



DARLEY DENE DISPATCHES

Empowering success through a strong and respectful home-school partnership

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Headteacher's Message

As we finish the third week of term, the children are truly settled into their new class routines. We are also transitioning into the season of "all weathers" - rain, shine, and wind! Therefore, please ensure your child comes to school with a raincoat every day, as we try to get outside as much as possible. On that note, the children participating in our new Nature Nook sessions are thoroughly enjoying them. Thank you to parents for providing the necessary outdoor gear, and to Mrs Butler for leading Outdoor Learning at Darley Dene so brilliantly.

This week, Miss Johnston and I attended the PINs Project launch event. Following up on last week's newsletter, we were able to liaise with various Surrey services to hand-pick specific training and support that will directly benefit our children. There is still time to complete our [parent survey](#) so we can tailor our approach even further.

Continuing our focus on inclusive practice, we revisited the **Zones of Regulation** in assembly this week, which complements our restorative approach to behaviour. This framework helps children name their feelings using four coloured zones: **Blue** (tired/sad), **Green** (calm/ready to learn), **Yellow** (frustrated/anxious/excited), and **Red** (overwhelmed/angry). We encourage families to use this shared language at home to help children recognise their emotions and find strategies to get back to "**Green**."

Finally, a quick reminder about the support available for parents through our Home School Link Worker, Catherine Webb. She is regularly on the playground and is here to assist with any challenges at home that might impact your child at school. If you would like a phone call or an appointment, please email or speak to the school office.

Have a wonderful weekend!

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Secondary school place

Year 6 parents please remember to apply for a secondary school place for your child by 31st October 2026.

You can apply for a secondary school place from 1st September 2026. Please see link below for the application form.

[Secondary admissions](#)

JUBILEE HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN EVENTS





OPEN EVENING
30th September 2026
(5:00pm - 8:00pm)

OPEN MORNINGS
21st, 23rd, 28th & 30th September 2026
(Tour Times 9:00am and 10:00am)

Book online at www.jubileehigh.surrey.sch.uk



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CHERTSEY HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN EVENTS

Admissions to Year 7 in 2027

Open Evening:

- Thursday 24th September
- 6pm-8.30pm

Open Mornings:

- Monday 21st-Wednesday 23rd September
- 9-10am & 10-11am





Community Showcase & Meet the Teacher

Next week we will be holding our Community Showcase and Meet the Teacher afternoon which is taking place next **Thursday 24th September at 3.10pm**. You are invited into school where we will share information about the year ahead and you will also have the opportunity to visit your child's classroom to look at some of the learning they have already completed.

After you have visited your child's classroom, please head into the school hall where there will be a variety of our community partners providing information on how to support local families. The office team will also be on hand, please visit their table to ensure the details we hold for your family are accurate. They will be able to provide further information regarding pupil premium entitlement, free breakfast club and any further support you may need.

This is a really valuable opportunity to have all of these services in one place to see how they can support your family. We look forward to welcoming you into school and for you to have the chance to view your child's learning environment.

Inclusion Update

This term, our Inclusion Updates will explain some of the common words and phrases used in Inclusion and SEND. We hope this helps families understand the language we use in school and how it relates to supporting our children.

What does **Inclusion** mean?

Inclusion means making sure that every child feels welcomed, valued and able to participate in school life and learning. It is about recognising that children have different strengths, needs and ways of learning, and making sure the right support is in place so that everyone has the opportunity to thrive.

Inclusion is not about every child receiving exactly the same support; it is about removing barriers and providing children with what they need to access, participate and succeed.

A reminder to any parents or carers who have not yet completed the **PINS parent/carers survey**. We would be grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete it. Your feedback will help us understand your views on the support we provide for children in our school and identify areas where we can continue to develop.

[PINS Parent/Carer Survey](#)

Time to Talk

As part of our ongoing work with **around Oracy**, our weekly **Time to Talk** questions will use different *Springboards for Talk* to encourage meaningful conversations at home. These prompts help children develop confidence in sharing their ideas, listening to others and explaining their thinking.

Odd One Out

Which is the odd one out: **a new teacher, a new classroom or a new friend?** Why?

Maths

We've had a fantastic week of Maths across the school, and there is a real buzz of excitement building up!

Children from Year 3 through to Year 6 are gearing up for our very first Times Tables Rock Stars House Battle, where they will compete to score green points for their house teams.

Key Details & Dates:

- Save the Date: Monday 28th September – Thursday 1st October
- House Announcement: Houses will be revealed this Friday during our Celebration Assembly!

Get ready to rock those times tables and support your house!



PE

This week, our Year 5 and 6 boys' football trials took place at lunchtime. It was fantastic to see so many children getting involved and, most importantly, demonstrating excellent sportsmanship throughout. Year 5 and 6 girls' football trials will take place next week.

We have also been busy organising lots of exciting sporting events and opportunities for the year ahead, so keep an eye out for further information!

On Thursday 1st October, we are very excited to welcome a GB Olympian to school to run a special workshop with the children. A letter has been sent home to children in Years 1–6 with further information about the event and sponsorship details. On the day, all children in Years 1–6 are encouraged to come to school wearing their PE kits, ready to get active and enjoy this exciting opportunity!

Reading

Our Scholastic Book Fair arrives next week, giving children and families the opportunity to browse a fantastic selection of books and discover their next great read. We hope everyone enjoys exploring what is on offer—there is nothing quite like getting hooked on a brilliant new story!

Did you know?

Reading with your child really does make a difference! Research analysing multiple studies has found that shared book reading supports children's vocabulary and language development. Even better, talking about the story, discussing unfamiliar words and asking your child questions as you read can provide additional opportunities for language learning. So, reading together isn't just an enjoyable way to spend time—it is helping to build the language skills that underpin learning across the curriculum!

We are also looking forward to welcoming families to our upcoming Darley Dene Showcase. This will be a wonderful opportunity to come into school and see examples of the fantastic pieces of writing the children have created so far this term. From imaginative ideas to carefully crafted sentences, our pupils have already produced work they can be incredibly proud of.

E-Collins

We are currently experiencing some difficulties with E-Collins. We are working hard to get the system back up and running as soon as possible. We apologise for any inconvenience and will update you once E-Collins is available again.

Class Reps

Thank you to the parents and carers who have volunteered to be class reps this year. If you are not on your class WhatsApp group already and you would like to be, please let your class teacher or the office team know. Please note, class WhatsApp groups are for reminders regarding school events. If you have any worries or concerns please either speak to the class teacher or contact the office team. Your class rep will be introducing themselves to you over the next week to get you signed up to the group so you don't miss out on the exciting events, etc.

Cauliflower Cards

This year we are participating in a 'Christmas Design Project' run by Cauliflower Cards. The project aims to encourage pupils' creativity and design skills whilst also raising funds for our school. Your child will design their own Christmas card, which can be professionally printed to produce personalized Christmas Cards, Gift Labels, Wrapping Paper and/or Mugs. Not only would it be very exciting for your child to see their work as a finished printed product, the cards themselves are great for sending a more personal greeting to friends and family at Christmas and the Mugs are great for gifts! These designs will be sent home next week and need to be back in school by **Thursday 1st October**.

Dynamos

This week, children across the school have been busy applying for the exciting role of Dynamos – the voice of our children within our school community. Miss Legg is looking forward to reading all of the applications and discovering the ideas, enthusiasm and passion our children have shared. We can't wait to announce our new 2026/27 Dynamos next week!



Wellbeing Ambassadors

Yesterday, our newly appointed Wellbeing Ambassadors stood up proudly to share their training with the whole school. The children spoke about why they wanted to become Wellbeing Ambassadors and shared some of the key messages they had taken from their training. We are really excited to see how this important role develops over the coming year and the positive impact our ambassadors will have across the school.

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 Mc
Alihan
Elfida
Hicabi
Lukas

Jigsaw

Maizah
Isabella
Pacifique
Mia H
Aya

Sports Stars

Maheer
Jordan
Curtis
Reuben
Paulo

Maths

Miles
Rhuno
Leo D
Elif
Payton
Arabella
Jayden

Writing

Sia
Mileh
Anisa
Gizem
Paige
Shamirra

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: Roman

Nursery: Isaiah, Gael

Year 1: Alex

Year 3: Graham, John, Elfida

Year 4: Reuben

Year 5: Paige, Olivia, Thabie, Tyler, Franek, Charlotte

Year 6: Skylar, Daisy-May, Kayle

Timetables Rockstars

Agamjot, Ryan, Lizzie

Messages from the School Office

Privacy Notice for Pupils, Parents and Carers

Under data protection law, individuals have a right to be informed about how the school uses any personal data that we hold about them. We comply with this right by providing 'privacy notices' (sometimes called 'fair processing notices') to individuals where we are processing their personal data. Our Lumen Learning Trust privacy notice for pupils, parents and carers explains how we collect, store and use pupil & parent/carers personal data. This document can be found via this link: [General Data Protection Regulation - GDPR](#)

Your child's profile name within Google Classroom

Your child will automatically be provided with their own personalised profile to enable them to access Google Classroom as part of their educational experience at our school. This is a fantastic online tool that allows a virtual learning environment to connect teachers and classmates from any location. Additionally, both in certain and uncertain times it ensures that we can provide a safe, secure and reliable way to continuously deliver education. You can read more about our remote learning offer, how and why we use Google Classroom and the security of your child's data by visiting our school website and navigating to Curriculum > Online Learning.



Each child has a unique profile which represents them in the online classroom, this is comprised of a name tag. Only the individuals in the virtual class can view this profile and all members of a Classroom are bound by the Lumen Family Acceptable Use of ICT Agreement and E-Safety Rules. For clarity purposes their name tag is comprised of their forename and surname. However, if you would like your child's profile name to show only the first initial of their forename and full surname please do contact our school office who can action this for you.

Sharing data and information with NHS Surrey to support children to access local health and wellbeing services

Surrey Children's Community Health Provider, Children and Family Health Surrey request regular information from us about our children to support planning and delivery of school-based health screening at different points of a child's life. Information provided to them by the school is Name, Gender, Address and DOB. Assurances have been received from the Service that this request is in accordance with Government guidelines and adheres to the required Data Protection standards. If you would like further information please refer to <http://childrenshealthsurrey.nhs.uk>
<https://childrenshealthsurrey.nhs.uk/about-us/privacy-policy>

Darley Dene Nursery

Spaces for January 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.



KS2 Healthy Snacks

Please remember to send your child into school every day with a healthy snack or a piece of fruit.

Breakfast Club

A payable session is available from **07.30-08.00am** for **£2.50 per day**. This is also available to book via the ScoPAY App

Paid session: Every morning 7.30-8.00am

Free session: Every morning from 8.00-8.30am

For parents using the Before School Club, we ask that you do not drive into the school car park but park and walk your child into the Club and confirm with the staff member whether your child is having breakfast.

After School Club

Our Before and After School Clubs are run by Darley Dene staff for children in Reception to Year 6. This is a popular facility. Therefore, places must be booked in advance to ensure we have the correct staffing levels to enable us to fulfil our safeguarding expectations.

Opening Hours: Every afternoon after school till **4.30pm** (For Children from Year Reception through to Year 6)

Cost: includes activities, fruit and a snack tea

£7.50 per session

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.

Parking

Please be considerate to the local residents whilst dropping off your children at school. Thank you



Earrings

It is a Trust-wide stipulation that school children must not wear earrings while taking part in PE lessons. Members of staff cannot remove earrings on behalf of children so a child must be able to remove their earrings independently or alternatively the earrings are removed before they come to school. Children with newly pierced ears are included in these guidelines and so are also required to remove their earrings; the duration of the lesson is not long enough to allow piercings to close over. Additionally, we are not able to allow children to take part in lessons with plasters covering earrings so it is imperative that children learn to remove/insert earrings themselves.

Entrance to School

Entrance to the school should be via the main school gates only between 08.30am - 08.45am. If you need to speak to the office staff, parents should go via the internal door to the office from the playground. The main office entrance is for the use of Breakfast Club only before 08:30am.

Water bottles

Water only is allowed in children's water bottles. **No juice or sugary drinks are allowed in school.** Please also name your child's water bottle.

Lunch Boxes

Darley Dene is a **nut free** school. Please **DO NOT** send your child to school with chocolate spread Sandwiches, chocolate crepes for lunch as it is not possible to distinguish between Nutella and a nut free chocolate spread. If your child has a chocolate spread sandwich or a chocolate crepe we will call home to request that an alternative be brought in. Thank you for your co-operation.

School Meals

Autumn term menu available [click here](#)

Please continue to pay for lunches through your School Grid account.

Nursery **£2.75**

KS2 **£2.80**

Vacancies

The Echelford Primary School in Ashford is recruiting: We are looking to appoint an enthusiastic, committed Midday Supervisor who is passionate about making a difference when working with children. The successful candidate will be a friendly and reliable team member with an interest in working with children in a large, busy primary school. For more information please visit: [Midday Supervisor](#)

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](#)



Upcoming Diary Dates

Term Dates 2026 - 2027

Autumn Term

Mon 21st Sept - Fri 25th Sept - Scholastic Bookfair Week

Thurs 24th Sept - The Darley Dene Community Showcase

Fri 25th Sept - Nursery & Reception Coffee Morning

Fri 25th Sept - Year 6 Cake Sale

Mon 28th Sept - Thurs 1st Oct - TTRS Battle

Thurs 1st Oct - AIM High St George's Year 5 & 6 Maths

Thurs 1st Oct - House Competition: Penalty Shoot Out

Fri 2nd Oct - INSET DAY 3

Mon 5th Oct - House Competition: Harvest Challenge Launch

Wed 7th Oct - Individuals and Siblings Photos

Fri 9th Oct - Whole School Coffee Morning

Fri 9th Oct - Hello Yellow Day

Tues 13th Oct - Wisley Gardens Trip - Year 6

Tues 13th Oct - Year 1 Stay and Play Session 1 - 9:10am-9:45am

Wed 14th Oct - Year 1 Stay and Play Session 2 - 9:10am-9:45am

Thurs 15th Oct - Family Dynamo: Design a pumpkin Competition

Thurs 15th Oct - Reception and LAN Centre Crazy Hair Day

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

Mon 9th Nov - Family Consultations 4:30pm -7:30pm

Tues 10th Nov - Diwali Dance workshop - EYFS & KS1

Tues 10th Nov - Reception 27/28 Open Afternoon - 3:30pm-4:30pm

Wed 11th Nov - Family Consultations 3:30pm - 6:00pm

Tues 12th Nov - House Competition: Spelling Bee

Mon 16th Nov - Fri 20th Nov - Anti Bullying Week

Mon 16th Nov - Odd Socks Day

Tues 17th Nov - Fri 20th Nov - Year 6 Bristol

Fri 20th Nov - Children in Need (Mufti Day)

Fri 20th Nov - Year 4 Cake sale

Tues 22nd Nov - LAN Centre Stay and Play Session 2.30pm - 3.00pm

Tues 22nd Nov - Nursery Stay and Play Session 1 2.15pm - 2.45pm

Mon 23rd Nov - Superhero Day

Mon 23rd Nov - Reception Stay, Play and Learn Session 1 2pm - 3pm

Wed 25th Nov - Reception Stay, Play and Learn Session 2 2pm - 3pm

Thurs 26th Nov - Year 3 Local Walk

Thurs 26th Nov - Nursery Stay and Play Session 2 2.15pm - 2.45pm

Mon 30th Nov - Fri 4th Dec - Last week of Enrichment Clubs

Wed 2nd Dec - EYFS and KS1 Nativity Performance 1 9:15am

Thurs 3rd Dec - EYFS and KS1 Nativity Performance 2 9:15am

Mon 7th Dec - Fri 11th Dec - House Competition: Design a Christmas Bauble

Tues 8th Dec - AIM High Writing Day Y5-Y6

Tues 8th Dec - Family Dynamo Event - EYFS and KS1 Christmas Movie Night

Thurs 10th Dec - Family Dynamo Presents: KS2 Movie Night

Tues 15th Dec - KS2 Christmas Concert 1.50pm at St Paul's

Wed 16th Dec - Pantomime

Wed 16th Dec - Christmas Jumper and Christmas Lunch Day

Thurs 17th Dec - Winning House Team Party

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



Darley Dene Nursery & Primary School



COMMUNITY SHOWCASE & MEET THE TEACHER



24th SEPTEMBER
3:10 PM - 4:30 PM



St Paul's
Addlestone

An opportunity to meet your child's new teacher, visit their new classroom as well as local groups and organisations in the local community.



Nursery and Reception Coffee Morning

Our pastoral team will be available to answer questions and offer support as your child settles into Reception or Nursery.

Enjoy a cup of tea or coffee, some biscuits, and get the chance to meet other families and connect with our school community.



Friday 25th September 2026
9:00am

We look forward to seeing you



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 10.05 - 10.50am - 15 months to 3 years
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HARVEST FESTIVAL

20 SEPTEMBER 2026

SCHOOL LANE, ADDLESTONE, KT15 1SJ

8AM HOLY COMMUNION

9:15AM ALL AGE SERVICE WITH CHOIR

11AM ALL AGE SERVICE WITH BAND

12.30PM SHARE IN OUR HARVEST LUNCH BRING & SHARE

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO BRING A DISH OF YOUR CHOICE: SALAD: HOT OR COLD
MAIN DISH, HOT OR COLD PUDDING OR DESERT: BREAD, CHEESE & BISCUITS

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FAMILY LEARNING

SAL FAMILY LEARNING Free Courses and Workshops for parents and carers who speak English as an Additional Language (EAL)

Are you new to the UK or did you go to school in another country?

These free courses and workshops are delivered online and can help you support your child with school and family life.



What will I learn?

- Understand the education system in England
- How to support your child with schoolwork including reading, phonics, grammar and the language of maths
- Tips on raising bilingual children
- Practise your English language skills



...or scan here

For course dates, more information and to book your place please click on this link or scan the QR code above

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