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Headteacher's Message

As we come to the end of another wonderful week, I would like to share some of the highlights along with a few important reminders and updates.

On Monday, I led a whole-school assembly focused on water safety. Together, we discussed the importance of staying together when swimming, being aware of safety equipment around bodies of water, knowing how to float, and understanding which everyday items float and why. The children engaged well and I know these are important messages to share as the weather becomes warmer and families begin to spend more time near water. Please continue these conversations at home.

I am delighted to share that our Year 6 writing assessments were externally moderated on Monday, and all of our teacher judgements were fully validated. This official confirmation offers further reassurance that our curriculum and school opportunities are perfectly aligned to children meeting end of key stage expectations. More than anything, it reflects the determination of our children, and we are incredibly proud of everything they have achieved.

Looking ahead, the forecast suggests that we will experience a heatwave. To help children remain comfortable and safe while at school, please ensure that they arrive each day with: **sun cream (already applied before school), a sun hat and a named water bottle.** Children are not expected to wear jumpers or cardigans next week. In fact, staff will encourage children to remove these so that they can stay as cool and comfortable as possible.

I would also like to share some important updates regarding next academic year.

- Our after-school care provision, Wrap Club, will operate until 4:30pm only and will no longer be available beyond this time.
- In addition, you will have seen that our Breakfast Club will continue to operate from 7:30am, with places available free of charge from 8:00am. If you would like to book any of our before- or after-school care provision, this can be done through your SCOPAY account or by contacting the school office.
- Alongside the term dates and INSET days already published for the 2026–2027 academic year, please note the following additional date: **Friday 2nd October 2026 will be an INSET day for all children.**

Finally, it has been an incredibly exciting week around school. Our Sports Day was an absolute hit. The children thoroughly enjoyed the addition of the parade and house chants, which really helped to build team spirit and celebrate our sense of belonging. A huge well done to Miss Nhambure for organising such a successful event. It was a fantastic day that will undoubtedly be remembered by all.

Our Year 6 children were true 'thrill-seekers' this week as they visited Thorpe Park for their end-of-primary-school celebration. The children had an amazing time and created memories that I am sure will last a lifetime. Thank you to Mr Bartlett, Mrs Butler, and the rest of the team for all the planning and organisation that made this special trip possible.

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Headteacher's Message continued

Finally, if you were out and about in Addlestone today, you may have spotted our Key Stage 2 children making their way to and from St George's College for a theatre performance. We are incredibly grateful for the experiences beyond the classroom that this partnership provides. I am sure you will hear all about it when you collect them later today.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Exciting News: A Fresh New Menu (and a New Way to Order) is Coming This September!

We are delighted to announce that Lumen Learning Trust has appointed a fantastic new school caterer, Dolce Ltd, starting on 1st September. Dolce is a wonderful, family-run company that specialises in education catering, focusing on providing freshly prepared, healthy meals with plenty of delicious choices.

Along with new menus, Dolce are also upgrading how school meals are ordered and paid for by introducing SchoolGrid. This convenient catering parent portal will allow you to easily pre-order meals, pay securely by card, and directly input vital allergen information for your child.

You do not need to do anything at the moment. The email address for your child's priority 1 contact will shortly be shared with SchoolGrid. Once the system is fully ready to launch, you will receive an email from SchoolGrid containing an activation link and full details of next steps that must be completed before school starts in September. More information will be shared via this newsletter in the coming weeks, if in the meantime you have any questions please do contact the office. Get ready for a fresh new lunchtime experience!



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.

Who do you talk to when you're feeling unsure or nervous about a change?



Inclusion Update - Building Resilience – Skills (Part 2: Problem Solving and Social Skills)

Problem-solving and social skills help children manage challenges and build positive relationships.

In school, we support this by:

- Teaching children how to **solve problems step by step**.
- Modelling and practising **turn-taking, sharing, and listening**.
- Supporting children to **reflect on choices and try again**.

At home, you can support by:

- Asking questions like *"What could you try next?"*
- Encouraging your child to **talk through problems and solutions**.





Reading

It has been wonderful to see so many children continuing to develop their love of reading this week. Across the school, pupils have been immersed in a wide range of exciting texts and have shown great enthusiasm during reading lessons and library visits. Reading regularly at home remains one of the most effective ways to support your child's progress, so thank you for your continued support with this. We would also like to remind families to ensure that library books are returned on your child's allocated library day so that everyone can enjoy borrowing new books. Keep an eye out for some fantastic book recommendations in this newsletter – there is something for every reader to enjoy!

Maths

⚽ Football has officially started for the 2026 World Cup, but that's not all—we also used our amazing math skills during our incredible Sports Day this week! We've been busy adding and recording all the points for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place to see which House Team will take home the trophy. To keep the sporty fun going, our Weekly Family Challenge is a World Cup brainteaser: *In the tournament group stage, teams get 3 points for a win, 1 point for a draw, and 0 for a loss. If England plays 3 games and finishes with exactly 5 points, what were their match results?* Tell your teacher the answer on Monday morning to score a bonus house point, and keep your "maths eyes" open for shapes, scores, and sports stats over the weekend! 🏆

🎸 Rock Out for London Rocks! 🎸

The countdown is on. 4 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

On Wednesday, we enjoyed a fantastic Sports Day, and it was wonderful to see so many of our families come along to support and cheer on the children. Everyone had a great time taking part in a range of activities, from the egg-and-spoon races in EYFS and KS1 to the exciting obstacle races in KS2. A special highlight was our new House Team Parade, which gave children the opportunity to showcase their house pride. The children worked incredibly hard to create their banners, with every child contributing a sporting themed element, resulting in a colourful and memorable display of teamwork, creativity, and community spirit. With all the scores collected Comet takes the lead in being our house winner for sports day!

Football Fixtures

We are excited to be taking on Echelford Primary School, one of our fellow trust schools, in a football match next Thursday. Our boys' football team will proudly represent the school, and we wish them the very best of luck. We are also looking forward to our girls' football team taking part in a friendly match against Walton Oak in the coming weeks. We know both teams will demonstrate excellent sportsmanship, teamwork, and determination.

PSHE Workshop - Change to Curriculum

As shared previously in a letter, there will be changes to the PSHE curriculum from September 2026 in line with updated statutory guidance. If you would like further information about what these changes will look like at Darley Dene, please attend the **PSHE workshop on Monday 22nd June at 2:30pm**. Please sign in through the school office upon arrival. [Click here to read the PSHE letter](#)



Family Dynamos

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!

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@hrcgroup.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)

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!

Runnymede Borough Council

Runnymede Borough Council has secured funding to improve the playground at Victory Park, Addlestone, and we are asking local children, young adults and families to help shape the design of the new play area.

We have created a simple playground design activity for children and young adults, allowing them to draw and share what they would like to see in their future playground. We would be extremely grateful if you could share the attached PDF with parents and encourage pupils to take part.

Alongside the design activity, we have also created an online survey for parents and carers so that we can gather feedback from the wider community.

[Victory Park, Addlestone Playground Engagement Form – Fill in form](#)

If your school / nursery would like paper copies of the design sheets, please let me know and I would be happy to print and deliver these to you.

We would also appreciate your support in collecting completed playground designs and keeping them in the school / nursery office. I will arrange to collect all completed entries on Monday 6th July.

It is really important to us that children, young adults and families across Addlestone have the opportunity to share their ideas and help create a playground that reflects the needs and wishes of the local community.



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

Ayan
Lucia
Illyria
Azeemah
Ronnie
Arabella
Kaylee

Jigsaw

Miles
Aysha
Cristian
Levy
Lorelai
Fatmana

Sports Stars

LAN Class
CJ
Noah R
Eleigh
Paige
Mehrab

Maths

Lexi
Kiara
Eslem
Nancy-May
Manha
Thabie
Scarlett
Kayden

Writing

Mateo
Leo Mc
Rory A
Ola
Mirac
Lukas
Shylla
Isabella S

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, Miles, Lucia and Mateo

Nursery: Irena, Amayra, Freyja, Jasmin, Archie L, Huxley,

Reception: Sia, Kiara, Willow

Year 1: Ana Julia, Rory, Tamari, Sharon

Year 2: Andrei, Esmae

Year 3: Tyler, Leelou, Ronnie, Gizem, Harper, Dev, Payton, Reuben

Year 4: Paige, Lorelai, Andrei, Reni, Tyler

Year 5: Alan, Diana, Jordan

Year 6: Whole Class

Timestables Rockstars

Agamjot, Tyler Mo, Reni, Diana



Messages from the School Office

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



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 22nd June - PSHE - Changes to Curriculum - Workshop
Wed 24th June - Addlestone Young Voices
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
Fri 3rd July - Resilience Workshop 9am
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 2nd Oct - INSET DAY 3
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 4
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 5
Thurs 22nd Jul - INSET DAY 6

Kind regards



Zoe Devonport
Headteacher



LONDON ROCKS

23RD - 25TH JUNE
8AM TO 6PM

PLAY IN ANY
GAME TYPE!

30MIN TIME LIMIT
PER PERSON!

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PER STUDENT!

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ARTS



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8 DAYS OF FOOTBALL COACHING
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AGES
U5 - U10



DATES
Wed 5th August | Thu 6th August
Wed 12th August | Thu 13th August
Wed 19th August | Thu 20th August
Wed 26th August | Thu 27th August



TIME
8.30am - 4.00pm



LOCATION
Abbey Rangers FC
3G Pitch, Addlestone
KT15 2QH



PRICE
£35.00 per day

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