

DORNEY SCHOOL



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RESPECT * COLLABORATE * GROW
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Dear parents,

I am sure you agree that we have had an amazing time on World Book Day! It is not about costumes although we know most children (and some adults) love dressing up. It is about the joy and celebration of books and reading.





Years 2 & 3 Trip to Ufton Court

Year 2 and Year 3 had an amazing trip to Ufton Court, where we travelled back in time to the Stone Age! We became hunter gatherers, foraging for artefacts, made bows and arrows, and took part in some Stone Age activities, such as moving a stone using ropes. The children had an amazing time, and really enjoyed taking part in all the activities.



Communication Week



This week, pupils started the week by watching this great short video during assembly. The video explains how we can communicate our frustrations and anxiety in appropriate ways to help others understand how we may be feeling. You may wish to us this video link with your child and explore themes of friendships and belonging

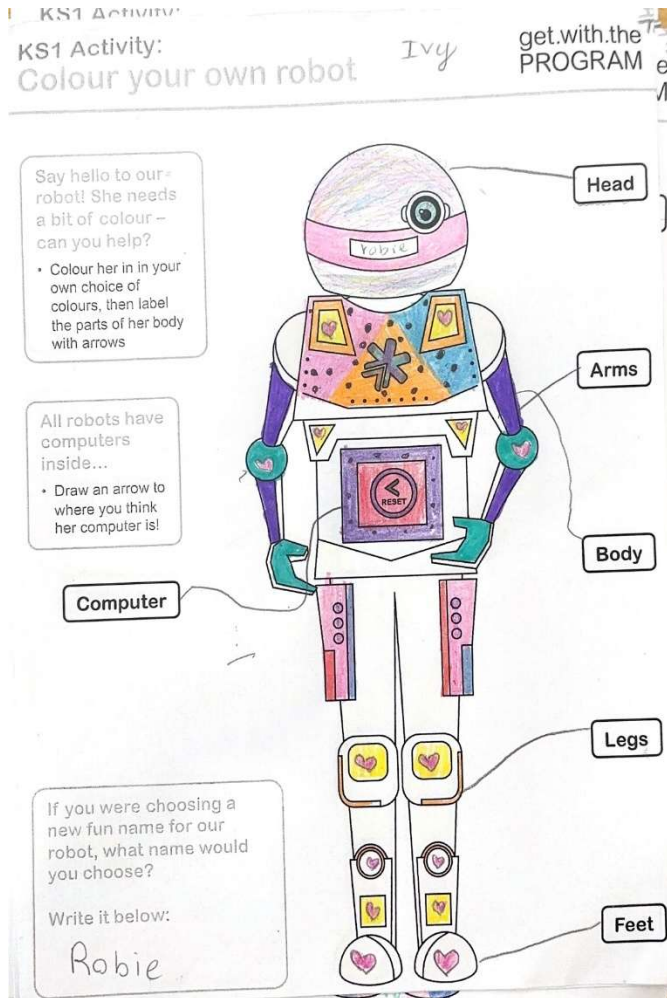
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XPU3S6sZhoM>

As part of communication week Year 6 Buddies joined Reception for "drawing club" this week. We read the story of the Three Billy Goats Gruff and in their small groups the children had to come up with their own "scheme" to "bamboozle" the troll and get to the other side. The communication was brilliant as they children devised their own plans and then stood up to explain how their plan worked to the rest of the class.



Years 2 & 3 Workshop

This week Year 2 and 3 attended an online workshop to celebrate Mars Day and learnt about the moon landing. We learnt what the word algorithm means and even had a look at what a rocket is made from. To end the lesson, we designed our own robots and labelled different parts.




Safeguarding

Children and Phone Safety – Important signpost


The NSPCC's guidance on children, mobile phones and online safety is a useful resource for parents to draw on when communicating with children. It addresses one of the most common questions schools are asked: **when is a child ready for a phone, and how can families manage the risks?**


The guide offers balanced, practical advice on readiness, boundary-setting, parental controls, and ongoing conversations about safe and responsible use. This resource can help reinforce consistent messages between home and school, reduce anxiety, and support a shared approach to online safety.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/children-phones-online-safety/>




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 named people.



Dates for Your Diary

27.03.26 – school closes to all children at 3.30pm for Easter Half Term

30.03. – 10.04.26 – Easter Half Term

13.04.26 – school opens to all children at 8.30am

Enjoy the weekend!

Mrs Sharifah Lee
Headteacher



Reception

Baani for always being kind to others in the classroom. Excellent role model!
Josiah for always using amazing good manners – excellent role model!

Year 1

Shiloh for consistently checking and editing his written work
Salana for beautiful presentation of her written work

Year 2

Abdullah for working hard and trying his best in all areas of learning

Year 3

Shaheeth for having a great attitude to learning and always trying his best!
Roman for being kind and helpful and lunchtimes! Well Done!

Year 4

Nikhil for his incredible work in our English poem writing lesson
Darcie for beautiful presentation and wonderful work in Maths

Year 5

Monroe for working hard in all subjects and especially Maths!
Rex for much improved stamina in writing and fantastic ideas!

Year 6

Aarav for having an excellent attitude towards all his learning!
Sebastian for his excellent contributions to class discussions



Dorney School has a fantastic opportunity to offer **FREE** rugby sessions to Years 3 – 6 through sports company **uSports**. Please refer to the flyer for your reference and how to book below. These places are limited and first come first basis, so please act fast.

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Spring 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians

uSports are pleased to announce that we will be delivering the following clubs at Dorney School in the Spring term.

Rugby Club Yr 3-6 | 3.15pm – 4.15pm | Wednesday

£0.00 Per Session

11.03.26 - 20.05.26 | 9 x Sessions |

**See You There,
uSports**

BOOK NOW

<https://eastberkshire-termtime.classforkids.io/term/829>

How To Book:

- 01 Click the "Book Now" button or type in the link underneath
- 02 Scroll to find the right club
- 03 Add your child's details
- 04 Book & pay for your child's place

www.u-sports.co.uk | 0118 449 2641 | info@u-sports.co.uk



Open Afternoon at AIM @ Chesham

March 18th 2.15pm-4pm

Come to our open afternoon and see what we are about.

Email enquiries@tryaim.co.uk to book a place.

We are based at Ivingswood Academy, Greenway, Chesham, HP5 2BY

NEW BUCKS ALTERNATIVE PROVISION

AIM @ CHESHAM

based at Ivingswood Academy, Greenways, Chesham, HP5 2BY

Who We Support

Our provision welcomes pupils from Year 1 (age 5) onwards who require support with communication, cognition, social interaction, and neurodiversity. We understand that every child is different, and we are committed to meeting a wide range of needs through tailored educational planning. We also now have a dedicated day to support primary aged children who present with EBSNA.

Our Approach

At AIM @ Chesham, we adopt a highly personalised teaching approach. Our communication curriculum is designed to build on emotional well-being, self-expression, social skills and engagement. We use Learn Trek to report weekly to parents and settings.

Our Team

Hayley Baverstock and Emma Choules are qualified, experienced educators and teachers, including specialist teachers. All team members regularly undertake specialist training—ranging from communication techniques and positive behaviour support to safeguarding and first aid—to ensure they remain at the forefront of best practice. Their expertise is complemented by their commitment to understanding each child as an individual and fostering positive, trusting relationships.

What Our Families and Learners Say

'I wish I could come to AIM everyday' - Learner
'AIM is one of the two APs I use that I would recommend above all others' - Maidenhead School
'The progress my child has made in a short time is amazing' - Parent

Contact

www.tryaim.co.uk
enquiries@tryaim.co.uk

BACK-TO-SCHOOL IN-STORE OFFER

WHEN PRE-BOOKING AN APPOINTMENT

10% off when you spend over £60 (when you pre-book an appointment)

Secure your appointment at:
[www.schooldaysdirect.co.uk/appointments](http://www schooldaysdirect.co.uk/appointments)
to receive your discount in store.

Valid between 1st June - 15th August 2026

Appointments are limited & based on a first-come first-serve basis

Terms & Conditions: Please see website for details.

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10% off when you spend over £60 online

Use Code: BTS-26

Valid between 1st June - 23rd August 2026

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One-time use per customer.
Cannot be redeemed for cash.
Cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer/discount.

