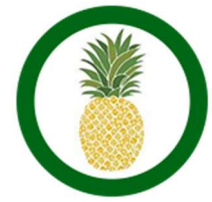


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Newsletter 2nd June 2025

Dear parents,

A round up of some exciting activities just before the half term!

CULTURE DAY 2025

Let the pictures speak for themselves! Thank you, parents, for your support.



Year 2 and Year 6 Visit to the Mosque

Pupils and staff came back to school enthusiastic and positive about their short visit. The visit enhanced their Religious Education (RE) knowledge about major faiths. Across school, each year group gets the opportunity to visit at least one place of worship each year. So far, Dorney pupils have visited churches, gurdwaras, temples and mosques. We will also be organising the next multi-faith day/event. This was so successful last year that we would like parents to join us in this event. More information to follow.



Special Visitor – Year 3 and Year 5



We had a special visitor (Ravleen's mum) who came to talk to the Year 3 and 5 children about the Sikh festival of Vaisakhi as a part of their RE learning this half term. The children enjoyed listening to the story behind the festival and seeing some lovely pictures from this year's celebrations. Thank you, Mrs Kalsi.

Virtual Author Workshop – Years 5 and 6

The webinar was well organised and had lots of interesting questions for children to think about. Children learnt about the history of LGBTQ+ and many children could share a fact about something new they had learnt. Children were engaged and responded well to questions.

Olly Pike is the creator of the multi-award-winning education company Pop'n'Olly, where he produces inclusive videos and children's books that combat homophobia and transphobia before it can develop. Drawing on his background in theatre and children's television, Olly writes, illustrates, and animates content that is both fun and informative. His work has reached millions globally, and his company has distributed over 30,000 books worldwide, including 12,000 donated to UK primary schools to promote diversity and equality.

Olly has spoken at Parliament, London City Hall, and conferences such as The Children's Media Conference and The National Education Union's LGBTQ+ Conference. He has also created content for CBeebies, Tate Kids, Hopster TV, and collaborated with numerous companies including Apple and Microsoft, continuing to lead the way in LGBTQ+ inclusive education.

Olly will be visiting the school on the 3rd July to talk about being a celebrated children's author and his books will on sale for parents to view and meet the author at home time on that day. More information will follow.



Walk to School 2025



Thank you, Mrs Bannister, pupils, staff and parents who participated in the annual Walk, to School on Thursday 22nd May. It was lovely to see so many children keeping active on that morning. This is part of the wider campaign to encourage as many pupils as possible to walk, cycle or scoot to school.

REMINDER

Gardening Week 2nd to 6th June



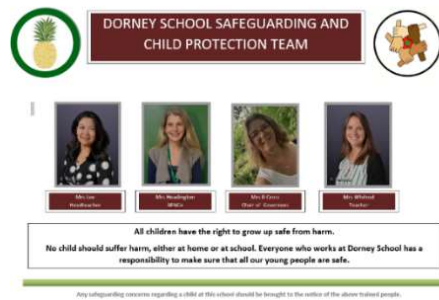
We are excited to share we are holding a Dorney School gardening festival from Tuesday 3rd June- Friday 6th June. This will give all children the opportunity to experience what fun gardening can be! Please check your parentmail for how you and your child can participate and help the school.

PTA Summer Fayre



This year, the fayre will commence as Sports Day ends. This will give many more families the opportunity to attend and join in! It promises to be day, and afternoon of fun and enjoyment. More information will follow soon. Please keep the date for your diary.

Safeguarding



IMPORTANT REMINDER

Please avoid parking on Harcourt Close outside the school gates. We have received multiple complaints and concerns by residents.

Dates for Your Diary

- 17.06.25 - Coffee Morning for parents – focus on Transition – school hall 10-11am
- 19.06.25 - SEN Drop in Clinic for parents virtual 10-11am
- 25.06.25 – Sports Day – further information to follow
- 26.05.25 – Back Up Sports Day
- 01.07.25 – Bucks Transition Day
- 03.07.25 – Parents to Look at Books at 3.15pm

Best Wishes

Mrs S Lee
Headteacher