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Newsletter 2nd October 2026



Dear Parents,



Thank you for your support last week on our **Jeans for Genes Day**. In total, your cash contributions amounted to £212. We are grateful to Mr and Mrs Hobbs who could join us for our special assembly and for sharing their very special memories of their son, Teddy, who passed away this time last year due to health complications. We hold them close and remember beautiful Teddy who shines his everlasting light on us all. We learned at assembly about genes and how they make each of us unique, and how faulty genes may affect children's lives in different ways. Do watch this video of another beautiful family affected by brittle bone conditions. Please contribute to this life changing charity either by donating using this link <https://www.jeansforgenes.org/schools>



Thank you for your ongoing support and the help you give the school either through volunteering your time, donating or making things the children can use at school, or helping the PTA in their fundraising. A special thank you to the parents who have helped make some amazing resources for Year 1 and Reception children to enjoy in their play. We have a new stage and a new small world platform.



It is not just the PTA but parents themselves who raise funds for the children and their classrooms. In Year 1, the generosity of parents mean that we can begin painting and refurbishing parts of the classroom even earlier than expected. Thank you, **Year 1 parents who have raised, £500** – this money will go towards painting, soft furnishings and will go towards any labour costs.



Harvest

The school is celebrating Harvest by again asking pupils to bring in food items for the Maidenhead food bank. We will accept contributions **from** Monday 5th October for a special Harvest assembly delivered by Reverend Sistig from our local church on Thursday 9th October. Reverend Sistig aims to raise awareness on the importance of sharing our harvest and being grateful for nature's bounty. Do bring as many of the items below as you can. These can be given to class staff in the morning. Thank you for helping local children and their families in these difficult times.

Things to bring:

Food items

Baby food
Beans/Spaghetti
Biscuits
Cat and dog food
Cereal/ cereal bars
Chapati flour
Coffee
Cooking oil
Crackers
Cup a soup
Fish and meat paste
Fresh fruit
Fresh vegetables
Gluten-free items
Gravy granules
Instant noodles/rice/pasta
Jam/marmalade
Long-life milk
Nuts
Peanut butter
Pulses
Rice
Spices
Squash
Stock cubes
Sugar
Tea
Tinned food

PTA

Another successful bake sale yesterday with over £100 raised through your kind generosity. The PTA would like to invite you to their annual meeting on **Monday 12th October 2026 at 6pm**. Please do attend this short event to hear about the great work they do and if possible, to help them with future events. The PTA role is vital in helping schools raise additional funding especially in these times of cutbacks in education.

Open Event



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'big heart' and a warm welcome.

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Open Days for 2026-2027

06.10.26 Tuesday at 10am-11am 11.11.26 Wednesday at 1.30pm-2.30pm
03.12.26 Thursday at 10am-11am 12.01.27 Tuesday at 1.30pm-2.30pm

Visit our website at www.dornayschool.co.uk or call us on 01628 620871 to arrange a visit.

Logos: Eco-Schools, No Outsiders, Eco-Schools Silver Award, Beeches Learning and Development Trust, Think Equal, Mathshubs, South Bucks School Sport Partnership, Modeshify Education, Good Travel Plan 2025

We start again with open sessions for parents to view the school. Do signpost friends, neighbours and family members who may be interested in school spaces. These sessions are not just for parents looking for a Reception space next September, they are also for any parents who may be seeking to move their children to a new setting. Our first session is on **Tuesday 6th October 20206 at 10am**. We do ask interested parents to confirm their attendance by emailing the school.

Keeping Safe at School and After School

As part of our ongoing drive to raise awareness of how to keep ourselves safe, PCSO Angela made a visit to Reception children and also visited Year 1 to remind children of what she does, and the things they can do help keep themselves safe. She read the story of PC Ben and children were permitted to try on some parts of a police uniform.

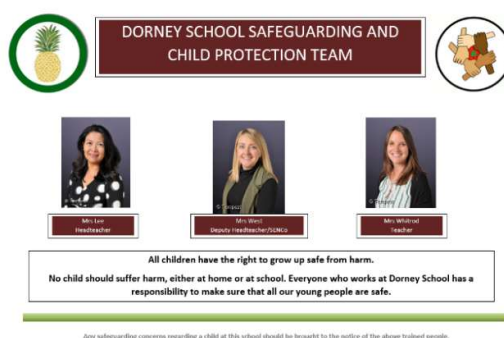
As many parents are aware, artificial intelligence (AI) is having a wider impact on our lives. With this extraordinary technology, we are becoming more aware of cyber risks. I encourage all parents to find out

more on cyber safety and talk with your children openly of the risks and your worries. Involve them in decision making on the actions you take to keep them safe from online abuse and harm. Some useful advice can be found here <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>



Safeguarding

The school and its staff take safeguarding all children seriously.



We are live on Instagram

Our new Instagram page is now public and live. The page is **@dorneyprimarieschool** Please follow the page, like and comment on posts and share the posts regarding upcoming open days.

Dates for Your Diary

- 22.10.26** – Parents Book Look at 3.15pm
- 23.10.26** – All Years Flu Vaccination – please refer to parentmail sent
- 26 to 30.10.26** – October Half Term
- 2.11.26** – Inset Day: Parent/Teacher Consultation Day – more information to follow

Enjoy the autumn colours this weekend. You may wish to participate in this next week and start the cycling bug tomorrow - **Cycle to School Week is back for 2026!**

From **Monday 5 to Friday 9 October 2026**, schools and families across the nation will be taking a new route to the school gate — one that's quicker, healthier, cheaper and a whole lot more fun.



Cycle to School Week is a national celebration of everyday cycling. Whether you're already rolling or just getting started, it's your chance to build confidence, try something new, and discover how good the school run can feel on wheels.

Best Wishes
Mrs Sharifah Lee
Headteacher



WC 14.09.26

Reception

The Whole Class – well done to all the Reception children for settling so well into school. You ate all STARS!

Year 1

Ally for being a good role model – always being ready to learn and listening
Baani for always being kind to others in the classroom – a super role model

Year 2

Millie for modelling making right choices to the rest of the class – well done
Harry for making an amazing start to Year 2 and being a good friend

Year 3

Abdullah for showing a great resilience by not giving up during PE

Year 4

Malak for settling in so well at Dorney School and trying his best
Rhea for making a fantastic effort with her handwriting – well done

Year 5

Rose for her shiny positive attitude to learning and putting in her best effort
Hudson for presenting learning well and being a kind and supportive classmate

Year 6

Eimear for an excellent start to the year showing confidence and determination in all subjects
Arlo for a super start to the year contributing to class discussions with confidence

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Reception

Roop for always showing kindness to her friends and being helpful during tidy up time

Year 1

Imogen for her excellent explanation skills within Maths



Daisy for her determination to complete our weekly challenges

Year 2

Noah for his beautiful writing in English this week and sounding out on his own
Avni for listening to instructions all week and showing beautiful sitting in lessons

Year 3

Reyansh for showing a great effort and enthusiasm at reading regularly at home

Year 4

Louie for having a positive attitude to his learning, particularly in English
Gwion for fantastic attitude to all of his learning, particularly in Science

Year 5

Jovin for super positive attitude, especially in Maths
Thea for fantastic partner work in Science

Year 6

Savannah for taking pride and care with all her work
Imogen for putting 100% effort into every lesson every day

WC 28.09.26

Reception

Franky for trying really hard during phonics

Year 1

Roman for always being ready to learn and brilliant listening skills
Tobi for his amazing handwriting and presentation of written work

Year 2

Ethan for always making the right choices in the classroom – well done!
Mannat for being so kind and using please and thank you in the classroom

Year 3

Rory for showing super effort and determination when estimating on a number line to 1000

Year 4

Vincent for a fantastic explanation text all about plants
Karam for excellent explanations in Maths

Year 5

Kaya for excellent effort in writing when creating a film pitch
Dylan for thoughtful and well-articulated contributions to class discussions

Year 6

Rex for showing greater confidence in his writing throughout the week
Aneeka for great participation and confidence during PE lessons

