

## Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 Week 1

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2025

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### Welcome back!

I hope you all had an enjoyable summer. Our staff had a productive two INSET days this week, revisiting our school vision and discussing our priorities for the year ahead. We also updated our knowledge around safeguarding, in line with new government guidance.

Today, it was a pleasure to welcome all our children back into school. I've been so impressed by how calmly they arrived and how quickly they settled into their new classrooms.

I will continue to send out a weekly newsletter via Ping at the end of each week to keep you updated on the amazing learning happening at Denton. You'll also receive information about important dates and upcoming events. If you know anyone who isn't receiving these updates or is having trouble accessing Ping, please encourage them to speak with the school office.

Thank you to everyone who completed our parent survey at the end of last year. In next week's edition, I'll share the results along with some responses to your feedback.

Included in this week's newsletter are key dates for Terms 1 and 2, so please do add these to your calendars or diaries.

Have a lovely weekend.

Matt Doody

Headteacher

### Meet the Teacher Event – Wednesday 10th September

In response to feedback from our parent survey, we're pleased to offer an opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher.

On Wednesday 10th September, we invite families to visit the classroom, say hello, and take a look around.

Your child's teacher will be available during this time, and we hope you'll take a moment to connect with them.



### Road Safety and Considerate Parking

Thank you for continuing to park considerately when driving to school, and for avoiding parking across driveways or on grass verges. We'd also like to remind families of an informal arrangement: during drop-off and pick-up times, Acacia Road operates as a one-way street, with all traffic flowing down the hill. This helps to keep everyone safe and ensures a smoother experience for all.



## The Denton Team

Headteacher – Mr Matt Doody

Deputy Headteacher – Miss Lara Blotz

SENCO – Mrs Lucy Hancock

Assistant Headteachers – Mrs Rachel Reffell & Mrs Julie Turner

**Nursery (Rainbowfish):** Miss Catherine Frankel, Mrs Helen Harman, Mrs Jackie Ashdown, Mrs Julie Buckingham & Miss Heidi Lawrence

**Reception (Angelfish):** Mrs Rachel Reffell, Mrs Sonia Nowicki, Miss Charlie Dyball & Mrs Kim Hogan

**Year 1 (Dolphins):** Miss Kathryn Cross, Miss Jenni Gumble & Mrs Angela Holder

**Year 2 (Seahorses):** Miss Chloe Buckingham, Miss Issy Duchossoy & Miss Oli Thornton

**Year 3 (Penguins):** Mrs Sarah Stokes, Mr Mike Bray, Miss Liv Davis & Mrs Emma Woodcock

**Year 4 (Turtles):** Mr Rian Mercer & Miss Smith

**Year 5 (Starfish):** Mrs Clare Tsaparelli & Mrs Amanda Riggs

**Year 6 (Whales):** Mrs Julie Turner, Mrs Rebecca Stevens, Mrs Debbie Bashford & Mrs Kate Duchossoy

**The Cove:** Miss Lara Blotz, Mrs Ruth Taylor, Mrs Sam McLaughlan & Mrs Nicole Wells

**Additional Teachers:** Miss Jo Ford & Mr Andrew Jeffrey

**Pastoral Leader & Additional HLTA:** Mrs Tania Buss

**Office team:** Mrs Amanda Townsend & Mrs Helen Vidler

**Caretaker:** Mr Dan Newland

## Ordering a hot dinner

At the end of last year we notified our families of a change to the way the kitchen is receiving a hot dinner order. 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 immediately. If there is an outstanding balance, you/your child will not be able to order a meal. There is a link to a short video explaining how to order a meal below.

### If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or 2...

All lunches must be ordered online via your ParentPay Accounts. All KS1 meals are FREE. You can order in advance or the night before.

### If your child is in Year 3, 4, 5 or 6...

All lunches must be ordered on line via your ParentPay Accounts. Free School Meal pupils do not need a credit balance on their accounts. If you pay for meals a credit balance must be on the account to order lunches. You can order in advance or the night before. Lunches cannot be ordered at school. 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](#)



## Wraparound Childcare

While Denton does not currently offer an official breakfast or after-school club, we actively signpost families to trusted providers: **Sports Cool**, which runs a breakfast club on-site at Denton, and **Nippers**, which offers after-school care off-site. Flyers for both services are available at the back of this newsletter.



## Key Dates

### Term 1

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September – Meet the Teacher (3:10 – 3:45pm)  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October – School Photographer – individual/sibling  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October – Parents' Evening (3:30pm – 6:00pm)  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October – Restart a heart – bring in a teddy  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October – Starfish Class Assembly (9:00am)  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October – Parents' Evening (3:30pm – 6:00pm)  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – Year 6 PGL residential  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Turtles Class Assembly (9:00am)

### Term 2

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November – Penguins Class Assembly (9:00am)  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November – Odd Socks Day  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Seahorse Class Assembly (9:00am)  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need (non-uniform / £1 donation)  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November – Dolphins Class Assembly (9:00am)  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November – FADS Christmas Fair  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November – Whales Class Assembly (9:00am)  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – Reception & Nursery Nativity  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December – Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Key Stage 2 Christmas Performance  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day (£1 donation)

## Term Dates (2025 – 2026)

**Term 1:** Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October

October half term: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October

**Term 2:** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Holidays: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January

**Term 3:** Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February

February half term: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February

**Term 4:** Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March

Easter Holidays: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April

**Term 5:** Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

May half term: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May

**Term 6:** Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July



# DENTON CP SCHOOL BEOFRE SCHOOL CLUB



## BREAKFAST CLUB TERM 1 £7 PER DAY / £24 PER WEEK

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY  
AND FRIDAYS 07:30 - 08:30  
5<sup>th</sup> SEPT - 24<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER



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

# AFTER SCHOOL AND HOLIDAY 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

FUN



CREATIVE



PLAY



# LEARN PLAY ACHIEVE ACADEMY

# FREE SEPTEMBER

FREE FOOTBALL THROUGH  
ALL OF SEPTEMBER!

NEWHAVEN FC

Y2 - Y6

Friday's

17:00 - 18:00

Outfield and GK

Fort Road,

Newhaven, BN9 9DA

NEWHAVEN FC

Y7 - Y11

Friday's

18:00 - 19:00

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