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Newsletter 3rd July 2026



Dear parents,

Phew! What an extraordinary week of extreme weather we have experienced. Thank you for your patience, support, and the many kind words received from parents. It was an exceptionally challenging situation for the school, and we greatly appreciated the understanding shown by our school community.

The forecast indicates that temperatures are likely to rise again next week, and schools have currently been advised of a Yellow Weather Warning. As weather conditions can change quickly, please keep an eye on communications from the school as we may need to provide further updates or guidance.

Thank you for your understanding regarding the difficult decision to cancel Sports Day due to the heatwave. The safety and wellbeing of our pupils, families, and staff had to remain our priority, and holding the event in such extreme temperatures would not have been safe.

Unfortunately, the school is unable to arrange an alternative Sports Day for parents to attend this term, as there are no suitable sessions remaining in an already full school calendar. In addition, the disruption caused by last week's weather has resulted in lost learning time, and our focus must now be on ensuring that pupils can continue with their planned curriculum and end-of-year activities. We also recognise that rearranging an event at short notice may be difficult for many parents who would need to make work and family arrangements.

While we understand that some parents may feel disappointed, we hope you appreciate that decisions of this nature are never taken lightly and are always made with pupils' safety, wellbeing, and education at the forefront.

However, **we are delighted to invite all parents and families to a PTA-led Fun Sports and Games Afternoon from 2.00pm on Friday 10th July.** This event is being organised by the PTA as a community event and an alternative to the Summer Fair. A separate ParentMail containing full details will be sent as soon as arrangements have been finalised. Please do come along and support the PTA. Their volunteers have worked incredibly hard to organise this event at very short notice, and I am sure it will be a wonderful opportunity for families to come together and enjoy an afternoon of fun.

Volunteers' Tea Party





The school is extremely grateful to the many volunteers who generously give their time to support our children and the wider school community. Whether through regular reading support, work experience placements, gardening projects, Open the Book assemblies, the PTA, or service on our Board of Governors, volunteers make an invaluable contribution to school life.

The relationship between the school and our volunteers is mutually beneficial, and it was a pleasure to hear such positive feedback from those who attended our annual Volunteers' Tea Party. Here are just a few of their comments:

"The children are delightful. They are enthusiastic and respectful."

"What a wonderful, welcoming school."

"Volunteering has given me something back."

Following tea and cakes, our volunteers enjoyed a special performance from the children. Year 2 pupils showcased their recorder-playing skills, while our Year 2 and Year 3 children delighted the audience by reciting a poem accompanied by Makaton signing.

Learning both the recorder and Makaton requires dedication, perseverance and confidence, and the children performed beautifully. Their achievements have been made even more special through the support of another fantastic volunteer, Christina Thomas, whose time, expertise and encouragement have helped our pupils develop these valuable skills.

To all our volunteers, thank you. Your commitment, enthusiasm and generosity enrich the experiences of our children and make a real difference to our school community. We are incredibly fortunate to have your support.

Safeguarding



**DORNEY SCHOOL SAFEGUARDING AND
CHILD PROTECTION TEAM**





Mrs Lee
Headteacher



Mrs West
Deputy Headteacher / SENCO



Mrs Whitaker
Teacher

All children have the right to grow up safe from harm.
No child should suffer harm, either at home or at school. Everyone who works at Dorney School has a responsibility to make sure that all our young people are safe.

Any safeguarding concerns regarding a child at this school should be brought to the notice of the above named people.



Dates for Your Diary

07.07.26 – Bucks Transition Day

10.07.26 – The Bradley Lowery Foundation was established in August 2017 following the heart-breaking loss of Bradley Lowery, a young football fan who bravely battled an aggressive childhood cancer called

Neuroblastoma. Today, our charity supports families across the UK by helping them access life-changing treatment and specialist equipment that may not yet be available through the NHS.

The *Cancer Has No Colours* campaign runs each year from the anniversary of Bradley's passing to the date of his funeral. Football fans from all over the country come together — setting aside club rivalries and colours.

In aid of this wonderful foundation and in conjunction with the Football World Cup (who knows, England may still be in the running!), on Friday 10th July 2026 pupils and staff may come in football or any sport shirt/ shorts (or skorts)/ jogging pants/ trainers. There will be a range of football related activities for part of the school day, and weather dependent some football practise/matches between groups of pupils.

In return, please bring in a minimum of £1 for this great cause - I am sure we all know of families who have gone/are going through the trauma of childhood cancer.



The poster features a blue background with a large white heart at the top left. Below the heart, the text 'BradleyLowery Foundation®' is written in white. The main title 'CANCER HAS NO COLOURS' is prominently displayed in large, bold, white and red letters. Below this, a photograph shows a young boy from behind, wearing a blue football jersey with 'CANCER HAS NO COLOURS' printed on the back, standing in a stadium. In the bottom right corner, there is a smaller photo of a smiling young boy in a red and white football kit. At the bottom left, white text on a blue background reads 'WEAR YOUR FOOTBALL SHIRTS TO WORK OR SCHOOL AND DONATE £1 TO BLF'. Below this, a red banner contains the dates '07-14th July' in white. At the very bottom, a red banner with white text says 'TEXT BRADONE TO 70450'.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Have a good weekend!

Mrs Sharifah Lee
Headteacher



WC 22.06.26

Reception

Evie for being kind friend in the classroom and always helping others
Kamil for being kind friend in the classroom and sharing toys with others

Year 1

Saheba for working more independently to edit and improve her written work
Skipper for consistent effort to complete his handwriting task each morning

Year 2

Abdullah for showing an excellent knowledge of multiplication facts in Maths fluency sessions

Year 3

Ronnie for writing an amazing story in English this week, a real improvement!
Zara for always following the rules in the classroom – well done!

Year 4

Daisy for super learning in Maths when learning about shape – well done!
Jovin for great ideas and writing in English when writing a persuasive advert!

Year 5

Aleena for always doing the right thing – you are so independent!
Scarlett for excellent editing in writing – well done!

Year 6

Alya for an excellent poem using emotive language
Isabelle for an excellent poem in the style of Matt Goodfellow

WC 29.06.26

Reception

Theo for independently completing challenges to a high standard
Cooper for his independent sounding out in sentence writing

Year 1

Libby for having an excellent enthusiasm and creativity throughout the week
Avni for having a fantastic attitude during the week and for being very helpful

Year 2

Jenson for showing an excellent effort and dedication in reading

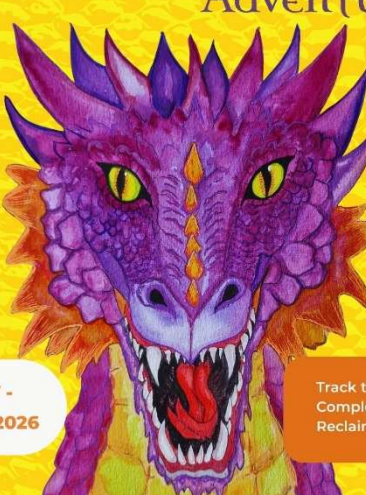
Year 3

Sukhmani for always following classroom rules
Finley for his positive attitude last week and being helpful in class



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& Roald Dahl Children's Gallery

The Great DRAGON Adventure



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AIM
alternative provision

Is your child struggling to attend school?
Is your child registered as section 19?
Does your child have an EOTAS package?

Our alternative provision supports children who are in a mainstream setting from Year 1 (age 5) to Year 6 (age 11) who require support with EBSNA, communication needs, cognition needs, ASD, SEMH, ADHD or neurodiversity, with or without an EHCP.

Our provision has qualified teachers delivering the National Curriculum in a supportive nurturing environment, with a high adult to child ratio.

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