

DORNEY SCHOOL



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Dear parents,

The children looked smart at assembly yesterday. They were in the correct uniform, and took pride in their appearance and behaviour. Thank you for your ongoing support in maintaining high standards inside, and outside of school.

News Around the School

Reception Class



This week we welcomed Giaan's Grandparents and their musical instruments, the Sitar and Tabla, in and played to the children in Reception. They talked about how the instruments were made and the importance of counting when keeping a beat.

The children enjoyed listening to the instruments, having a turn playing one and asked some questions about the instruments!

We always welcome visitors to the classroom if you have anything to share with the children. This applies to all classrooms too. Please do get in touch with the school office.

Year 5

The class has been looking at different ways to compose poems and together, came up with this beautiful piece!

A Forest of Freedom

A riot of resilience soared through the night blue,
A forest of dreams knocking at your door,
A wood of wonder,
A forest of freedom.



Leaves fall to the ground and crunch as wildlife comes through,
A collection of lost, happy things too,
A sack full of joyous dreams,
A forest of freedom.

An explosion of shining light,
A wonder of glamorous stars, soaring into the night,
A haul of dreams trying to come home,
A forest of freedom.

A bundle of skinny sticks,
From the moon, casting doom,
A field of hope,
A forest of freedom.

A shining yellow star of courage,
A display of the starry night sky,
A bundle of bravery,
A forest of freedom.

A thunder of dreams into the sky,
A whisper of freedom,
A collection of wonder,
A forest of freedom.

Year 4 Christmas Visit to the St James the Less Church



Year 4 pupils walked to the local church this week and learned about the key events of the Christmas story. They took part in a fun quiz, learned a Christmas rap and enjoyed themselves immensely!

Blue Cross Assembly

Yesterday, we welcomed Jane for the second year in row. Jane talked about how to care for pet dogs and how to overcome your fear of dogs. She also explained how to approach dogs safely especially if it is someone else's pet. It was lovely to see Jane and her soft toy pet dog.





How can you support pets in our care?

Making a difference one donation at a time...

From washing cars to helping around the house, getting paid in pennies and donating to Blue Cross to make a huge difference to pets in need.



penniesforpets@bluecross.org.uk



"Every penny counts towards a brighter future for pets in our care"

Safeguarding



DORNEY SCHOOL SAFEGUARDING AND CHILD PROTECTION TEAM



Mrs. Lee
Headteacher



Mrs. Dorey
Deputy Headteacher/SL/CO



Mrs. Whittaker
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.

The introduction of the Online Safety Bill earlier this year has brought welcome controls over what we and our children can access online. As internet speeds have increased and the digital world has expanded, the ability for anyone of any age to reach almost any content has grown at a pace far beyond our capacity to safeguard against it. The risks have become unmistakable. Adults now face increasingly sophisticated attacks from hackers and scammers, while children remain acutely vulnerable to online predators. Although some internet services initially

resisted tighter regulation, the government's commitment to reducing online harms has ultimately prevailed. For children, one of the most persistent avenues for predatory behaviour has been online video games. These are spaces where young users gather, communicate, and interact, often with limited verification or oversight.

Roblox, a platform widely associated with younger players, is now beginning to address this by introducing facial analysis age checks and optional ID verification for users over 13. These real-world verification measures are designed to confirm a user's age more accurately and to restrict interactions that could place children at risk. In practice, they signal an important shift in how major platforms are starting to manage online safety and respond to the expectations set out in the Bill.

You can read more about these checks on the SWGfL website:

<https://swgfl.org.uk/magazine/roblox-announces-facial-age-checks-for-chat-features/>

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



GOOD TRAVEL PLAN 2025

12.12.25 PTA Christmas Disco KS1 3.30pm/KS2 5pm

18.12.25 KS2 Christmas Carol Concert 1.30pm/School closes 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)

It is getting exciting at school with multiple rehearsals for nativity and the carol singing. I am sure it is just as merry outside school.

Have a good weekend.

Mrs Sharifah Lee



Reception

Otto for always being ready to learn and for his excellent blending skills

Imogen for working hard on her writing and sounding out words

Year 1

Libby for a fantastic effort in her written work

Kaiyan for good listening and sitting during lessons.

Year 2

Scarlett for showing a great effort in Maths by completing her work

Year 3

Vincent for trying his best in Maths lessons this week

Ottilie for using interesting vocabulary in English lessons this week

Year 4

Thea for always completing her work and for her good listening

Saveer for always willing to help and working on good listening

Year 5

Amaiya for her beautifully presented art work and pushing for those challenges in Maths

Caoimhe for her outstanding art and creating a stable, neat structure in DT last week

Year 6

Ethan for excellent application of his fraction knowledge

Amber for fantastic use of adventurous vocabulary in her blog post



Achievements



Congratulations to Oscar who achieved multiple awards for his swimming skills. He explained to pupils at assembly how much time and practise he put in to be able to swim 800metres independently.



Dorney School

Building Confidence & Well Being through Drama

- ✓ Little Tanks drama club is enrichment for your child as it aims to develop children's confidence and well-being.
- ✓ Throughout the term the children will partake in games and activities that will be fun, exciting and engaging.
- ✓ We believe that by embedding your child's resilience it will give them a more positive approach to developing their strengths even further.
- ✓ Work on an end of term show to share with parents during the last session.

Spring Term 2026

13th of January – 24th of March*
(excluding half term – 28th of October)

Years: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6

Day: Tuesday

Time: 3.25 - 4.25pm

Venue: Year 1 Classroom

Cost: £75.00

To avoid disappointment please complete your form and fee as soon as possible as there are only 20 spaces per course. We work on a first come first serve basis once the payment & online form has been received

*Please note these dates are subject to change

Contact Us

E-mail: debi@littletanks.co.uk
Website: www.littletanks.co.uk

Please [click here](#) to complete the registration form online and make the payment to secure your child's space.

Spaces are only allocated on receipt of both the form and fee

Payment Details

Account Name: Little Tanks Ltd

Account Number: 99493876

Sort Code: 60-83-71

Cost: £75.00

Reference: DN + your child's name

Little Tanks Ltd – 7 Mead Close, Egham, TW20 8JA - Company No: 11018848 – GDPR Compliant



Mental Health Support Team
Buckinghamshire



FREE

FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

LIVE WEBINARS

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH

DATES: JAN - APRIL 2026



TIME: 6PM - 7.30PM

To register, scan the QR codes on the next page!

01865 901566 | bucksmhst@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk

*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
Exam Stress	Monday 12 th of January 2026	Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams	
Awareness and understanding of eating disorders	Monday the 26 th of January 2026	Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams	
Understanding childhood development and behaviour	Tuesday the 10 th of February 2026	Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams	
Understanding Low mood	Monday the 9 th of March 2026	Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams	
Understanding adolescent development and behaviour	Monday the 9 th of March 2026	Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams	



Hosted by Aylesbury & Wycombe Women's Aid

Bucks Domestic Abuse Services

BDAS offers an intersectional, trauma informed service for people experiencing domestic abuse in Buckinghamshire.

Free and confidential 24-hour helpline

01296 437777

www.bucksdaservices.co.uk

enquiries@bucksdaservices.co.uk

If you are in immediate danger, please call 999

This service has been commissioned by Buckinghamshire Council Community Safety Team

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Charity No. 299946 Charity No. 1054308

Services and advice



- Point of Access Helpline (24/7)**
01296 437777
- Community Based Support and Advocacy**
 - One-to-one emotional and practical support
 - Risk assessing and safety planning
 - Signposting and onward referrals

Aylesbury Vale: 01296 437777
Wycombe, Chiltern & South Bucks: 01494 449922
- Refuge Accommodation**
Aylesbury Women's Aid: 01296 436827
Wycombe Women's Aid: 01494 461367
- Sanctuary Scheme (Home Safety Measures)**
This project received a grant from Buckinghamshire Council's New Burdens Funding Scheme
- Flexible Fund**
A fund to support survivors in Bucks to achieve or maintain safe and secure housing

These services are available for anyone 16+ who lives in the Buckinghamshire area



www.aylesburywomensaid.org.uk
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