

DORNEY SCHOOL



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Dear parents,

This is the season of bright frosty mornings and cosy evenings of hot chocolate and warm blankets. However, this is also the season for winter illnesses and ailments. Do help us by ensuring your child has a warm, waterproof coat and other winter layers as required. Do label all items in case they are misplaced. Drinking lots of water is recommended for classrooms with their heating on. Do please supply your child with a named water bottle which can be re-filled at school.

No one escapes common coughs and colds – we welcome some sniffles at school but are unable to administer medication unless prescribed by a doctor for children to take during the school day. Such medications must be brought into the school office, and a medical form completed. Please do not hand medicines to class teachers.

As with sun cream in the summer, pupils may bring unscented, and uncoloured lip salve/balm to school. This must be named and handed over to class teachers for safekeeping. Pupils must not use them without teacher's knowledge and certainly must not share them with friends. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Absence

We do anticipate a slight increase in absence in the winter months and parents are trusted to decide if their child is well enough to attend school. If the school is concerned about your child's attendance, we will notify you via email in the first instance. Our aim is to work with parents in ensuring that pupils attend school regularly and do not miss out on key learning and skills. Thank you for notifying the school promptly via the absence line if your child is unable to attend school on the day and thank you for ensuring your child arrives to school on time.

Parking

The school has recently received multiple complaints by residents yet again regarding parents blocking driveways or parking in residents only spaces. Please be careful and park sensibly off the school site. As someone who used to live near a school, I do understand the frustrations of being constantly blocked by inconsiderate drivers. **The staff car park must not be used after 8am and before 3.30pm unless this has been agreed with the school. If your child is late for school, please park off site, and walk them in through the school gate.**



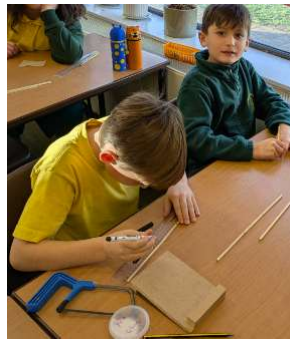
News around the school



Year 5

We have been learning about Space in Year 5 and how the planets orbit the sun in the heliocentric model. The children took their learning outside and created their own chalk drawings of the solar system, naming the planets in order.

On Wednesday, Year 5 learned about woodwork in DT. They created their own structures which we are going to turn into moving toys in the next few weeks. Mrs Wilson was very impressed with their perseverance and sensible tool safety. The children had a lot of fun too!



Whole school



The charity our school is supporting this Christmas is the Florence Nightingale hospice. Details of the Santa dash was sent separately to parents last week. Today, children learned about the important work the hospice does to ensure quality end of life care, and support for families who are going through such a difficult and sad time. Do give generously on the day of our Santa Dash – thank you.



PTA

The Christmas disco is coming soon! Please purchase your child's ticket



<https://buytickets.at/dorneypta/1959257>




Safeguarding

On Tuesday, Years 5 and 6 met with PC Angela to talk about knife and gun crime. The children found out about the consequences of carrying either weapon and asked very mature and thoughtful questions. Angela also reminded pupils about our ongoing anti-bullying campaign. Thank you for coming to see us PC Angela!







**DORNEY SCHOOL SAFEGUARDING AND
CHILD PROTECTION TEAM**



Mrs Lee
Headteacher



Mrs West
Deputy headteacher/SENCO



Mrs Whitton
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

- 8.12.25** KS1 Nativity for KS1 parents 9.30am
- 9.12.25** KS1 Nativity for KS1 parents 1.30pm
- 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)

Onwards we go as we head into December and for pupils and families who celebrate Christmas, enjoy the Advent.

Mrs Sharifah Lee



Reception

Harper for being helpful in the classroom and kind to others
Kamil for his hard work practising and learning his Phonics sounds



Year 1

Noah for his excellent participation during lessons
Abir for his beautiful presentation of his written work

Year 2

Aliyar for showing good listening skills and actively joining in Phonics lessons

Year 3

Avaani for her beautiful handwriting in all her lessons all last week
Gwion for trying really hard in Maths lessons this week

Year 4

Kya for always trying to help and trying her best
Leo for always trying his best and his wonderful work in Maths

Year 5

Aleena for working very hard to understand fractions in Maths and persevering
Ava for her sunny disposition and always cheering up those around her

Year 6

Alya for an excellent descriptive piece of writing in English
Charlie for an excellent comprehension in reading





Sound & Song: Generations

FREE!

A community group to support mums, babies & older women. Soothe your soul with simple songs and harmonies learnt by ear. All welcome.

Every Friday: 10.30-12.00
Burnham Park Hall, SL1 7HR

Register Now to book your **FREE** classes!

With generous help from our funders we are offering free subscription to a 12 week course of singing support for older generation women alongside mums in Burnham.

Sign up now: soundandsong.co.uk/generations



Sound & Song Generations



Singing makes you happier and healthier!

Singing is a powerful mood booster and anti-depressant, which is wonderful for anyone experiencing low mood or isolation.

Come and join us! Release feel good hormones while making new friends.

Sessions include:

- Time to connect with other women in the group.
- Learn new songs to take home and sing.
- Cake and a cuppa on us!

Wellbeing across generations

At our intergenerational singing support groups we invite mums and older women experiencing low mood, anxiety or isolation to connect through the universal language of song. We bring together voices of all ages. Whether you're 18 or 80, your voice matters here.

No previous singing experience required. All welcome.

For community

Sound and Song is a not-for-profit Community Interest Company.

We use singing to promote health and well-being for everyone.

Frequently asked Questions:

Am I eligible to join?

The programme is designed to help mums or older women experiencing low mood, anxiety, stress, social isolation or symptoms of postnatal depression and is open to self-refer.

Do I need any singing experience to take part?

No! Not at all. We welcome shy singers, non-singers and karaoke divas all the same. We're not a performance choir and nobody will ever be asked to sing a solo.

Supported by the National Lottery Community Fund

