

DORNEY SCHOOL



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Dear parents,

Another busy week at school. Some important reminders first.

Disabled Parking Trumper's Field Car Park

Please avoid using this as we have disabled drivers and passengers who need to use this designated space. Do look at this website if you wish to apply for a disabled parking permit <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/parking-roads-and-transport/parking/apply-for-a-disabled-parking-space/>



Bling your Bike/Scooter to School Day – Wednesday 7th May 2025



Pupils may bring their bikes or scooters to school decorated in the wildest and fanciest colours and decorations. There will be prizes for the three best decorated bikes/scooters and a parade in the playground in the afternoon of the day. Mrs Bannister will be at the school gate to help pupils safely park their bikes on school grounds. Although the school is a secure site, we cannot be responsible for any lost or damaged property.

VE (Victory over Europe) Day – Thursday 8th May 2025 (non-uniform day)

Thursday marks the 80th anniversary of victory over Europe at the end of the second world war. All pupils may come in **red, white and blue** on that day. The day will be marked by an assembly, and class activities where we will learn about the significance of this day. Our school celebrations are slightly delayed until June when we will welcome a local historian to tell us more about the significance of this day.

World Day for Cultural Diversity – Wednesday 21st May 2025

We would be thrilled if pupils can come to school in clothes (traditional or otherwise) that represent their culture or identity on that day. The main aim is to celebrate diversity so just dressing brightly in favourite colours would also be appropriate. Each child may bring a small plate of food that will be shared with their classmates during this day. Please ensure there are no nuts or seeds as these may cause severe reactions in some pupils. Do label the ingredients if possible, and let us know if the product contains meat. We would be thrilled if parents or grandparents would like to come in to school on the day and explain about their family's



culture, background or identity to the class. Due to the physical space of each class and the timetable for the day, we can only accommodate up to five parents/grandparents per class so this will have to be on a first come first served basis. The timing for this is 9.15 -10am. More information will follow but do speak to your child's class teacher if you are interested. We had an amazing time last year, and would love to build on this experience.

NEWS AROUND THE SCHOOL

Dropmore Football Game Saturday 26th April 2025

Five Year 2 pupils participated in a football event at Dropmore Infant School. Ronnie, Sammy, Parker, Dotty and Zeb were outstanding! Zeb was presented with player of the tournament.



Learning about Vaisakhi in Reception



Yesterday we welcomed three parents from Reception who came to speak to the children about Sikhism and the festival Vaisakhi. The children listened really well and asked some amazing questions. They enjoyed a special treat too as part of the celebration. We learnt lots and enjoyed listening to the three children share a special prayer.

Year 6 Wellbeing Workshop and Local Walk



This week, Year 6 took part in a wellbeing workshop led by Claire and Casey from NHS CAMHS. The session focused on understanding anxiety, especially in the lead-up to SATs and transition to secondary school.

Pupils learned helpful techniques to manage their feelings and were reassured that it's completely normal to feel nervous before big events.



Last Friday, Year 6 enjoyed a local walk to Bray Lock as part of their geography and art learning. As they walked, they explored different types of houses in the local area, linking to their geography topic. When they reached the lock, the children had the opportunity to sketch the scene, tying into their art topic, 'A Sense of Place'. It was a lovely way to end the week, combining learning with time outdoors.

Year 5 and 6 at Burnham Grammar School



On Friday 25th April, Year 5 and Year 6 visited Burnham Grammar School to attend a special music concert. The children enjoyed an inspiring performance featuring a full orchestra, showcasing a range of instruments from strings to percussion. They were also treated to performances by three different choirs, each bringing their own unique style and energy to the concert. It was a fantastic morning that gave the pupils a real appreciation for live music and the talent of the performers. Thank you to parents who helped with transportation.

Safeguarding

Thames Valley Cyber Protect team are inviting Parents and carers to join engaging and informative Cyber Security training presentations. These sessions will share easy-to-implement tips for parents/carers regarding theirs and their family's online behaviours and internet-enabled device usage. This session covers key topics, including:

Emails and mobile phones: The art of spotting a scam – lots of hints and tips to share with your children around phishing and other scams.

Social media safety: The risks around social engineering, disinformation, AI, privacy and hacked accounts.

DORNEY SCHOOL SAFEGUARDING AND CHILD PROTECTION TEAM

Mrs. [Name]	Mrs. [Name]	Mrs. [Name]	Mrs. [Name]

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 named people.

Gaming: Understand what the risks are to young people when gaming, particularly online, and discover ways to monitor and restrict usage.

Password mastery and Two-Factor Authentication (2FA): Helping you and your family to secure your accounts following best practice.

Feel free to forward this email - Online Safety for Parents by Police - South East Cyber Crime Unit | Eventbrite
https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/cc/online-safety-for-parents-3386699?utm_medium=Email&utm_source=GovDelivery

Dates for Your Diary

- 05.05.25** – Bank Holiday Monday – school is closed to children and staff
- 06.05.25** – Y3/Y5 visit to Gurdwara
- 07.05.25** – Bling Your Bike/Scooter To School Day
- 08.05.25** – VE Day (non-uniform day)
- 12-15.05.25** – Y6 SATS Week
- 20.05.25** – Y3 Class Assembly for Y3 Parents at 9.15am
- 21.05.25** – World Day for Cultural Diversity
- 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
- 12.06.25** - SEN Drop in Clinic for parents virtual 10-11am
- 17.06.25** - Coffee Morning for parents – focus on Transition – school hall 10-11am

Spring is just such a joyful time. Reception class has started attending Friday's music assembly and they add their beautiful and enthusiastic voices singing along to new and some traditional tunes about springtime and regrowth. What a lovely time to be a child!

Best Wishes

Mrs S Lee
Headteacher





From this week, stars of the week will be invited to have lunch with Mrs Lee on Monday. This is another opportunity to highlight and celebrate children's effort and achievement.

Reception

Cleo for grooving a confidence and answering questions on carpet
Farren for her amazing Makaton and singing

Year 1

Amelia for always completing weekly challenges quickly and to a high level

Year 2

Ronnie for excellent understanding of our Maths learning
Vincent for fantastic sequencing of our story in English

Year 3

Jovin for making all the right choices this week inside and outside of the classroom
Bambi for her lovely contributions in RE this week

Year 4

Monroe for fantastic effort in all subjects and especially handwriting
Alex for making a great first impression and great Maths work!

Year 5

Tonya for her great Maths learning about angles
Lucy-Jane for super discussion and ideas in Guided Reading

Year 6

Theo for his efforts o write a detailed description in English. Well Done!
Mahi for consistently being a dependable member of the class. Thank You!

Staff Star of The Week

Mrs Farnborough for leading Lunch Time games and making them fun and safe

Class of The Week

Y2 for maintaining a very tidy classroom and cloakroom
Special mention to Y3 for least amount of paper being wasted and recycled



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- Hall Games
- Dodgeball
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