

# DORNEY SCHOOL



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Dear parents,

## Fireworks Night

I must start with huge congratulations to the PTA and their group of volunteer helpers that made the Fireworks Night event one the best! Over 500 people attended this exciting fundraising event, and it was SO popular that many visitors were turned away at the gates! For those who were disappointed this year, or could not join us, do buy your online tickets as soon as they are on sale to avoid disappointment. Well done Ben and Claire McLeish and the whole PTA team!



## Remembrance Day



The pupils, parents and staff attended Year 6 Remembrance assembly last Monday. Thank you, Year 6, for reminding us that many soldiers and civilians from around the world sacrificed their lives for our freedom. It was a sombre and poignant reminder not to take our freedoms for granted and to be aware that current wars and conflicts still affect us in many ways. Lest we forget; we will remember them.



## Michael Rosen Day



Last Thursday the whole school howled with laughter as we joined renowned children's author for a live virtual poetry session called Funny Food. Michael used his amazing talent to recount and recite funny stories and poems that inspired all pupils to write their own poems throughout the day. I even enjoyed some hilarious poems recited to me during lunchtime play. Well done to all children who wrote and performed their poems. What an amazing day!





## Reminders

### **Pupils' Absence**

Please ensure you notify us as soon as possible of your child's absence due to illness. Do ring the school office and leave a voicemail to notify us. The government has set new targets for school attendance and urges parents to ensure their child is at school every day unless there are exceptional circumstances.

### **Coats and Jumpers**

A plea to ensure your child brings a warm and weatherproof coat to school. The weather is certainly getting chillier, and the children are encouraged to spend some time outdoors every day. please ensure all jumpers and coats are named.

### **Parking**

Parking in the staff car park is strictly prohibited unless agreed with the school. Please do park off site even if your child is late for school. The staff carpark after 8am and before 3.30pm is for staff and emergency use only. We are grateful for your cooperation with this. If you have been given permission to use the staff car park, please make sure you reduce your speed and park carefully, looking out for pedestrians and children.

### **Safeguarding**

Teachers will carry on providing lessons and activities on our anti-bullying campaign this week. Do help us by talking to your child about the difference (sometimes subtle) between teasing, falling out and bullying. It is important that children understand what bullying means, how to deal with it if they are affected or are witness to this unacceptable behaviour. Bullying is **repeated, intentional behaviour intended to hurt someone physically or emotionally**, often involving an abuse of power. It can include a wide range of actions like name-calling, spreading rumours, threats, and physical violence, and can happen anywhere, including at school, work, or online. Do use this link for a good resource for parents <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/parents-a-z-mental-health-guide/bullying/#Whatisbullying>

**DORNEY SCHOOL SAFEGUARDING AND CHILD PROTECTION TEAM**

 Mrs Lee Headteacher	 Mrs West Deputy Headteacher/SOWCo	 Mrs Whitford Teacher
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**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.



Another very busy week ahead at school. As ever, thank you for your ongoing support.

## 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 **Santa Dash – details to follow**
- 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
- 23.1.26 Interfaith Day (more details to follow)
- Grandparents Day (more details to follow)

Mrs Sharifah Lee

## Achievements

Alfie in Y6 has recently attended a gym competition where he won gold for his vault and ended up 4th for bars. Well Done Alfie!



Kya in Y4 attended a tournament on Saturday and went for a belt title. This has consisted of Kya winning 3 fights in a row over the last year. Saturday was Kya's 4th fight for the belt and she won! With sheer determination, strength and power. Well Done Kya!



### Reception

Rayzel for her excellent reading skills  
Buster for working on writing his name independently

### Year 1

Skipper for working hard to improve the content and quality of his writing  
Avni for improved effort in her written book

### Year 2

Abdullah for settling into Year 2 and always trying his best in all learning

### Year 3

Alma for writing an amazing advert in English this week using different sentences  
Theo for having a fantastic week, listening well and doing his best in class

### Year 4

Mason for his hard work, always trying his best and being kind  
Zakariya for always trying his best, behaving beautifully and being kind

### Year 5

Lola for tremendous effort in all lessons and being a great example in PE  
Scarlett for her fab effort in Maths to understand multiplication and division

### Year 6

Whole Class for working so well together ahead of their class assembly





## 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)

