

# DORNEY SCHOOL



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Dear parents,

A start of week instead of end of week update.

## Reception/Year 1 Assembly



The hall was packed with parents and pupils who were entertained by our youngest pupils performing poetry and rhymes, showing us their Makaton signing skills and a super recorder recital by our Year 1 children. The children were sensational and confident speaking up at this assembly. A huge thank you to our regular volunteer, Mrs Thomas, who teaches the children Makaton and how to play the recorder. This wonderful performance would not be possible without the direction of Mrs Whitrod and her team – Miss Farnborough, Mrs Paladugu, Mrs Van der Walt and Mrs Dougherty.

## Brakes Walk Around the Local Area



All children had a great time walking around the local area enjoying the fresh air and interesting local landmarks. The aim is to encourage more children to enjoy walking and choose active ways of travelling. This is also part of the 'Ditch the Car' and 'Anti-Idling' campaign. Some of the older children managed to get the support of travelling lorry drivers by encouraging them to hoot their horn!



### Year 6 Residential Trip to Woodrow House

The children thoroughly enjoyed their 3 days/2 nights stay at this annual trip. They experienced some wonderful adventures, activities, a campfire and even a disco. Behaviour was exemplary so well-done Year 6. Although they came back exhausted, many happy memories would have been made. Thank you to Mrs Parkash, Mrs Headington and Mrs Sitariu for accompanying the children.



### Year 5 Learns More about Gypsy Roma Traveller History Month



Year 5 attended a brilliant masterclass to celebrate Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month. Multi award-winning Romani storyteller, author and National Literacy Hero, Richard O'Neill, was leading the session, 'Story into Song'. This online interactive class supported children's literacy skills while promoting inclusion. Best of all, this session was interactive, and we tried our best to get involved and sing along. Richard was joined by George Hoyle, a magical storyteller, songwriter, and professional musician. George's musical performances are inspired by magic and folklore, and he has performed for children and families in arenas such as Shakespeare's Globe and St Paul's Cathedral.

Some parents may remember Richard who visited our school as the travelling author and storyteller – a wonderful friend of our school.

### PTA – Important Notice

As part of School Diversity Week, which celebrates LGBT+ Equality, we will be holding a **Rainbow Day on Friday 20th June 2025**. Children may come into school dressed in the colours of the rainbow in exchange for



one or more bottles for the bottle tombola at the summer fayre. These bottles must be unopened and in date please. These could be drinks or toiletries etc.

The PTA are looking forward to the **Summer fayre** which this year will run straight after sports day on Wednesday 25th June 2025.

Each class staff team is running a stall so do please see the class teacher or the signup sheet on the classroom door if you and your child are able to help them with set up or running the stall between 2.30pm and 5.30pm. The more helpers we get it means everyone can enjoy the summer fayre.

If your child is in the **school lunch time club choir**, they will be performing at the summer fayre at 3pm.

- Reception and Year 1 - teddy tombola (Mrs Whitrod is looking for donations of teddies too!)
- Year 2 - penalty shoot out
- Year 3 - pocket money games
- Year 4 - the bottle tombola
- Year 5 - the pineapple shy
- Year 6 - the children are holding a cake stand and a jewellery stand



### School Travel Plan



Children are particularly at risk from the health harms of air pollution. Exposure to air pollution can cause a range of health issues in children, including effects on developing lungs - causing or worsening asthma and leading to an increase in hospital admissions.

**Thursday 19 June 2025 is Clean Air Day** and Dorney School will be marking the day by encouraging all families to follow our **Anti-Idling** initiative by switching off your engines in the car park when you drop off and collect your children from school. Please make sure you look out for our own Anti-Idling posters that will be displayed around school and the car park on the day.

You can learn more about Clean Air Day and the health harms of air pollution throughout our lives and how you can take action at <https://www.cleanairhub.org.uk/>  
An email reminder will be sent to all parents.

### Safeguarding

A letter from Matthew Barber, Police and Crime Commissioner will be shared with all parents later today. In the letter are very useful links and videos that will help raise awareness about child exploitation and online harm. These are relevant to all parents of school aged children especially when children gain more independence and are using devices unsupervised. The short videos commissioned by Violence Prevention Partnership are highly recommended.



## Dates for Your Diary

**17.06.25** - Coffee Morning for parents – focus on Transition – school hall 10-11am

**18.06.25** – Whole Class Tempest Photos – please refer to parentmail sent

**19.06.25** - SEN Drop in Clinic for parents virtual 10-11am

## SENCO Drop In

Do you have any concerns or worries about your child's learning or behaviour? If so, please make an appointment to discuss these with the school SENCO. We are running 15-minute appointments on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024 between 9.30am - 11.00am. We hope this will allow you the opportunity to talk and discuss your child's needs. These can be booked via the SchoolCloud system, in the same way that you have booked parents evenings. There are a limited number of appointments. **Bookings will open on Monday 16th June at 5.00pm and will close on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 6.00pm.**

**25.06.25** – Sports Day – further information to follow shortly

**25.06.25** – Summer Fayre 2.30pm till 5.30pm

**26.05.25** – Back Up Sports Day

**27.06.25** - As part of School Diversity Week, which celebrates LGBT+ equality, we will be holding a Rainbow Day on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June. Children may come into school dressed in the colours of the rainbow.

**01.07.25** – Bucks Transition Day

**03.07.25** – Parents to Look at Books at 3.15pm

This month the school celebrates and participates in several campaigns that raise awareness of equality and allyship. Our school curriculum is one based on acceptance, inclusion and social justice. We regularly teach and remind the children to act with kindness and empathy. We remind them of the harms of bullying and teasing that can have serious impact on others. I know that parents support us with this endeavour so that all our children have the tools to stand up for themselves and others and know that their actions can have positive or negative consequences. Making fun of differences or protected characteristic is never acceptable and we will carry on teaching our children the value of being kind. We are after all, the little village school with a big heart.

Warm wishes as the heat rises,

Mrs S Lee  
Headteacher



Rex and Wilbur were lucky enough to meet King Charles on Saturday last week. They went to the Royal Windsor Flower Show and as soon as they arrived through the gates the King, his entourage and his bodyguards were the first people they saw. Such luck! They had success in the classes too. They came away with two firsts and two second place rosettes. It's not every day you have a chat with the monarch!





## Week Commencing 9<sup>th</sup> June 2025

### Reception

Shiloh for his great sentence writing

Harry for being a superstar in the classroom – very helpful

### Year 1

Sienna for excellent performing skills for poems and recorder

### Year 2

All of Y2 for fantastic behaviour on our school trip to the Living Rainforest!

### Year 3

Freddie for writing amazing descriptive sentences in English this week

Aliyaas for amazing effort with is learning and behaviour this week

### Year 4

Dom for consistently using Times Table Rock Stars to improve time tables

Rana also for consistently using Time Table Rock Stars to improve time tables

### Year 5

Ravleen for fantastic explanations and sharing her ideas during science when learning about changes of materials

Arvin for confident and super reading aloud in English and Guided Reading lessons

### Year 6

Phoebe P for her efforts to push herself out of the comfort zone – Well Done!

Ramey for his efforts to write a detailed paragraph using descriptive language

### Staff Star of The Week

Miss Semplis for her efforts in encouraging budding gardeners, for organising a nature walk for parents and for investing her time and effort into placing all the plants around the school

## Week Commencing 16<sup>th</sup> June 2025

### Reception

Alfie for his hard work on his home learning and great reading progress

Noah for being a superstar at tidy up time and daily reading

### Year 1

Kayden for working hard on weekly challenges and reading in phonics



**Year 2**

Avaani for excellent descriptive writing based on our class book  
Sukhmani for having a positive attitude towards all of her learning

**Year 3**

Harper for always joining in with lessons and sharing fantastic ideas  
Lola for amazing focus this week in class and being helpful at lunchtimes

**Year 4**

All of Y4 for their fabulous effort during our times table check

**Year 5**

Alya for making a super effort with her writing this week and adding great detail  
Jack-Arthur for his interesting ideas throughout and during R.E. this week

**Year 6**

Whole class for their excellent team work efforts and positive attitude during our Residential

**Staff Star of The Week**

All lunchtime team for doing a great job 😊

**You're invited!**

# SUMMER FUN DAY

**Sun. 29th June | 11am - 4pm**  
**Woodrow High House | HP7 0QG**

## FREE ENTRY

- FOOD & DRINK
- STALLHOLDERS
- RAFFLE
- LIVE MUSIC
- INSTRUCTOR LED ACTIVITIES
- TOURS OF THE MANOR HOUSE

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# SUMMER 2025

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| Operating Weeks                           | Standard Day Prices     |
|---|-------------------------|
| WEEK 1 <b>Mon 28th July - 1st Aug</b>     | <b>9AM - 3PM</b><br>£31 |
| WEEK 2 <b>Mon 4th July - Fri 8th Aug</b>  | <b>8AM - 5PM</b><br>£38 |
| WEEK 3 <b>Mon 11th Aug - Fri 15th Aug</b> |                         |

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