

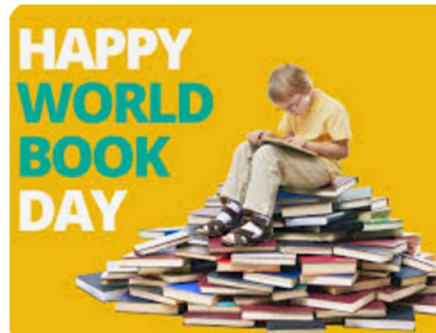
# DORNEY SCHOOL



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Dear parents,

## World Book Day

It was a lovely assembly where pupils and staff were all about ready to go to bed at 9am this morning! It was a great start to a wonderful day full of activities celebrating authors, stories and books. I read the children a beautiful bedtime tale by Michael Morpurgo about kindness and loneliness.



Year 6 'stopped to read' to celebrate world book day and their book of choice. They found a 'comfy' spot where they could enjoy their book and read.





Reception and Year 1 children attended this special assembly. They signed and sang their version of Jelly on a Plate. They were so cute, very confident and just amazing. Staff and pupils across school were truly impressed!



Thank you to parents who encouraged and helped your child to create wonderful book boxes. These are displayed in the hall today for all children to see, and we invite all parents and carers to come and look at them in the school hall after pick up time. These book boxes will become part of a permanent display in school after World Book Day.

Thank you to Mrs Maguire, Miss Dougherty, Miss Sellars for their hard work in organising the second-hand book sale. Come and purchase lots of quality books at minimal cost. Add these to book shelves and boxes at home, and get them as great gifts for friends and family.

Thank you to the PTA and Abbey in Year 6 for organising the cake sale today too.



## Be Water Wise



### Water Safety Awareness

#### What to do in an Emergency

- ✓ Call 999 and ask for the Fire Service or the Coastguard if you are at the coast
- ✓ Give an accurate location, look for identifying landmarks or display boards
- ✓ If you are using an app to locate yourself, pass on the information to the Emergency Services
- ✓ Shout loudly for help - someone may be around to help you
- ✓ Shout to the person - if they can talk, it means cold water shock has passed, so can be encouraged to swim to the side
- ✓ Use a throwline / life-ring if available or a stick / scarf to pull them to the bank
- ✓ Never jump in to get them out - cold water shock affects even the best swimmers and you could become a second casualty

This week Year 5 and 6 were visited by PC Angela to learn about water safety. She reminded all children about what they should do if they come into trouble in open water and explained the dangers of swimming in rivers. See these helpful reminders below. Pictures are attached.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jdcxThIHUmc> - This video is filmed by the Jubilee River and features Olympic gold medallist swimmer Tom Dean MBE, to share important messages about water safety. It is a must watch! Downloading and using the 'what3words' app is very important and highly recommended to help those who need it during an emergency.

## Communication Week in Reception and Year 1



We have been doing some oral story telling. In small groups children were given a range of small props and worked as a team to create their own story which was scribed by an adult. The children were then supported to tell the story using the props to the rest of the class. We are lucky enough to also have a grandma who volunteers to teach us Makaton.

## Safeguarding

We regularly ask our pupils for feedback on their views of personal safety. You can see their views on our school website <https://primariesite-produced.s3.amazonaws.com/dorney-chool/UploadedDocument/a0cf7c73-1536-492b-905a-0fab2b7b2547/pupils-views-on-safeguarding.pdf>

For the next few weeks, we will select one of the questions we have asked, and the children's answers and opinions.

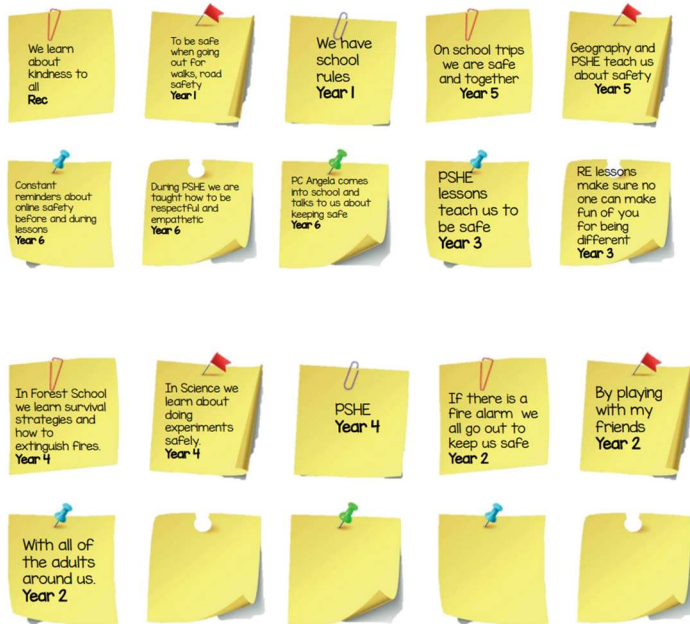
DORNEY SCHOOL SAFEGUARDING AND CHILD PROTECTION TEAM

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.



## How does the school curriculum help you to be safe?



### Parents Invitation

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 19<sup>th</sup> 2025 March 10-11am**. There will be opportunities to speak to mental health experts. Refreshments will be available.

### Can You Help?

The school will be participating in British Science Fortnight across the month of March. We would be thrilled to have parents or family friends with a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Medicine), background to come and speak to children during this campaign. We can be flexible with dates and times, and may also be able to organise virtual classroom sessions if necessary. It is our firm belief that **children cannot be what they cannot see**. Please email the school office if you are able to help, or know of someone in your family or at work who may be interested. Thank you.

### Dates for Your Diary

- 13<sup>th</sup> March 2025** – School nursing Team visiting Reception & Y6 Class – Height & Weight Check
- 19<sup>th</sup> March 2025** – Intro to Anxiety Workshop ran by Mental Health Support Team for Parents 10-11am
- 20<sup>th</sup> March 2025** – SENCO Coffee Morning for Parents – focus on ASD 10-11am
- 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025** – Comic Relief Red Nose Day – wear something red – more information to follow
- 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025** – Y4 Class Assembly for Y4 Parents at 9.15am
- 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2025** – Parents to Look at Books 3.15 – 3.45pm
- 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025** – School closes for Easter Half Term at 3.30pm

We are proud of our pupils, their knowledge, application, attitude and behaviour. Thank you so much for working in partnership so that all children feel safe, and are able to achieve.

May the sunshine carry on into the weekend.

Best Wishes

Mrs S Lee  
Headteacher



### **Reception**

Laraè for her amazing progress and always trying her best  
Cleo for working hard on recognising more diagraphs in Phonics

### **Year 1**

Amelia for writing an amazing piece using descriptive writing, capital letters, full stops and adjectives

### **Year 2**

Brettly for having a positive attitude to all of his learning!  
Albie for excellent writing this week based on our new book!

### **Year 3**

Imogen for amazing effort this week focusing, listening and trying her best  
Aliyaas for writing a fantastic description of a story using expanded noun phrases!

### **Year 4**

Mila for being a kind friend and contributing fabulous ideas to class discussions  
Sian for consistently trying her best and for immaculate presentation

### **Year 5**

Ravleen for fantastic ideas and writing about our STEM learning  
Ethan for super poetry writing in English using our book 'Freedom Bird'

### **Year 6**

Phoebe P for her efforts to use effective modal verbs in her writing. Well Done!  
Dylan for his excellent writing to describe how resistance groups can be helpful. Well Done!

### **Staff Star of The Week**

Mrs Chaggar for leading PSHE and antibullying



**We're taking part in**

**BEEP BEEP! DAY** WITH **TIMMY TIME**  
saving little lives

Wednesday **19** MARCH 2025

Organised by **Brake** the road safety charity

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**NEW!**

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**NETBALL**  
DORNEY SCHOOL  
THURSDAY AFTERNOONS  
24TH APRIL - 17TH JULY  
3:15 - 4:15  
YEARS 1 - 6

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**OLYMPICS CLUB**  
DORNEY SCHOOL  
THURSDAY LUNCHTIMES  
KS2 - 12.00 - 12.30  
KS1 - 12.30 - 13.00

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The poster features a central graphic with the text 'sustrans BIG WALK AND WHEEL' in a stylized, colorful font. Below it, a pink banner reads '24 March–4 April 2025'. The background is light blue with various icons: a balloon, lightbulb, speech bubble, cloud, leaf, hand, globe, person walking, apple, person on a scooter, person on a bicycle, person in a wheelchair, and a tandem bicycle. The text 'We're taking part in the Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel 2025 challenge.' is written in a bold, pink font. Below this, it says 'Join in by walking, wheeling, scooting or cycling to school between 24 March–4 April.' and lists three benefits: 'Be active and feel more energised', 'Help the environment by replacing a car journey', and 'Help us win some fantastic prizes'. The website 'www.BigWalkAndWheel.org.uk' is prominently displayed. At the bottom left is the 'SCHWALBE' logo, and at the bottom right is the 'sustrans JOIN THE MOVEMENT' logo. Small text at the bottom center reads 'Sustrans is a registered charity in England and Wales 222231(1) (314164) 0124344325'.

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