



DARLEY DENE DISPATCHES

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Headteacher's Message

As you are all well aware, we are in the midst of a heatwave. Thank you to all of our parents and carers for your understanding and flexibility during this time. I know how disruptive it can be when school trips and clubs have to be unavoidably cancelled or postponed at short notice, and your support is appreciated.

A huge thank you must also go to the wonderful Darley Dene staff. They have shown continued adaptability within their practice to ensure the children have remained as safe and comfortable as possible in the heat. It has been fantastic to see our classes coming together in different ways, sharing our air-conditioned spaces so that learning could continue in comfort.

The stars of the week, however, have been the children. The resilience of the children in these times has truly shone through. Despite facing different playtime routines, amended timetables, and alternate collection times, they took absolutely everything in their stride. Many elements of school life carried on as usual. Whether it was their phonics assessments, maths investigations, writing (including some brilliant cross-class editing), PSHE sessions, targeted interventions, or rehearsals for the upcoming production...it all happened! We are incredibly proud of their focus and brilliant attitude.

To support the transition that comes with the end of the year, we shared our staffing for the next academic year with the children today. Staff were on hand to support the children and answer any initial questions they had.

You will notice some new names on the grid below, and I am absolutely delighted to share that these new team members will be visiting Darley Dene next Wednesday 1st July for the move-up morning. Please find the full staffing detailed below.

Thank you once again, keep cool and have a wonderful weekend!

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Staffing 2026 - 2027

Year Group	Class Teacher	Class Teaching Assistants
LAN Centre	Miss Lawson	Mrs. Bashir Miss Punter Miss Soman
Nursery	Miss Spink	Mrs. Gibson Miss Birt Mrs Murphy
Reception	Miss Spiers	Mrs. Lidiard Miss Taylor
Year 1	Miss Legg (EYFS & KS1 Phase Leader)	Miss Sanchez Mrs. C Gibson
Year 2	Miss Jones	Mrs. Hussein Mrs. Ali
Year 3	Miss Pole	Mrs. Di Felicianantonio Mrs. Zhao
Year 4	Mrs. Mclsaac	Miss Ribiero Ms. Waseem
Year 5	Mrs. Mackie	Mrs. Sek Miss Shrives
Year 6	Mr Bartlett (KS2 Phase Leader)	Miss Howgate Miss Rogers Miss Deacon

The eagle-eyed among you will have noticed some names missing from the grid above. Miss Dixon will be returning from her maternity leave at the end of October and joining our Early Years Team, while Miss O'Connell is due to go on maternity leave in September. Miss Uddin will also be leaving us at the end of this academic year to take on a different job role.



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?



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 wonderful learning that has been taking place across the school. The Expo will begin at 3:10pm, straight after dismissal.

Inclusion Update - Supporting Successful Transition

Meeting New Teachers and Visiting New Classrooms

As we prepare for the new school year, children have now been told who their new teacher and support staff will be and will visit their new classroom next week. This exciting step can also bring mixed emotions, including excitement, curiosity, and some nervousness. Talking positively about change and helping children know what to expect can make a big difference.

In school, we support this by:

- Giving children opportunities to meet their new teacher.
- Visiting their new classroom and becoming familiar with the environment.
- Talking about what will stay the same and what will change in September.
- Encouraging children to ask questions and share any worries.

At home, you can support by:

- Talking positively about their new class and teacher.
- Asking questions such as, "What are you looking forward to?" or "Is there anything you're wondering about?"
- Reassuring your child that feeling excited and nervous at the same time is completely normal.
- Reminding them that their new teacher is looking forward to getting to know them too.

These small steps now help children feel more confident and prepared for September.

Reading

Our school library is a wonderful resource that helps to nurture a lifelong love of reading. By borrowing books regularly, children are able to discover new authors, develop their reading skills and enjoy stories both at school and at home.

As we begin preparing the library for the new academic year, we would be very grateful if all families could have a look around at home for any school library books that may have been misplaced or forgotten. Returning these books ensures that they are available for other children to borrow and enjoy.

Please send any library books back to school as soon as possible. Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain our fantastic library and promote a love of reading across the school.

Maths

Despite the heatwave, our classrooms have been buzzing with fantastic mathematical learning this week.

Our youngest learners in Nursery have been using brilliant vocabulary to describe and build 2D and 3D shapes using magnetic tiles. Meanwhile, Year 1 and Year 3 took a hands-on approach to geometry, engineering their own 3D structures using spaghetti and marshmallows!

In Year 5, pupils have been mastering multiplying and dividing decimals, thoroughly enjoying their interactive sessions on Magma Maths.

London Rocks TTRS Competition

The absolute highlight of the week was hearing the buzz around **London Rocks** - the intense, three-day Times Tables Rock Stars competition. A massive well done to everyone from Year 2 through to Year 6 who rocked out and competed for the school. Go Darley Dene! We placed 68th out of 272 schools participating!



A special shout-out goes to the following rock stars who climbed their way onto their class leaderboards:
Year 2 - Leo, Year 3 - Dev, Year 4 - Tyler, Year 5 - Advik, Year 6 - Christina.



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!

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
John
Raven
Lorelai
Bahar

Jigsaw

Hairam
Isabella DF
Leelou
Thabie
Shamirra

Sports Stars

Tamari
Lilly-May
Saboath
Olivia
Alan

Maths

Leo
Leo Mc
Graham
Eyup
Charlotte
Esther
Lena

Writing

Kiara
Deina
Alyssia
Dev
Amelia
Ire
Mia

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: Anaya, Gio

Reception: Eymem

Year 1: Noah, Victoria

Year 2: Agamjot, Marya, Curtis

Year 3: Reuben

Year 4: Tyler, Roni

Year 5: Elsy, Advik, Jayden

Year 6: Christina, Ameerah, Matthew

Timetables Rockstars

Elfida, Harper W, Reni, Mehrab



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



Class Photos

Don't miss out! Today is the final day to order your child's class photo with free delivery to school. Order now at orderphotos.co.uk

FREE BREAKFAST CLUB will be available from 8:00 - 8:30am everyday from September 2026! Bookings are now open via ScoPAY.

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

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](#)

Riverbridge Primary School is recruiting: We are seeking to appoint a highly enthusiastic, proactive, flexible and reliable individual for the role of part-time Early Years Teaching Assistant. This is an opportunity for someone who is patient and emotionally resilient to join our friendly, inclusive and aspirational team of teaching and support staff. For more information please see: [Early Years 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 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 - 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





THE DARLEY DENE EXPO

COME AND CELEBRATE OUR CHILDREN'S LEARNING!

- ✦ CLASSROOM DISPLAYS - SHOWCASING THEIR WORK
- ✦ RECEPTION CAKE SALE
- ✦ EXCITING STALLS BY OUR FAMILY DYNAMOS

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3:10PM

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