

DORNEY SCHOOL



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Dear parents,

Thank you for your ongoing support over the last two terms. When we return after the Easter break, it will be the final leg of the academic year.

News around the school

Safer Internet talks by Police Community Support Officer Angela O'Connell



Angela delivered two workshops, one for younger pupils and another for Years 4, 5 and 6. She reminded all children how to keep safe online and also out of school. She taught them not to share accounts and passwords, and never share details that would identify them where they live or



their school. In the first photo you can see the number of children who shared that they have used YouTube, Tik Tok and played some online games. On its own, based on the children's understanding, this is not a concern. However, it does become a concern if parents are unaware or if the children are unsupervised. Speaking to Angela later on, she explains to me the serious risks that the internet can pose to all pupils.

Some older children shared that they are on other social media platforms such as WhatsApp, Tik Tok, YouTube etc; posting videos of themselves performing dance moves. The same advice applies – do ensure that you are aware of your child's activities online and all platforms have appropriate safety settings. We cannot shield our children forever, but we can certainly educate, support and check on their safety.



Angela also touched on behaviour online, at school and off site. There have been a few incidents of unkindness online that has spilled over to friendships at school. We know that being unkind to someone online can persuade others to join in the unkindness too. This can quickly escalate to bullying, and we all know the impact that can have on any person. Angela also explains that messages can be retrieved even if the owner thinks they have been deleted so she advises caution when sending/sharing messages, and also to involve/include parents if children receive or see inappropriate messages.

I am sharing this very relevant article below with you:

The Media Literacy Parents' Study (2026) - YouGov

The Media Literacy Parents' Study (2026) highlights a clear gap between parental confidence and the realities of children's online experiences. While most parents feel broadly informed, many lack confidence in understanding content and risks. The findings reinforce the need for practical, accessible support and more open, everyday conversations about online life.

- 80% of parents know which platforms their child uses, but only 24% feel very confident about the content they see
- Many parents want simple, practical guidance rather than technical advice
- Children are often exposed to harmful content without actively searching for it

Download the study here: <https://safeguarding.info/medialiteracy>

Year 1 Science Week Fun!

Year 1 had a fantastic time during Science Week, taking part in a range of exciting and hands-on experiments that inspired curiosity and wonder. The children created colourful rainbows using Skittles, explored reactions with milk, food colouring and washing-up liquid, and investigated why oil and water do not mix by making their own lava lamps. They were amazed by the "Walking Water" experiment, where the colours slowly travelled along the paper towels and mixed together to make new colours. A highlight of the day was pushing sharp pencils and skewers through a water-filled plastic bag without any leaks, demonstrating how the material forms a tight seal around the objects. Although the Coke and Mentos experiment did not work as expected, it provided a valuable learning opportunity about scientific reactions. The children were full of excitement, curiosity, and thoughtful questions throughout the week. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm for science grow, and we are sure these experiences will stay with them for a long time!



Forest School – Year 4



Year 4 played hide and seek where 4 children hide some coloured sticks then, the class have to find them – not as easy as it looks as the sticks were camouflaged! They also played ‘rats and rabbits’ game! Very popular games in Forest School. A great way to enjoy the outdoors in the sunshine, explore the school grounds and learn how to care for nature and the environment.

Mrs Hughes

Year 6 trip to Cox Green



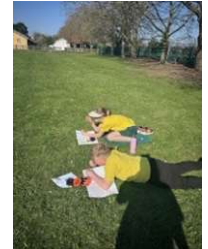
Year 6 were cordially invited to attend the musical ‘Matilda’ at Cox Green School. According to the children and staff, it was an amazing and polished performance by amateur dramatic society the am



Nature as Inspiration – Year 6



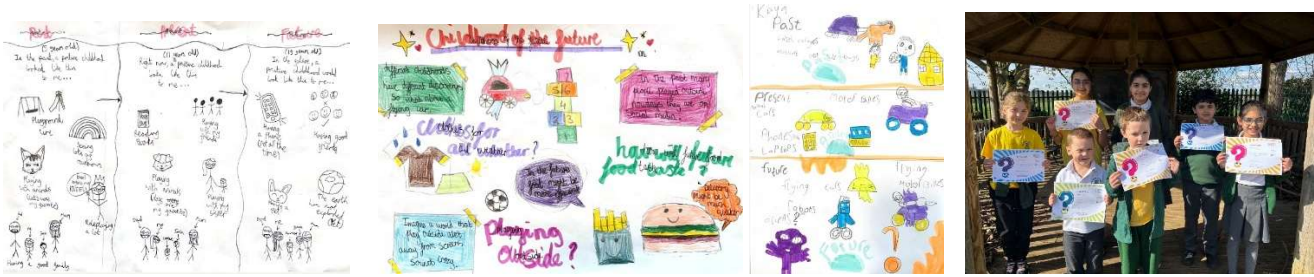
Year 6 made the most of the sunshine during their art lesson, taking their creativity outdoors. They focused on capturing a strong ‘sense of place’ in their work, using the natural surroundings as inspiration. It was wonderful to see their ideas come to life.




British Science Week

The theme for British Science Week this year was "Curiosity: What’s your question?" Across school children thought about interesting questions and displayed wonderful scientific thinking. Throughout the week each class took part in a poster competition which was based around a positive childhood and what that childhood may look like in the future. Well done to Tobi, Ethan, Abdullah, Rhea, Kaya, Amaiya and Amber for being super scientists and creating amazing posters linked to the theme!







Safeguarding




**DORNEY SCHOOL SAFEGUARDING AND
CHILD PROTECTION TEAM**






Mrs Lee
Headteacher



Mrs Bent
Deputy Headteacher/SLMCO



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.

Dates for Your Diary

30.03. – 10.04.26 – Easter Half Term
13.04.26 – school opens to all children at 8.30am

Wishing all families, a wonderful spring break and Happy Easter.

Mrs Sharifah Lee
Headteacher



Week Commencing 16th March 2026

Reception

Rayzel for her amazing progress at school
Arveer for his enthusiasm and interest in all activities

Year 1

Hollie for settling in to our Year 1 class and trying her best across curriculum

Year 2

Uday for settling in our class so well and always trying his best in everything



Year 3

Rose for super writing in English – to use similes and description – Well Done!
Rhea for an excellent attitude to all her learning – Well Done!

Year 4

Ethan for always doing her best, trying hard and being kind
Navya for working so hard and being so resilient, especially in Maths

Year 5

Eimear for her hard work and perseverance in Maths and great teamwork too!
Imogen for her conscientious attitude and approach to learning – especially Maths and PE

Year 6

Ahmad for excellent work in all of his learning, particularly in Maths
Alya for excellent vocabulary choices in her English work

Week Commencing 23rd March 2026

Reception

Tobi for his amazing phonics progress, working hard on diagraph spotting
Daisy for her thoughtful contributions to class discussions

Year 1

Cleo for her beautiful presentation of her work across the curriculum
JJ for making a fantastic effort to do his best

Year 2

Abdullah for showing his fantastic effort in class and making great progress in his learning

Year 3

Zeb for super handwriting and amazing ideas when writing poems in English
Zara for settling into our new class so well and doing super learning

Year 4

Zakariya for his wonderful engagement in lessons and always trying his best
Kaya for settling into our class so well and always trying her best

Year 5

Aiden for great understanding of vocabulary in reading
Amaiya for her thoughtful contributions in science

Year 6

Ethan for his consistent effort in learning
Lucy-Jane for excellent effort in PE





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FREE ONLINE SCHOOL COURSES AND WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE → 01296 383582 OR SCAN the QR code or CLICK on the course code link below

RECEPTION

STORY WORKSHOP: 'The Fish who could Wish'
Practical ideas to help support your child's early enjoyment of books
Mon 20th Apr
9:30am - 11:30pm
Course code: **FMFW081**

HANDWRITING WORKSHOP
Child-friendly activities to build your child's fine motor skills and pencil grip
Mon 27th Apr
9:30am - 11:30pm
Course code: **FMHA009**

WRITING THROUGH STORIES WORKSHOP
Learn how talk is an integral part of improving reading and writing skills
Mon 11th May
9:30am - 11:30pm
Course code: **FMWS098**

CONFIDENCE & WORRIES WORKSHOP
Help develop your child's confidence, resilience and manage their worries
Mon 18th May
9:30am - 11:30pm
Course code: **FMWB098**

RECEPTION

GETTING READY FOR YEAR 1
Look at the differences between Reception and Year 1, and how to support your child to move up to year 1
Tue 14th Apr - Tue 12th May
Thur 23rd Apr - Thur 21st May
9:30am - 11:30am
Course code: **FMGC022**

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YEARS 1 & 2

WRITING & GRAMMAR
Practical ideas to improve your child's writing through child-friendly activities
Wed 22nd Apr - Wed 20th May
9:30am - 11:30am
6:30pm - 8:30pm
Choose from 1 of these 2 times
Course code: **FMWG029**

PHONICS & READING
Support your child with Phonics and Reading
Mon 13th Apr - Mon 18th May
9:30am - 11:30am
Course code: **FMPR064**

YEARS 1 & 2

MATHS WORKSHOP
Explore ways to support and develop your child's KS1 maths reasoning skills
Choose from 1 of these 2 dates:
Mon 18th May 7pm - 9pm
Tue 19th May 9:30am - 11:30am
Course code: **FMMN028**

HOMEWORK SUPPORT WORKSHOP
Ideas on how to engage your child with their work and develop good study habits for their age
Mon 27th Apr 7pm - 9pm
Tue 28th Apr 9:30am - 11:30am
Choose from 1 of these 2 dates
Course code: **FMHW028**

HANDWRITING WORKSHOP
Explore ways to support and develop your child's handwriting at home
Tue 21st Apr 9:30am - 11:30am
Course code: **FMWR102**

MATHS THROUGH STORIES WORKSHOP
Learn ways to develop your child's maths skills through story telling
Mon 11th May 9:30am - 11:30am
Course code: **FMMN116**



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RECEPTION
- YEAR 6

SUPPORT YOUR SEND CHILD AT HOME
Gain a clear understanding to help support your neurodivergent child at home
Wed 22nd Apr - Wed 13th May
9:30am - 11:30am
Course code: **FMAN002**

YEARS
1 - 6

MONEY MATTERS
Help your child learn the skills and build awareness to manage money through play
Tue 21st Apr - Tue 12th May
12:30pm - 2:30pm
Course code: **FMMM100**

YEARS 3 & 4

MENTAL ARITHMETIC WORKSHOP
Practical ideas to improve your child's maths skills and knowledge, through child-friendly activities
Mon 20th Apr
9:30am - 11:30am
7pm - 9pm
Choose from 1 of these 2 times
Course code: **FMMN022**

FRACTIONS, DECIMALS & PERCENTAGES
Look at how fractions, decimals and percentages are taught in school
Tue 21st Apr - Tue 19th May
9:30am - 11:30am
Course code: **FMED106**

YEARS
5 & 6

MATHS SUPPORT
Learn how geometry, statistics and measurement is taught in school
Thur 23rd Apr - Thur 21st May
6:30pm - 8:30pm
Course code: **FMMS117**

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Easter HAF Streetdance Camp



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- BARLEY CRESCENT AYLESBURY
- HP21 9YL
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The SAXONS

28 March - 1 November 2026

Easter Holidays
28 March - 12 April
Also this Easter holiday enjoy family-friendly Easter crafts, science fun and hands-on Saxon-inspired activities across the museum.

→ Discover Buckinghamshire's Saxon past in this major new immersive exhibition at Discover Bucks Museum

Why visit?

- Meet the Saxons through engaging films, sounds, and immersive experiences.
- Hands-on interactives and digital storytelling bring history vividly to life.
- Discover real artefacts and try the fun family trail and creative activities.

A great day out for curious minds and young explorers!

Opening Fun Day!
Saturday 28 March, 10am - 5pm
Join us for our fun family opening day featuring re-enactors, storytelling and hands-on crafts. Meet Saxon warriors and craftspeople, hear stories inspired by real discoveries, and take part in activities for all ages — the perfect way to bring the Buckinghamshire Saxon world to life.

Make a day of it and visit the Roald Dahl Children's Gallery this Easter holiday for hands-on discovery and amazing science inspired by Roald Dahl's stories.

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



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