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Headteacher's Message

As we end another week, our children continue to be busy with their learning and experiences across the school. We definitely feel settled into everything this wonderful autumn term brings.

On Monday, Mr. Bartlett took our children to St George's Junior School where the girls played in their first football match of the year. They looked so smart and well presented in their new football kit. They represented Darley Dene Primary School wonderfully, and we are so proud of them for taking part in such an exciting event.

We also celebrated our Harvest Festival this week. The children thoroughly enjoyed singing their songs and coming together for the occasion. Thank you all so much for your incredible donations of non-perishable items for the Salvation Army. It is truly lovely to see that we can all come together as a true community school to give back to those in need.

In addition to our harvest celebrations, we took part in the UK Hello Yellow Day today to support young people's mental health. The school was filled with vibrant yellow tops, socks, hair bows and tutus as we raised awareness for this important cause.

As you are aware, last Friday was an INSET day for our staff. The morning session was held at Kempton Park for all seven schools within the Lumen Learning Trust. Every single staff member was able to attend this collaborative event. The morning was led by Mary Ellen McCarthy and Sarah Kober, who guided us through the history of how the Trust began and our core values.

As a whole staff team, we spent time discussing the principles we build within our children and considered what it is that children truly remember about their school years. We considered the children's voice, which was captured from all schools in the lead up to the day, about what qualities define the best adults in their lives. It was a fantastic opportunity for us to reflect further on our practice and our shared values.

It also provided an opportunity to reflect that whilst we are all proudly part of the same Trust, each school remains a unique reflection of the specific community it serves.

Thank you for your continued support at Darley Dene.

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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](#)

Inclusion Update

Inclusion Explained: The Graduated Approach – Assess, Plan, Do, Review

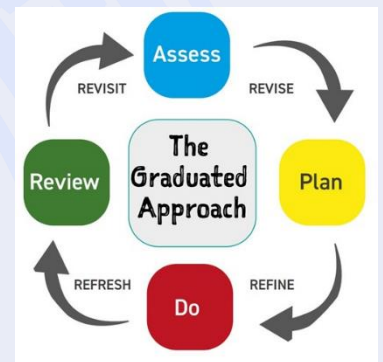
In previous weeks, we have explored Inclusion and Ordinarily Available Provision (OAP). This week, we are looking at the **Graduated Approach – Assess, Plan, Do, Review**, which is a cycle used when a child may need support beyond what is ordinarily available through everyday classroom practice.

Assess: Teachers are continually assessing children's learning and understanding to identify what they know, what they need to learn next and how best to support them. This is a normal part of everyday teaching and can include observations, questioning, talking with children, checking understanding, looking at books and work, and reviewing progress over time.

Plan: Based on the assessment, staff plan appropriate support. This may include more tailored Ordinarily Available Provision (OAP) or targeted support, such as an intervention within a particular subject.

Do: The planned support is put in place for an agreed period of time. The length of time will depend on the child and the support being provided, but this is often around six weeks.

Review: Staff consider what difference the support has made and decide on the next steps. This may be recorded as part of whole-class provision or within a child's Personalised Provision Map, depending on their individual needs. The cycle can then continue or be adapted depending on the child's progress and needs. This ensures that support is regularly reviewed and remains appropriate for each child.



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.

Agree or Disagree?

"Trying something new is the best way to learn." Do you agree or disagree? Why

Year 1 - Stay and Play Session

We are delighted to welcome our Year 1 families into school for a Stay and Play session on Tuesday 13th or Wednesday 14th October 2026. Further information, including session details were shared via email recently. Please ensure you sign up.

PE

A huge well done to all the children who took part in our fantastic Great Athletes event! We are incredibly proud to announce that, thanks to the amazing generosity of our families and the hard work of the children, we have raised over £500! A massive thank you to everyone who supported and sponsored the children.

We would also like to give a special shout-out to our Year 5 and 6 girls' football team, who represented the school with such pride, determination and sportsmanship in their recent fixture. The girls demonstrated fantastic teamwork and a brilliant attitude throughout. We are incredibly proud of you all - well done!



Reading

Our class book corners are looking fantastic across the school! It has been wonderful to see how much thought, creativity and hard work each class has put into making their reading spaces inviting and exciting. From colourful displays and cosy spaces to carefully chosen books ready to be discovered, our classrooms are becoming places where children can really enjoy getting lost in a good book.

A huge well done to all of our classes for taking part in the Class Book Corner Competition. We hope these spaces will encourage children to explore new authors, discover different genres and, most importantly, continue developing a love of reading for pleasure.

Keep Reading at Home – Visit Addlestone Library!

Did you know that families can also make use of our fantastic local Addlestone Library? Children can have their own library card, and joining Surrey Libraries is free. It is a brilliant way for children to regularly choose new books without families having to buy them—and with so many different stories and subjects available, there is something for every reader!

Addlestone Library is located at the Runnymede Civic Centre on Station Road, making it a great local resource for our Darley Dene families. Why not make a visit and challenge your child to find a book they have never tried before?

Maths

AIM HIGH Maths Day

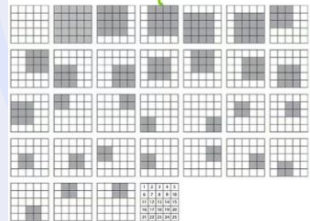
Last week, six children from Year 5 and 6 from Darley Dene joined several other schools to attend the Maths AIM High Day at St Georges Junior School, Weybridge. Here's their reports of their experience.

Last week we went to a Maths challenge at St George Junior school. We solved many Maths problems like how many squares in a 5x5 grid that sounds easy but it was not as easy as it sounds. Some people thought it was just 5x5 but they forgot to find all possible squares within the grid. The best part of the day was when the mathematician guessed the correct addition number from people's date of birth! Crazy! Then he flipped the answer over that actually spelled ST GEORGES! Unbelievable!

By Tyler, Paulo and Amelia in Year 5.



HOW MANY SQUARES IN 5x5



On Thursday last week, we went to St George's Junior school to do a Maths competition against the schools in our county. We took part in many different activities such as sudoku and 5 by 5. The Mathematician also showed us a magic trick where he transformed a number into the schools name [St Georges]. The best part was when the teacher guessed everyone's birthdays. But my personal favourite part was break when we got to climb the rope pyramid because we were all playing tag on it. We all had the time of our lives!

By Advik, Caesar and Shamirra in Year 6.

TTRS House Battle Results

Congratulation to everyone who participated in the TTRS House Battle last week. It was a rocking success. The results were outstanding from everyone but there can only be one house winner and that was COMET! The most valuable players that hit the top rock scores in each house were:

Comet - Tyler Y5

Meteor - Reni Y5

Supernova - Paulo Y5

Harvest 2026

On Wednesday, we were thrilled to host our Harvest Festival with St Paul's Church. It was fantastic to welcome members of our community and learn more about Harvest together. The children really enjoyed singing our Harvest song, and it was lovely to celebrate this special event as a community. A huge thank you to all our families for their generous contributions to the food bank.



Family Dynamo Competition - House Competition

On **Thursday 15th October**, we will be hosting our Family Dynamo event, 'Design a Pumpkin'! Children are invited to bring in their own decorated pumpkin to showcase their creativity. Our Family Dynamos will then select winners from across the school! The children will be able to then take their amazing pumpkins home. We can't wait to see all of your fantastic pumpkin designs!

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

Roman B
Aarish
Rory A
Esmae
Saboath
Andrei B

Jigsaw

Alex
Eslem
Jayleen
Emilie
Aya

Sports Stars

Bella
Aysha
Andrei C
Labiba
Reni

Maths

Albie
Marcel H
Amal
Graham
Hallie
Liza
Advik

Writing

Jasmin
Varsha
Darius
Alice
Dolcie
Gabi
Daisy-May

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: Gio

Nursery: Irena, Nakiya

Reception: Oakley, Amarya

Year 1: Willow

Year 2: Ellie

Year 3: John, Pacifique, Elfida

Year 4: Hallie, Leelou, Eyup, Jienna

Year 5: Aya, Liza,

Year 6: Caesar

Timetables Rockstars

Anisha, Levy, Sophia



Messages from the School Office

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

Riverbridge Primary School is recruiting: We are looking to appoint an enthusiastic and creative individual who can bring high quality support to children in Early Years Foundation Stage. 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 visit: [Early Year Teaching Assistant Part-time](#)

Riverbridge Primary School is recruiting: We are looking to appoint an enthusiastic and creative individual who can bring high quality support to children in Early Years Foundation Stage. This position combines classroom-based support as an Early Years Teaching Assistant with class leadership responsibilities as a Higher-Level 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 visit: [EYFS Teaching Assistant and Higher Level Teaching Assistant Combined Role](#)

Riverbridge Primary School is recruiting: We are looking to appoint an enthusiastic and creative individual who can bring high quality support to children in Early Years Foundation Stage. 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 visit: [Teaching Assistant](#)

Riverbridge Primary School is recruiting: We are looking to appoint a Breakfast Club Assistant to join our thriving and extremely popular Breakfast Club community, working with an amazing, already established, team of likeminded people, committed to offering first class 'wraparound' care to our Riverbridge children. 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 visit: [Breakfast Club Assistant](#)

Riverbridge Primary School is recruiting: We are looking to appoint an After School Club Assistant to join our thriving and extremely popular After School Club community, working with an amazing, already established, team of likeminded people, committed to offering first class 'wraparound' care to our Riverbridge children. 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 visit: [After School Club Assistant](#)



Upcoming Diary Dates

Term Dates 2026 - 2027

Autumn Term

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 - Year 4 WWT trip
Thurs 15th Oct - Reception and LAN Centre Crazy Hair Day
Fri 16th Oct - Wisley Gardens Trip - Year 6
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 4:00pm -7:00pm
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 Residential
Tues 17th Nov - Kindness Workshop KS1 - KS2
Fri 20th Nov - Children in Need (Mufti Day)
Fri 20th Nov - Year 1 Chertsey Museum Toys of the Past Workshop
Fri 20th Nov - Year 4 Cake sale
Mon 23rd Nov - Superhero Day
Mon 23rd Nov - Reception Stay, Play and Learn Session 1 2pm - 3pm
Tues 24th Nov - LAN Centre Stay and Play Session 2.30pm - 3.00pm
Tues 24th Nov - Nursery Stay and Play Session 1 2.15pm - 2.45pm
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

Term Dates 2027 - 2028

Autumn Term

Wed 1st Sept - INSET DAY 1
Thurs 2nd Sept - Children return to school
Fri 2nd Oct - INSET DAY 2
Mon 18th Oct - Fri 29th Oct - Half Term
Tues 21st Dec - End of term 1:00pm

Spring Term

Tues 4th Jan - Children return to school
Mon 14th Feb - Fri 18th Feb - Half Term
Fri 31st Mar - End of term 1:00pm

Summer Term

Tues 18th Apr - Children return to school
Mon 29th May - Fri 2nd Jun - Half Term
Fri 14th Jul - End of Term 1:00pm
Mon 17th Jul - INSET DAY 3
Tues 18th Jul - INSET DAY 4
Wed 19th Jul - INSET DAY 5

Kind regards



Zoe Devonport
Headteacher





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