

Newsletter

Summer Term 6 Week 1

Friday 6th June 2025

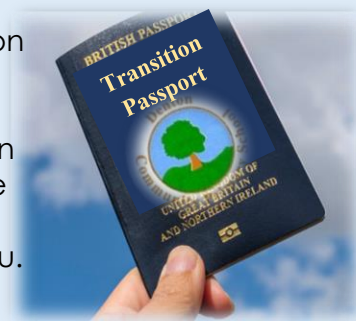
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Resilient
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Welcome back to term 6! Despite the wet weather I do hope you all managed to have a restful half term. A huge well done to all our children in **year 4** this week who completed their statutory multiplication check. The children breezed through the check and embraced the opportunity to show how strong their times tables knowledge is. In whole school assembly we have begun conversations with the children about **transition** and getting ready for the next year. The children have been given their transition passports so perhaps you could ask them about what is involved as I know they will be keen to share this with you. Thank you to everyone who supported our **FADS Father's Day** event today and to our volunteers who gave their time to run the event.

Next week the children will be taking part in **community action week**. Each year group is participating in an activity that gives back to the community. I will write to you next week with a summary of what they get up to. However the community spirit has already begun as our eco team of children, from Y1-Y6, worked together as a team to ensure the field was looking beautiful for this weekend's community event, which as you're aware has been sadly cancelled. Nevertheless, it was still a worthwhile activity. We talked about ways to clear the area safely, using our new litter pickers and gloves which have kindly been provided by FADS.



The Denton Voice

Seeing as it is community action next week I have asked my classmates what people could do better for the environment and the most popular answers were: no littering, recycle more, plant trees and less pollution for example walking/cycling to school instead of using the car. But there were a few interesting ideas such as using more second hand items rather than buying new – thanks Sajida for this one! Also don't over shop which means only buy what you need – great thinking Mr Kettle. All of that is true so look after OUR environment Denton...it's the only one we've got.

Embla Daniels (Year 5)

Celebration Assembly – Friday 6th June

These children were recognised in whole school assembly for their over and above learning this week.

Reception – Freya Sivard

Year 1 – Fern Rutherford-West

Year 2 – Willow Englefield

Year 3 – Joe Swainbank

Year 4 – Teddy Partridge

Year 5 – Matthew Crompton

Year 6 – Ruby Walsh



Our attendance for **this week**:

Whole school: 95.2%

Reception: 95.6%

Year 1: 92.7%

Year 2: 95.0%

Year 3: 96.1%

Year 4: 95.4%

Year 5: 96.9%

Year 6: 94.8%

Attendance Matters



OPAL – parent stay & play event

We invite all parents and carers to join the OPAL team in the school hall at 1:15 PM for a short presentation and a chance to ask questions about our playtimes. Afterwards, you'll be welcome to head outside and take part in a special OPAL playtime with the children. There's no need to book or sign up: just bring along a loose part or piece of play equipment as your "entry fee" to the event!



Bikes & Scooters

We encourage children to use bicycles and scooters as a sustainable and healthy way to travel to school.

However we discourage the use of electric scooters (e-scooters) due to safety and legal concerns. Please note that the school does not accept any responsibility or liability for the loss, theft, or damage of bicycles, scooters, or e-scooters brought onto school premises. Students bring these items at their own risk.

For the safety of all members of our school community, children must not ride bikes or scooters while on the school site. Thank you for your support with this.

Term Dates (2024 – 2025)

Last day of term 6 for children is Friday 18th July.



Newhaven Repair Cafe is taking place this Sunday 8th June, 2.30-4.30 at Meeching Hall, 2 Fort Road BN9 9QQ. Bring along any broken household items / electrical things / zips / clothes for fixing and browse our 'free' table. And enjoy free tea and cake.



Key Dates – term 5 & 6

~~Saturday 7th June – Denton Community Challenge Summer Fair~~
Thursday 12th June – OPAL Playtimes Parent Stay & Play (1:15pm)
Tuesday 24th June – New Reception Parents Stay & Play
Thursday 26th June – Reception Blackberry Farm Trip
Tuesday 8th July – Sports Day: KS2 (9:00am) KS1 (1:15pm)
Wednesday 9th July – Sports Day: EYFS (2:00pm)
Wednesday 9th July - Year 6 Performance (6pm)
Thursday 10th July – Year 6 Performance (6pm)
Monday 14th July – Year 6 Leaver's Assembly
Friday 18th July – last day of term for all children

NEXT YEAR - Term Dates (2025 – 2026)

Term 1: Wednesday 3rd September – Friday 24th October

Wednesday 3rd September – INSET

Thursday 4th September – INSET

Children in years 1 – 6 return to school after the summer holidays on Friday 5th September

Reception children will be contacted by the class teacher about their staggered start

October half term: Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October

Term 2: Monday 3rd November – Friday 19th December

Christmas Holidays: Monday 22nd December – Friday 2nd January

Term 3 starts: Monday 5th January

School Uniform

Thank you to everyone for ensuring their child is in the correct uniform.

As a school, we believe the following are benefits from children all wearing school uniform:

- Wearing a uniform enables our children to feel part of a community
- Families have the opportunity to purchase economical, functional and practical clothing
- Setting a standard uniform helps to eliminate peer pressure on families to provide 'expensive and fashionable' items for daily wear
- Promotes equality amongst all children
- Helps us identify children and keep them safe when in public areas e.g. school trips
- Maintains the high public regard for the school

School Uniform

White shirt/blouse/polo-shirt
Blue/white gingham dress
Navy jumper/cardigan (no hoodies)
Black/charcoal trousers/skirt
Plain black shoes or trainers

PE Kit

White t-shirt
Black shorts/leggings
Black trainers/plimsolls



Please remember that the school does not insist families purchase clothing with a Denton badge. We find that all main supermarkets and clothing stores have unbranded school uniform available and they tend to be more cost effective.

Support Available (FREE)

Newhaven Uniform Bank supply good quality second hand uniform **free of charge**.



Starts 5 July 2025 Ends 6 September 2025

Join this year's Summer Reading Challenge at

www.eastsussex.gov.uk/src



The Summer Reading Challenge is a national scheme produced by the Reading Agency and delivered by public libraries that encourages children to keep reading during the school summer holidays – and to enjoy anything they like to read! Children aged 4-11 are invited to take part and collect rewards for their reading, giving them a positive experience of reading for pleasure.

It's **FREE** to take part. Sign your child up at www.eastsussex.gov.uk/src You can ask a one of our volunteers or a member of staff for help if you need it.

The Challenge will begin in [East Sussex libraries](#) on Saturday 5th July and end on Saturday 6th September.

The Challenge is to read any six books borrowed from the library or downloaded from our [ebook library](#). For children under 4 we have the Pre-school Challenge, where you can collect stickers for each book shared and a special medal sticker at the end.

Children signing up for the Challenge get a character sticker and a Reader Record. Children will be able to collect a prize for each of the six books they have read. When they finish the Challenge they will get a certificate which they can receive in school or at the library. The Challenge is for all children, whatever their reading ability. Children who are not reading independently can share their books with a family member or friend, or they might prefer to listen to audio books.

To take part in **Story Garden** children need to have their own library card and PIN. It is easy and free to become a member of the library. Take something with your name, address and signature to the library and you can join the whole family. You can [reset your child's PIN online](#) if you can't remember it, or ask in the library for a new one. You will need the PIN to sign up to the Challenge.

We have lots of free events over the summer holidays happening in our libraries. You can also visit <http://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/> for online fun games, author interviews and book recommendations.

Claire Morley

Librarian

East Sussex County Council