:15am and 10:15am)**

BOOK ONLINE AT WWW.JUBILEEHIGH.SURREY.SCH.UK



Thursday 2 October at 3.10pm

19/9/25

Siana

YEAR 5 CAKE SALE



come to our year 5
cake sale.

Siana

Is your child in year 6?



If so, you need to apply online for a secondary school place by **31 October 2025**. Applying on time gives you a better chance of getting one of your preferred schools.

If you live in Surrey, you can find out all you need to know about school admissions and apply online at surreycc.gov.uk/admissions or you can call us on **0300 200 1004**.



Apply online
apply on time by
31 October 2025



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