

## Newsletter

Summer Term 6 Week 2

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2025

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Kind  
Resilient  
Respectful



We've had another fantastic week at school, filled with achievements, community spirit, and joyful moments!

☀ Well done to Year 1 for completing their Phonics Screening Check this week! The children approached the challenge with great enthusiasm and resilience—we are incredibly proud of their hard work and progress.

🌳 A big thank you to everyone who joined us for the OPAL Stay and Play event. It was wonderful to see so many families enjoying the outdoor activities together. Your support helps us continue to build a rich and playful learning environment for all our children.

👏 Community Action Week has been a huge success! Each year group took on a special task or activity to give back to our local community—from litter picking and planting flowers to writing letters to care home residents. The children showed kindness, teamwork, and a strong sense of responsibility. We are so proud of their efforts to make a positive difference.

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement. Have a lovely weekend!

### Celebration Assembly – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June

This week we held a slightly different celebration assembly. As a whole school we recognised the impact each class made during our special community action week.

Year 1 – Dolphins have written letters to their local MP about climate change.

Year 2 – Seahorse class have written letters to people in a local care home with the hope they will become pen pals 😊

Year 3 – Penguins collected food which has been donated to the local food bank.

Year 4 – Turtles shared how they made bee hotels which will be put up around the community to look after our bee population.

Year 5 – Starfish presented a video they had produced of them making birdfeeders to support local wildlife.

Year 6 – children from Whales spoke about how they helped to tidy areas of the school to promote taking care of our environment.



Our dodgeballers have made the national finals for the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year. A huge congratulations to the team who came 3<sup>rd</sup> overall at the South East regionals. The result means they will travel to Stoke in July in a bid to become UK champions.



### Our attendance for **this week**:

Whole school: 94.1%

Reception: 93.3%

Year 1: 98.9%

Year 2: 96.6%

Year 3: 91.6%

Year 4: 97.0%

Year 5: 88.5%

Year 6: 91.8%

### Attendance Matters





## OPAL Stay & Play

As mentioned earlier, thank you so much to everyone who attended our OPAL Stay and Play event and donated loose parts. After speaking with the children today, it was clear they thoroughly enjoyed having the grown-ups in school to play! We've also listened to your feedback regarding the presentation being too long. We're planning to run similar events in the new academic year, and your comments will be taken into careful consideration to help us improve future sessions.



## Key Dates – term 5 & 6

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June – Charity Bike Ride

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June – New Reception Parents Stay & Play

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Reception Blackberry Farm Trip

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July – Sports Day: KS2 (9:00am) KS1 (1:15pm)

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July – Sports Day: EYFS (2:00pm)

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Performance (6pm)

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Performance (6pm)

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Leaver's Assembly

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July – last day of term for all children**

Thank you to everyone for supporting us in ensuring that children do not use their bikes or scooters on the school site during drop-off and pick-up times.

This helps us keep everyone safe while on school grounds.

The children have responded to this request with great maturity and responsibility.

## Term Dates (2024 – 2025)

Last day of term 6 for children is Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July.

## 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

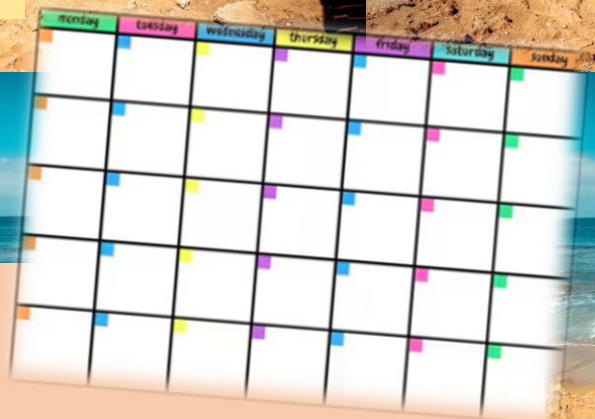
Reception children will be contacted by the class teacher about their staggered start

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](http://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](http://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