

DORNEY SCHOOL



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Dear parents,

School Attendance

Thank you for your support in ensuring your child attends school regularly and is on time for school. Regular lateness also poses a problem for pupils and staff, as children miss key learning. This will mean that they are unable to keep up with the rest of their classmates and this limits their progress. After February half term, parents will receive formal notifications from the school if we are concerned about regular lateness or absence. If the issue of lateness or poor attendance persists, the school is legally obliged to notify the local authority. Poor attendance and regular lateness may trigger a safeguarding concern.

Children's Mental Health

Next week is Children's Mental Health week. The topic of mental health is relevant every day but it is always useful when a week is designated to encourage everyone to understand and consider children's mental health. At school, staff will be discussing strategies to help children navigate an increasingly complex and confusing world, where children are increasingly bombarded with online messages and technology. Parents may wish to use the poster below to create opportunities to reflect and discuss mental health in positive ways.

You might also find this website useful <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/about/>



GOOD TRAVEL PLAN 2025

Friendly February 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
						
2 Ask a friend how they have been feeling recently	3 Do an act of kindness to make life easier for someone	4 Invite a friend over for a 'tea break' (in person or virtual)	5 Make time to have a friendly chat with a neighbour	6 Get back in touch with an old friend you've not seen for a while	7 Show an active interest by asking questions when talking to others	8 Share what you're feeling with someone you really trust
9 Thank someone and tell them how they made a difference for you	10 Look for good in others, particularly when you feel frustrated with them	11 Send an encouraging note to someone who needs a boost	12 Focus on being kind rather than being right	13 Smile at the people you see and brighten their day	14 Tell a loved one or friend why they are special to you	15 Support a local business with a positive online review or friendly message
16 Check in on someone who may be struggling and offer to help	17 Appreciate the good qualities of someone in your life	18 Respond kindly to everyone you talk to today, including yourself	19 Share something you find inspiring, helpful or amusing	20 Make a plan to connect with others and do something fun	21 Really listen to what people say, without judging them	22 Give sincere compliments to people you talk to today
 23 Be gentle with someone who you feel inclined to criticise	24 Tell a loved one about the strengths that you see in them	25 Thank three people you feel grateful to and tell them why	26 Make uninterrupted time for your loved ones	27 Call a friend to catch up and really listen to them	28 Give positive comments to as many people as possible today	

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Safer Internet Day Tuesday 10th February

Child experts and educators believe using the internet safely is connected to children's mental health and wellbeing.

Safer Internet Day is a global awareness day that encourages children, young people and adults to think carefully about how we use the online world and digital technology. It's a useful annual prompt to refresh conversations about online safety, wellbeing and responsible digital behaviour.

Theme for 2026: *Smart tech, safe choices – exploring the safe and responsible use of AI.*

This year's focus reflects how quickly AI and smart technologies are becoming part of children's everyday online experiences. The emphasis is on helping young people develop confidence, critical thinking and good judgement when using digital tools, rather than fear or restriction.

Useful resources from the UK Safer Internet Centre:

Top tips for parents and carers

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2026/top-tips-for-parents-and-carers>

Top tips for children and young people

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2026/top-tips-for-young-people>

You can find more information here:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2026>



National Storytelling Week

As part of National story telling week the children in Year 6 have spent some time reading stories to Reception children.



Year 5 Playdough Decorating

Year 5 have been busy last week testing out different joining and decorating techniques in playdough before we start making our clay vases. They enjoyed using embellishment and imprinting to decorate and practise creating smooth joins whilst having a lot of fun! Well done Year 5 for your enthusiasm and creativity!



Years 5 & 6 STEM workshop

These are some photos from the same event that Year 6 participated in the last fortnight. As you can see, Year 5 enjoyed the sessions as much as Year 6.





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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.



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

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Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.
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Safeguarding




DORNEY SCHOOL SAFEGUARDING AND CHILD PROTECTION TEAM



Mrs Lee
Headteacher



Mrs Stone
Deputy Headteacher/SENCO



Mrs Whitford
Reader

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 named people.

Dates for Your Diary

12.02.26 – Parents to look at books after school

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

So much Spring promise in the air as we head into the half-term! I would like to wish all Muslim families **Ramadan Mubarak** which starts in half-term. Next week, pupils will learn more about this significant Muslim practise, Chinese New Year and also enjoy some activities about loving your family and friends on Valentine's Day. So much learning and excitement in the last week before the break. Wishing everyone a happy weekend.

Best Wishes

Mrs Sharifah Lee

Headteacher



Reception

Roman for his amazing reading progress and confidence with blending

Harper for her amazing detailed painting of a blue tit during RSPB bird watch

Year 1

Ravneet for working hard in all of her lessons and for excellent listening during teaching lessons

Skipper for his excellent focus during our writing lesson and completion of work

Year 2

Kayden for being a brilliant listener and following instructions



Year 3

Jacob for super learning in Maths when multiplying and dividing!
Parker for writing an excellent story in English with lots of great ideas!

Year 4

Hamara for working hard in all lessons, especially during our tricky Maths
Leo for being so resilient in Maths!

Year 5

Dom for fantastic effort across all subjects and especially Maths
Savannah for her hard work in Maths to understand multiplication and division

Year 6

Reggie for his excellent focus during our Maths lessons on Algebra
Belle for super vocabulary choices in her writing based on the Suffragettes



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February Half Term

14 - 22 February 2026

This February half term, dive into hands-on fun with Sand Art, Dragon Puppets for Chinese New Year, Superhero Capes and Masks, plus dazzling Rainbow Science. Make a day of it and explore the Roald Dahl Children's Gallery, discover the I Grew Up 90's exhibition, family trail and sensory room for a week packed with imagination and discovery.

For more event details, charges and to book please scan the QR code or visit discoverbucksmuseum.org



Monday 16 February – Dragon Puppets
Celebrate the Year of the Horse by making a Chinese dragon puppet and a paper lantern to take home!
10am - 2.30pm, drop in. Suitable for ages 5-10

Tuesday 17 February – Superhero Capes & Masks
Transform into a superhero by decorating your own superhero cape and mask to take home!
10am - 2.30pm, drop in. Suitable for ages 5-10

Wednesday 18 February – Sand Art
Learn how to make beautiful sand art in a bottle to take home!
10am - 3pm, drop in. Suitable for ages 5-11

Thursday 19 & Friday 20 February - Rainbow Science
Learn all about the science of colour with our rainbow-themed workshop: make a rainbow in a jar to take home, experiment with how we can split light and how rain clouds are formed and more!
*60 minute workshop. 10.30am, 12.15pm & 2.15pm
Suitable for ages 5-10*

Sunday 22 February - Author Event - Simon Smith Schoolboy Spy with Mark Creasy
Join us for a special event with new author Mark Creasy, who will be reading from his exciting children's book. Enjoy interactive crafts inspired by the story, followed by a book signing.
12.30pm - 1.30pm. Suitable for ages 7-11

I Grew Up 90s – last chance to see!
'I Grew Up 90s' dives into the decade seen through the eyes of youth, showcasing over 200 nostalgic objects and artworks from collector Matt Fox. From Britpop and Cool Britannia to Lara Croft, the Spice Girls, Trainspotting, and Power Rangers — this is your LAST chance to revisit the fashion, toys, and music that defined the '90s.

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Children's Gallery

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