

DORNEY SCHOOL



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Dear parents,



June 2026

The school stands alongside all marginalised communities in their continued fight for equality and celebrate every successful milestone with them. Staff and children are proud of our rainbow school where all unique colours come together to make the most hopeful and beautiful of rainbows.

Sun Safety

Thank you for supplying your child with appropriate sun safe items for school. I was certainly glad that the hottest days so far were over the half-term as the extraordinary heatwave would have been very uncomfortable for all at school!

Please remember that **jewellery is not permitted** to be worn at school unless these are small ear studs (due to health and safety reasons) and religious items. Religious bangles or chains should be indiscrete and worn under school uniform if possible. Thank you for your support with this.

School Spaces

We currently have a few spaces left for our Reception class in September. If you know of any friends or family who are still undecided about school spaces, do ask them to get in touch with us or come and visit the school for themselves!



News Around the School

Year 1 and Year 4 summer trip

Year 1 and Year 4 had an amazing trip this week to the Look Out Discovery Centre. We had a wonderful time trying lots of different hands-on activities around the centre. We also had the chance to go on a bug hunt after learning lots of interesting facts about



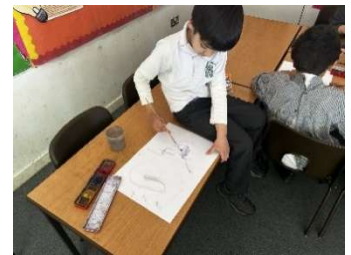
habitats, animals and insects. During our bug hunt we found ladybirds, spiders and even a dragonfly! Well done Year 1 and Year 4 for super listening and excellent learning throughout the day!



Year 2 London Art Project



In year 2 this half term we have been reading 'A Walk Through London' in English. This week the year 2 children made some London skyline art using their knowledge of London buildings from the story. We included Buckingham Palace, Big Ben and The London Eye. Well done year 2!



Year 3 Cricket Session at Alfriston School



Year 3 were invited to attend a session of cricket at Alfriston School. We may just have the next Joe Root, Jofra Archer, Adil Rashid or Alice Capsey or Issy Wong waiting

to be discovered amongst our midst!

Design and Technology in Years 2 and 3

This half term years 2 and 3 have been learning about moving mechanisms. In DT today we made our own moving monsters using balloons. The children showed excellent problem-solving skills when their builds where not going to plan. The final products looked amazing. Well done year 2 and 3!



Will you add your name to this petition?



We all remember Teddy Hobbs who sadly passed away on 23rd September 2025. Teddy's parents, Charlotte and Christopher are asking everyone in our community to sign a petition to install accessible changing benches for disabled children in public venues. Having such facilities available would have made travelling and going out much easier for children such as Teddy and their families. Do consider putting your name to https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/763785?fbclid=IwDGRzaARwkyjBGNrBHCSumV4dG4DYWVtAjExAHNyDGMGYXBwX2lkDDM1MDY4NTUzMTcyOAABHtEYWXnimu-pxaxBfRATs96YGMDtJ68DLAlaGALyoiNbnP-WttPlahBliXFc_aem_N38fJZDNALYRKh7Lfg9JIQ&utm_id=97758_v0_s00_e224_tv4_tp1_a1dennhbcz6jj&fnsn=scwspwa



As the weather is set to be warmer and families and their children enjoy the poolside and other open waters, it is also important to teach our children about water safety. This week is **Drowning Prevention Week**. The statistics of deaths by drowning each year is shocking and who can forget the poor teenagers who could not be rescued from our local rivers a few years ago?

Do take a look at this useful resource that you may wish to share with your children https://www.canva.com/design/DAHI37w98Zk/1MVGQZj83B59-ZYousQm3A/view?utm_content=DAHI37w98Zk&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link2&utm_source=uniquelinks&utlId=h8accd0d3a5

Safeguarding

I will continue to share here some resources that may help you and your child navigate the ever-increasing online world. As parents and staff, we do need to take heed of the increasing dangers the online world and AI pose to our children. Every day brings new horror stories of children being exploited, manipulated and abused by individuals, criminals and their organisations. We are all obliged to learn how to keep our children safe navigating online spaces.

<https://ico.org.uk/switched-on-to-privacy/switched-on-to-privacy-checklist/>

The government is sharing new guidance regarding the use of **mobile phones at school**. Many schools have banned mobile phones onsite. In our school, Year 6 children may bring a phone to school for safekeeping,

DORNEY SCHOOL SAFEGUARDING AND CHILD PROTECTION TEAM

Mrs. Lee
Headteacher

Mrs. Miles
Deputy Headteacher/SLMCo

Mrs. Wilson
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.



only to be able to use them to communicate with parents when they leave the school site. Alongside other local schools, we are in the process of only allowing 'brick/basic phones' at school soon. Parents will be informed when this will become policy.

PTA News

Dear All,

Next PTA meeting has been booked at The Pineapple on **Wednesday 10th June 2026 between 6 and 8 pm**. We are planning for the summer event and next academic year and are super in need of new support. Please come along during the above times to join in with making our events fun for our children. No offer of help is too small!

We can't wait to meet you!

Your Dorney PTA 🍌

Dates for Your Diary

Do remember Families/Culture Day on Thursday 18th June 2026.

This year, we would like to combine Celebrating Families Day with an invitation to all grandparents to come into school (9-11am) and have fun with their grandchildren and other people's grandchildren too!

All parents are invited to come in at **2pm** to enjoy the afternoon looking at their child's work, and mingle with other families. A selection of cakes and treats will be available to purchase in the hall - do bring cash for your purchase.

Between **1pm and 2pm**, do let your child's teacher know or email the office, if you would like a few minutes to share a story, part of your culture or family history with your child's class. Your session could be as long 15 minutes or shorter - this depends on you. The best sessions have been when parents bring in a story from their childhood or culture, artefacts or objects from the past, photos of their families, traditional clothes etc

During the grandparent's session in the morning, unless a grandparent requires mobility or other support, this invitation is **for grandparents only**. I do hope you will understand the necessity to ensure the school can reasonably accommodate the number of visitors at school safely.

Please give an indication by filling in below form if your child's grandparents are attending the session, and answer some of the questions to the best of your ability. Once we receive all information, we will send further details about the session/day.

This form must be submitted by Tuesday, 9th June 2026 12pm

<https://forms.gle/2vK9WbfuUGGUKcVd6>

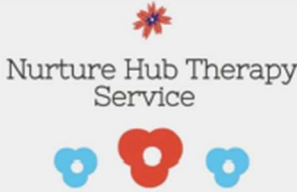


25.06.26 – Sports Day – more information to follow

26.06.26 – Back Up Sports Day

Thank you as ever for your ongoing support. We hope to see many parents during Families/Culture Day and on Sports Day.

Mrs Sharifah Lee
Headteacher



Low-Cost Counselling for Parent Carers



We offer low-cost counselling for parent carers of children or young people with SEND - regardless of whether they have a formal diagnosis. As a team, we have experience ourselves as parent carers, and are passionate about supporting parent carer mental health.

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- Up to 20 weeks of telephone or Zoom counselling. Our prices are affordable, starting from £35 a session.
- Online therapeutic groups, which are free to attend (donations gratefully accepted) - such as our monthly, online creative therapy group.
- 1:1, one-off, behavioural support and advice sessions - practical support to help you make sense of your child's behaviour.

For more information, or to register your interest, please reach out to us at: nurturehub@icloud.com

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Online Creative Therapy Group for Parent Carers

...on the first Tuesday of each month, from 10am - 11am.

For parent carers of all artistic abilities, with a child or young person with special educational needs or disabilities - no need for a diagnosis!

Free to all - but donations are welcomed via our website.

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