



# DARLEY DENE DISPATCHES

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## Headteacher's Message

There has been a lovely atmosphere around school this week, with many children being recognised for their polite manners and for showing the qualities of a good friend. It has also been wonderful to feel the buzz in the classrooms with children eager to share their new learning with adults.

It is an exciting time for some of our siblings and families in the wider community, who have been offered their reception school places recently. We are so looking forward to welcoming new families to Darley Dene over the coming months. Starting school is such an exciting time and there is a lot that can be happening between now and September to support your child in being school ready. Please see below for some further advice. We are committed to making the transition as smooth as possible to ensure every child feels confident.

Following up on last week, Darley Dene has now officially been recognised with the National Nurturing Schools Award (NSSA). We are one of the first schools in Surrey to achieve this. This will help us continue to showcase how the six principles of nurture are already reflected in our whole school practice, ensuring that every child feels safe, valued, and ready to learn.

There are a number of Statutory Assessments taking place over the coming weeks:

- Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs) in Year 6 will take place the week commencing 11th May
- The Multiplication Tables Check in Year 4 will take place the week commencing 2nd June
- The Phonics Screening check in Year 1 will take place the week commencing 9th June.

Thank you to the parents who have already attended the number of information events already in school enabling you to support your child at home during this time. If you have any questions please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance as they are preparing them beautifully.

Our office manager, Mrs Surey, took the time to enter us into the Waitrose Community Matters project for Addlestone. We have been awarded a donation of £1000 in response to the work we are doing each day to enrich lives. We will now consider how best to use this money to benefit the children.

Surrey Outdoor Learning joined us on Wednesday to complete further training with our staff team to develop their knowledge further. Mrs Butler is at the Outdoor Learning conference today to deepen her skills and confidence in creating an integrated approach to outdoor learning throughout the school. Watch out to see how we will continue to take learning beyond the classroom at Darley Dene.

I hope you all have a happy and restful weekend in the sunshine.

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## School Readiness and Making a Healthy Start Webinar

The webinar will be delivered **monthly from April 2026 to October 2026**.

The next session will take place on **20 May 2026**, from **10:30am to 11:30am**, and will offer evidence informed guidance on a broad range of key health- related- school readiness topics, including:

Understanding your child, talking to your child about starting school, separation anxiety, toileting, dental health, Healthy eating, sleep, hand hygiene, Reception Year health screening, vaccinations, screen safety, supporting children with additional needs.

The aim of these sessions is to ensure that families receive clear, consistent, and accessible information to help them feel confident and well prepared ahead of their child starting school.

The **webinar access link** can be found on our website or app at: [surreychildandfamily.co.uk](https://surreychildandfamily.co.uk)  
Please navigate to **School Nursing 5-19 Years** and scroll down to **Virtual Sessions**.

Are you new to the area?  
Are you looking for a place now or in the future?

You are invited to our  
**DARLEY DENE PRIMARY  
NURSERY & RECEPTION  
OPEN MORNING**

**SATURDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2026**

COME WITH YOUR CHILD  
FOR A STAY & PLAY SESSION BETWEEN  
**10:00am - 11:30am**



**Transitions**  
The importance  
of transitions in  
children's lives

### Time to talk

Understanding what makes children and young people feel happy, safe, and loved helps us support their wellbeing and build resilience when challenges arise. This term, we will be focusing on the Nurture Principle of **Transitions**: The importance of transitions in children's lives, sharing weekly prompts to help guide meaningful conversations at home and nurture those positive emotions.

When you have to finish a fun activity, what helps you feel okay about moving on?



## Inclusion

The summer term can be a particularly busy time for children, with assessments, transitions to new classes, changes in routines, school trips, sports events, and end-of-year activities. While these are exciting opportunities, children may experience a range of emotions such as excitement, worry, tiredness, or uncertainty, which may present in different ways.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child during this time, please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance, who will be happy to support. They may also work with Miss Johnston (Inclusion Lead) or Mrs Webb (HSLW) to ensure the right support is in place.

## Year 1 Class Assembly

A huge thank you to our families who joined us on Tuesday for our Year 1 class assembly. The children stood confidently and shared their fantastic learning throughout the year. It was wonderful to hear about all the different things they have enjoyed and to listen to them singing some of the songs we've been practising in assemblies.


## Dynamos

From next week, our Dynamos will begin supporting class teachers in delivering our Wednesday assemblies. This is a fantastic opportunity for them to develop their leadership and oracy skills.

## Coffee Morning for Mental Health Awareness

Catherine Webb (HSLW) and Mrs Jones (ELSA) is hosting a coffee morning on **Friday 15th May at 9:00am-10:00am** for Mental Health Awareness week. Representatives from Eikon Charity, the Mental Health Support Team (MHST) and the Family Centre will be there to answer any questions you have regarding support for your child. We really look forward to seeing you there.

## House Competitions

A huge thank you to Miss Frost for running this week's Eco Warriors Recycling Competition! 

It's been fantastic to see both pupils and staff getting involved, collecting recycling and helping to make our school a cleaner, greener place. The winning house will be announced in Monday's assembly.

Our next house competition will be a Scavenger Hunt, starting the week beginning 5th May. More details will be shared soon about this.


## Family Dynamos

We are very excited about our upcoming Summer term events. To allow more families to join our next Family Dynamo meeting, we have decided to hold this meeting virtually. The meeting will now take place on **Tuesday 5th May 2026** at **3:30pm**. The meeting link will be shared closer to the time. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school office.

## Year 3 visit to Care Home

Year 3 have greatly enjoyed their first visits to St Augustine's Care Home to visit the residents. Through reading together, playing board games, and crafts, amazing new friendships are being made between two sets of people far apart in age.

## Reading

Reading in the Sunshine 

With the lovely weather we have been enjoying recently, why not encourage your child to take their reading outside and enjoy a book in the sunshine? Reading outdoors is a wonderful way for children to experience books in a different environment and continue to develop their love of reading.

In school this week, some year groups have been taking their reading outside, which has been lovely to see. The children have really enjoyed sitting in the fresh air with a good book. Perhaps this is something you could try at home too! Whether it's in the garden, at the park or on a picnic blanket, reading outdoors can be a great way to make reading even more enjoyable.



## Maths

### 🌿 Maths Beyond the Classroom!

This week, our corridors have been quiet because the real action was happening outdoors! From using Tagtiv8 belts to race for equivalent fractions to hunting for polygons in the playground, we've seen that Maths isn't just in a textbook—it's under our feet and all around us.

The children have been busy:

- Angle Hunters: Using twigs and jumbo protractors to measure the geometry of nature.
- Fraction Tag: Finding decimal and fraction equivalents at high speed!
- Environmental Architects: Measuring the perimeter and area of our real-world environment.

### 🦉 The Weekend "Maths-on-the-Move" Challenge

Can you find the hidden Maths when you're out and about this weekend?

Coming soon... Thursday 21st May - TTRS Battle of the Houses!

## PSHE Curriculum - RSE

Before the Easter break, information was shared regarding the upcoming PSHE Curriculum this term. Please ensure to read the following letter carefully. If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance. [Click here to read the letter](#)

## 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

Lexi  
Hairam  
Andrei C  
Dev  
Bella  
Alan

### Jigsaw

Miles  
CJ  
John  
Gizem  
Paige  
Kaylee

### Sports Stars

Priscilla  
Hannah A  
Aaliyah-Marie  
Raven  
Charlotte W  
Esther

### Maths

Ayan  
Kayden C  
Marya  
Eleigh  
Tyler M  
Aaliyah J-B  
Emi

### Writing

Mateo  
Maheer  
Isabella AD  
Jayleen  
Josh  
Sophia  
Diana  
Yovana

## 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.

**LAN Centre:** Miles, Mateo

**Nursery:** Athaliah, Nakiya

**Reception:** Tae

**Year 1:** Leo D, Sorayah, Sharon

**Year 2:** Esmae, Jayleen

**Year 3:** Gizem, Levi, Hicabi, Ronnie, eleen

**Year 4:** Jacinta, Sophia, Gabi

**Year 5:** Caesar, Aaliyah, Kaylee, Advika

## Timetables Rockstars

Lizzie, Shamirra



## Messages from the School Office Communication to Parents

The majority of communication to parents from the school is made via Email or Text Messages for important updates and information. If you are not receiving emails or text messages from the school please contact the Office to check that we have all your correct contact details.

### 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.



### Breakfast and After School Club

Breakfast and ASC are bookable via Scopay. Please book 24 hours in advance to secure your child's space - **Please note credit is needed on your account in order to book sessions. If you need help booking, please call the office.**

### Vision Tests

Please be aware children in reception classes no longer have a vision test at school. Children can have a vision test at any optician free till the age of 16: [Eye tests for children - NHS](#)

### 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](#)

## Darley Dene Primary School Penalty Notice and Fines

Changes effective 19/08/24

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#### FIRST OFFENCE

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.

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#### SECOND OFFENCE (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.

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#### THIRD OFFENCE AND ANY FURTHER OFFENCES (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

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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### Upcoming Diary Dates

#### Summer Term 2026

Mon 20<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> Apr - Recycling House Competition

Tues 21<sup>st</sup> Apr - Year 1 Class Assembly

Thur 23<sup>rd</sup> Apr - Year 1 Phonics Screening Check - Parents Meeting



Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Apr - Year 3 Visit to St Augustine's Care Home  
 Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Apr - Year 3 Feet First Training  
 Tues 28<sup>th</sup> Apr - Year 2 Class Assembly  
 Fri 1<sup>st</sup> May - Bee Visit Year 1 & Year 3  
 Fri 1<sup>st</sup> May - Year 3 Visit to St Augustine's Care Home  
**Mon 4<sup>th</sup> May - Early May Bank Holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED**  
 Tues 5<sup>th</sup> May - Fri 15<sup>th</sup> May - Magma Maths Competition  
 Tues 5<sup>th</sup> May - Year 3 Class Assembly  
 Tues 5<sup>th</sup> May - Resilience Workshop for parents - 2:45pm  
 Thur 7<sup>th</sup> May - Year 4 Bikeability  
 Fri 8<sup>th</sup> May - Year 2 Seaside Workshop  
 Fri 8<sup>th</sup> May - Year 3 Visit to St Augustine's Care Home  
 Mon 11<sup>th</sup> May - Fri 15<sup>th</sup> May - KS2 SATs Week  
 Mon 11<sup>th</sup> May - Fri 15<sup>th</sup> May - Mental Health Awareness Week  
 Fri 15<sup>th</sup> May - Mental Health Awareness Week Coffee Morning  
 Fri 15<sup>th</sup> May - Year 6 - Victory Park  
 Fri 15<sup>th</sup> May - Year 3 Visit to St Augustine's Care Home  
 Mon 18<sup>th</sup> May - Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> May - Walk to School Week  
 Mon 18<sup>th</sup> May - Year 5 Habitat Workshop  
 Tues 19<sup>th</sup> May - Reception Class Assembly  
 Tues 19<sup>th</sup> May - Singing House Competition  
 Wed 20<sup>th</sup> May - Year 1 St George's Choral Festival  
 Wed 20<sup>th</sup> May - Year 6 Midsummer's Night Dream at St George's  
 Wed 20<sup>th</sup> May - Year 5 & 6 Girls Cricket Match  
 Wed 20<sup>th</sup> May - PSHE Workshop - Policy Changing Consultation  
 Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> May - TTRS Battle of the Houses!  
 Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> May - Year 5 Hampton Court Palace Trip  
 Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> May - Reception Growth Performance - Parents  
 Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> May - Year 3 Visit to St Augustine's Care Home  
**Mon 25<sup>th</sup> May - Fri 29<sup>th</sup> May - HALF TERM**  
 Mon 1<sup>st</sup> June - Children return to school  
 Mon 1<sup>st</sup> June - 5<sup>th</sup> June - Create a house team chant music/P.E. for Sports Day  
 Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> June - Summer Of Song at The Echelford  
 Thur 4<sup>th</sup> June - Year 1 Maths Challenge  
 Fri 5<sup>th</sup> June - Class Photos  
 Fri 5<sup>th</sup> June - Year 3 Visit to St Augustine's Care Home  
 Mon 8<sup>th</sup> June - Fri 12<sup>th</sup> June - Healthy Eating Week  
 Mon 8<sup>th</sup> June - Fri 12<sup>th</sup> June - Create a house t-shirt design for sports day  
 Mon 8<sup>th</sup> June - Year 1 Windsor Castle Trip  
 Tues 9<sup>th</sup> June - Importance of Health and Fitness Parent Workshop  
 Tues 9<sup>th</sup> June - AIM High Writing Year 1 & 2  
 Wed 10<sup>th</sup> June - KS2 District Sports  
 Thur 11<sup>th</sup> June - Year 4 Maths Challenge  
 Thur 11<sup>th</sup> June - Year 2 Forest School at St George's  
 Fri 12<sup>th</sup> June - Year 3 Visit to St Augustine's Care Home  
 Fri 12<sup>th</sup> June - Year 1 cake & ice lolly sale  
 Mon 15<sup>th</sup> June - Year 2 Wisley Garden Trip  
 Mon 15<sup>th</sup> June - Stay, Play and Learn - Nursery 2pm - 2:45pm  
 Mon 15<sup>th</sup> June - Stay, Play and Learn - Reception 2pm - 3pm  
 Mon 15<sup>th</sup> June - Stay, Play and Learn - LAN 2:30pm - 3pm  
 Tues 16<sup>th</sup> June - Stay, Play and Learn - Reception 2pm - 3pm  
 Tues 16<sup>th</sup> June - Year 6 Trip to Thorpe Park  
 Wed 17<sup>th</sup> June - Sports Day  
 Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> June - Stay, Play and Learn - Nursery 2pm - 2:45pm  
 Fri 19<sup>th</sup> June - KS2 St George's Theatre Trip



Fri 19<sup>th</sup> June - Year 3 Visit to St Augustine's Care Home  
Fri 26<sup>th</sup> June - Transition Coffee Morning  
Fri 26<sup>th</sup> June - Year 3 Visit to St Augustine's Care Home  
Mon 29<sup>th</sup> June - Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> July - World Cup Countries House Competition  
Tues 30<sup>th</sup> June - Year 6 Move Up Day  
Wed 1<sup>st</sup> July - Year 6 Move Up Day  
Thur 2<sup>nd</sup> July - Young Carers Meet Up  
Thur 2<sup>nd</sup> July - LAN Chessington World of Adventure Trip  
Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> July - Resilience Workshop 9am  
Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> July - Year 3 Visit to St Augustine's Care Home  
Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> July - Year Reception cake & ice lolly sale  
Mon 6<sup>th</sup> July - Fri 10<sup>th</sup> July - End of Year Quiz - House Competition  
Mon 6<sup>th</sup> July - Wellbeing Ambassador Training  
Mon 6<sup>th</sup> July - KS2 - The Darley Dene Expo  
Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 Show  
Fri 10<sup>th</sup> July - Year 3 Visit to St Augustine's Care Home  
Mon 13<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 Mini Olympic at St Georges  
Tues 14<sup>th</sup> July - Family Dynamo Presents: Island Glow - The Final Party  
Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 Leaver's Assembly  
**Fri 17<sup>th</sup> July - End of term 1:00pm**  
Mon 20<sup>th</sup> July - INSET DAY 4  
Tues 21<sup>st</sup> July - INSET DAY 5

### **Term Dates 2026 - 2027**

#### **Autumn Term**

Tues 1<sup>st</sup> Sept - INSET DAY 1  
Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept - INSET DAY 2  
Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept - Children return to school  
Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Oct - End of term - normal time  
Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Oct - Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Oct - Half term (two weeks)  
Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov - Children return to school  
Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Dec - End of term 1:00pm

#### **Spring Term 2027**

Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Jan - INSET DAY 3  
Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Jan - Children return to school  
Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Feb - End of term - normal time  
Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Feb - Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Feb - Half term  
Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb - Children return to school  
Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> Mar - End of term 1:00pm

#### **Summer Term 2027**

Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Apr - Children return to school  
Fri 28<sup>th</sup> May - End of term - normal time  
Mon 31<sup>st</sup> May - Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Jun - Half term  
Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Jun - Children return to school  
Tues 20<sup>th</sup> Jul - End of term 1:00pm  
Wed 21<sup>st</sup> - INSET DAY 4  
Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Jul - INSET DAY  
Kind regards



**Zoe Devonport**  
**Headteacher**





**MENTAL  
HEALTH  
FOUNDATION**  
**MENTAL  
HEALTH  
AWARENESS  
WEEK**  
11-17 MAY 2026



# MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK COFFEE MORNING



Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May - 9am

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Representatives from Eikon Charity, the Mental Health Support Team (MHST) and the Family Centre will be there to answer any questions you have regarding support for your child.

We really look forward to seeing you there





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