

# DORNEY SCHOOL



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Dear parents,

Welcome back to what is usually the busiest and most exciting half-term due to the Christmas countdown. Although there will be excitement, and multiple practices for Nativity and Carol concerts, learning and teaching carry on as normal.

Year 6 will be leading our annual Remembrance assembly on Monday, and we shall be observing the two-minute silence on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November. Do please support the Poppy appeal by purchasing a poppy or any of the items below. Children may bring the exact change in to buy from the list.

- Snap Bands - £1
- Poppy Reflectors - £1
- Zip Tags - £1
- Bracelets - £1
- Paper Poppies - 50p

Just before we broke up for the half-term, all children and staff joined in for a very colourful Diwali celebration. Thank you to Mrs Parkash for organising some dance workshops and a popular bake sale. Nearly £200 was raised at the event. This amount will be used to purchase classroom resources that will enhance learning and help with craft activities. Do take a look at some lovely photos below:





### Message from Mrs Parkash:

A huge thank you to all our parents and carers for your fantastic support! It was wonderful to see the children come to school in their bright or traditional clothes and to receive so many generous donations and contributions to our bake sale.

The whole school had an amazing time taking part in a Bhangra workshop led by Jas, a professional Bhangra dancer from **Bhangra Dance London**. We are so grateful to Jas for giving up his time to help us raise money and awareness - it truly made the day special! If anyone is interested in taking up classes, please do reach out to them.

It has been lovely to hear how much the children (and adults!) enjoyed the dancing. I'm sure we'll look to do something similar again in the future.

A huge well done and thank you to **Sian in Year 5**, who helped lead the workshop and showed everyone what a talented dancer she is - we are all very proud of her!



Finally, a huge thank you to our wonderful Year 6 pupils who gave up their time to help with the bake sale after school. Your enthusiasm, teamwork and positivity made a real difference!

Well done and thank you to: **Amber, Matthew, Sahib, Amber, Ethan, Aarav, Belle, Isabelle, and Alya.**



### Attendance and Punctuality

Thank you for ensuring your child attends school regularly and is on time. Please continue to use the back gate and only use then front office for exceptional circumstances eg lateness due to traffic jam. Pupils who arrive after the back gate is closed will be marked as late or absent. This will affect their overall attendance unless their occasional lateness or absence are for illness or exceptional circumstance as described above.

We are also grateful for your support in sticking to the uniform policy. Our uniform policy is not as strict as other schools as we know how expensive formal uniform can be. However, please do check and conform to the uniform list. Any adjustments must be agreed with the school. Do speak to class teachers if you are unsure. The uniform list can be found here <https://www.dorney.school.co.uk/uniform-policy/>

### PTA – Fireworks Night Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November

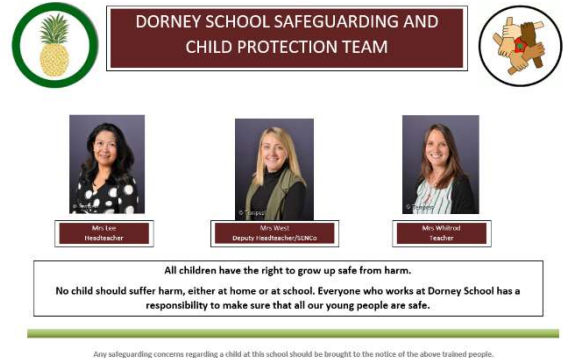
Parents are encouraged to purchase tickets here <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/dorneypta/1871156>  
Tickets are selling fast. The PTA urgently requires some parent helpers for their event and the Christmas disco. Please notify the PTA or see Mrs Whitrod/Mrs Van der Walt at the end of the school by the reception class. You may also wish to email the school office, where your message will be passed on to the PTA.



## Looking ahead

Next week is Anti-Bullying week. Teachers are preparing lessons and resources to remind children of what bullying is, and what they can do if they are worried or upset. More details will follow in next week's newsletter.

## Safeguarding



**DORNEY SCHOOL SAFEGUARDING AND CHILD PROTECTION TEAM**

Mr. Lee  
Headteacher

Mrs. West  
Deputy Headteacher/SENCO

Mrs. Whitford  
Teacher

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 trained people.

## Dates for Your Diary

- 10.12.25** Phonics workshop for Reception Class Parents 9am
- 11.12.25** Phonics workshop for Reception Class Parents 9am
- 11.12.25** English Curriculum Workshop for Parents Y1-Y6 9am
- 11.12.25** Maths Curriculum Workshop for Parents Y1-Y6 2.30pm
- 12.12.25** Christmas Lunch/Christmas Class Celebrations/Christmas Jumper Day
- 12.12.25** PTA Christmas Disco KS1 3.30pm/KS2 5pm
- 18.12.25** School closes to all children at 3.30pm for Christmas break
- 19.12.25** Inset Day
- 5.1.26** Inset Day
- 6.1.26** School opens to all children at 8.30am
- Interfaith Day (more details to follow)
- Grandparents Day (more details to follow)

I hope many of you enjoyed Bonfire Night, firework displays and the excitement of Halloween. Have a lovely weekend, and a good week ahead.

Mrs Sharifah Lee



**WC 20<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

## Reception

Giaan for his excellent participation in Phonics – saying sounds and blending words  
Sehej for her excellent recognition of the harder to read and spell words



### Year 1

JJ for completing his written work neatly and in a timely manner  
Ravneet for trying always to do her best and for being kind to others

### Year 2

Jenson for his fantastic story writing and using lead ins and lead outs in his writing

### Year 3

Ronnie for his fantastic effort in Maths lessons this week adding and subtracting 100s  
Hannah for always being ready to learn and trying her best in the classroom

### Year 4

Nikhil for his excellent work in Maths  
Hamara for her excellent work in Maths and contributions in class

### Year 5

Arlo for his excellent effort to learn times tables in Maths  
Freya for working hard in all lessons but especially for being kind and polite

### Year 6

Joshai for his efforts to improve his writing. Well Done!  
Lucy-Jane for working hard to increase her independence, especially in English



## Starting school for the first time

Was your child born between  
1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022?

If yes, Buckinghamshire parents can apply online for a school place from 5 November 2025 visit



You must apply even if your child is at the nursery attached to the school you would like them to go to.

**The application deadline is 15 January 2026, please do not miss it**

Please contact the school nursing service using the link below to find out what health checks and vaccinations are available for your child.

[buckshealthcare.nhs.uk/cyp/school-years-development/school-nursing](https://buckshealthcare.nhs.uk/cyp/school-years-development/school-nursing)



Application deadline is midnight on 15 January 2026



Aylesbury Town Council's

# Christmas on the Cobbles

Sunday 23 November  
Across Aylesbury Town Centre  
12-6pm

**FREE  
EVENT**

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