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# DORNEY SCHOOL



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Newsletter 9<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Dear parents,



We learned about the hardships, the sacrifices and the jubilation on VE Day.

## News Around the School

### Bling Your Bike to School

Thank you to pupils and parents for participating in this event and campaign. All pupils enjoyed the parade around the playground. We had three worthy winners but it was very hard for judges to choose the winners. Do judge for yourselves.

Shiloh (Reception), Daisy (Year3) and Romilly (Year6)



The Bling your Bike is part of a longer-term campaign to encourage active and healthier ways to travel to school. Some other events for your calendar below:

Our school is taking part in **Walk to School Week** (19-23 May 2025). The nationwide event is organised by walking charity Living Streets and designed to help pupils experience first-hand the importance of walking to school. Children will be well on their way to reaching their recommended minimum 60 minutes of physical activity per day before even reaching the school gates! Not only will it set them up for a positive day in the classroom, but it will also help create healthy habits for life.



This year's challenge, **The Great Space Walk**, encourages children to travel actively to school every day of the week. Meeting various colourful intergalactic friends along the way, pupils will learn about the important reasons to walk or wheel and its benefits for individuals, communities and the planet! Each pupil will be challenged to travel sustainably (walk, wheel, scoot, cycle or Park and Stride) to school every day for one week using the wallchart and stickers to log their journeys. **Each class will work collectively** to make as many active journeys to school as possible across the week. Individual activity diaries, daily stickers and end of week pupil rewards will complement this activity, reinforcing the benefits and keeping children engaged.

### What do I need to do as a parent/carer?



We would ask, if possible, to make arrangements so that your child/children can travel actively to school **on week commencing 19 May**, helping our school reduce congestion and pollution around the school gates. In return, your child will earn special stickers and a reward trophy! Walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling all count! If you live far away from school and need to drive or take public transport, try parking the car or hopping off the bus/train ten minutes away and walking the rest of the journey.

We will also be running a **Special Park & Stride Walk on Thursday 22 May**. We will be meeting at the bus stop on Marsh Lane from 8:10am and will be leaving for school promptly at 8:20am. Any parents that would like to join in are more than welcome! Please be aware there is very limited parking around this area of Dorney Reach, so we request that you park considerately and safely, and if possible, in Trumplers Car Park.

### Choir

The school choir performed to the whole school today during music assembly. They sang a beautiful, inspirational song entitled 'Me'.



### Gurdwara Trip



This week Year 3 and 5 visited the local Gurdwara to learn all about the Sikh faith. We were so lucky to be able to learn about the 5K's, discuss how Sikhs are committed to their faith and understand the importance of langar. We even got to try some delicious food! Well done to all of Year 3 and 5 for excellent listening and being very respectful during this

special trip.

Miss Hussain (Year 5 class teacher)



## Gardening Around School



Miss Semplis leads the gardening projects around the school grounds and every child gets the opportunity to be 'green-fingered'. Do take a look at the amazing little areas around our school that are looking 'blooming marvellous'. Thank you to parents who have donated plants and other garden items. We are still looking for seedlings, seeds, planters, large pots and compost. Do please email the school or bring in

your donations which will be gratefully received.

## Safeguarding



### **Washing Pods and Capsules - Child Accident Prevention Trust**

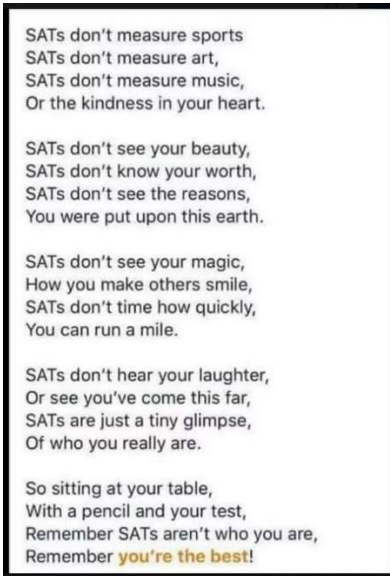
Young children are vulnerable to all sorts of dangers in the home. One of the most present issues can come in the form of every day cleaning products. Some like sink unclogger can look like fruit juice. The thick consistency and similarity to apple juice in colour make it particularly enticing. However, one threat stands out from all others in this regard. The washing pod. Many washing pods bear a striking similarity to over the counter confectionary. For children the mistake can be easy to

make, especially when washing pods may be kept in a lower location than other cleaning supplies. The Child Accident Prevention Trust has recently published a page that looks to offer guidance on this issue. If interested, please follow the link below:

<https://capt.org.uk/washing-pods-and-capsules/>

## Year 6 SATS Week

It is SATs week next week for our Year 6 pupils. Our message has always been that a set of tests or assessments do not define you. When children are taught well, and they try their best, success in all its ways will follow.



There is a poster and sign-up link from a local campaign to establish a non-selective secondary school in the local area. The school has no involvement in this campaign but if you wish to find out more, or join a network of parents, do take a look by clicking the following link: [www.saveourschool.org.uk](http://www.saveourschool.org.uk)

### Dates for Your Diary

- 12-15.05.25** – Y6 SATS Week
- 19-23.0.25** – Walk to School Week
- 20.05.25** – Y3 Class Assembly for Y3 Parents at 9.15am
- 21.05.25** – World Day for Cultural Diversity
- 22.05.25** – Special Park and Stride Walk – meeting at the Marsh Lane bus stop 8.10am
- 22.05.25** – Y2/Y6 Maidenhead Mosque visit
- 22.05.25** – school closes for Half Term to all children at 3.30pm
- 23.05.25** – **Inset Day – school closed to children**
- 26-30.05.25** – **May Half Term**
- 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

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sunshine.

Best Wishes

Mrs S Lee  
Headteacher



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