Newsletter

Summer Term 6 Week 7

Friday 18th July 2025

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As we reach the end of this academic year, I want to take a moment to say a heartfelt thank you to all the incredible staff at Denton who work tirelessly to support our wonderful children. Thank you to all our families for the lovely cards, gifts, and kind well wishes; they are truly appreciated. And of course, a huge thank you to the children, who have been the shining stars of this year . We are so proud of everything they've achieved!

- This week, our teaching staff have been busy with handover meetings to ensure they are fully briefed and ready to welcome their new classes in September.
- we have said a fond farewell to our amazing Year 6 children, who enjoyed their leavers' disco, BBQ, and final assembly. We wish them all the very best as they begin their exciting journey into secondary school and beyond.
- In our final assembly of the year, we said goodbye to some valued members of our team (as mentioned in my letter from Friday 4th July). We wish the very best of luck to: Mrs Adams, Miss Breach, Mrs Hopper, Mr Kettle, Miss Steffansdottir and Mrs Walsh.
- Thank you to everyone who has completed the parent survey. I will share the outcomes of this with you in September. I wish all our families a restful and joyful summer holiday. Thank you for your continued support during my first year at Denton, it has been a privilege to serve as your Headteacher. I'm excited to continue developing our school while maintaining the strong community ethos that makes Denton so special.
- We look forward to welcoming children in Years 1 to 6 back on **Friday 5th September**, and our new Reception children shortly afterwards for their staggered start.

Have a fantastic summer!

Mr Doody

Progress Cup Assembly – Thursday 17th July

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

Year 1 – Bertie Wake Year 2 – Emily Dixon

Year 3 – Elsie Woodcock Year 4 – Arthur Hamilton

Year 5 – George Barnett

Year 6

Due to the pandemic there were several progress cups missed which has had a knock on impact to year 6. Therefore in this last Progress Cup we have had a bumper celebration for a group of children in Whales.

Congratulations to Grace Adams, Teddy Finch, Daisy Fryer-Bushell, Chloe Hoti & Louie Martin

Our attendance for **this academic year**:

Whole school: 95.0%

Reception: 92.7%

Year 1: 94.3%

Year 2: 95.9%

Year 3: 95.2%

Year 4: 95.7%

Year 5: 94.9%

Year 6: 94.7%



Eco Team Update

We would like to say a huge thank you and congratulations on the achievements of Denton's Eco-Team this year. The children have had a fantastic attitude towards looking after our local environment. Here are some of our top achievements:

- Litter-picking in our local area
- Raising the profile and encouraging people to make positive eco choices
- Organising 'Community Action Week' which was a huge success and saw each class at Denton becoming involved in having a positive impact in our wider community
- Taking part in gardening sessions with Mrs Norris in order to make our school garden welcoming to insects and wildlife!



School Uniform

If you are updating the children's school uniform over the summer, I wanted remind our families of the school's uniform policy.

School Uniform

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

PE Kit

White t-shirt
Black shorts/leggings
Black trainers/plimsolls
Plain black shoes or trainers

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.

NEXT YEAR - Term Dates (2025 – 2026)

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

Wednesday 3rd September – INSET

Thursday 4th September – INSET

Friday 5th September - children return to school. Reception children have a staggered start – see letter sent to families at the meet the teacher day.

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: Monday 5th January – Friday 13th February

February half term: Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February

Term 4: Monday 23rd February – Friday 27th March

Easter Holidays: Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April

Term 5: Monday 13th April – Friday 22nd May

May half term: Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May

Term 6: Monday 1st June – Friday 22nd July

Please note not all INSET days have been set for next year.



An Update on Wraparound Childcare

I had really hoped that from September we would be able to provide wraparound childcare for children Monday to Friday. As you are aware from my letter dated Monday 23rd June, PLAY decided not to proceed with the terms they had originally agreed upon with the school to provide this service.

DENTON CP SCHOOL BEOFRE SCHOOL GLUB

Before School

Currently, the breakfast club is able to offer provision from Tuesday to Friday, starting at 7:30am. However, they have informed me that **if there is sufficient demand**, they would be happy to operate on Mondays as well. Please see the flyer attached at the end of the newsletter for more information. You can use the link provided to book your child a place.



After School

At present, we do not have an official after-school club on site. However, details about Nippers, a local childcare provider, are included at the back of the newsletter. They are able to collect children directly from school.

What happens next?

Following our recent parent survey, we understand that many families would like to see a wider variety of clubs offered at Denton. We will do our best to expand these opportunities during the autumn term. We are also actively seeking a suitable wraparound childcare provider and will continue to do so as a priority. However, we want to make families aware that several providers have expressed concerns about the viability and sustainability of offering this service due to the size of the school.

We will continue to run a range of extracurricular activities after school throughout the year, including choir, dodgeball, dance, Muay Thai, and ukulele. I will confirm the details of these clubs with you in September.

Important Updates to Ordering School Meals

Starting in September, all school meals must be ordered via ParentPay. Meals can be ordered in advance or on the morning of the day required, but no later than 8:30am.

If you pay for meals, please ensure there is a sufficient credit balance on your ParentPay account. Children entitled to free school meals must also place their orders online via ParentPay.

We kindly ask that any outstanding debts on ParentPay accounts be cleared before the start of the new school term in September. If there is an outstanding balance, you/your child will not be able to order a meal.

How to Book a Meal

Important Note for Year 2 Parents:

When children move into Year 3, they are no longer automatically eligible for free school meals. If you believe your child is entitled to free school meals and they are not currently registered, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

Chartwells have created this short video to show how to order a meal on ParentPay

DENTON CP SCHOOL BEOFRE SCHOOL GLUB



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5th Sept - 24th October



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Please note a minimum of 8 children is required for this club to run.

AFTER SCHOOL AND HOLLDAY CHILDCARE

N.I.P.P.E.R.S offers after school and holiday childcare where children can have fun and learn through play - we let kids be kids!

- After school club sessions include collection from school, play activities, snacks and food 3-6pm
- Holiday childcare we offer a number of sessions from 7:30am - 6pm

N.I.P.P.E.R.S plays at East Side Social Centre, Norton Terrace, Newhaven



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For more information email: nippers1973@outlook.com

We are on Facebook too!