

DORNEY SCHOOL



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Dear parents,



We start with our best wishes for mothers and other care givers for Mother's Day on Sunday. We hope that sun continues to shine over the weekend for all families.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish all our Muslim families for Eid next week. After up to 30 days of fasting, I am sure many children and their families cannot wait for the feasting and partying. Muslim pupils who do attend school on Eid day itself may choose to wear their traditional or party clothes.



Staff Update

It is with a bittersweet feeling that I inform you that our current, long standing school business manager, Mrs Leon Williams is moving on to pastures new. Mrs Williams has been a true asset to the school as she has had oversight of the school's finance for more than ten years. On behalf of staff and governors, I would like to thank Mrs Williams for her financial astuteness, support and help. She will start her new role at an independent school at the end of her notice period. We are currently looking for a new school business manager to fill this position.

If you know of anyone who may be interested in the role, please send them this link for the advertisement, job description and an application form

<https://www.dorneyschool.co.uk/attachments/documents.asp?id=323>

News around the school



Belated World Book Day photos from Year 6 – I just had to share! What an amazing group of pupils in their almost last term of primary school.



Year 6 also took part in an interactive workshop, 'Easter Cracked' where they learnt about the Easter story alongside Wayne Dixon. They took part in quizzes and had the chance to win some great prizes!



Being Scientists & Sandwich Making in Years 2 and 3



During British Science Week, Years 2 and 3 wanted to find out which paper aeroplane could travel the furthest. We made paper aeroplanes and then tested them on the playground. We realised that the direction of the wind made a big difference, some of our paper aeroplanes even got stuck in a tree, oops! We also had a go at making paper helicopters and tested them to see how long these could float in the air. Well done Years 2 and 3 for great scientific thinking!



This week Years 2 and 3 made sandwiches as part of our Design and Technology learning. We learnt important skills of food hygiene and preparation and had a lovely picnic to enjoy the sandwiches we made!



Learning Poems in Reception Class



In Reception at Dorney we learn a poetry basket poem every week. This week we choose to learn and rehearse "I'm a T-Rex" due to lots of our children particularly loving dinosaurs. The poetry basket is in provision and the children enjoy picking performing poems regularly.

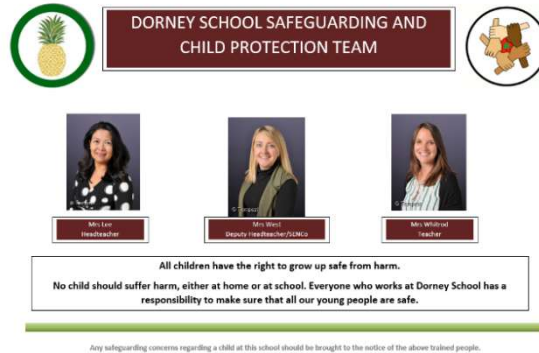
Friendship Buddies

Our Friendship Buddies are delighted to share with you some of the play equipment we have purchased from the recent toy sale. This play equipment will make lunchtime play more exciting



especially as the weather gets better, and we all migrate to the school field every day! As you can see, the buddies are delighted, and they are also proud to be able to support others to make friends and resolve conflicts.

Safeguarding



DORNEY SCHOOL SAFEGUARDING AND CHILD PROTECTION TEAM

Mr Lee
Headteacher

Ms West
Special Needs Coordinator (SENCO)

Ms 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.

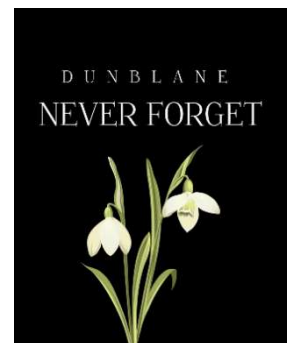
Dates for Your Diary

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

On a final sombre note, it is 30 years today since the horrific incident at Dunblane. We remember the little Angels that were taken too soon and their courageous teacher who tried to protect them. May their light forever shine among the stars and may we learn the lessons that all our children are precious; and we hold them close each and every day <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c4g25lx1enro>



Mrs Sharifah Lee
Headteacher



Reception

Giaan for always being ready to complete weekly challenges!

Ted for his brilliant independent writing

Year 1

Kathaleya for lovely book presentation

Farren for being a kind, helpful and caring friend to others



Year 2

Whole Year 2 Class for an excellent behaviour and enthusiastic participation during their school trip to Ufton Court

Year 3

Tate for great ideas during science when learning about shadows
Sukhmani for excellent Maths when learning about perimeter

Year 4

Freddie for his beautiful presentation in English and always working hard
Lola for her hard work during our tricky topic in Maths

Year 5

Aleena for being a kind friend and a good listener
Caoimhe for improved accuracy in writing and beautiful presentation

Year 6

Charlie for an excellent work in all of his learning
Risheek for trying his best with his Maths learning on percentages



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.

Summer Term 2026

21st of April – 7th of July*
(excluding half term – 26th of May)

Years: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6
Day: Tuesday
Time: 3.25 - 4.25pm
Venue: Year 1 Classroom
Cost: £83.00

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 form and fee

Payment Details

Account Name: Little Tanks Ltd
Account Number: 99493876
Sort Code: 60-83-71
Cost: £83.00
Reference: DN + your child's name

Little Tanks Ltd – 7 Mead Close, Egham, TW20 8JA - Company No: 11018848 – GDPR Compliant

Little Tanks summer term 2026 – Bookings now Open!!

Bookings are now ****OPEN**** for Little Tanks after school drama club for the summer term 2026, giving you an opportunity to secure your child's space before the new after school drama club starts on **Tuesday the 21st of April**.

The start of term normally generates a surge of applications therefore if you are interested, please complete payment to avoid disappointment as there are currently now **only limited spaces available**.

- Application form – [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
- Amount: £83.00
- Both the form & fee via bank transfer are required to be submitted to secure your child's space
- Flyer attached for more information



We look forward to welcoming your child to Little Tanks next term and working on developing their confidence skills. If you have any queries, please contact: debi@littletanks.co.uk

Simply Tutored

If your son/daughter is in **Year 6** and you'd like them to have some extra help with their maths or English, in the run up to their **SAT tests** in the 2nd week of May, they're welcome to attend Simply Tutored's tuition class after school on a Tuesday. If you'd like some more information, please call them on 07717 424712. Thank you.



**AMA SOCCER
EASTER HOLIDAY
CAMP**

Week 1
Monday 30th March - Thursday 2nd April 2026

Week 2
Tuesday 7th April - Friday 10th April 2026

Daily from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM
(8.30am Early drop off / 4pm late pick up available)

Munchbox cafe serving healthy lunches and snacks daily

**OPEN TO
AGES 6-13!**

**KING GEORGE'S
FIELD,
FULMER SL3 6JN**

Register Now >
<https://ama-soccer.classforkids.io/camp/83>
and Score Your Spot!



**EASTER HOLIDAY
CAMPS!**

We are delighted to be running a Multi-Sport and Football Camp at Datchet St Mary's (SL3 9EJ) over the Easter Holidays!
Running on 30th March-3rd April & 7th-10th April.
Don't miss out & make the most of our early bird offer today!

BOOK NOW!

- ✓ Loads of Games
- ✓ Lots of Prizes to be won
- ✓ Different sports throughout the day for multi-sports
- ✓ Different focus for football and matches
- ✓ Heaps of Fun

EARLY BIRD £17.50/DAY*, £70/WEEK*
*WEEKS MARCH 30th - APRIL 3rd
£25/DAY, £100/WEEK

**10AM - 3PM
9AM DROP OFF (£5)**

BOOK TODAY!
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Berkshire & surrounding areas.

