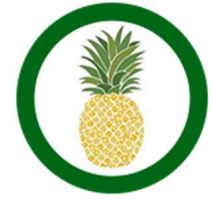


# DORNEY SCHOOL



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Dear parents,

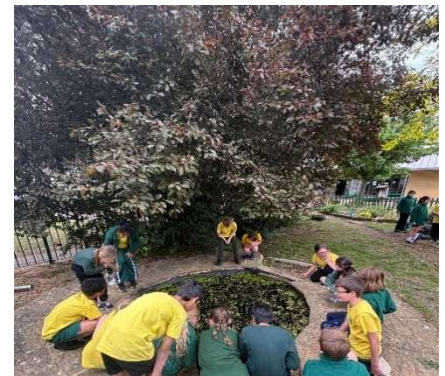
Congratulations and well done to our Year 6 cohort for completing their KS2 SATs tests last week. Seven years of building on key knowledge and skills culminate to this point. Our Year 6 had well deserved pizzas, popcorn and a movie afternoon to celebrate. However, they know that the next half-term is also time to prepare for the next phase of their education. Thank you to all parents and staff who have helped and supported the children. A special thanks to Mrs West and the Year 6 staff team for their hard work this term.

## News Around the School

### Year 4 Science



This week in Science, Year 4 went on a walk around school to collect some data! We were looking for vertebrates and invertebrates and also for different types of plants. We also talked about how we could present this data using different graphs or charts.



### Year 2/3 Trip to Winchester Planetarium

This week, Years 2 and 3 visited the Winchester Science Centre where we got to take part in a workshop and watch a space show at the planetarium. The children got to explore different interactive science exhibitions about space, sound and liquids. They also got to go to a workshop about the 'Science of Me' where we learnt all about the heart and the importance of the hearts in our bodies. We even got the opportunity to see an actual sheep's heart! There was also a space show at the planetarium where we learnt about the different stars, constellations and planets in space. This was a great school trip and we all enjoyed the day thoroughly.



## Staff Update

Congratulations to Mrs Parkash and her husband on the safe delivery of their son, Jovan. We wish the family, and the new arrival all the very best.

## Safeguarding

Pupil absences can become a safeguarding matter and this is the reason, among other reasons, that all schools take attendance seriously. This information can be found in Bucks County website <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-attendance-and-supporting-children-in-education/school-attendance-guidance/children-who-are-persistently-absent/>

### Children who are persistently absent

If a child is persistently absent, the headteacher may decide to refer the child to our County Attendance team. A child may be referred to us when:

- attendance is below 90%
- multiple absences have occurred in the previous 5 weeks
- the majority of absences are unauthorised

The school must attempt to address the absence with parents or carers first.

If no improvements are made and the school can provide evidence of these efforts, then the referral can be made.

## 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

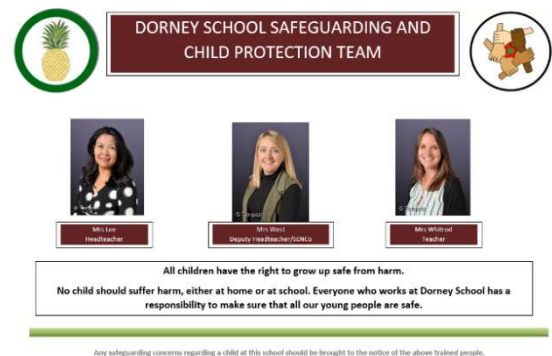
**25.06.26** – Sports Day – more information to follow

**26.06.26** – Back Up Sports Day

As we head into the half-term, please do remember to provide your child with a refillable water bottle, named sun cream, sunglasses (if appropriate) and a sun hat/cap. All items must be labelled and the school cannot be held responsible for any loss of damage, so please do not buy expensive items for school.

Thank you for your ongoing support. I wish everyone a happy half-term. Do remember that school is **NOT** open to pupils on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May and will reopen on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June.

Mrs Sharifah Lee  
Headteacher



The poster features a central title box: "DORNEY SCHOOL SAFEGUARDING AND CHILD PROTECTION TEAM". To the left is a pineapple icon, and to the right is a teddy bear icon. Below the title are three portrait photos of staff members: Mrs Lee (Headteacher), Mrs West (Deputy Headteacher/SLMCo), and Mrs Wilson (Teacher). Below the photos is a text box stating: "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." At the bottom, a small line of text reads: "Any safeguarding concerns regarding a child at this school should be brought to the notice of the above named people."





## Reception

Elle for being super helpful in the classroom and always being kind to others  
Delilah for her super independent writing skills, sounding out words and using finger spaces clearly

## Year 1

Libby for an excellent progress in the presentation written work  
Ethan for always trying his best and completing tasks on time

## Year 2

Amelia for settling in beautifully in Year 2 with new routines and learning

## Year 3

Karam for his lovely handwriting in English last week  
Brettly for his amazing effort in English this week – keep it up!

## Year 4

Kya for writing an excellent book review about Weslandice – well done!  
Simran for super learning and focus in all lessons – well done!

## Year 5

Rex for a fantastic effort in Maths and improved arithmetic  
Eimear for creative ideas and elevated vocabulary choices in writing

## Year 6

All of Year 6 for an excellent week completing their SATs, all trying their best!

## Achievement

**Ava** for winning in her kick boxing competitions.

**Lilly** for placed medals in dance competitions.



**Oscar** for being able to swim 1.5km (1500m) unaided.



**Alfie** for winning medals in gymnastics.





**Amreet and Avni** both entered their first gymnastics competition on Sunday 10th May. Amreet was awarded 2nd place for Vault and Avni was awarded 2nd place for floor/trampoline.



## Choose Fun

# fun fest

HOLIDAY CLUB

**Holiday club for 3-12 year olds**  
**May half term Tue 26<sup>th</sup> - Fri 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**Huge choice of over 50+ activities**  
**Open 8am - 6pm at Long Close School, Slough**

**Sibling, full day & weekly discounts available**

**Tax Free Childcare vouchers accepted**

**For more information:** [www.fun-fest.co.uk/hounslow](http://www.fun-fest.co.uk/hounslow)

01753 396274 **Fun Fest Holiday Clubs**

The Croft Clinic

## ☕ Coffee Morning Event

### Making Sense of Neurodiversity

**Friday 5 June 2026** | **11:30am – 1:00pm**

**Wellness Suite, The Odney Club**  
 Odney Lane, Maidenhead, Berkshire, SL6 9SR

**Guest Speaker: Masie Cass**  
 Founder of Diversity Does  
 ADHD Speaker & Neurodiversity Consultant

Join us for a relaxed and welcoming morning of **coffee, connection, and conversation.**

This insightful session will explore ADHD and autism through a compassionate, real-life lens—helping you better understand experiences beyond labels and build greater clarity & confidence.

Open to individuals, families, and those in local schools, whether already part of our clinic community or joining us for the first time.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP to [admin@thecroftclinic.com](mailto:admin@thecroftclinic.com), along with any dietary requirements.

