

Newsletter

Spring Term 3 Week 1

Friday 10th January 2025

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Kind
Resilient
Respectful



Welcome back and a very happy new year to you all!

What an exciting first week back it has been. The children all returned and settled straight back into their learning on Monday. Then of course we had the excitement of the snow falling late on Wednesday evening. It was lovely to hear from the children on the playground stories of them playing out in the snow. Fortunately, this did not disrupt the school day and normality was restored for the remainder of the week.

In assembly we spoke about the children's goals for 2025. I really enjoy hearing their ambitious plans for the year; they are certainly going to be busy. I shared with the children my resolution to learn Spanish and that after 12 months on Duolingo I had already made 2251 mistakes. This really resonated with the children who all recognised this represented our value of resilience and the power of "I can't do something **yet**". I now have lots of our bilingual children approaching me to teach me some new vocabulary which is wonderful! 😊

Best wishes for the weekend!

Matt Doody, Headteacher

Closing date for primary school applications

A reminder that the closing date for primary applications for children starting school in September 2025 is **Wednesday 15th January**. To find out how to apply and for further information please visit: [how to apply for a primary school place](https://www.dentonprimaryschool.co.uk/how-to-apply-for-a-primary-school-place)

Parents' Evening – term 3

A letter with information regarding Parents' Evening was sent home this week via School Ping.

[Click on this link to make a booking.](#)

Monday 3rd February (3:30 – 6:00pm)

Tuesday 6th February (3:30 – 6:00pm)

Clubs & enrichment opportunities at Denton

We pride ourselves in ensuring the children have a full curriculum covered throughout the school year. We also make every effort to provide additional opportunities for extracurricular activities outside of the school day. Do visit our website to have a look if there is something your child might like to get involved in.

<https://www.dentonprimaryschool.co.uk/clubs>

Celebration Assembly – Friday 10th January

After a pause in celebration assemblies due to Christmas performances it is wonderful to have these back for the spring term. Here is who was recognised for over and above learning this week:

Reception – Elodie Card

Year 1 – Fern Rutherford-West

Year 2 – Aoife Turner

Year 3 – Cooper-Jaxson South

Year 4 – Leo Barnett

Year 5 – Sonny Lovett

Year 6 – Stanley Funnell



Our attendance for this week:

Whole school: 96.3%

Reception: 94.8%

Year 1: 95.0%

Year 2: 96.9%

Year 3: 97.0%

Year 4: 98.3%

Year 5: 96.0%

Year 6: 95.4%

Attendance Matters



Key Dates (term 3 & 4)

Thursday 16th January – Census Day (change of menu): see poster at the back of newsletter
Monday 3rd February – Parents' Evening (3:30 – 6:00pm)
Thursday 6th February – Parents' Evening (3:30 – 6:00pm)
Thursday 27th February – Whales Assembly (9:00am)
Thursday 6th March – World Book Day (dress up as your favourite book character)
Thursday 6th March – Starfish Assembly (9:00am)
Friday 7th March – INSET day
Thursday 10th March – Turtles Assembly (9:00am)
Thursday 20th March – Penguins Assembly (9:00am)
Thursday 27th March – Seahorses Assembly (9:00am)
Wednesday 2nd April – Just Dance (7:00pm)
Thursday 3rd April – Dolphins Assembly (9:00am)

Staffing Updates

Over the Christmas holidays Miss Murphy, who is one of our Nursery TAs, made the decision to leave Denton. Miss Murphy joined in September and I am sure you will all join me in wishing her well for the future.

We welcome Mrs Stokes to Denton who is joining us in Penguins (year 3) as the class teacher on a Monday and Friday. Mrs Stokes will be teaching the class until Mrs Ford returns from maternity leave in the summer term.

KS2 SATs - Advanced notice

We wanted to give you advanced warning that Year 6 will sit their end of key stage assessments in the summer term. The assessments will be for the week beginning Monday 12th May.

Vacancies at Denton

In light of recent changes in staffing we currently have two Teaching Assistant vacancies at Denton. If you know of anyone who would be interested in applying then please do direct them to the [vacancies page](#) on our website.

Term Dates

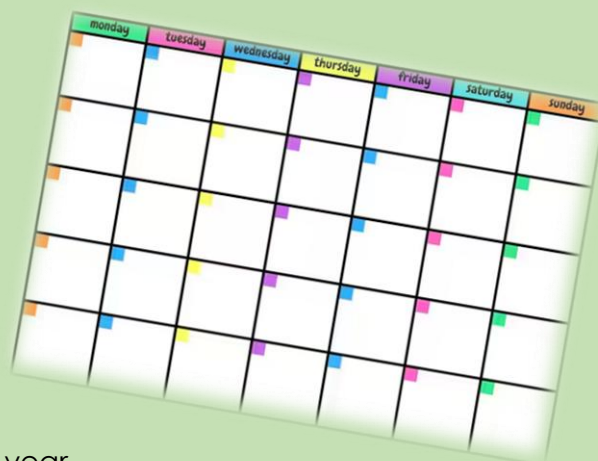
Term 3: Monday 6th January to Friday 14th February
February half term: Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February

Term 4: Monday 24th February to Friday 4th April
Friday 7th March – INSET day
Easter Holiday: Monday 7th April to Friday 18th April

Term 5: Tuesday 22nd April to Friday 23rd May
May half term: Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May

Term 6: Monday 2nd June to Tuesday 22nd July
Monday 21st July – INSET day
Tuesday 22nd July – INSET day

All INSET days have now been set for this academic year.





Our children love our playtimes. They have the freedom to explore, create, imagine and be physically active. This is due to our OPAL play provision which encourages these positive experiences. This was recognised by Ofsted in our recent inspection who described our playtimes as "**JOYOUS**".

If you've had a sort out over Christmas and are looking to get rid of anything then we've listed some items which are suitable for donating. Please bring donations to the front gate in the morning and speak with Mr Doody or Mrs Buss.

Thank you for your continued support.



Bikes & Scooters



Lego & Building Blocks



Small World



And this is just some of the fun they have!

We regularly celebrate all the children's great ideas for play in assemblies.



Thursday 16 January 2025

GRAB YOURSELF A

PIZZA



THE ACTION

KS1 - Free

KS2 - £2.97

MAINS

pick a slice of your favourite

BBQ Chicken

or

“Big Foot” Veggie Supreme (v)

SIDES

Potato Wedges

Cucumber and Tomato Salad

DESSERT

Vanilla Ice Cream

or Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

Also Available:- Jacket Potato with Cheese or Baked Beans