

DORNEY SCHOOL



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Dear parents,



Thank you for supporting Jeans for Genes Day, and all your donations and contributions – the monies will be sent to the charity once collected. It is important that our children learn to lead their lives with kindness, care and compassion. This video clip was shared during whole school assembly this week, and although there is sadness and grief, within it are the themes of friendship, inclusion, love and hope. It is an inspiring short animation and I urge you to watch this and then share it with your children and friends as appropriate https://youtu.be/vtrHlaORkAo?si=85z_tf3_A7mTXv6K

We are advertising for the position of a full-time teaching assistant as one of teaching assistants has had to step down due to unforeseen personal circumstances. Those families who know of Mrs Paladugu will have fond memories of her kindness and care for all our children. We are hoping that she is able to come and visit us to be able to say farewell to children and staff soon. If you know of anyone who may be interested in this role, please see our school website <https://www.dorneyschool.co.uk/vacancies/>

BLACK HISTORY MONTH – October

Next week is another busy week where we will celebrate the Harvest festival and also launch the start of British History Month, including World Afro Hair Day! More details will follow.

On Friday 3rd October, all pupils will get a chance to learn about the history, culture, and significance of Afro hair and aims to unite people globally to embrace differences. The day also seeks to challenge discrimination. Pupils may come to school with the hairstyle of their choice but **must wear the usual school uniform**. In return, we ask for donations of food items for our local foodbank. Nigel from



Maidenhead foodbank will be visiting our school in the next few weeks as part of our Harvest celebrations to talk about families facing hardship in our local area and how we can help. Please do not send in perishable food. Hotdogs and meatballs must be in tins.

News Around the School:

Year 6 Visit to the Houses of Parliament



Yesterday, our Year 6 pupils enjoyed a fantastic visit to the Houses of Parliament. The children were praised for their excellent listening skills and respectful behaviour throughout the day.

As part of the visit, they toured both the House of Commons and the House of Lords, even walking the same path the monarch takes when entering the building, a truly memorable experience! They also took part in a brilliant interactive workshop that brought democracy and government to life.

Although we were unable to take photos in most areas, we did manage to capture a few special moments to remember the day.

Students were encouraged to return in the future to watch a live debate from the public galleries, a wonderful way to see democracy in action.

A huge thank you to our wonderful volunteers who supported the trip, we couldn't have done it without you!

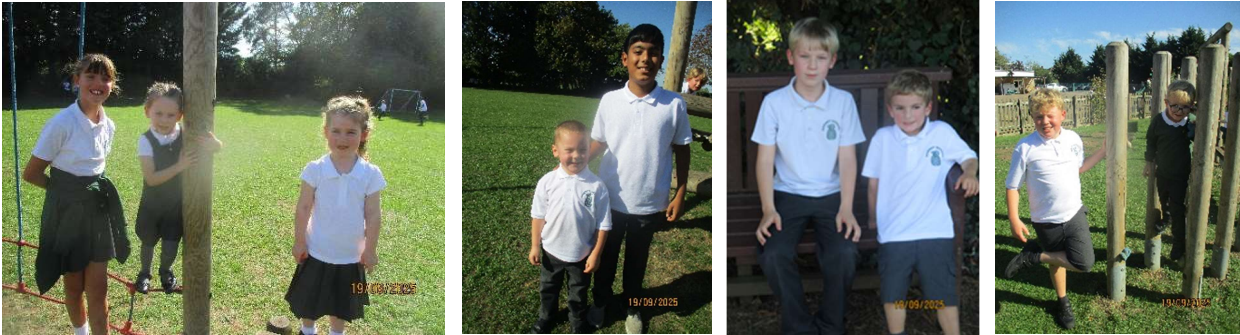
What an incredible opportunity for our young learners!

Mrs Parkash
Year 6 Teacher

Reception Buddies

Reception children met their Year 6 Buddies this week, this is something every year that the children enjoy and we look forward to watching Year 6 children being excellent role models for the Reception children who are starting their adventure at Dorney School.





Drama Workshops

This week the children in Reception, Year 1, 2 and 3 had a Drama workshop with Perform Drama. The children all enjoyed the fun drama activities and have come home with a leaflet about where you can find these drama classes within the local area.

<https://www.perform.org.uk/>



Brownie Our Resident Pet Guinea Pig



Brownie was treated to a spa treatment. He had a manicure, pedicure and a haircut too! The children love our school pets and I know caring for pets can help well-being and self-regulation. It is a pleasure observing children with Brownie, the chickens and the fish in Reception class. If anyone has any other ideas of pets at school, please get in touch. We have tried to secure a school dog, but the organisation that helps school is currently inundated with requests. So, a pet goat instead? 😊



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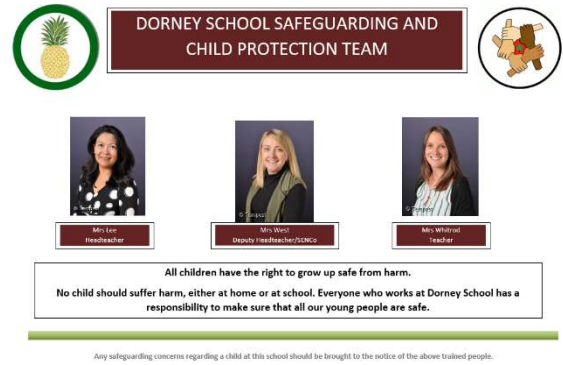
The PTA held their annual general meeting (AGM) on Monday. Thank you to parents who attended and are excited about events coming up. Please look out for a separate email from the PTA – they need your help and support. Every little help from each parent goes a long way to making sure fundraising events are fun and raise increasingly vital funding for the school.



Safeguarding

The Mental Health Support team and CAMHs (Children and Adolescent Mental Health Service) would like to invite all parents to **free virtual** webinars on a range of topics which includes childhood anxiety. Please take a look at the flyer at the end of the newsletter.

“Following the success of last year series of parent information webinars, we are pleased to offer this again. Please find attached the leaflet for the first half of the events and there are further topics scheduled from January 2026. Please can we request that you pass this leaflet on to all parents of students to self-register for their topics of interest.”



Dates for Your Diary

- 22.10.25** – Parents Book Look after school at 3.15pm
- 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 info to follow

Busy, busy, busy, and set to get busier by the week. I hope that the weekend will offer children and their families a change to rest and recover before another hectic week. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Sharifah Lee



Reception

Isabelle for being a kind friend to her class peers
Alfie for his amazing explanations and reasoning skills

Year 1

Shiloh for great sitting on the carpet
Kathaleya for settling in so well in Year 1 class

Year 2

Santino for working hard in every lesson. Well Done!

Year 3

Ivy for using her initiative in the classroom this week especially during a tidy up time
Zeb for fantastic behaviour in the classroom this week. Well Done!



Year 4

Josh for always working so hard, being polite, kind and always giving wonderful contributions
Rose for always working so hard, being kind and polite and being a superstar

Year 5

Dom for a great attention to a detail in art and trying hard in all lessons
Monroe for a fantastic use of colour and tone to re-create a still life mixed media piece

Year 6

Sebastian for working hard on his Maths and Reading
Ravleen for being a great buddy to support a new member of the class. Well Done!

Staff Star of The Week

Mrs Van der Walt – who is like the ‘child whisperer’; children calm down quickly in her presence.



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*PLEASE NOTE: YOUR CHILD MUST ATTEND AN MHST SCHOOL FOR ACCESS TO THE WEBINARS. IF YOU ARE UNSURE, PLEASE CONTACT US.

SCAN THE QR CODE TO SECURE YOUR PLACE:

Topic	Date	Link	QR code
Overview of Mental health – Primary	Monday 20 th of October 2025	https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/c250a6a6-2c15-4997-be09-407f6ae1e74e@759ac89b-2aa4-4973-b048-e6903b46a8b6	
Overview of Mental health – Secondary	Monday 3 rd of November 2025	https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/041c87a5-b3b5-4a9b-e4b2-dbbcb8e77abf@759ac89b-2aa4-4973-b048-e6903b46a8b6	
Childhood Anxiety	Monday 17 th of November 2025	https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/741a9c4f-0eb4-4a73-9694-def68b6eb3b5@759ac89b-2aa4-4973-b048-e6903b46a8b6	
Adolescent Anxiety	Monday 1 st of December 2025	https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/f1eb1299-4a8c-444c-8d3b-6a4980e5c729@759ac89b-2aa4-4973-b048-e6903b46a8b6	



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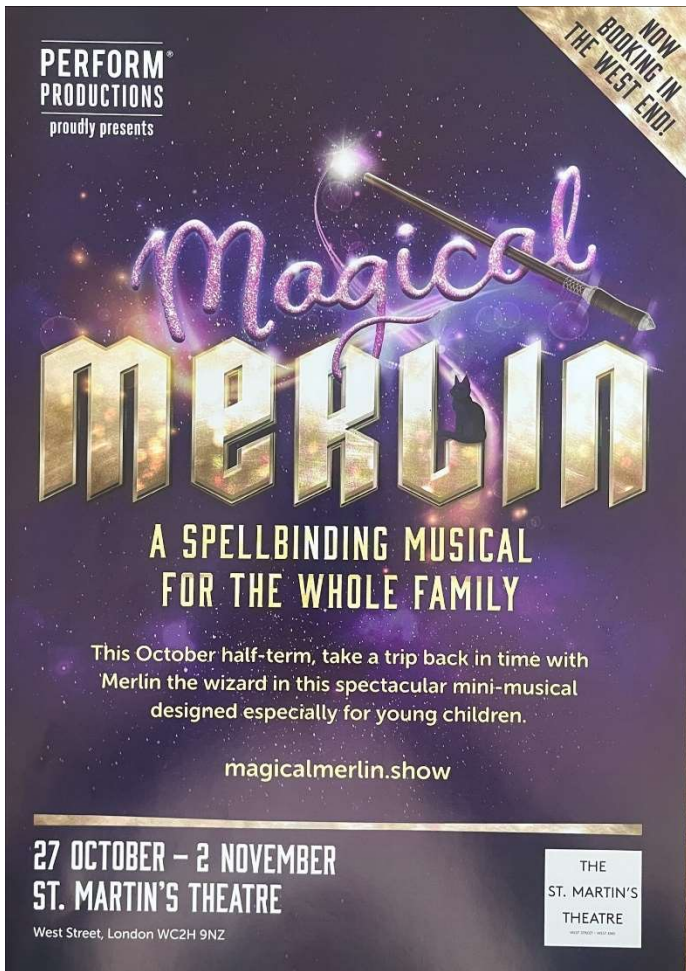


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