

DORNEY SCHOOL



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Dear parents,

What a ROARING start to 2026! The children spent most of this week, designing, planning and making wonderful models of robots and machines that could save us time, or indeed, save the world! Some models have been designed to specifically reduce the amount of landfill, or convert plastic into a safe liquid, or indeed, some are designed to save parents from time consuming household chores. I am so proud of our children's capacity to understand that our planet requires critical thinkers, creative designers, and good citizens. These are the behaviours and values that together, we have instilled in our children.

"The day helped me realise imagination could become real!" Mason (Year 4)

A huge thank you to Mrs Wilson who has organised and led this project alongside the Lions Club. Winning designs will be announced next week and the top three will be chosen by the Lions Club.



A Musical Treat



Mr Panesar (Rana and Gian's grandfather) played the tabla and the sitar during music assembly this morning. The children were enthralled by the rhythm and beats of the tabla drums and the soothing sounds of the





sitar strings. Children asked Mr Panesar a range of questions and commented on a wonderful experience. Stanley in Year 3 said “I have never heard this music before” with a huge smile on his face.




Safeguarding

 **DORNEY SCHOOL SAFEGUARDING AND CHILD PROTECTION TEAM** 

 Mrs Lee
Headteacher

 Mrs West
Deputy Headteacher/SENCO

 Mrs Whitford
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.

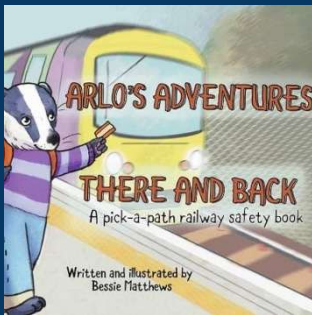
Rail Safe Friendly

Your school has been highlighted as one of the schools who has yet to share the vital FREE rail safety videos with your young people.



Please access the rail safety videos below:

Please note these are the recommended age ranges, but we would always advise you to view the clips first to gauge suitability for your class. If you have any trouble accessing the videos, please email us and we will provide assistance.



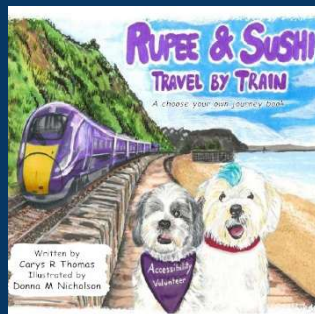
Key Stage 1



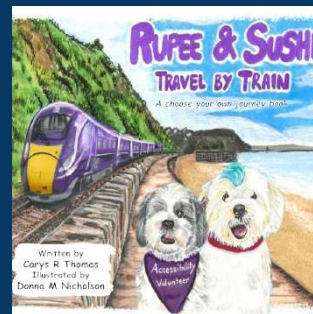
Key Stage 2



Key Stage 3 & Above



SEND Version



SEND Version - BSL

Every year, young people risk their lives by not understanding the dangers around the railway. We're encouraging all schools to take part in free, interactive railway safety video sessions provided by Network Rail and the Rail Safe Friendly Programme.

These free, age-appropriate online videos help pupils learn how to stay safe near railway lines, a vital part of safeguarding and personal development.

The Rail Safe Friendly Programme works alongside Network Rail, and other leading rail companies across the UK to keep young people safe. To learn more about our work, please visit www.railsafefriendly.com



Dates for Your Diary

23.01.26 – Interfaith Day cancelled – will be rescheduled, please refer to parentmail

13.02.26 – School closes to all children at 3.30pm for half term

16. – 20.02.26 – Half Term

23.02.26 – Inset Day: Parent/Teacher Consultation Day

TBC - Grandparents Day (more details to follow)

Best Wishes

Mrs Sharifah Lee

Headteacher



Reception

Cally for always being ready to learn and for her excellent diagraph spotting in phonics

Elle for working hard on her handwriting and segmenting words when writing

Year 1

Avni for her fantastic listening and helping out in the classroom

Hudson for his brilliant participation in Maths completing his work

Year 2

Abdullah for being focused and always ready to learn in class

Year 3

Hannah for always being caring and helpful towards others in class

Vincent for showing determination and not giving up even when work is tricky

Year 4

Hudson for his engagement in inputs and always being sensible and kind

Harper for her engagement in inputs and always being sensible

Year 5

Lola for putting lots of effort into lessons and especially understanding multiplication

Aneeka for her super star Maths skills when learning long multiplication

Year 6

Sahib for using her figurative language effectively within her writing

Connie for her fantastic work in science, impressing us with her knowledge





Dear families of Dorney School,
I hope you have had a great Christmas and we're looking forward to getting back into the groove of music lessons this year!

I'm excited to announce we will be starting a **Dorney Choir** this year!
The session will be on a Wednesday lunchtime from 12.15pm - 12.45pm and will cost £4.50.
We will cover a whole range of styles of music as well as warm up and vocal techniques.

We also have space for more 1-1 students in either Vocal, Piano, Violin, and Guitar however these are very limited! We cover everything and anything in our lessons, ranging from music theory, popular music or grade pieces up to performance techniques and ear training.
Lessons are £16 and I invoice for each term in advance but more than happy for you to break up the payment in a way that suits you.

If you would like to sign up or know more about the choir or 1-1 lessons please contact me on the details below.

Email : contact.riseupmusic@gmail.com
Mobile : 077 3858 4210

Final Bookings - Little Tanks Drama Club

****The term starts Tuesday the 13th of January****

Happy New Year! We are now taking final bookings for Little Tanks after school drama club for the spring term 2026.

There are currently now **limited spaces available!** Therefore, please see the attached flyer and details below to secure your child's space as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

- Application form, including term dates – [Click here to complete](#)
- Day – Tuesday
- Account Name: Little Tanks Ltd
- Account Number: 9949 3876
- Sort Code: 60-83-71
- Reference: DN followed by your child's name



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 – 29th 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 forms 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

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- Amount: £75.00
- Both the form & fee via bank transfer are required to be submitted to secure your child's space

We look forward to welcoming your child to Little Tanks for the spring term to work on developing their confidence skills. We will also be working on a theme and plan to invite parents to the last session to share what the children have been learning.

If you have any queries, please contact me at: debi@littletanks.co.uk

Many Thanks

Next Thing Education Presents
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FEB HALF TERM 2026

Coding & Robots | Circuitry & Inventions | LEGO Engineering | Minecraft Madness | Tech Fun

Movie Making | Video Game Design | Robot Coding | STEM Experiments | Engineering

Different activity theme each day, please check our website for your camp activities.

16TH - 20TH FEBRUARY - LIMITED SPACES

What Parents Say
"Absolutely Fantastic! First time attending & my son loved it!"
★★★★★

HOW TO BOOK

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GOOD TRAVEL PLAN 2025

Be Healthy Bucks

Changing habits keep you healthy...all year long!

Our free Beezee Families programme is here to help you feel healthier and happier as a family.

Top Tips to brave those winter mornings

- Keep hydrated:** This is a sure-fire way to get our bodies fired up in the mornings. A fresh glass of water will give your body the boost it needs to start the day.
- Breakfast:** There is a reason it holds the title as the most important meal of the day! Make sure little (and grown up) tums don't leave the house empty, it's important to have a good healthy breakfast to give our bodies the energy they need.
- Sleep:** It's important no matter your age to get enough sleep and sticking to regular sleep patterns can help support this.

Healthy lunch boxes

Keeping school lunch boxes interesting can be a challenge at the best of times so we appreciate how hard it is to make sure they are kept healthy too.

But healthy doesn't have to be a chore, it can actually make life much easier!

Fruit is a great way to give little ones a boost of energy and if bought in packs will generally last the whole week and keep costs down too. A satsuma, banana or small handful of grapes will add a tasty (and vibrant) addition to their lunch boxes.

Fresh air fix

It's tough during the colder months to find ways to get our much-needed Vitamin D.

Fresh air is a great way to improve both our physical and mental well-being and even short bursts of outdoor time can make a big difference.

Try swapping the car or bus for a short walk from time to time or get the little ones wrapped up and outside for a quick play in the park.

Want more healthy lifestyle support?
Check out our website to find out how we can help your family.*

*Our courses are designed for families with children aged 5 and up.

Beezee FAMILIES

Scan here or Click the link bhb.maximusuk.co.uk

We run Beezee Families, a FREE healthy lifestyle programme that our nutritionists and health coaches deliver across Buckinghamshire. The 12-week programme supports families to build healthy habits around food, physical activity, and how to have fun while doing so!

Spots are filling up fast for January so make sure to sign up soon! If you can't wait to get started on your healthy lifestyle journey, you can learn at your own pace over

on our Academy. [Visit our website for more details.](#)

WELCOME

ST NICOLAS PLAYGROUP AT DORNEY VILLAGE HALL

CHILDCARE AGED 9 MONTHS TO 2 YEARS

CONTACT MANAGER@STNICOLASPLAYGROUP.CO.UK FOR INFORMATION

We are opening a new playgroup at Dorney Village Hall for children aged 9 months to 2 years.

If you have a child of this age and are interested in seeing the setting, please come along to our open morning on Tuesday 13th January 2026, 10-11am.

Come and have a look at the facility and ask your questions to the manager.

We look forward to seeing you.

