

# DORNEY SCHOOL

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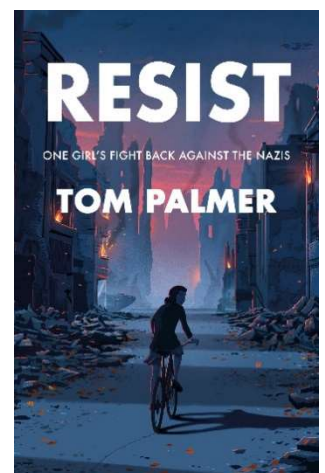
Dear parents,



Children commemorated Holocaust Memorial Day by watching an excellent video by one of our favourite authors, Michael Rosen. Michael recounted his family's experience of World War 2, concentration camps and survival, through brilliant poems and age-appropriate stories told sensitively. Michael's aim is to remind us of the lessons of the Holocaust, and how never again must be a universal and global promise that such atrocities must never again happen to any groups of people. This is a link that you may wish to watch alongside your child [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iR\\_GiyIJ6k](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iR_GiyIJ6k)

Michael's website <https://michaelrosenblog.blogspot.com/> has a wealth of resources and recommendations of his amazing books on the topic, amongst other things.

Year 6 are currently reading 'Resist' by Tom Palmer – a highly recommended book about a 15-year-old girl in WW2 occupied Holland, based on the real-life story of the famous actress, Audrey Hepburn.





Across school, children learned a little more about the lunar new year and the year of the snake. Although this celebration is usually known as Chinese New Year, many Vietnamese, Korean and Japanese people celebrate this too.

### Girls' Football Team



Inspired by the success of England's Lionesses, and to encourage more girls to take up football as a sport, Mrs Hughes is leading the Dorney School girls' football team, alongside a boys' team. On **7<sup>th</sup> March 2025**, all girls will be encouraged to participate in the biggest ever Girls' football event organised by the Buckinghamshire School's Sports Partnership. More details to follow!

### Attendance

The school has received important information regarding school attendance. There has been a national drive to improve attendance, and the Department of Education has given powers to local authorities, through schools, to ensure that parents are clear about their responsibilities and the consequences if pupil attendance is not improved. Please look out for this email.

### National Storytelling Week

Next week, we will be weaving two campaigns throughout the week. It is **National Storytelling Week**, and also **Children's Mental Health** week.

Teachers are planning multiple lessons and activities that will raise awareness of good mental health and also encourage all pupils to engage in storytelling. We will share news and photos next week. On top of



these, all children given a sponsorship form to compete, and raise money for new sport equipment for our school.

## Para Athlete Nerys Pearce

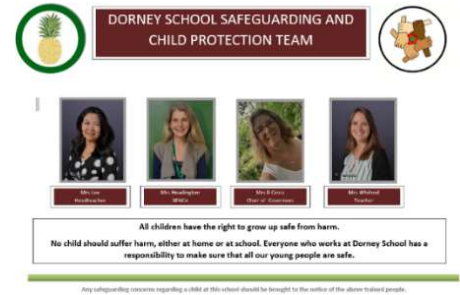
On **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2025**, we welcome Para athlete Nerys Pearce (from **Great Athletes Social Enterprise**) who will involve all pupils in fun, fast paced activities in aid of this fundraising campaign. Please ensure your child is **in PE kit for the day**. Thank you for your support in this fundraising event.

## Safeguarding

### How to Stay Protected Against AI Scams - TechRadar

The next spam call you receive may not be a real person. Scammers are increasingly using voice-enabled AI models to automate their fraudulent schemes. The human ear was not designed to tell the difference. The tricking of individuals by imitating real human callers, has become a new and highly effective methodology enabled by AI advances. Tech Radar magazine, has recently published an article on how to tackle this new front in the war against scams. If interested, please follow the link below:

<https://www.techradar.com/computing/artificial-intelligence/ai-voice-clone-scams>



## Dates For Your Diary

Parents Book Look **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 3.15pm**

PTA Cake Sale **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 3.15pm**

**February Half Term 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025**

Inset Day Teacher/Parent Consultation Day **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025** – information will follow via parentmail this afternoon

As you can see, a packed week next week. So much learning through engaging and fun activities. Thank you for your ongoing support, and ensuring your child attends school regularly.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs S Lee  
Headteacher



### Reception

Wilbur for speaking confidence telling the class about classic car collection  
Ravneet for art skills – detailed drawing and paintings

### Year 1

Aliyar for his interest and focus on weaving! Well done!

### Year 2

Sammy for excellent work on shape in our Maths learning  
Sophia for working very hard to use lead ins and lead outs in her handwriting

### Year 3

Harper for always making the right choices in the classroom. Well done!  
Mason for fantastic handwriting this week and amazing presentation in books

### Year 4

Aneeka for much improved handwriting and presentation in English  
Aiden for impressive geographical knowledge in class

### Year 5

Alya for being a wonderful role model to others and always trying her best  
Amber for always having a fantastic attitude to all her learning

### Year 6

Emilia for consistently challenging herself and looking at how to improve further. You continue to be and excellent role model to others!  
Ramey for his efforts in Maths and focus with his handwriting

### Staff Star of The Week

WC 13.01.25 Miss Ambrose for being an amazing Year 3 teacher and for her work developing the RE curriculum

WC 27.01.25 Mrs Austin for always smiling and being positive at front desk. She is the face of the school





## All-Ability Bees Soccer Schools

Inclusive football sessions in February Half Term tailored to young people with special educational needs and disabilities. Focus on building your confidence, improving skills and making friends in a safe, supportive, and welcoming environment. Sessions run by our SEND qualified FA coaches.

- Participants: Ages 7-20
- Dates: Tuesday 18th February 2025 & Wednesday 19th February 2025
- Time: 10.00 - 14.00
- Location: Indoor Dome, Uxbridge High School, UB8 3PH
- Cost: £25 per day / £47.50 both days

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