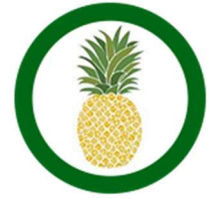


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Newsletter 19th September 2025



Dear parents,

It is set to be 25 degrees today and 14 degrees by Sunday! Isn't the start of Autumn just wonderful? It is really important that your children are equipped for the changeable weather. Do ensure they have waterproof jackets and sturdy school shoes. All uniform must be named clearly as the school cannot be responsible for lost uniform or property, and it is always easier to return a found item.

We have had multiple complaints recently regarding parking again. Residents have been advised to alert the police if parking compromises the safety of children and their families. Please do not park on Harcourt Close or the Resident's Only parking bays. Do not use the staff car park after 8am unless this has been previously agreed as the car park is small and access for staff and emergency services are needed at all times. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Upcoming Event:

Jeans for Genes



Next week, our school will be learning and raising awareness of research, care, and support for children and families affected by genetic disorders. On Monday, parent and healthcare worker, Charlotte Hobbs will explain more about the huge impact this campaign can have on our community during whole school assembly. Over the week, classes will learn and discuss more about this awareness week. On **Friday 26th September 2025**, all pupils and staff may wear jeans, and non-school uniform, to school. There will be a collection at the school gate, and in class for the Jeans for Genes charity. We encourage pupils to bring in their loose change on the day.



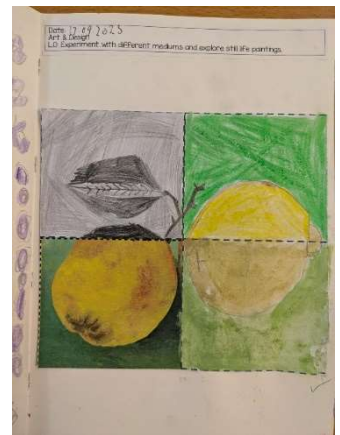
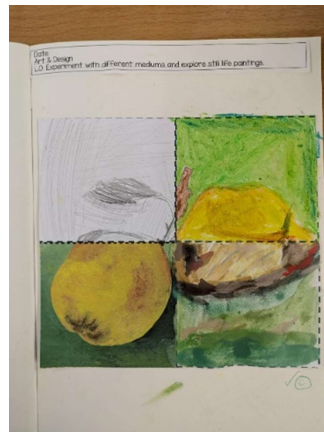
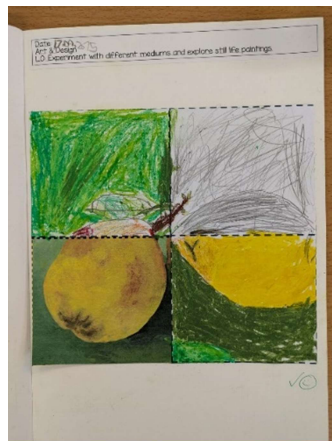
News Around the School:

Science in Year 5



Year 4 have been busy experimenting with frictional forces. On Monday we learnt about how a larger surface area increases air resistance and slows an object down. We made three types of paper plane, launched them and recorded the flight length in a grid.

Art in Year 5



Year 5 have started their still life unit and created observational drawings and experimenting with different mediums. Mrs Wilson was very proud of their efforts!

The Naughty Bus in Year 1



This week Year 1 have been reading the story "The Naughty Bus", the children have been learning the story and worked as a team to build and paint their own red double decker bus.

PTA AGM



ALL PARENTS, CARERS, TEACHERS, FRIENDS, FAMILY AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO COME TO THE PTA AGM, TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PTA, LEARN ABOUT HOW IT SERVES THE SCHOOL AND TO BRING ANY SUGGESTIONS MOVING INTO THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR. WE ARE ACTIVELY LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS AND LOOKING AT THOSE WHO COME, TO HELP VOTE IN THE NEW KEY ROLES OF THE PTA. THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO GET INVOLVED AND MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD.

We Hope to See You There!

Safeguarding

Chatbots and Children - The Children's Society

The social media sphere has recently gained a new tool in their battle for youth engagement - the chatbot. Chat bots are not particularly new, but the sophistication of their governing algorithms is. These applications are designed to keep people engaged with artificially generated responses. Responses formulated based on the information the user puts into them. This can create a self-reinforcing effect, where the chatbot continually increases the user's convictions in the truth of their own inputs. False information, reinforcement of poor choices and self-manipulation are common issues with this emerging software. The Children's Society has recently published an article on the issue which you can find here:

<https://www.childrensociety.org.uk/what-we-do/blogs/chatbots-and-children>

DORNEY SCHOOL SAFEGUARDING AND CHILD PROTECTION TEAM

Ms Lee Headteacher
Ms West Deputy Headteacher/SENCO
Ms Whittall 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

- 22.09.25 – PTA Annual General Meeting 6pm School Hall
- 26.09.25 – non-school uniform day, all wear jeans
- 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

Enjoy the weekend and I look forward to happy, smiley children on Monday morning.



Mrs Sharifah Lee



Reception

Well Done to all Reception children for settling so well into a new class and a new school! You are all stars!

Year 1

Ethan for great construction building and tidying
Millie for great focus and participation on the carpet

Year 2

Sienna for having a fantastic positive attitude to all her learning, especially in Maths

Year 3

Rose for settling into our class so well!
Sammy for always putting up his hand in class to share ideas!

Year 4

Lola for always being so helpful and kind, working incredibly hard and going out of her way for others
Sealey for working so hard, always, for being polite, helpful and for setting a good example

Year 5

Savannah for a great start to Year 5 with neat presentation
Imogen for a great start to Year 5 by being kind and including others

Year 6

Amber for her contributions to partner talk and class discussion. Keep it up!
Aarav for fantastic Maths discussion and contribution. Well Done!

Staff Star of The Week

Mrs Chaggar for her help and support at school





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HALF TERM 1



Monday - Rugby Lunch Club

An introduction to tag rugby one of the most exciting invasion/evasion games you can play



Monday - Football ASC

Score goals and have a great time playing the most popular sport in the UK!



Thursday - Multi Sport Lunch Club

Have you played hula hut and Angry Birds before? No? Now is the time to try for free!!



Thursday - Netball ASC

A great introduction or opportunity to fine tune those netball schools from GK all the way to GS

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Chilterns Cricket Academy

Where cricketers are made

STARTS 4 OCTOBER



The Future Legends Chilterns Academy, now in its fifth year, provides the opportunity for young cricketers of any gender and ability to play, improve and enjoy their cricket, developing new skills with experienced coaches. Our core principles are to help young players to:

- Enjoy all aspects of the game
- Develop foundation skills
- Express their natural talents
- Transition into hardball and subsequent development
- Be tactically aware
- Have fun!

Our coaches are experienced, qualified and certified, and create a productive but enjoyable and pressure-free environment for the young players to train in.

Venue: **Amersham School, Stanley Hill, Amersham, HP7 9HH**
Start: **Saturday 4th October 2025**
Time: **13:30-15:00 Boys & girls in school yrs 2-6 and yrs 7-10 (Split into 2 groups)**
Term: **9 weekly sessions**
Fees: **£165 per player for Autumn term; £295 for Autumn & Spring (starts 17 Jan 2026)**

"Cricket is quite a complicated game. I love these sessions because the coaches helped my son to develop both his batting and bowling last winter"

Mr T.L. Chilterns parent



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