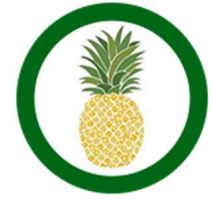


# DORNEY SCHOOL



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Dear parents,

Not much to report this week apart from pupils working hard at their learning, and teachers working ever so hard to plan for the learning. Across the school, I observe good focus and progress in all classrooms and I thoroughly enjoy supervising lunchtime play watching the children get on, and play well with one another; yes, even in this cold spell! Year 6 and older children continue to be excellent role models to their buddies and younger pupils.

The one fantastic news I must inform you of, is the amount that was raised through the fireworks night. The PTA raised £4015 through ticket sales, the rainbow raffle and other stalls! What amazing effort.

## Reminders:

- The staff car park should not be used unless previously agreed between 8.00am and 3.30pm.
- Children should bring coats, hats and gloves every day – please label
- All children should bring a refillable water bottle
- The school is obliged to monitor pupil attendance. Please ring the absence line if your child is ill on the morning of absence. No term time absence will be authorised unless it is a family emergency. Children should be at school every day unless they are ill. The government sets each school an attendance target and our school are set at 96%

## Safeguarding

### Parental Use of Cannabis (Kent Safeguarding Partnership)

Clear Minds Safer Homes is a new Kent Safeguarding Children Multi-Agency Partnership campaign that challenges the myth that cannabis is “low risk”, highlighting how parental use can undermine supervision, decision making and emotional availability, while also potentially exposing children to illegal activity in and around the home, including drug dealing, unsafe adults and potential police involvement.

Use of cannabis can lead to:

- **Impaired supervision and decision making:** being intoxicated or heavily stoned can reduce a parent’s awareness of risks, delay their responses, and make accidents or neglect more likely.

DORNEY SCHOOL SAFEGUARDING AND CHILD PROTECTION TEAM

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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.



GOOD TRAVEL PLAN 2025

- **Emotional unavailability and inconsistent care:** regular use can affect mood, motivation and engagement, so children may experience unpredictability, poor routines and reduced emotional warmth.

Find the resources here: <https://www.kscmp.org.uk/guidance/clear-minds-safer-homes>

## 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 – please refer to parentmail
- 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 – please refer to parentmail
- Grandparents Day (more details to follow)

Enjoy this cold spell and snow showers. Nothing better than wrapping up warm either outside or staying cosy indoors. I know some families have already turned on their Christmas lights! Let the winter glow light these dark nights.

Mrs Sharifah Lee



## Reception

Stirling for his excellent and really neat handwriting

Evie for her super effort at home which has ensured amazing reading progress

## Year 1

Hudson for his good listening and completing his tasks

Cleo for completing her tasks to the best of her ability

## Year 2

Zhuri for always being kind to everyone

## Year 3

Whole Class for their amazing performance of 'strict' on poetry day



#### Year 4

Oscar for always working hard and being kind

Bambi for always working hard and coming up with wonderful ideas

#### Year 5

Aneeka for carefully forming sentences and trying to be as accurate as possible

Haider for his great enthusiasm in Maths and Science and reaching for the challenges

#### Year 6

Ravleen for her excellent effort in PE showing resilience

Jack-Arthur for his excellent effort in PE, particularly swimming

### Powell Taekwondo Academy Classes

We are delighted to share that Powell Taekwondo Academy are opening classes in Dorney Village Hall in January 2026.

This school will allow students to train and go through selection to represent the England team which is a real achievement, it encourages, respect and fitness and well as competing for those who like to do that.

Mini Master ages 3 -7 Mondays 1630 - 1715

Juniors ages 7 upwards Mondays 1730 - 1830 (this would includes teenagers)

#### **\*\* Offering 2 Free Trial Classes \*\***

*£40 joining fee which includes uniform and first month's payments (£35 a month after that)*

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