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Newsletter 10th October 2025

Dear parents,

It was wonderful having Nigel from Maidenhead foodbank back at Dorney again. On behalf of the families the foodbank helps, Nigel would like to thank you and your families for sharing the Harvest bounty. Nigel explained to the children how the food will help support many families facing hardship and how some of the craft packs you donated will go towards making a child smile. Th foodbank has set up a small children's area for children to enjoy some craft activities and Nigel explained that for many children, even drawing a picture is a novelty as they have no writing materials at home. I think his message was one that was hard for me to digest; that amongst our local community, there are families facing such severe hardship. Thank you once again for your contributions and Nigel has a request to make in case you would like to support on a more regular basis – he advises everyone to donate a tin of food a week to the collection points at local supermarkets. He says that this one act makes a huge difference!

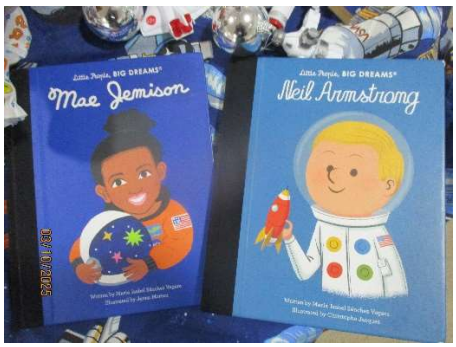
I know parents and staff have asked if there is a way, they can show their love and support to the Hobbs family and Teddy. Charlotte and Christopher Hobbs are grateful to anyone who wishes to make a contribution to the Alexander Devine Charity and the Frimley Health charity https://teddyhobbs.muchloved.com/Donate

Rainbow Raffle – Friday 17th October 2025 non-uniform day

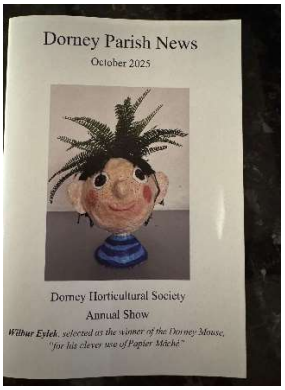
A reminder that next Friday 17th October, pupils may come in the colour that has been chosen for their class in return for an item of the same colour. All contributions will go towards creating Colour hampers which are popular prizes for fireworks night. Do buy your tickets soon as these were sold out fast last year and many families were left disappointed!

Space Week in Reception Class

The children in Reception have been learning about Space this week for World Space Week, we have been reading stories set in space, learning about famous Astronauts and making rockets for Baby Bear in the story.



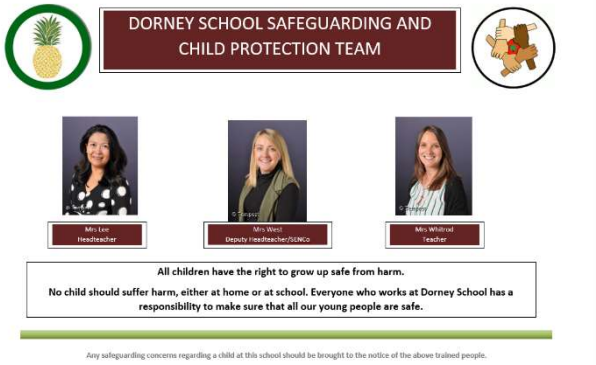
Celebrating Achievement – Eylek Family



Wilbur's (Year 1) winning artwork is on the front page this month's Dorney Parish News. He won the best exhibit and was overall winner in all the children's categories with his papier mâché head. Rex (Year 5) and Cherry also did well. Cherry won first prize for her tomatoes, Rex a first prize for a decorated flowerpot. Rex also won a trophy for the best exhibit in the over 8s section with a paper mâché pig decorated in old postage stamps. Mum won the best exhibit out of all the adult handicraft classes with my pottery nightlight. However, it was Wilbur that won the much coveted wooden "Dorney Mouse" as he was the overall winner for the under 8s. Congratulations to the whole family from the Dorney community.

Safeguarding

Parent/Carer Information



Important Safeguarding Notice: Children's "Spy" Books

We want to make you aware of a recent issue affecting some popular children's books by Andrew Cope, including the Spy Dogs, Spy Cats, and Spy Pups series.

Some editions of these books include a printed web address at the back. This link used to go to the author's website, but the domain is no longer under his control. **It has since been taken over by another party and now leads to inappropriate adult content.**

The publisher, Puffin, has paused sales and distribution of the books and is working with schools, libraries, and retailers to remove copies from circulation. They have stressed that the website has no connection to the author or publisher.

What this means for you:

- If your child has any Spy Dog, Spy Cat or Spy Pups books at home, please check the back for website links and make sure they do not try to visit the site.
- It is safe for children to continue reading the stories themselves — the concern is only with the outdated link.
- We recommend talking with your child about the importance of not following web addresses in books without checking with an adult first.

Yesterday's open event was a great success. It was a good turnout of potential parents to our school, some looking for in-year transfers. Thank you for spreading the word about our wonderful school to family, friends and neighbours. Well done to our newly appointed school ambassadors (Alya, Amber and Isabelle from Year 6) who helped me take the visitors on tour of the school. They did this without any pre-preparation and did an outstanding job!

The last 2 open events are on Tuesday 11th November 2025 and Wednesday 26th November 2025. Do spread the word about the Little village school with a Big Heart!

Dates for Your Diary

17.10.25 – PTA Rainbow Raffle non-uniform day
22.10.25 – Parents Book Look after school at 3.15pm
23.10.25 – A special Diwali afternoon to celebrate the Festival of Lights, wear something bright
24.10.25 – nursing team: Flu Immunization Years R to 6 – please refer to parentmail
24.10.25 – school closes to children at 3.30pm for half term
27.-31.10.25 – October half term
03.11.25 – Inset Day/Parent-Teacher Consultation Day – more information to follow
05.11.25 – Tempest Individual Photos – please refer to parentmail

Mrs Sharifah Lee

Reception
Ted for amazing help at tidy up time and working hard at phonics
Delilah for working hard on her phonics and blending words independently

Year 1
Larae for coming in with a smile and amazing listening on the carpet
Amreet for using her phonics in her work independently

Year 2
Zhuri for her excellent presentation of her story, using joined up writing

Year 3
Shaan for amazing presentation in his story using best hand writing
Louie for working independently in writing lessons this week

Year 4
Hudson for always working so hard and going above and beyond
Harper for working really hard, always trying her best and being kind

Year 5
Rex for keeping us all smiling with his positivity and artistic flair
Eimear for improved presentation in her books and great team spirit on PE

Year 6
Belle for her consistent effort to edit and improve her writing. Well Done!
Alfie for being a great working partner, striving for his best and being so kind

Staff Star of The Week
Mrs Kumar for her positive outlook and being helpful

Burnham Grammar School

"Pupils enthusiastically embrace challenge and enjoy learning"
(Ofsted Dec 2022)

Exam Invigilator

Casual, Part Time, Temporary
Bucks Pay Scale 2, 15.01 per hour

Required for Asap

11-18 Mixed Grammar School
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Lead school in small MAT

2025 A Level:
89% A*-C grades
71% A*-B grades
40% A*-A grades

2025 GCSE:
93% grade 5-9
56% grade 7-9
32% grade 8-9

59% of students achieved 5 or more grade 7-9 at GCSE

We are offering you:

- State of the art facilities
- A diverse community of enthusiastic, motivated & intelligent students
- An outstanding culture & ethos where students & staff enjoy & achieve
- Personalised & effective CPD as evidenced by the school's IIP Gold retained in Feb 2024
- Wellbeing Award (2021)
- IQM Centre of Excellence retained in Nov 2024

We want from you:

- Enthusiasm
- A genuine passion for working with and supporting young people
- Be confident and a reassuring presence to candidates in exam rooms
- Reliability and flexibility
- The ability to work both supervised and unsupervised with our pleasant students
- The ability to work as part of a team
- Good communication skills
- An awareness of the importance for outstanding Child Protection procedures

"Staff appreciate the support and time they get to develop their own subject expertise. Leaders have adopted an approach to assessment that is manageable for staff and purposeful for pupils."
(Ofsted December 2022)

Closing date for applications: 10am on Wednesday 22 October 2025

Please download an application form from our website or telephone the school for more information: 01628 604812.
Applications should be sent to Mrs A Pankhania by email or post. Please note we do not accept CVs.

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Just west of London, near Windsor & Maidenhead & convenient to the M40, M4 & M25.
Burnham station (mainline Paddington & Elizabeth Line) is a short walk from the school.
Headteacher: Dr A Gillespie

We encourage applications from the right candidates regardless of age, disability, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, belief or race

As part of the Beeches Learning Development Trust, Burnham Grammar School is committed to safeguarding & promoting the welfare of its students & staff & expects all staff & volunteers to share this commitment. Successful candidates will be required to undertake an enhanced Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) check.

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OPEN DAY
11TH OCTOBER

We invite you to join us for our open morning where we will be giving personal guided tours.
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WYCOMBE MUSEUM

Half Term Events

Sun 12th Oct - Sun 2nd Nov

Pumpkin Hunt Trail

Hunt our gardens for pumpkins to win a prize! Age 3 - 11. Pre-book or drop in. £3.15 per child. Not available Mon & Sat.

Sun 26th Oct

Halloween Monster Hunt

Hunt through the museum gathering body parts to build your own Frankenstein! Inspired by Mary Shelley's locally-written Frankenstein. Age 4 - 11. Pre-book. £7.25 per child.

Tue 28th & Wed 29th Oct

Discover & Make: Mosaic Madness

Make your very own mosaic coaster in your own personal design! Learn all about mosaic history, including Wycombe's Roman villa. Best for age 4 - 11. Pre-book. £4.75 per child.

Thu 30th Oct

Babes in the Wood Forest School

For little ones to enjoy nature, explore, do seasonal crafts, campfire cooking and more. For age 18mnth - 5yrs. Pre-book. £8.90 per child.

Book at wycombemuseum.org.uk

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12th MAIDENHEAD TOWN SHOW 25

JOIN US

FAMILY FUN

Join us on Sunday 19 October 2025 from 10AM - 5PM for a free, family-friendly celebration of local creativity. Enjoy live music, local artisans and food & drink, demos and competitions, a free petting zoo, fun dog show, chocolate monster trail, plus lots more in support of TVAP.

SUNDAY 19 OCTOBER 2025

FREE PARKING

MAIDENHEAD TOWN CENTRE
HIGH STREET & NICHOLSONS CENTRE
MAIDENHEAD SL6 1LB

WWW.MAIDENHEADSHOW.CO.UK

Children's competitions categories:

FREE to enter - top prize - Legoland day pass for family of 4!

1. Fruit & veg masterpiece - for example, animal, car, house, ugly bug
2. A castle for.... create a bee or insect home
3. 'Best in Maidenhead' - a poster to advertise Maidenhead

Pre-school only:

4. Decorate a cupcake
5. Paint your pet friend - or an animal you like
6. Nature art - create a collage using only natural materials - leaves, sticks, petals etc

For more information - and adult categories - please visit the website.

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