

## Newsletter

Summer Term 6 Week 3

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2025

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Kind  
Resilient  
Respectful



This week, I wanted to share our plans for supporting children as they transition into their next year group. We recognise that this change can bring a mix of emotions, and I want to reassure you that we, as a school, are committed to supporting every child in the best way possible.

Recently, we introduced our **Transition Passports** during assemblies, and the children have really enjoyed ticking off their achievements as they prepare for the next phase of their learning. On **Friday 11th July**, they will take part in **Transition Day**, where they'll meet their new teacher and spend time in their future classroom, exploring what will feel familiar—and what will be new—next year.

Throughout Term 6, we've built in time for teachers to have a full **handover**, discussing both the academic and pastoral needs of their new classes. For our Year 6 children, transition to secondary school looks slightly different—each school offers its own programme, and they will be in touch with you directly to share key information.

Additionally, we are fortunate to be supported by the SEND Strategic Lead for the Havens area, who is overseeing a transition project across Newhaven and Peacehaven to help all Year 6 children feel ready and confident.

We know our children will approach these changes with their usual brilliant resilience. At the same time, if anyone is feeling a little wobbly, please know we are here and ready to support in every way we can.

### Fundraising Bike Ride

Well done to everyone who took part in the Bike Ride on Wednesday 18th June! A huge thank you to Mrs Buss for organising such a fantastic event, and an equally big thank you to all the parents and carers who kindly volunteered their time to help out. We're incredibly grateful for your support in helping the children gather donations—so far, we've raised nearly £800! But most of all, thank you to our wonderful children, who showed tremendous determination and commitment throughout the day. They were an absolute credit to you and to our school.



### Celebration Assembly – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June

It was back to our usual Celebration Assembly this morning. See below who was resongised for their incredible learning and commitment to Denton.

Reception – Katherine Woodward-King

Year 1 – Ibrahim Aziz

Year 2 – Elijah Simmons

Year 3 – Jayden Chapman & Bertie Norris

Year 4 – George Pierce

Year 5 – India Sibthorpe

Year 6 – Teddy Finch



Our attendance for **this week**:

Whole school: 95.1%

Reception: 95.3%

Year 1: 97.9%

Year 2: 95.2%

Year 3: 93.6%

Year 4: 97.7%

Year 5: 93.5%

Year 6: 94.8%

Attendance Matters



### Bugsy Malone – TICKETS ON SALE FROM MONDAY!

Tickets for our end-of-year performance of Bugsy Malone will be available from Monday 23rd June. To reserve your ticket, please visit the school office.

Price: £2 per ticket (cash only).

Please note: due to limited capacity in the hall, we kindly ask that families reserve a maximum of 2 tickets, and attend only one performance, so that everyone has the chance to enjoy the show.

If you require more than 2 tickets, please speak to Mrs Vidler in the office. She will add your name to a waiting list, and if any spare tickets become available, we will contact you.

### Key Dates – term 5 & 6

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

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June – Year 3 & 4 trip to Herstmonceux Observatory

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

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July – Year 5 Transition Day at Seahaven Academy

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 – Reports home to parents/carers

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

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

### Summer Reading Challenge

On Tuesday we were visited by Clare Morley from East Sussex Library Service who led an assembly and shared with the children this summer's reading challenge. The children should have come home with a postcard with information but there is more info at the back of this newsletter for how to sign up.

### 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





## Quiet Garden Re-Vamp

A huge thank you to our Eco-team and also parent volunteer, Carly Norris, who are working hard to give the quiet garden some TLC and rejuvenation. They will be holding weekly gardening sessions together to create neat flower beds, full of colourful flowers, to attract as many bees and insects as possible and make a positive impact on the local ecosystem. If you have any gardening tools or even seeds/cuttings that you can spare then we would very gratefully receive these! Thank you in advance for your support.

Mrs Stevens (Eco-Team Leader)



## 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