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Headteacher's Message

Another wet and windy week but that did not dull the sparkle around school. There have been so many trips and visits taking place; the enthusiasm was absolutely electric around school. Below are further details shared for each event. Thank you to all the staff involved in making these happen.

Next Wednesday is the Darley Dene Sports Day and we are looking forward to welcoming our families to this big event in any primary school calendar.

Thank you to all the families who joined us on Saturday for our EYFS Open Morning, which was a new Darley Dene event. and it was lovely to see so many children enjoying our space and sharing that they wanted to stay even longer.

A huge well done to Year 1 for completing their Phonics Screen Check this week! Results will be shared with parents and carers alongside the end of year report.

At the end of the summer term, we will be saying goodbye to a number of members of our teaching team and welcoming some new faces.

Miss Nhambure has been part of the Darley Dene team for almost four years and is leaving teaching to pursue a career in social care. We are all excited for her as she begins this new chapter. During her time here, Miss Nhambure has had a big impact, having taught across all phases of the school, leading various subjects and, most recently, co-led our LAN Centre. We thank her for all she has contributed and will all miss her wonderful spirit.

I am delighted to share that Miss Lawson will be teaching in our LAN Centre full-time from September. This will provide valuable continuity for the children and allow her to further build upon the provision and support next year.

Mr Markham is moving back closer to home in Birmingham to continue his teaching journey. He has been a key member of our Key Stage 2 team and has contributed to the school in his role as Phase Leader and through his safeguarding work. He will be missed by many and we wish him all the best.

Miss Frost joined our teaching team last year and will be moving closer to her partner in Cambridge over the summer. We thank her for her contribution to the Darley Dene community and wish her well for the future.

As many of you know, Mrs Holmes got married earlier this year and has decided to take up a teaching position closer to her home in London. This will reduce her long commute so she can continue building her life more locally. Mrs Holmes joined us two and a half years ago and we are grateful for everything she has done for our children - I know she will be missed by many of our families.

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Headteacher's Message continued

Miss Oomen is relocating over the summer. During her time here, she has worked across both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 and led phonics across the school. We thank her for everything she has done for our children and wish her every success in the next stage of her career.

Whilst we are sad to see these staff members leave, we wish them all the very best for the future.

I am pleased to share that we are fully staffed for next year. In the newsletter on Friday 26th June, I will share our staffing overview for September in preparation for our Move Up Morning on Wednesday 1st July so that you have the names of the new teachers joining us before your child meets them.

As children begin to think about summer approaching the new school year, I would like to encourage families to talk positively about changes ahead and the exciting opportunities they will bring. Children can take many of their cues from the adults around them, so reassurance, enthusiasm and open conversations can help ensure a smooth transition into the next stage of their learning journey. Thank you for all of your support with this.

Darley Dene Nursery

Spaces for September are limited, we encourage you to submit your application by the end of June.

Darley Dene Nursery provides 15 & 30 hour placements for 2-4 year olds. Why not come and see for yourself the lovely Nursery facilities we offer? We would love to show you around!

Please email the office for more information or book a tour on our website [here](#)



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

**Spaces are available for
2-4 year olds starting
in September.**

Need more information?
Please contact
Mrs Surey, Admissions Officer via email at
office.darleydene@lumenlearning.trust.co.uk
or call 01932 847674



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.

What makes you feel safe when you're in a new environment? or a new classroom?



Inclusion Update - Building Resilience – Skills (Part 1: Emotional Regulation and Coping)

Children need strategies to manage their emotions and stay calm when things feel difficult.

In school, we support this by:

- Using Zones of Regulation to identify feelings.
- Teaching breathing and calming strategies.
- Providing movement breaks or quiet spaces.
- Supporting children to recognise when they need help.

At home, you can support by:

- Talking about emotions and helping your child name how they feel and what this might feel like in their body.
- Practising calming strategies such as the breathing techniques pictured below.



Stay and Play Sessions

Next week, we are delighted to welcome families into our LAN, Nursery and Reception classrooms for our Stay and Play sessions. These sessions provide an opportunity for children to proudly share their learning environment with you and showcase some of the fantastic work they have completed throughout the year as part of their end-of-year celebrations. For further information, please refer to the letters that were sent home last week.

Year 1 Windsor Trip

Rain certainly didn't stop Year 1 from having a wonderful time at Windsor Castle! There was lots of excitement as we looked out for the flag, watched the guards in action, marvelled at the incredible dollhouse, and explored the chapel. It was a fantastic day full of discovery and wonder!



Year 1 and 2 - AIM High

On Wednesday, some children from Year 1 and Year 2 had the opportunity to visit St. George's Junior School to engage in a day celebrating reading and writing. They were able to spend time with author Michael De Souza and they all made Darley Dene proud!



Year 2 Forest School session at St. George's

On Thursday, Year 2 visited St. George's Junior School. They enjoyed exploring the forest school area and got to roast marshmallows while learning about fire safety. They did a fabulous job and were incredibly excited while completing PE activities led by some Year 6 children from St. George's. What a fun day!

Reading

Well done to all of the children for working so hard in their lessons this week. It has been wonderful to see how engaged and immersed they are in the texts we are reading across the school. Their enthusiasm for books and discussions about reading continues to grow each week. A gentle reminder to parents and carers to please ensure that library books are returned on your child's allocated library day so that they can choose new books to enjoy. We have also shared some fantastic book recommendations for our KS1 children, and we hope these inspire even more reading at home! Happy reading!



Maths

☁️ Don't let the unpredictable British weather keep you cooped up inside! The great outdoors is the ultimate, giant maths classroom. From counting splashes to calculating the secret geometry of a rainbow, the weather provides the perfect, free toolkit to help your child practice their maths skills at home. 🌧️

Here is how you can turn any weather forecast into a fun, hands-on maths challenge for your children, no matter their age:

☀️ EYFS & KS1: The Umbrella Number Bond

Stand under a large umbrella and count the triangle panels that make it up. If your umbrella has 8 panels and 3 are wet from the rain, ask your child how many are still dry. It is a brilliant, visual way to practice number bonds!

☀️ Lower KS2: Cloud Fractions

Look out the window at the sky. Ask your child to estimate the cloud cover as a fraction. Is the sky $\frac{1}{2}$ blue? Is it $\frac{3}{4}$ covered in grey storm clouds?

☀️ Upper KS2: The Rain Gauge Challenge

Put an empty jar outside to catch the rain. If it fills up to 0.42 litres, challenge your child to find the complement to one: How much more rainwater do we need to make exactly 1 whole litre? (0.58 litres).

🎸 Rock Out for London Rocks! 🎸

The countdown is one. 10 days to go until our next massive TTRS battle! Mark your calendars for June 23rd to June 25th for the ultimate showdown: LONDON ROCKS! ⚡

PE

Sports Day

This term, Sports Day will take place on Wednesday 17th June. Reception and KS1 events will be held in the morning 9:30 - 11:00, with KS2 Sports Day taking place in the afternoon 12:50 - 15:00. Please refer to the letter that has been sent out for further information or speak to your child's class teacher for any assistance.

District Sports Competition

Our Year 4, 5 and 6 children proudly represented our school at the District Sports competition, competing in throwing, long jump, sprint races and the 600-metre event. They all showed fantastic effort, determination and sportsmanship throughout the day, and we were delighted to have athletes qualify for three afternoon finals. A special well done to our Year 4 boys' relay team for reaching the final after excellent performances in their heats, Tyler for placing 2nd in his



sprint heat and competing in the finals too and Melody for her incredible effort in qualifying for the final races. Congratulations to all of our children on their amazing achievements in our first District Sports competition!

Family Dynamos

Thank you to the Family Dynamos who attended the past virtual meeting. Summer events have now been organised, which is super exciting. The Family Dynamos will be running stalls at the Darley Dene Expo on 3rd July and hosting an exciting end-of-year party on 14th July. Our next Family Dynamo meeting will take place at **9:00am on Tuesday 16th June** at school.

Island Glow: The Ultimate End-of-Year Party! 🌴🌴

Get ready to dance, glow, and celebrate an amazing year at our Island Glow Disco on Tuesday 14th July, hosted by our fantastic Family Dynamos! Tickets: £2 per child via SCOPay.

Party Times:

- Reception, LAN & KS1: 3:30pm – 4:30pm
- KS2: 4:45pm – 5:45pm

Children are invited to wear their brightest colours, bring their best dance moves, and join us for an afternoon of tropical fun, music, and glowing good times! We can't wait to celebrate!

The Darley Dene Expo

On Friday 3rd July, we are excited to invite families into school for our Darley Dene Expo. This is an open-classroom event where families are invited to see the immersive foundation learning that has been taking place across the school. The Expo will begin at 3:10pm, straight after dismissal. Alongside this, our Family Dynamo team will be leading two fair stalls for families to enjoy!

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

Mateo
Victoria
Jayleen
Eleen
Lizzie
Jayden

Jigsaw

Lexi
Leo Da
Evelin
Hicabi
Thabie
Daisy-May

Sports Stars

Miles
Darius
Andrei C
Levy
Tyler Mo
Shylla

Maths

Ayan
Adelina
Isabella DF
Noah M
Saboath
Jacinta
Elsy
Leo Do

Writing

Lucia
Freddie
Sharon
Cristian
Tyler Mu
Gabi
Daisy
Jake

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: Lexi, Ayan

Nursery: Freyja, Huxley

Reception: Leonidas

Year 1: Deina, Isabella, Aysha, CJ

Year 2: Azeemah, Elfida

Year 3: Hicabi, Levi, Rory, Reuben, Labiba, Josh

Year 4: Lorelai, Tyler, Reni, Roni, Andrei, Lukas, Aya, Hanna

Year 5: Jasmine, Mehrab, Ada-Marie

Year 6: Melody, Matthew, Lena, Christina, Jude, Kayden, Orest, Hargun

Timestables Rockstars

Anisha, Leelou, Lukas, Esther



School nurse drop in Service: 9-10am Friday 10th July

As you know Darley Dene is taking part in a new initiative being offered by the School Nursing Service to further support families and school communities. The school nurse will be available once a month to offer support and advice on health-related concerns. E.g., fussy eating, toileting and sleep.

Each parent/carer will be offered a maximum 15-minute discussion. If a longer or more detailed conversation is required, the School Nursing Service will arrange a follow-up telephone call or home visit directly with the family.

The school nurse will be running the next drop in on **Friday 10th July from 9am to 10am.**

If you have any questions, please contact Catherine Webb (HSLW) Telephone: [01932 847674](tel:01932847674)
Mobile: [07387 700 236](tel:07387700236)

Please note you can get health advice and support for you child 0-19 years from the Surrey Child and Family Health Single Point of Access Tel: [0300 247 0025](tel:03002470025)

Email: scfh.contact@hcrkgcaregroup.com If you are emailing us, please include the child's name, date of birth or nhs number and the service you require. Open: Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm (excluding Bank Holidays)

Messages from the School Office

COMING SOON! FREE BREAKFAST CLUB will be available from 8:00 - 8:30am everyday from September 2026! Look out for more information on how you can book your child's place coming soon!

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](#)



Vacancies

Darley Dene Primary School is recruiting: We are seeking to appoint a highly enthusiastic, proactive, flexible and reliable individual 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.

If you actively enjoy working with children in a stimulating and creative environment, have experience ideally within the education sector and are professional in your approach with a desire to make a lasting personal contribution to our children's lives, we want to hear from you. For more information please visit: [Teaching Assistant](#)

Saxon Primary School is recruiting: Do you have a passion for Early Years? This is an exciting opportunity for an Early Years Nursery Assistant to work in our Nursery, who is not afraid to immerse themselves in the children's play. We are looking for someone who can be flexible and support learning in a creative way.

For more information on these roles please see: [Nursery Assistant](#)

Saxon Primary School is recruiting: We are looking to recruit a Teaching Assistant with a passion for creating lifelong learners, committed to inclusion who has a high expectation of themselves and every child. Working Hours: Monday to Friday, term time only (38 weeks per year) 31.25 hours per week, 8.30am to 3.15pm.

For more information on these roles please see: [Teaching Assistant](#)

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

1

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.

2

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.

3

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 15th June - Stay, Play and Learn - Nursery 2pm - 2:45pm
Mon 15th June - Stay, Play and Learn - Reception 2pm - 3pm
Mon 15th June - Stay, Play and Learn - LAN 2:30pm - 3pm
Tues 16th June - Stay, Play and Learn - Reception 2pm - 3pm
Tues 16th June - Year 6 Trip to Thorpe Park
Wed 17th June - Sports Day
Thurs 18th June - Stay, Play and Learn - Nursery 2pm - 2:45pm
Fri 19th June - KS2 St George's Theatre Trip
Mon 22nd June - PSHE - Changes to Curriculum -Workshop
Fri 26th June - Transition Coffee Morning
Mon 29th June - Fri 3rd July - World Cup Countries House Competition
Tues 30th June - Year 6 Move Up Day
Wed 1st July - Year 6 Move Up Day
Wed 1st July - YR - Y5 Move Up Morning
Thur 2nd July - LAN Chessington World of Adventure Trip
Fri 3rd July - Resilience Workshop 9am
Fri 3rd July - Year 3 Visit to St Augustine's Care Home
Fri 3rd July - Year Reception cake & ice lolly sale
Fri 3rd - KS2 - The Darley Dene Expo
Mon 6th July - Fri 10th July - End of Year Quiz - House Competition
Wed 8th July - Wellbeing Ambassador Training
Wed 8th July - Year 6 - Pizza Express
Thurs 9th July - Year 6 Show
Mon 13th July - Year 6 Mini Olympic at St Georges
Tues 14th July - Family Dynamo Presents: Island Glow - The Final Party
Thurs 16th July - Year 6 Leaver's Assembly
Fri 17th July - End of term 1:00pm
Mon 20th July - INSET DAY 4
Tues 21st July - INSET DAY 5

Term Dates 2026 - 2027

Autumn Term

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

Spring Term 2027

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

Summer Term 2027

Mon 12th Apr - Children return to school
Fri 28th May - End of term - normal time
Mon 31st May - Fri 4th Jun - Half term
Mon 7th Jun - Children return to school



Tues 20th Jul - End of term 1:00pm

Wed 21st - INSET DAY 4

Thurs 22nd Jul - INSET DAY

Kind regards

Zoe Devonport
Headteacher



LONDON ROCKS

23RD - 25TH JUNE
8AM TO 6PM

PLAY IN ANY GAME TYPE!

30MIN TIME LIMIT PER PERSON!

WINNING CLASS WILL HAVE THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF CORRECT ANSWERS PER STUDENT!

TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

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