

DARLEY DENE DISPATCHES

Empowering success through a strong and respectful home-school partnership

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Headteachers Message

We have had a fantastic closing week to this Spring term and the children are excited to have some time at home before we embark on the summer term. I think they all have their fingers and toes crossed for some warm and sunny weather. I hope our families celebrating Holi this week enjoyed the festivities. I wish everyone an enjoyable break, whatever that might involve for your family.

Thank you to the parents who came along to our Dynamo event on Wednesday. It is fantastic to know that we have parents so full of ideas about how we can support one another as a community. Miss Legg and Mrs. Devonport will pick up from here and make plans for next term.

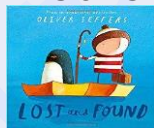
Reading, Reading, Reading...

There have been additions to our reading den this week, following two children in Year 4 excitedly sharing their ideas with Mrs. Devonport. Look out for the beautiful butterflies and clouds floating amongst the wisteria. Visits to Addlestone library have been enjoyed by all the children this half term - remember to visit as a family so you can have your own library cards.

Over the next month, the children have the opportunity to take part in our Egg -Streme Reading Challenge. Encourage your child to read somewhere unusual and interesting (but safe). This could be upside down on the couch, under their duvet with a torch, on a climbing frame, or even in the rain, with an umbrella of course! I am sure your child's imagination will be much more creative. Be sure to take a picture and either print this or send it in via Google Classroom as their entry. House points are available to all children who enter the first competition of the summer term.

Below you will find our recommended books for this week:

EYFS & KS1



Lost and Found
Oliver Jeffers

KS2



Smile
Geraldine McCaughrean

Home Learning

To support you in accessing all the home learning platforms that are on offer, we have included direct links on our website.

<https://www.darleydeneprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Home+Learning&pid=28>

Please let your class teacher know if you have any specific questions to support your child at home.

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Dynamos!

A huge thank you to the families that joined on Wednesday morning to hear further information about our vision to launch our family Dynamos. We are eager to expand this further and would love for more families to join. Please express your interest to Miss Legg, the office or a member of the leadership team. We will be in touch with families early in the summer term to organise our first coffee morning.

Year 3 Sleepover

On Friday, Magpies were invited to an unforgettable sleepover at the school, buzzing with excitement. As dusk settled, the children arrived at 6.30 pm to dive into a plethora of Easter-themed activities as well as activities inspired by our book, "Leon and the place between." From crafting their own Easter baskets to honing circus skills, the night was filled with laughter and camaraderie. After an evening of games and creativity, they settled down for a cozy cinema experience complete with popcorn and a carefully chosen movie. The morning greeted Magpies with a sumptuous breakfast fit for royalty, leaving them feeling like true kings and queens. Their hearts and stomachs full, they departed with memories to cherish and stories to share.

RE Talks - Year 4,5 and 6

On Wednesday, Year 4, 5 and 6 were visited by parish leaders from St.Paul's Church. Within these talks, we explored our RE topics further and got the opportunity to see some real life artifacts that are used by Christians. Additionally, the children were able to ask questions to develop their learning further.

Enrichment Clubs Summer Term

The Summer term clubs are shown below these will be available to book from Tuesday 26th March via your ScoPay account.

Dates	Year Group	Type	Run by	Description	No. of Spaces	Location
Tuesday 23rd/30th April. 7th/14th/21st May. 4th/11th/18th/25th June. 2nd July	Year 4/5/6	Girls Football Club	Mr Howick & Miss Smit	Do you want to Bend it like Beckham? Following the Lionesses bringing it home in 2022, could you follow in their footsteps? Then Darley Dene's first girls' football club is the place for you! Join Mr Howick with his FA coaching skills and 20+ years of experience to start your journey now.	20	Junior Playground (Main Hall)
Tuesday 23rd/30th April. 7th/14th/21st May. 4th/11th/18th/25th June. 2nd July	Year 3/4/5/6	Board Games	Geek Retreat	A club for board gamers at Darley Dene in KS2 run by the Geek Retreat, come and show off your skills and learn new games.	8	Library
Wednesday 24th April. 1st/8th/15th/22nd May. 5th/12th/19th/26th June. 3rd July	Reception, Year 1 & 2	Lego	Mrs Lansdell	What can you build? In Lego Club we will be planning and building our own amazing creations - the sky's the limit! Bring your imaginations and see what you can create.	16	Sparrows Class
Wednesday 24th April. 1st/8th/15th/22nd May. 5th/12th/19th/26th June. 3rd July	Year 3/4/5/6	Football	Sports Elite	This club will allow children to learn and develop new football skills as well as enjoy gameplay in a structured setting. Children will need to bring a PE/sports kit for this club.	20	Junior Playground (Main Hall)



Thursday 25th April. 2nd/9th/16th/23rd May. 6th/13th/20th/27th June. 4th July .	Years 1-6	Cheerleading	Resolution Dance	Children are encouraged to express themselves through positivity. They will learn routines and stunts in a safe environment. Children will need to bring a PE/sports kit for this club.	30	Main Hall
Thursday 25th April. 2nd/9th/16th/23rd May. 6th/13th/20th/27th June. 4th July .	Year 5 & 6	Netball	Miss Nhambure & Mrs Lanecka	Netball club is a fun place for boys & girls to learn new skills and prepare for some competitions - if they wish - within the Trust. Are you ready to shoot some hoops?	16	Junior Playground
Friday 26th April. 3rd/10th/17th/24th May. 7th/14th/21st/28th June. 5th July.	Year 1 & 2	Football	KS1	This club will allow children to learn and develop new football skills as well as enjoy gameplay in a structured setting. Children will need to bring a PE/sports kit for this club.	20	Junior Playground (Main Hall)

Messages from the School Office

Safeguarding

Are the contact details we have for you up to date? This is a safeguarding issue. We need to have the contact details of at least 3 people we can ring in case of an emergency.

Absence

Please be advised that if children are taken out of school without authority, parents will be liable to receive a penalty notice. Currently the amount payable under a penalty notice, is £60.00 per parent/carer, per child if paid within 21 days. Thereafter the amount increases to £120.00 if paid between 21 and 28 days. If the penalty notice remains unpaid after 28 days, the Local Authority will consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court. Please note that penalty notices are issued per parent/carer, per child, so a family of two parents and two children will receive 4 penalty notices. Further details regarding this can be found in our Attendance Policy on the school website: [Absence Policy](#)

Uniform

Please ensure that your child's uniform including Coats, Jackets and PE Kits as well as water bottles are named.

Lunch Boxes

Darley Dene is a **nut free** school. Please do not send your child to school with chocolate spread Sandwiches 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 we will call home to request that an alternative be brought in. Thank you for your co-operation.

Medication

If your child has been prescribed with medication which needs to be administered during the school day, please ensure that you complete a Pupil Medication Request form which can be found on the school's website or from the school office. Without the completed form staff will not be able to administer any medication.

Wrap Club

At Darley Dene we offer extended care at our breakfast and after school Wrap Clubs in order to support our families should they require it. Wrap Club is open to pupils in all year groups. At Wrap Club we have a variety of activities for the children to take part in.



- Play dough, puzzles, Rubik's games, book corner, kitchen area. Lego, bingo, transformers, costumes, construction, dominos, 4 in a row, cards, balloons, dolls. Engines, bowling and a wide selection of board games.
- We have plenty of puzzle words, cut-outs, water colour, painting and colouring.
- We promote "Reading for Pleasure" and free art, providing different sorts of materials every week to expand our children's imagination.

Breakfast Club

- The Breakfast Club is a safe, stimulating and nurturing environment, provided for those children who may have parents or carers with work commitments outside of the usual school hours.
- Children who join us for Breakfast Club enjoy an array of activities - ***from reading and crafts, to games and puzzles*** - supervised by our friendly and experienced team.
- The children are provided with a delicious and nutritious breakfast which includes ***bagels, toast, cereal, yoghurts and a variety of spreads and preserves.***

Trust Vacancies

Walton Oak Primary School in Walton is recruiting: Are you ambitious and keen to make a difference? We are for a fixed term Teaching Assistant until the end of August 2024. This is an opportunity for an individual who is patient and emotionally resilient to join our friendly, inclusive and inspirational team of teaching and support staff. For more information please see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-1411306>

Darley Dene Primary School in Addlestone is recruiting: Are you ambitious and keen to make a difference? We are seeking to appoint a highly enthusiastic, proactive, flexible and reliable individual for the role of Teaching Assistant. For more information please see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-1410747>

Darley Dene Primary School in Addlestone is recruiting: We are seeking to appoint a highly enthusiastic, proactive, flexible and reliable individual who is qualified with a minimum of Level 3 Teaching Assistant to join our team. For more information please see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/early-years-teaching-assistant-1410732>

Darley Dene Primary School in Addlestone is recruiting: Do you have a passion for Early Years? Are you motivated by working within a high performing environment? We currently have an opportunity for a dedicated nursery Leader to join our Team. For more information please see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/nursery-room-leader-1411012>

Riverbridge Primary School in Staines is recruiting: We are looking to appoint an Office Assistant with a 'can do' attitude who are passionate about making a difference, to join our friendly, committed, hardworking team. For more information please see: <https://www.eteach.com/careers/riverbridgeprimary/job/school-office-assistant-1410722>

Riverbridge Primary School in Staines is recruiting. Are you an ambitious teacher who is keen to make a difference? We are offering a wonderful opportunity to become an integral part of our exceptional community of children and adults. For more information please see: <https://www.eteach.com/careers/riverbridgeprimary/job/class-teacher-1412719>

Lumen Learning Trust is recruiting We are looking to appoint a member of staff to support in the delivery of P.E. lessons across the five Lumen Learning Trust (LLT) schools, this is an exciting role for anyone who is interested in coaching and developing youth sport. This role is supported by Sports Premium funding and therefore is a fixed term contract, expiring on 31st August 2025. There is the possibility that the contract will be extended subject to the funding from the DfE continuing. <https://www.eteach.com/job/sports-coach-1407402>

Lumen Learning Trust is recruiting: We are seeking an experienced, enthusiastic individual for the role of Governance Professional and Clerk to Directors to join our growing Trust, this is a part time role that offers flexible term time working. For more information please see: <https://www.eteach.com/careers/lumenlearningtrust/job/governance-professional-and-clerk-to-directors-1403073>



Lumen Summer Camp 2024 is coming!

For those families looking ahead to the summer break we are delighted to share that we will be operating a Lumen Summer Camp from Monday 29th July to Friday 9th August at our Echelford Primary School site in Ashford. Staffed by teachers and teaching assistants drawn from our school staff teams - as well as trusted Lumen partners - families can be confident about the quality *care their children will receive. More information will be featured in school newsletters, on our Camp website* and Facebook page later in March with our booking site going live after the Easter break. We look forward to sharing more detail with you in the coming weeks.

Our School App

Live and ready for you to install, our school app is available free of charge on your mobile device via the iOS App Store or Android Google Play. Just search for 'School News', look for the dark blue logo (right) and install to give you access to the key parts of our website including our website school calendar, a quick contact tab as well as handy extras to connect you to key school information and online forms. The app calendar will even allow you to add school events to your own device calendar so you need never miss an important date again. Make sure you install it today!

Please visit this link for full instructions on how to install the app on your device: [Darley Dene App](#)

Upcoming Diary Dates

Summer Term 2024

Mon 15 th April	Children return to school
Tues 16 th April	Year 1 Phonics Family Meeting at 3.20pm
Fri 19 th April	Year 5 Trip – SKY Academy
Mon 13 th to Thurs 16 th May	KS2 SATs (Year 6)
Mon 20 th May	David Shepherds Wildlife Session Year 1-6
Wed 22 nd May	Year 3 Feet First
Wed 22 nd to Fri 24 th May	Rise Up Year 4
Mon 27 th to Fri 31 st May	Half term
Mon 3 rd June	Children return to school after half term break
Tues 4 th June	EYFS Farms to Ewe
Tues 11 th June	Year 2 Trip - Wisley Gardens
Thurs 13 th June	Year 1 Trip - Windsor Castle
Wed 19 th June	Sports Day
Mon 24 th June	Year 5 Trip – Science Museum
Fri 28 th June	Transitions Coffee Morning
Fri 19 th July	End of term for children 1.00pm
Mon 22 nd July	INSET DAY 4
Tues 23 rd July	INSET DAY 5

Term Dates 2024 - 2025

Autumn 2024

Monday 2nd September INSET Day 1
Tuesday 3rd September INSET Day 2
Wednesday 4th September Children return to school
Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November HALF TERM
Monday 4th November INSET Day 3
Tuesday 5th November Children return to school
Friday 20th December Last day of term

Spring 2025

Monday 6th January New term starts
Monday 17th – Friday 21st February Half Term
Monday 24th February Children return to school
Friday 4th April Last day of term



Summer 2025

Tuesday 22nd April Children return to school
Monday 5th May Spring Bank Holiday
Monday 26th – Friday 30th May HALF TERM
Monday 2nd June Children return to school
Friday 18th July Last day of term
Monday 21st July INSET Day 4
Tuesday 22nd July INSET Day 5

Have a lovely Easter break.

Kind regards



Sarah Kober
Headteacher



**OUR DARLEY DENE
PRIMARY SCHOOL
NURSERY**



EVERY DAY COUNTS!

Consistent attendance builds strong habits for your child's future success.

Learning & Growing Together
Regular attendance ensures your child benefits from a supportive learning environment where they can **thrive socially and academically**.

Join the Fun!
By attending nursery regularly, your child will have the opportunity to **make friends, develop essential social skills, and create lasting memories**.

Why Attendance Matters

- Builds routine and structure**
- Supports social development**
- Fosters a love for learning**





EGG- STREME READING

To win house points in the first competition of the summer term, simply think of an exciting and different place to read a book!

Entries must be
received by Tuesday
30th April

When in position, have your picture taken or take a selfie.

This can be posted on
Google Classroom or printed
to be included in the entries.





Easter Lunch Project

St Paul's
Addlestone

FREE PACKED LUNCH

Available to all children, regardless of circumstances

GOOD FRIDAY—29th March

Lunches only available at St Paul's Church

Tuesday 2nd April to Friday 5th April

Monday 8th to Friday 12th April

12 noon to 12.45pm

From any of our collection points at

St Paul's
Church



Tesco
Addlestone
(Next to Timpsons)

Longden Avenue
Off Strawberry Fields

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

GOOD FRIDAY WORKSHOP

Story telling
Prayer activities
Singing/dance
Clay modelling
Facepainting

RECEPTION-YEAR 6
10 AM TO 1 PM
FREE LUNCH
(DONATIONS WELCOME)

Sign up online @ www.stpaulscofe.org
Contact Michelle: 01932-846059
admin@stpaulscofe.org

ST PAULS CHURCH

Xplorer Easter Challenge

Join our FREE Easter Bunny Challenge by joining us at Victory Park and searching for all 15 hidden tokens to win a prize!

Tuesday 2 April at Victory Park, Addlestone
10:00am - 2:00pm.

Xplorer is a family-friendly navigation challenge. Scan the QR code or visit our website to get free tickets and download the map with clues to the token's locations!

<https://www.runnymede.gov.uk/xplorerchallenge>

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For 6 weeks with a break for half term on 30th May
The Beacon, 94 Guildford Street
Chertsey, KT16 9AS

Contact Helen Bunclark
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or Runnymede foodbank 01932 943056
for more details and to book a place



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