

DORNEY SCHOOL



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Newsletter 14th March 2025

Dear parents,



A reminder of the popular **PTA Quiz night** on Friday 21st March 2025. Do grab your tickets as they are going fast!

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/dorneypta/1615862>

Year 6 Easter Cracked!



The pupils enjoyed another amazing session with Wayne Dixon and Beth Gomm as they enhanced their understanding and knowledge about the Christian celebration of Easter.



Little Tanks Drama Club



Dorney School

Building Confidence & Well-Being through Drama

- Little Tanks drama club is enrichment for your child as it aims to develop children's confidence and well-being.
- Throughout the term the children will partake in games and activities that will be fun, exciting and engaging.
- We believe that by embedding your child's resilience it will give them a more positive approach to developing their strengths even further.
- Work on an end of term show to share with parents during the last session.

Summer Term 2025
29th of April – 15th of July
(including half term – 27th of July)

Years: R, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6
Day: Tuesday
Time: 3.25 – 4.25pm
Venue: Year 1 Classroom
Cost: £77.00

To avoid disappointment please complete your form and fee as soon as possible as there are only 20 spaces per course. We work on a first come first serve basis once the payment & online form has been received.
*Please Note these dates are subject to change.

Contact Us

E-mail: debi@littletanks.co.uk
Website: www.littletanks.co.uk

Please [click here](#) to complete the registration form online and make the payment to secure your child's space.
Spaces are only allocated on receipt of both the form and fee

Payment Details
Account Name: Little Tanks Ltd
Account Number: 98493876
Sort Code: 60-83-71
Cost: £77.00
Reference: DN + your child's name

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Today, at whole school assembly, we were joined by Debi from Little Tanks who is running an after school drama club every Tuesday, starting after the Easter holidays. Many children were excited about joining this club. Spaces are limited so do book your child's space as soon as possible.

"Bookings are now open for the ****NEW**** Little Tanks after school drama club for the summer term 2025, giving you an opportunity to secure your child's space before the club starts on **Tuesday the 29th of April**.

If you are interested in your child gaining confidence, having fun & learning a new skill please complete application process to avoid disappointment as there are currently **only limited spaces available**.

- Application form – [Click here to complete](#)
- Day – Tuesday after school
- Account Name: Little Tanks Ltd



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- Account Number: 9949 3876
- Sort Code: 60-83-71
- Reference: DN followed by your child's name
- Amount: £77.00
- Both the form & fee via bank transfer are required to be submitted to secure your child's space

We look forward to welcoming your child to Little Tanks next term and working on developing their confidence skills. If you have any queries, please contact: debi@littletanks.co.uk “

Girls' Football

It has been lovely to see so many girls enjoying playing football today. Each class had a short session of learning a few skills. Girls in particular had their own pitch to experience and explore. We have a brand new all girls' football team (Years 5 and 6) coached by Mrs Hughes. They will represent our school in any forthcoming girls' football event.



Science Fortnight

Miss Hussain has organised many exciting and fun activities for the whole school across these two weeks. All parents are invited to the Science Showcase in the hall on **Thursday 20th March 3-3.30pm**. The back gate will be open from 3pm for you to walk down the path straight into the school hall. This is a great opportunity for you to see all the fantastic learning over Science Fortnight.

As part of science week learning and our local links the children in Year 1 and Reception had a workshop on Monday from Eton College students all about Minibeasts. They discussed with the children's different classifications of minibeasts including insects, myriapods, arachnids and crustaceans and completed some fun learning activities alongside the children.



NEURODIVERSITY WEEK (17th to 21st March 2025)

We are excited to welcome Millie to talk to all children and staff about challenging the stereotypes around Down's Syndrome on Friday 21st March. You may have spotted Millie on BBC portraits series talking about her campaign. The programme can be downloaded on BBC iplayer
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m00284wt>

The school is so proud to know Millie, not only as a local celebrity, but also as the sister of Mrs Whitrod!

Parents Invitation to Coffee Mornings

As part of Neurodiversity Week, the school will be organising many classroom activities to raise awareness of the different ways people behave and think across school, and society. We are pleased to invite **all parents** to a workshop on Understanding and Managing Anxiety led by the Mental Health Support Team (MHST) Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust. We have organised this based on feedback and suggestions from parents – please do come along on **Wednesday 19th 2025 March 10-11am**. There will be opportunities to speak to mental health experts. Refreshments will be available.

There is another workshop available for parents – this is focused on ASD and led by Emma Campbell, a specialist ASD teacher, along with Mrs Headington. Please do come along and ask any questions on **Thursday 20th March 2025 10-11am**.

🔊 EXCITING NEWS 🔊

Dorney Playground/Trumper's Field (separate from Dorney School PTA) are excited to announce that we are able to confirm our new fence around the play area will be fitted!!

This area will be a safe space to keep your children in one area and a dog free zone.

We will have a celebration ceremony on Thursday 3rd April from 3:15, we are also please to announce we have been able to book a much needed professional clean (and moss treatment) of the Tennis and MUGA courts, there will be a BBQ, ice creams and Drinks available on the 3rd April, all proceeds will go back into fundraising efforts.

This has all been made possible due to some amazing grants, donations and fundraising through events we hold through the year and people buying from our tuck shop, a BIG thank you to everyone who has made this possible, every £1 really does help.

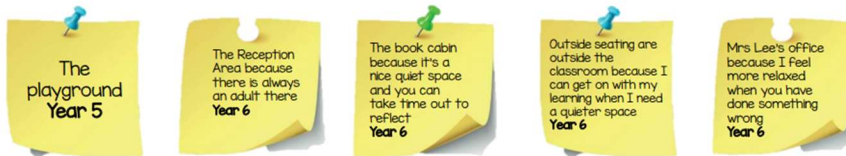
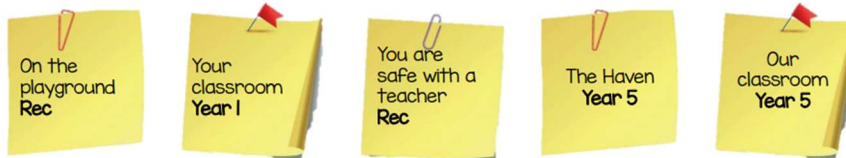
Link to donate  <https://gofund.me/b4fc8059>



Safeguarding

What our pupils say.

Are there any safe places in school?



Dates for Your Diary

- 19th March 2025** – Intro to Anxiety Workshop ran by Mental Health Support Team for Parents 10-11am
- 20th March 2025** – SENCO Coffee Morning for Parents – focus on ASD 10-11am
- 20th March 2025** – Science Showcase for All Parents in the hall from 3pm – 3.30pm. This will be an opportunity for parents to see all the fantastic learning over Science Fortnight.
- 21st March 2025** – Comic Relief Red Nose Day – wear something red – more information to follow
- 1st April 2025** – Y4 Class Assembly for Y4 Parents at 9.15am
- 3rd April 2025** – Parents to Look at Books 3.15 – 3.45pm
- 4th April 2025** – School closes for Easter Half Term at 3.30pm

Not long now before the clocks go back and the definite promise of warmer days!

Best Wishes

Mrs S Lee
Headteacher





Reception

Ethan for his understanding and explanations in class discussion
JJ for his progress in handwriting and sentence writing

Year 1

Zhuri for her explanations of vocabulary in all our learning

Year 2

Ivy for always being ready to learn
Louie for fantastic work on multiplication and division

Year 3

Josh for always making the right choices in class
Gianna for a massive improvement in her writing this week

Year 4

Freya for her fab effort to understand fractions in Maths
Rex for artistic and effort during World Book Day

Year 5

Connie for her researching and writing a super biography about Harriet Tubman in English
Sahib for her excellent non-fiction writing of a biography about Harriet Tubman

Year 6

Fatima for her determination to do her best and the teamwork shown to those around her
Gracie for her efforts in Maths. I have been impressed by her efforts in group work and questions to help her understand better.

Staff Star of The Week

Mrs Maguire for supporting children to achieve every day.


Class of The Week

Year 4 – for an organised and tidy classroom and cloakroom




MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Mind Morning: Theme - ADHD



CREATING A **FREE** SPACE FOR ALL **PARENTS/CARERS** TO MEET, MINGLE AND NETWORK WITH OTHERS WHO CAN RELATE, WHILST ENGAGING WITH VARIED TOPICS, TO HELP LEARN NEW WAYS TO SUPPORT AND BETTER UNDERSTAND THEIR CHILDREN.

TO BOOK ON SCAN QR CODE BELOW
LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE



Monday 31st March 2025	9:30am - 10.30am	THE GATEWAY, AYLESBURY, HP19 8FF,
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Are you a parent or carer interested in knowing more about ADHD? Come to our free MIND Morning event this March. To book on scan the QR code on the attached flyer or click this link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/Sv5XmdrmtR>



EASTER CAMP

EARLY BIRD 10% DISCOUNT STARTS NOW

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EXPIRES MIDNIGHT FRIDAY 14TH MARCH

NORMAL DAY: 9AM - 3PM - £31
EARLY DROP: 8AM - 9AM - £2.50
LATE PICK UP: 3PM - 5PM - £4.50

FOR CHILDREN AGED 4-11 YEARS OLD

14TH - 17TH
APRIL





ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- Hall Games
- Easter Egg Hunts
- Archery
- Easter crafts
- Team Competitions
- Dodgeball
- Balloon Volleyball
- Nerf Wars
- Parachute Games
- Easter Party Games

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Footsteps

Child Road Safety and Awareness Training Programme



Parents' guide for children

Here are some ideas to help you teach your child to become more confident in road safety, one of the most important life skills a child needs to learn!



- Encourage your child to make their own decisions safely when you are out and about together. Ask lots of open questions and involve your child in the decision making.
- Always be a good role model as your child will copy your behaviour. Even if you are in a hurry, never do anything you wouldn't want your child to do.
- Bend down to your child's height to get a better understanding of their experience of the world and what they can and cannot see.

STOP

Stop at the roadside, ask your child where it is safe to cross the road where to get the best view (not near a junction, bend, or brow of a hill).

Discuss why they need to stop and wait. Ask why they need to hold your hand. Ask what your child can see. Remember you have more experience of judging traffic and speeds, but your child has not yet learnt those skills.

Name parts of the road, for example 'a kerb,' or 'driveway'. Ask questions such as why do they think the road dips down in front of a house or shop? And why should we walk on the pavement and not run?

LOOK

Look at the traffic. Discuss which direction the vehicles are coming from and explain that traffic can come from several directions. Remind them to look into drives and other vehicle access points.

It is important to make sure that children look with their eyes, very often they just shake their heads from side to side. Let them know how important it is to look all around, not just left to right. Ask them if the vehicles are moving towards them or away from them.

LISTEN

Listen and ask if they hear a vehicle before they can see it.

Explain that some electric vehicles make little sound or no sound at all! Explain how emergency vehicles who have a blue light or siren, may not always behave as you would expect. For instance, they may travel on the opposite side of the road to bypass traffic and not adhere to red lights at signalised junctions or crossings.

THINK

Think - how will you cross the road?

Walking or running? Why? Which is the safer option when crossing the road, straight across or diagonally? Why? Ask your child where it is safe to cross the road (not near a junction, bend, or brow of a hill).

Zebra crossings

Where do you stand to wait? Why must you wait until the traffic has stopped? Remind your child to continue looking all around whilst crossing with you in case a driver has not seen you.

Pedestrian light-controlled crossings

What will pushing the button do? Which vehicles may not stop at a pedestrian light-controlled crossing or a zebra crossing – emergency vehicles on blue lights or a driver not concentrating!




For more information please contact:
Sustainable Travel Team, Walton Street Offices, Aylesbury HP20 1UY
Telephone: 0300 131 6000 and ask for the Schools Sustainable Travel Team.
Email: schooltravelplanning@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

'Guides is the most adventurous thing... It gives you the opportunity to meet people and see things you wouldn't normally see, and it's just an amazing experience'
Bryony

Guides

2nd Burnham Guides has space for your daughter

Girls laugh, learn and expand their horizons for ages 10 to 14

At Guides, all girls are welcome to enjoy our fun-filled space, where she'll make good friends, learn to be herself, explore what she loves and do stuff she's never done before!



Registered charity number: 843623



Join a local Guides group girlguiding.org.uk/joinus

'I had never climbed before. I was scared of heights. But I climbed and rang the bell all by myself and felt really proud of myself'
Rhia

Brownies

1st Burnham Brownies

Girls have nonstop fun, learning and adventure for ages 7 to 10

At Brownies, we welcome all girls to explore their creative side, get out into the great outdoors and start to learn to look after themselves, others and the world we live in.



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