

DARLEY DENE DISPATCHES

Empowering success through a strong and respectful home-school partnership

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Headteachers Message

This week the children have been thinking about what it means to be calm and orderly around school. It took quite a lively discussion to unpick what these words mean and what they look like. We discussed the importance of being able to hear adult instructions as we walk around school and walking one behind another so that accidents do not happen. The youngest members of our community were keen to point out how helpful it is to face the direction you are walking in and we all agreed this was indeed a top-tip.

Mr. Poleykett, Mrs. Tozer and Mrs. Webb all attended mental health first-aid training this week and have successfully completed the course - congratulations to them. This training is an important part of our commitment to the positive well-being of all adults in our school community. Catherine Webb is the main point of contact for all adults in our family community and Mr. Poleykett and Mrs. Tozer will concentrate their support on members of our staff team.

Please can I remind everyone of the importance of good attendance. Recently, some families have expressed surprise at the link between poor attendance and poor attainment. If a child is not in school, they are not accessing the learning and this is highly likely to negatively impact their ability to meet age-related expectations. It does not matter how well our teachers teach, if your child is not here, they miss out. Poor attendance also gets in the way of accurately identifying what sort of additional support your child may need in school.

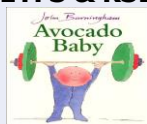
The government expects schools to focus relentlessly on improving attendance because we know that being in school is the only way to get the most out of school and give children the best life chances as they grow up. New guidance is being published on educational neglect and there are new rules coming in about prosecuting families for poor attendance and educational neglect. If this is an area of school life that causes you to worry, please speak to Catherine or a member of the Leadership Team.

Reading, Reading, Reading...

You still have time to enter! Before the end of April, 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



Avocado Baby
John Burningham

KS2



Erica's Elephant
Sylvia Bishop

QUIK LINKS

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Key Stage 1 update

In Nursery this week the children have been learning about positional language, writing their name and thinking about their special place in the community. Reception have been reading Surprising Sharks and enjoying finding out lots of shark facts. They have also been creating an underwater collage and rehearsing their 'teen' numbers. Year 1 have written a letter which has been linked to their storybook 'The Lonely Beast' as well as this, they have written a book review and have been counting in 2's and 5's. Year 2 has been bubbling with excitement and small fairy like objects have been appearing in the classroom and around the school. This week the children wrote to the 'tiny man'. The excitement and suspense of where these objects are coming from and who the visitor is will continue into next week.

Key Stage 2 update

Year 6 Bristol Trip 2024 – An information meeting will be held on Thursday 23rd May for our current Year 5 parents at 3:20pm.

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 and specific questions to support your child at home.

Dynamos!



Talk Question

Linguistic - Are you using new and appropriate vocabulary?

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

Melih
Aaliyah-Marie
Max C
Amelia I
Sudem
Oakley

Jigsaw

Liza
Jordan
Emine
Maddie
Jess

Sports Stars

Alihan
Soliel
Andrei
Mehrab
Scarlett E
Alfie
Isabella W

Maths

Roman B
Radu
Harper W
Frankie S
Kaylee
Charlotte-Ann
Grace
Flynn

Writing

Esmee
Daphne
Isabelle
Srisajini
Mia M
Kacper
Ellie

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.

OWLS: Ethan

MAGPIES: Jayden, Advik

DOVES: Mia

KINGFISHERS: Alfie

EAGLES: Lucy-Anne, Flynn

Timestables Rockstars

Yusuf, Orest, Harley, Taybah

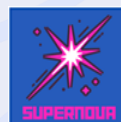
House Competition



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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](#)



Enrichment Clubs Summer Term

Places are still available on some clubs – please visit your ScoPay account or contact the office if you wish your child to attend.

Dates	Year Group	Type	Run by	Description	No. of Spaces	Location
Tuesday	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!	20	Junior Playground (Main Hall)
Tuesday	Year 3/4/5/6	Board Games	Geek Retreat	A club for board gamers at Darley Dene in KS2 run by the Geek Retreat.	8	Library
Wednesday	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!	16	Sparrows Class
Wednesday	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.	20	Junior Playground (Main Hall)
Thursday	Years 1-6	Cheerleading	Resolution Dance	Children are encouraged to express themselves through positivity. They will learn routines and stunts in a safe environment.	30	Main Hall
Thursday	Year 5 & 6	Netball	Miss Nhambure & Mrs. Landeck	Netball club is a fun place for boys & girls to learn new skills and prepare for some competitions.	16	Junior Playground
Friday	Year 1 & 2	Football	Sports Elite	This club will allow children to learn and develop new football skills as well as enjoy gameplay in a structured setting.	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.**

Lumen Summer Camp 2024 now open for bookings

We are excited to announce that our 2024 Summer Camp is now live to take bookings.



Prices

'Early Bird' booked by end of Friday 24th May: £28 daily rate or £140 weekly rate
Places booked from Saturday 25th May: £32 daily rate or £140 weekly rate

Our online booking and payment portal will allow you to create an online account for your child/ren, complete all registration forms and book Camp day sessions. Childcare vouchers can also be used. For those parents who booked sessions for our previous Camps you are able to use your existing Magic Booking account – your child details will be saved ready for use.

We strongly advise you to book early as places in the Camp are strictly limited.

Please visit www.lumenlearningtrust.co.uk and click on 'Summer Camps' in the top menu to be taken to our Camp pages or click on <https://lumensummercamps.magicbooking.co.uk/Identity/Account/Login> to access our payment portal.

Upcoming Diary Dates

Summer Term 2024

Fri 29th April
Mon 13th to Thurs 16th May
Mon 20th May
Wed 22nd May
Thurs 23rd May
Wed 22nd to Fri 24th May
Mon 27th to Fri 31st May

Year 2 Chertsey Museum Workshop Victorian Seaside
KS2 SATs (Year 6)
David Shepherds Wildlife Session Year 1-6
Year 3 Feet First
Year 5 Parents Bristol Informantion Meeting
Rise Up Year 4
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

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**





TA SPORTS



GIRLS FOOTBALL COURSE MAY HALF TERM 2024

**Tuesday 28th May
Wednesday 29th May**

Venue:- Abbey Rangers Football Club (KT15 2QH)

Times:- 8.30am – 4.00pm

£28.00 Daily / £55.00 Two Day

Designed for girls of all abilities aged between 5yrs to 13yrs!



- ☐ Playing in a fun, challenging & safe environment.
- ☐ Meeting new friends that have an interest in football.
- ☐ Develop technique, speed, tactics & improve skills & confidence.
- ☐ Professional FA qualified coaching.
- ☐ 3G Pitch and use of clubhouse.

If you would like further information or would like to book a place for your daughter to attend please kindly contact **Tom** on **07825 089500** or email **tom@tasportscoaching.co.uk**



FREE!



SING-ALONG WITH SUE



Drop in to a fun, informal sing-along session supported by the social prescribing team at your GP practice

**Fortnightly on Mondays - 2pm - 3.30pm from 3rd June 2024
St. Peter's Church, Windsor Street, Chertsey KT16 8AT**

For more info call Dawn: 07818 110467 or Gemma: 07503 626227



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Charity Health Centre
The Otterhaw Surgery
The Crouch Oak Family Practice

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