

DARLEY DENE DISPATCHES

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Headteacher's Message

As we reach the final week of term, I wanted to take a moment to thank all our families for your continued support during my first year of headship. It has been an absolute privilege. I am incredibly proud of all our Darley Dene children; they show us their best every single day and have achieved so much fantastic progress this year.

What an exciting week of celebrations we have had to close the year. I would like to extend a huge thank you to the Family Dynamos for their incredible support in making our Island Glow Disco such a roaring success. The children had a wonderful time dancing the evening away, enjoying snacks, and posing for photos with fun props alongside their friends. A special thank you also goes to Miss Legg for the immense effort she put into organising the event and ensuring everything ran so smoothly.

Yesterday afternoon, we held our Year 6 Leavers' Assembly. This celebration was created entirely by the children and the Year 6 team. It was a truly wonderful way to celebrate the end of their primary school journey before they take their next steps into secondary school. Thank you to all our Year 6 families for the incredible support you have given to the children, and to the school, during their time at Darley Dene. I was so pleased we were able to share SATs results before the end of term - a huge well done to all the children for their effort here. We wish them all the absolute best of luck as they move on.

This year, we have also proudly established our Darley Dene Journeys. Every child has been provided with a special folder designed to collate key pieces of their learning each year, capturing those all-important primary school memories. Our Year 6 pupils are the very first class to receive theirs. As future year groups progress through the school, their folders will become beautifully full of memories as more years of learning are added.

Looking ahead to the new academic year, please note that all children return to school on Thursday 3rd September. School gates will close at 8:45am each morning moving forward. I would highly encourage families to make use of our free Breakfast Club, which opens at 8:00am. This is a fantastic way to help your child settle into their day with a relaxed start.

As we head into the summer holidays, I would like to wish you all a wonderfully restful yet fun-filled break with your family and friends. I hope you all find the time to reflect on the fantastic year we have shared, and use the opportunity to reset for the exciting year ahead.

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Inclusion Update: Looking Forward with Confidence

As we come to the end of another successful school year, it is a great opportunity to celebrate how much our children have grown. Every child has developed new skills, overcome challenges and shown resilience in their own unique way. Looking back on these achievements helps children approach September with confidence and excitement.

In school, we support this by:

- Celebrating children's achievements, effort and progress.
- Reflecting on favourite memories and successes from the year.
- Helping children recognise the resilience and perseverance they have shown.
- Talking positively about the opportunities that lie ahead in their new class.

At home, you can support this by:

- Talking about everything your child has achieved this year.
- Celebrating effort, perseverance and kindness, not just academic success.
- Asking your child what they are looking forward to learning or experiencing next year.
- Reminding them that everyone starts a new class together and that their new teacher will help them settle in.

Thank you for your continued support throughout the year. By working together, we have helped our children develop the confidence, resilience and independence they need as they move on to their next exciting chapter.

Summer Reading: Keep the Adventure Going!

As we head into the summer holidays, we would like to encourage all of our families to make reading a regular part of the break. Just 10–20 minutes of reading each day can make a huge difference to a child's confidence, fluency and understanding, helping them return to school ready to learn.

Reading over the summer helps children maintain the fantastic progress they have made throughout the year. Whether they enjoy exciting adventures, funny stories, fascinating facts or magazines, every type of reading counts. Sharing books together, taking turns to read aloud and talking about the story are all wonderful ways to develop a lifelong love of reading.

Why not visit your local library, take part in the Summer Reading Challenge, or simply enjoy a book together in the garden or at bedtime? We hope all of our children discover some fantastic new books this summer and return in September ready to share their favourite reads.

Happy reading, and have a wonderful summer!

Maths

As we head into the summer holidays, we want to encourage all our fantastic pupils to keep their maths minds active! Whether your child is in EYFS or Key Stage 1 and mastering their **number bonds to 10** through fun everyday games, or in Key Stage 2 keeping those **times tables** razor-sharp, a little bit of regular practice goes a long way. Finding quick, playful opportunities over the summer - like counting coins at the shop, playing board games, or using maths apps - is the perfect way to embed these essential skills into their **long-term memory** so they can hit the ground running in September. Have the absolute best summer break, and we look forward to seeing your brilliant maths skills in action next term!

Family Dynamos

Island Glow - The Final Party

On Tuesday, the sun was shining as the children of Darley Dene enjoyed an afternoon of fun at the Island Glow Disco. It was wonderful to see the excitement and smiles as everyone came together to celebrate the end of the school year. A huge thank you to all of our incredible Family Dynamo volunteers who generously gave up their time to make this event such a fantastic success. Thanks to your continued support, we are excited to be able to host even more amazing events for our children in the future.



Dynamo Dispatch

This week, our Dynamos worked hard to publish the second issue of the Dynamo Dispatch, our very own pupil newsletter. The newsletter captures our children's perspectives on life at Darley Dene and celebrates the many exciting experiences, achievements, and events taking place across our school. We hope you enjoy reading it together with your child!

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

Leo M
Curtis
Saboath
Lizzie
Ada-Marie

Jigsaw

Tamari
Azeemah
Levi
Arabella
Scarlett

Sports Stars

Bradley
Zion
Ronnie
TylerMu
Summer

Maths

Maizah
Illyria
Alyssia
Tyler Mo
Reni
Charlie
All of Year 6

Writing

Leo Mc
Noah LA
Noah M
Levy
Roni

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, Lexi, Mateo, Ayan and Lucia

Nursery: Athaliah, Hunter, Audrey, Lota, Daniel

Reception: Kayden

Year 1: Victoria, Hairam

Year 2: Christian

Year 3: Reuben, Labiba

Year 4: The Whole Class

Year 5: Charlie

Year 6: The Whole Class

Timestables Rockstars

Tyler Mu, Ire



Messages from the School Office

Darley Dene Nursery

Spaces for September are limited, we encourage you to submit your application as soon as possible.

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.



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



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.

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.**

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 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

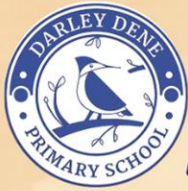
Thurs 22nd Jul - INSET DAY 6

Kind regards



Zoe Devonport
Headteacher





GET UP AND GO!

FREE BREAKFAST CLUB

EVERY DAY • RECEPTION - YEAR 6

BOOKING
IS NOW OPEN
VIA SCOPAY



8:00AM - 8:30AM

*PAYABLE SESSIONS AVAILABLE 7:30AM - 8:00AM

- ✓ Monday to Friday sessions
- ✓ Flexible attendance - Choose when to attend

GOOD FOOD
GOOD FRIENDS
GREAT START



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2026



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Provider



Summer Lunch Project

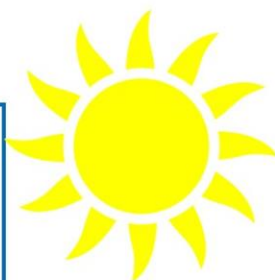


FREE packed lunch for any child
(regardless of circumstances)

27th July to 28th August

Monday to Friday 12 noon to 12.45pm

St Paul's
Church



Tesco
Addlestone

Longden Avenue
Off Strawberry Fields

Sun Shining? Enjoy a Picnic Lunch!

Why not enjoy your free lunch on the front lawn at St Paul's Church.
Bring a picnic blanket or use our tables and chairs.

Parents/Carers must supervise their children at all times.

Contact us at hebrews@stpaulscofe.org or on
07743 243008 with any queries

Watch out
for a Bubble
Friday!



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...or scan here

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- **Parenting** Help understand your children and teenagers' behaviour, anxiety and mental health.
- **English as an Additional Language** Support for you and your child with English and how education in England works.
- **Maths** Learn about methods used in schools today.
- **Literacy** Learn about how English is taught in schools today.
- **Cookery** Be inspired and cook healthy family dishes together.



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