

DORNEY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents,



The Christmas advent candles remind us that there are four Sundays until Christmas. For many Christians, this is the time for reflection and hope as the community anticipates Christmas Day where the birth of Jesus is remembered as God's gift to this world. I think it is a good time for all of us to reflect on the year we have had, and to commit ourselves to be better, and do better. However, you celebrate this season, I hope that you find peace and love in your family, and community.

School Attendance

Attendance is now carefully monitored by the DfE for ALL schools. The data below is shared with our school to highlight how attendance is tracked. Parent will be notified if the school has any concerns so that we can work together to ensure all children attend school regularly. The local authority will be giving schools more information on penalty notices for pupil absences in January.

Dorney School current attendance figures

Attendance percentage

1CL1	95.5%
2CL2	95.0%
3CL3	96.9%
4CL4	96.3%
5CL5	95.5%
6CL6	96.3%
RCLR	94.4%
National	95.4%
Local Authority	95.5%

Absences

- 4.2% overall absence
 - 3.2% authorised
 - 1.0% unauthorised
- 0 pupils unauthorised absent for 10+ days

Absence Patterns

- 6 pupils have been repeatedly late to school on the same day
- 21 pupils have been absent before or after a school holiday
- 6 pupils have recently worsened from previous good attendance
- 13 pupils have recently improved from previous poor attendance



It is SO Nice to Be Noticed!

I received a lovely email from the School Sports Partnership this week. Out of 236 primary and secondary schools across Buckinghamshire, our school is one of very few noted for its participation in sports. We do try our best to focus on PE and sport participation:

“Just a quick thank you and well done to all of the schools listed below - they have already attended at least one (and some more) events this year.

- St Mary's Farnham Royal C of E Primary School
- The Stoke Poges School
- Seer Green Church of England School
- Iver Heath Junior School
- Stony Dean School
- Alfriston School
- Pebble Brook School
- **Dorney School**
- Burnham Grammar School
- Egerton-Rothesay School
- Farnham Common Junior School
- Aspire
- Heritage House School
- St Mary and All Saints C of E Primary School
- Chiltern Wood School
- Chiltern Way Academy

Year 5 and Orienteering



On Tuesday, Year 5 attended an orienteering activity morning at Alfriston School. We had a fantastic time learning how to read maps and find different signposts around the school grounds. We explored fields and woodlands and had to find the correct letter on each sign.

Well done Year 5 for working so well together in your groups and using excellent listening skills!

Miss Hussain – Y5 Teacher

Year 6 Maths Learning



Year 6 have been learning how to add, subtract, multiply and divide fractions. All of which can be very confusing to understand. What would this look in real life! The children brought in sweets/biscuits to group into a range of fractions, showing what the fraction would like in sweets/biscuits. All children could demonstrate a range of questions using what they had in front of them. It was great to see them visualising what they were learning about and having a better understanding of given amounts. A fantastic application lesson and end to our maths strand!

Mrs Parkash – Year 6 Teacher

Introducing Our Eco Council

This group of pupils are actively leading initiatives that help us all consider our carbon footprint and the need to reduce, and recycle as much as possible.



Year 1: Scarlett and Zhuri, Year 2: Avaani and Brettly,
Year 3: Keira and Oscar, Year 4: Eimear and Kaine,
Year 5: Aarav and Isabelle, Year 6: Ffion and Jacob

Our School Values Framework

Through pupil voice and a lot of collaborative work, our staff and pupils agree that the framework below helps all of us develop positively as individuals and as part of the school community. The framework is used alongside our PSHE curriculum, and approach to behaviour at school. More details will follow in upcoming newsletters.

Respect	Collaborate	Grow
Self	Self	Self
Community	Community	Community

Equality

Respectful, protected, safe, loyal, acceptance, trustworthy, honesty, conscience, humility



Empathy	Kind, humanity, caring, cooperative, responsible, courageous, appreciative, compassionate, eco-conscious, altruistic
Enquiry	Thirst for knowledge, problem solvers, curious, engaged, creative
Energy	Happy, playful, positive, joyful, friendly, passionate, activism, community
Excellence	Ready, Confident, disciplined, resilient, ambitious, aspirational, proud, determined, motivated, articulate, independent, persevere, risk taker

Safeguarding

A Note on Dangerous Gifts - Child Accident Prevention Trust

December is on the horizon. Families around the country are already putting up Christmas trees and tinsel is starting to grace our high streets. More than ever our Christmas shopping is done online from an increasingly varied list of providers. From imitation manufacturers, to platforms like Etsy and to third party small businesses, we're all trusting people ever further removed from us to provide high quality goods. Unfortunately, this is far from guaranteed. Production firms abroad or within a 'cottage industry' may not have the strict manufacturing standards applied in the UK, or expected as industry standard. The Child Accident Prevention Trust has published a list of eight gifts most likely to cause an accident this year. If interested please follow the link below. It's always important to remember that prevention is always better than repairing.



<https://capt.org.uk/8-dangerous-gifts-to-avoid-this-christmas/>

Dates for your Diary

2nd to 13th December 2024 Maidenhead Foodbank Christmas Collection – for more information please refer to Parentmail

3rd December 2024 9.30am – 10.30am Inviting All Grandparents - We would be delighted to welcome grandparents to share stories of their experiences growing up. Refreshments will be served by our school ambassadors. **Do email or notify the school to confirm your attendance.**

10th December 2024 10am – 11am SEN Coffee Morning for Parents

11th December 2024 2pm Santa Fun Run – for more information please refer to Parentmail

13th December 2024 Christmas Disco Organised by PTA

Do purchase the tickets online:

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



13th December 2024 9.15am R/Y1/Y2 Nativity Play for R/Y1/Y2 Parents

18th December 2024 – School Christmas Lunch – The Kids Lunch Company is offering hot roast turkey breast or sage/onion stuffing roll with Christmas snacks and cakes on this day. It would be nice for all children to bring Christmas Crackers they can pop with their friends when they are having their lunch.

19th December 2024 – Christmas Jumper Day/Class Christmas Parties/**2.15pm** Christmas Carol Concert for all Parents – Please use the Trumplers' Field car park and make your way around to the gate next to the staff car park which will open at **2.10pm**. You will be able to collect your children after the concert from the usual collection place.

Wishing everyone a great start to the festive season. Let's spread joy as we are looking forward to the holidays.

Mrs S Lee
Headteacher

Celebrating Significant Achievements



Maryam in Year 6 has been training in Mixed Martial Arts since October 2023. In the past 13 months, she has already progressed to the green belt. On November 24th, Maryam participated in her first inter-club tournament. The event ran from 11am to 5pm, and Maryam competed against others in the 9-10 age group. After three matches, Maryam won a bronze medal, while two boys took the gold and silver medals, making her the top-performing girl in her group. Following her own competition, Maryam always ensured that she encouraged and supported her teammates during their events. – amazing teamwork Maryam and congratulations!



Belle in Year 5 achieved a Level 2 Gymnastics medal! Well Done Belle!





Reception

Salana for fabulous reading and working on handwriting
Hudson for joining carpet time consistently and super listening!

Year 1

Kayden for amazing mental Maths skills

Year 2

Parker for his amazing effort during Maths lessons
Sukhmani for writing a fantastic story using adjectives

Year 3

Simran for having fantastic ideas during anti-bullying week
Zakariya for his continued hard work, focus and effort in the classroom

Year 4

Aiden for improved listening and behaviour and challenging yourself in Maths
Scarlett for super reading skills and throwing yourself into writing task

Year 5

Ravleen for contributing fantastic ideas during our class debate about technology and ICT
Anoop for making a fantastic effort in Maths when learning about fractions

Year 6

Avleen for showing resilience during swimming and being a great team player
Arya for being a supportive and reassuring friend. What a lovely example of empathy!

