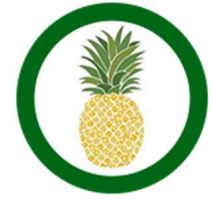


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Newsletter 8th May 2026



Dear parents,



We had a group of super volunteers at school last week running a Healthy Eating workshop and helping us with gardening and weeding. The group from Abbvie Pharmaceuticals certainly enjoyed their day with us and were extremely positive about our school and pupils! A huge thank you to all staff especially Miss Semplis for supporting the volunteers.



Below are some photos from the day. If you work for a company or know anyone who would like to help or volunteer at our school, do let us know. It is through these kinds of support and grants that we are able to do more at school. It is always nice for the children to see and talk to male and female role models who may also share the work that they do. We also need people who can inspire the children to do more gardening and plant more vegetables/fruit. **It is that time again to ask if you could donate bags of compost, seeds and large planters for our ongoing gardening project.**



PTA
It is with regret that the PTA Quiz night has been cancelled due poor ticket sales. I know that Ben McLeish and other members of the PTA had worked hard to organise an entertaining evening. I am sure the next Quiz Night will be well attended. I hope that more parents can get involved in the next fundraising event which is the Summer fair/Sports Day. Do let the PTA or the school office know if you can help or offer support through external networks/company.



A reminder of **Challenge 2026** – we hope that your children are enjoying completing their chores and other commitments to raise funds for the school. Monies collected will go towards outdoor educational signs and quality playground equipment.

Other News Around the School

Science in Y2/3

Years 2 and 3 have been learning about plants in science this half term and we had a go at planting and growing some sunflowers. The children measured the soil and water to make sure we have a fair test, and we will be observing and recording their growth over the next few weeks. I wonder how tall they will grow?

Miss Ambrose and Mrs Kumar

The Jobs People Do – Reception and Year 1



Last Friday, **Reception and Year 1** joined a zoom call to learn all about different people who work with animals including an Ecologist, a Civil Engineer and a Virologist. We listened to the people talk about their job and were able to ask questions about the work that they do.



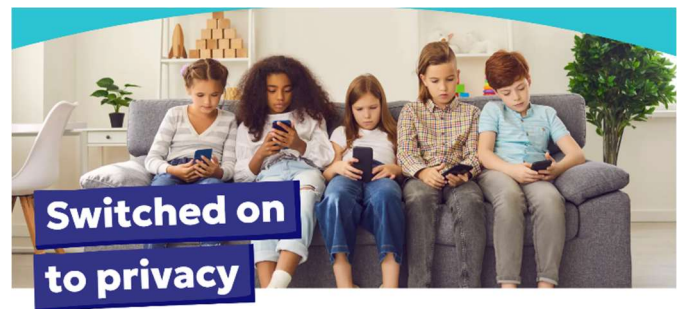
Fun at Forest School – Year 4




Safeguarding


This is an **excellent resource for all parents** who are trying to navigate children's use of social media and the internet. Easy to read guidance and short videos may help raise awareness and offer ideas/suggestions of how to support your child growing up in a cyber world:

https://ico.org.uk/switched-on-to-privacy/?es_c=EFBF01B45A2DA0CA16C858AFE7EE9AC3&es_cl=12C99FF849A8106900BB57F80B2FB5C6&es_id=ph7%c2%a3o1







DORNEY SCHOOL SAFEGUARDING AND CHILD PROTECTION TEAM



Mrs Lee
Headteacher



Mrs Smith
Deputy Headteacher/SLMCO



Mrs Wheeler
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

21.05.26 – School closes to all children for half term at 3.30pm

22.05.26 – Inset Day

25. to 29.05.26 – Half Term

01.06.26 – School opens to all children at 8.30am

18.06.26 – Grandparents/Families/Culture Day Morning – more information to follow

25.06.26 – Sports Day – more information to follow

26.06.26 – Back Up Sports Day

Have a good weekend.

Mrs Sharifah Lee
Headteacher

Pupil Achievements



Sahib won gold in her category during a Judo tournament. Sahib said that this was the hardest competition yet. Well done!

Oscar is now able to swim 1000 metres without aid! What an achievement!

