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Headteacher: Mrs Lee

Newsletter 17th July 2026



Dear parents,



If you are an England football fan, there is nothing more to say apart from we all share the same feelings of disappointment and disbelief! I know many children arrived at school either bleary eyed from staying up past their bedtime or shedding a few tears. This is the life of a football fan – passion, jubilation, bitterness or a combination of all those feelings; I am sure many of you consoled your children with 'You'll get used to this!'.



Although the outcome was not what was expected, at school pupils enjoyed a morning of **fun football activities** last Friday organised by Mrs Hughes and supported by all staff. The activities were part of a fund raiser for the **Bradley Lowry Foundation**. Your kind donations raised £108 for the charity. There was a tournament of penalty shootouts with overall winners. It certainly was much more fun than the world cup semi-finals.





Reception Class Trip to BCA



Reception enjoyed a trip to BCA college in Maidenhead. They got to meet the farmers who introduced them to the farm animals and let them all have seat in the tractor. After the children were able to meet all the zoo animals. They loved the meerkats, the porcupine and the poisonous dart frogs. We were so lucky to have such a fun and interactive morning and were very thankful for Jude's Mum, Laura who helped to organise the trip and show us around the college.



Year 1 Assembly

Year 1 pupils performed outstandingly at their class assembly. Each child recited their lines out loud and they sang beautifully about primary colours! Thank you to all Year 1 staff for a great assembly and thank you parents for all your support!



Year 5 Art Work on Display at Burnham Park Hall

Year 5s artwork is on display in Burnham Park Hall and celebrates our great local community. All parents and families are encouraged to visit the exhibition. Well done Year 5 for your hard work!



Year 6 Production

Nothing to add here apart from WOW! What a performance! Well done Year 6 for completing your primary journey. No journey is ever 100% smooth – you navigated many challenges in your primary years and like many of us, had to deal with lockdowns too. We are proud of every single one of you and know that you will be successful in secondary school and beyond. We will miss all of you. Thank you to Mrs West for leading the Year 6 production of 'Get me out of Here' and for taking the children through SATs and transition into secondary, and thank you to all staff and teachers who have taught and supported the children over the years. The school is also grateful to the support given to us by parents and families. The children are a credit to you.



Years 3 & 5 STEM Workshop

On Thursday we had a visitor from Eko STEM leading a fun and interactive workshop with Years 4 and 5. These sessions introduced children to careers and opportunities in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering



and Maths) and included hands-on problem-solving activities focused on Technology and Engineering. Children had super fun solving problems using padlocks and micro bits which required logic and reasoning. We also had to work in groups to present a real-life solution to STEM problem. Well done to everyone for super thinking and collaboration!



Staff Updates

We are sad to say goodbye to a valued member of staff. Miss Semplis leaves us for pastures new. She has been an amazing teaching assistant and also part of the lunchtime team. I know you join me in wishing her good luck for the future.

In September, we are joined by new members of staff below:

Mrs K Currier will be teaching in Year 1 with Mrs Whitrod
Mrs A Smith will be teaching in the Reception class with Mrs Whitrod
Mrs K Sarna will be teaching in Year 5 alongside Mrs Wilson
Mrs L Penny will be supporting Year 1 as a teaching assistant
Mrs T Doughty will be supporting Reception class as a teaching assistant

Safeguarding



**DORNEY SCHOOL SAFEGUARDING AND
CHILD PROTECTION TEAM**





Mrs Lee
Headteacher



Mrs Sarna
Deputy Headteacher/SLMCO



Mrs Whitrod
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 trained people.

Dates for Your Diary

22.07.26 – school closes to all for summer holidays at 3.30pm

03.09.26 – school opens to all children at 8.30am

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff for their hard work in helping the children learn, develop and grow. I am privileged to lead and work with a dedicated and committed staff team. They have certainly earned the summer holidays.

I am also grateful to all parents for your help and support in working alongside the school to help your child make good progress and achieve good outcomes. I truly value working in partnership. Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered, donated and supported the school in so many ways, and a huge thank you to all members of the PTA for their hard work in organising events and raising funds for the school.

This is the final newsletter of this academic year. I would like to wish all children and their families a very happy summer break. We will see you all back again on **Thursday, 3rd September 2026 at 8.30am** for a new academic year.

Mrs Sharifah Lee
Headteacher



WE 10.07.26

Reception

Hunter for an excellent behaviour in the classroom, being very helpful

Imogen for always putting 100% effort into her work, meaning excellent progress

Year 1

Shiloh for his excellent concentration and the meticulous care he took when constructing his DT project

Harry for his enthusiastic attitude and independent effort throughout his DT project

Year 2

Uday for his excellent use of subordinating conjunctions in his writing

Year 3

Tate for following classrooms rules – well done!

Dottie for a real improvement in her listening skills this week

Year 4

Kaya for super attitude to learning in Maths when completing work about statistics

Jaden for his excellent work in Maths when learning about statistics – well done!

Year 5

Kaine for working independently to write a detective story!



GOOD TRAVEL PLAN 2025

Aiden for his fantastic work converting measures in Maths!

Year 6

Sebastian for trying his best, particularly during our end of year production rehearsals
Ravleen for being a fantastic friendship buddy, helping the younger children at school

WE 17.07.26

Reception

Alfie for impressing us with his knowledge of flags
Otto for his patience and kindness in the class

Year 1

Whole class for an amazing class assembly. You were all Superstars!

Year 2

Santino for fantastic use of apostrophes in sentences to write a letter

Year 3

Gwion for amazing improvement in his writing, well done for working so hard!
Bebe for always following rules in the classroom, well done!

Year 4

Josh for an excellent writing and creative ideas in English – well done!
Nikhil for super Maths reasoning skills when learning about shape – well done!

Year 5

Aneeka for her effort and focus across the week with all her learning
Freya for an excellent engagement during the STEM workshop

Year 6

Reggie for an excellent work during our rehearsals
Aarav, also for an excellent work during our rehearsals

School Games



We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games Silver Mark Award for the 2025/26 academic year. The School Games Mark is a government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success. We are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport. We are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.



Pupil's Achievements

Jovin was awarded the Chief Scout's Bronze Award today with his Cubs group, 1st Lent Rise and Dorney.



Ethan Y1 has been doing Thai kwon do at Dorney since January and had already moved up two belts. He received his yellow stripe!



We'd like to thank the school for the opportunity to run a tuition class here, the students who've attended it, their parents, the teachers who've given us access to their classrooms and all the other staff who've helped us run our class. We unfortunately won't be continuing it from September, but we wish everyone connected with the school all the best for the future.

Simply  Tutored

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to announce that Little Tanks will be providing **LAMDA** (*London Academy of Music & Dramatic Art*) lessons from next term.

LAMDA examinations are internationally recognised qualifications that help children develop valuable life skills through drama, communication and public speaking. Whether your child enjoys performing or would simply benefit from building confidence, LAMDA provides a supportive and enjoyable environment in which to learn.

During lessons, pupils will have the opportunity to:

- Build confidence and self-esteem.
- Improve communication and public speaking skills.
- Develop creativity, imagination and performance techniques.
- Enhance reading, comprehension and interpretation skills.



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- Learn to speak clearly and express themselves with confidence.
- Work towards nationally recognised LAMDA qualifications.
- Gain UCAS points at higher examination grades, which can support future university applications.

Lessons are tailored to suit each child's age and experience, with beginners warmly welcomed. Pupils can choose from a range of LAMDA disciplines, including Acting, Verse & Prose, and Speaking in Public.

Lessons will take place during the school day, minimising disruption to family schedules, and pupils will work towards taking a LAMDA examination when they are ready.

If you would like your child to take part, or if you would like further information about fees and enrolment, please see the attached flyer.

Places are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

We look forward to helping your child grow in confidence through the exciting world of drama and communication.

Kind regards

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LAMDA
Lessons in School
BUILDING CONFIDENCE THROUGH DRAMA

LITTLE TANKS LTD DELIVERS PROFESSIONAL LAMDA LESSONS IN SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN IN YEARS 4-6. HELPING STUDENTS DEVELOP ESSENTIAL SKILLS FOR LIFE - WHILE ACHIEVING NATIONALLY RECOGNISED QUALIFICATIONS

LAMDA EXAMS WE OFFER

- VERSE & PROSE**
BRING WORDS TO LIFE WITH EXPRESSION & CONFIDENCE
- ACTING**
DEVELOP CHARACTERS, CREATIVITY & PERFORMANCE SKILLS.
- SPEAKING IN PUBLIC**
BUILD CONFIDENCE & COMMUNICATE CLEARLY & EFFECTIVELY

Exams available from Grade 1 to Grade 8

THE BENEFITS OF LAMDA

- BUILDS CONFIDENCE**
HELPS STUDENTS FEEL MORE CONFIDENT IN THEMSELVES AND THEIR ABILITIES.
- IMPROVES COMMUNICATION**
STRENGTHENS SPEAKING, LISTENING, AND PRESENTATION SKILLS.
- UCAS POINTS**
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- SUPPORTS LEARNING**
ENHANCES CREATIVITY, FOCUS, AND EMPATHY.
- VALUED BY UNIVERSITIES & EMPLOYERS**
SHOWS COMMITMENT, DEDICATION, AND TRANSFERABLE SKILLS.

LESSONS IN SCHOOL - YEARS 4-6

- 1:1 LESSONS**
PERSONALISED TUITION
TAILORED TO EACH STUDENT'S
GOALS AND ABILITY LEVEL.
- SMALL GROUPS**
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THAT ENCOURAGE
GROWTH AND COLLABORATION.

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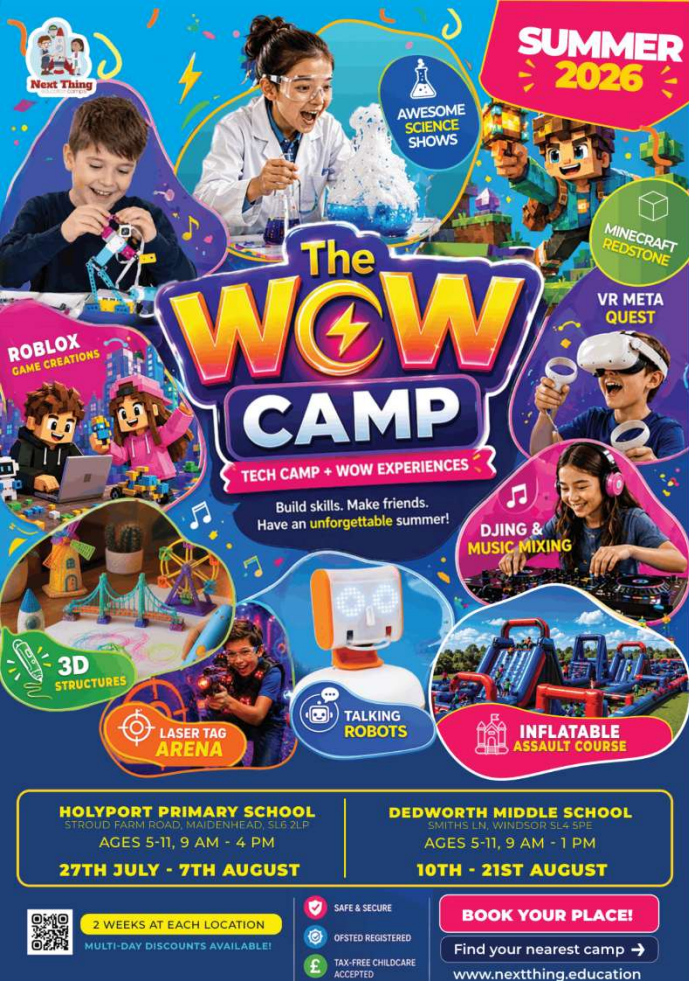
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Next Thing

AWESOME SCIENCE SHOWS

MINECRAFT REDSTONE

VR META QUEST

ROBLOX GAME CREATIONS

3D STRUCTURES

LASER TAG ARENA

TALKING ROBOTS

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The timetables below are for this Summer - we refresh activities every holiday so there's always something new to experience!

OUR ACTIVITY COLOUR SYSTEM

FIRE = YELLOW

SPARK = PURPLE

POWER = RED

CLASSIC = BLUE

EVERY HOLIDAY NEW COLOUR, NEW ACTIVITIES!

WEEK 1

FIRE SET

TALKING ROBOTS	INFLATABLE	LITTLEBITS INVENTIONS	ALL NEW VR	MINECRAFT REDSTONE
MAKE MY INVENTIONS	AUGMENTED REALITY	GAME CREATOR STUDIO	3D PENS STRUCTURES	LEGO PIXEL PARTY
Electric	Conductive	Mechanics	Solar	Mechanics

TAKE HOME INVENTIONS

WEEK 2

FIRE SET

LEGO ROBOTS	LASER TAG	SCIENCE SHOW	WIZARD STOP ACTION	MOVIE MAKING
MUSICAL TECH	MICRO BOTS	SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS	ROBLOX WORKSHOP	MOVIE MAKING
Electric	Water	Natureland	Solar	Electric

TAKE HOME INVENTIONS

The days that these activities will be taking place differ site to site, please check website for your camp's schedule

WHAT TO BRING

- Lunch & Snacks not eat
- Water Bottle
- Medication If Required
- Weather Appropriate Clothing

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AGES 5-11

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RECEPTION - YEAR 10 GIRLS

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NO Nuts!



SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMPS!

If you are interested in attending the camps or enquire more information then please scan the QR code or email Leah.
p.flamingosnetball@gmail.com



TAPLOW UNITED FC

Calling all Girls U8 & U10 Players!

We're starting our very first youth girls teams and we need **YOU**!

***Who*:** School Years 2, 3, 4 & 5 from Sept 2026

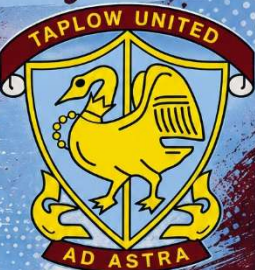
***Training*:** Tuesdays 6:00pm - 7:00pm

***Matches*:** Saturdays

***Where*:** TUFC ground

Be part of something new and join our growing community!

Interested? Message us at taplow.utd.fc@gmail.com




☆ *All abilities welcome* ☆
Together, we are Taplow United.



The Croft Clinic

COFFEE MORNING

EVENT

Join us for a morning of conversation, community and expert insight.

GUEST SPEAKER

Masie Cass

Making Sense of Neurodiversity: Understanding ADHD & Autism in Everyday Life.

Masie will share practical strategies, fresh perspectives and real-life insights to help you better understand and support neurodivergent minds.



SATURDAY
19TH SEPTEMBER



11AM - 1PM



WELLNESS SUITE,
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FREE
EVENT



TO RSVP
Please RSVP to admin@thecroftclinic.com along with any dietary requirements.

The Croft Clinic is pleased to offer this event as a part of our ongoing post-diagnostic support services.

