

# DORNEY SCHOOL



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Dear parents,

Just in case you missed the parentmail on a reminder to drive and park considerately:

Dear parents,

This is an urgent reminder to drive and park considerately around our school. The school has received multiple concerns today regarding drivers in the public car park at the back of the school and the staff car park too.

Do take your time to drive and park safely and considerately as there are many children and their families getting in and out of their cars. I am certain you do not wish to endanger anyone, or be the cause of an accident.

## Staff car park

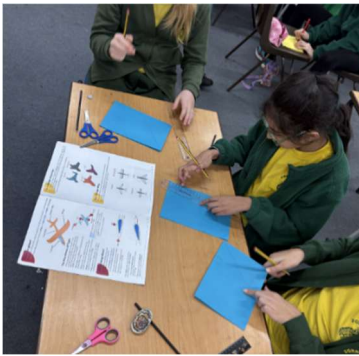
**This car park is reserved for staff.** Children who attend breakfast club may be dropped off in the staff car park if it is **before 8am** and children who attend after school clubs may use the car park only **after 4pm** if there are spaces available. **Drivers must NEVER block the entrance to the school** or block any cars on site. The school will monitor the situation and will address these if inconsiderate parking/driving persists.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

## News Around the School:

### Years 5 and 6 Workshop





Both year groups had a day off the curriculum as they attended a workshop on aerodynamics. They used their mathematical and scientific skills to make gliders. They tested these in the school hall to look at flight patterns, predictions and also measured how far their gliders could travel. There was definitely a buzz around the classrooms, and pupils did not even know they were learning new knowledge and skills!

### Year 5's heart-breaking assembly based on the Diary of Anne Frank



A group of Year 5 took centre stage today as they talked about what they had learned about Anne Frank and her family. Pupils and staff were silent when they listened about how Anne, her sister Margot and their parents were rounded up and taken to concentration camps in Nazi Germany. You could hear a pin drop, and the comments and questions afterwards were very perceptive and intelligent. The children understood that 'Never again' must be never again for everyone.

### ROAR Project

This Friday was the exciting conclusion to our children's ROAR competition and highly commended teams from across the school presented their innovations to John and John from Lions Windsor charity. John, Judy and Mrs Wilson were incredibly impressed by the children's imagination, team work and resilience and found it incredibly difficult to pick our winners. John messaged, 'They are all winners to Judy & me! Thank you for an enthralling morning and well done to all the children participating in the Lions ROAR competition.'



Our overall winners this year were Sahib, Connie and Ravleen for their Truebot invention which could plant trees, included a watering can, tended to unhealthy plants, included a pair of scissors to cut trapped animals free, had a seed hat for birds, was solar powered, included 'brush arms' to groom and stroke animals, was bright and shiny so animals didn't accidentally bump into it, had camera eyes, a control panel and a thermometer! Gosh what a fabulous imagination! John, Judy and Mrs Wilson were very impressed by how the children presented their ideas clearly and the sturdy structure of their prototype. Well done!



Our main aim was to spark creativity and show children how they can make a huge impact on themselves, each other and our planet in a positive way. Another huge congratulations to all who have taken part - the teachers are all very proud of you whether you made it through to the finals or only just missed out this year. Keep dreaming up big ideas!

**Runner Ups:**



**Left Photo:** KS1 Y1  
Amreet & Mannat



**Right Photo:** Y3 Otilie,  
Finley & Dottie



**Left Photo:** Y4 Rose, Hudson &  
Josh

**Right Photo:** Y5 Ava & Lola




**Safeguarding**

The information and webinar below will be relevant to all parents, but especially those whose children are heading to secondary school:


**Parent webinars on county lines and criminal exploitation (Ivson Trust)**


The Ivson Trust (formerly Pace) is a national charity working to keep children safe from exploitation by supporting parents, disrupting exploiters, and working in partnership with police and family services. Their work is grounded in a trauma-informed, family-centred approach.

During March 2026, the Ivson Trust is delivering a series of live webinars for parents and carers focused on county lines and criminal exploitation. The sessions help parents understand how exploitation happens, how




**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.



children are groomed, what warning signs to look out for, and where to access advice and support. Each webinar includes local context, time for questions, and input from a parent with lived experience.

More information and booking details are available at: <https://ivisontrust.org.uk/webinars/>

## Dates for Your Diary

13.02.26 – Toy Sale Fundraiser – please refer to the information sent via 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

## PTA



[Support Dorney School on Your School Lottery  
yourschoollottery.co.uk](https://yourschoollottery.co.uk)

Thank you to our supporters on your school lottery and congratulations to our winners!!

### BAG 2 SCHOOL

FREE FUNDRAISING FOR SCHOOLS  
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Dorney School

Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second-hand clothing and we have arranged to make a collection from your school. All the bags will be weighed and you will be paid for the total weight collected. Remember, the more you collect the greater the benefit to your school.

**Your own clothes**

**PLEASE USE YOUR OWN BAGS (THERE IS NO LIMIT).**

**Your own bags**

When the clothes have been removed from the bag the plastic will be packed and sent for recycling.

**We are collecting good quality items for RE-USE:**  
Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.  
(No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please)

**The more we weigh the more we pay!  
Extra bags are welcome - there's no limit**

**Please return your Bag2School on:**

Dorney Village Hall Car Park  
Between 8am-9am on the 27th February

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The sun is shining as write this today. Long may the sunshine last!

Best Wishes

Mrs Sharifah Lee

Headteacher



### Reception

Alia for working hard on her phonics and reading

Jude for his brilliant imagination when designing traps – he explains it so well!

### Year 1

Poppy for completing her weekly challenges to the best of her ability

Hudson for following instructions to complete his written work

### Year 2

Scarlett for making good progress in all her learning

### Year 3

Alma for using exciting describing words in her writing

Lily for amazing determination in Maths when learning multiplying 2 digits by 1 digit

### Year 4

Mason for wonderful participation and behaviour in the sports festival

Thea for amazing contributions in lessons and always trying her best

### Year 5

Arlo for his creativity and artistic flair in our DT lessons

Ava for her hard work and determination to understand short division

### Year 6

All of Year 6 for their outstanding contributions to class discussions, particularly in English

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SCHOOL DAYS DIRECT



## DORNEY SCHOOL UNIFORM

Available to purchase from School Days Direct:



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or pop into our store.



**OPENING HOURS**

Monday to Friday  
8:30am to 5:00pm

Saturday  
9:00am to 5:00pm

\*Additional Hours During Summer Holidays\*

Please buy your uniform EARLY to avoid the queues during the Back-to-School rush\*

\*The Back-to-School rush begins around mid-August, therefore please try to shop before then, where possible.

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# Walled Garden Open Day

at CROCUS at DORNEY COURT

## 28<sup>th</sup> March

MARKET, KIDS ARTS & CRAFTS, A GUIDED TOUR/TALK BY OUR HEAD GARDENER ASHLEY, FOOD AND DRINKS.

Celebrate Easter at Crocus at Dorney Court with a fun filled day marking the opening of our beautifully renovated Walled Garden. Keep the kids happy with arts and crafts, and relax with great food and drink. Enjoy a guided tour and talk with Ashley, our Head Gardener, browse a lively market. A perfect spring day out for garden lovers and families alike. 🌸

Ashley's Tour tickets will be out soon!  
No bookings needed for Arts and Crafts (£5-£10)

