

Newsletter

Autumn Term 2 Week 3

Friday 21st November 2025

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Kind
Resilient
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This Week at Denton

This term seems to be flying by, and we're already approaching the last week of November. The children have been showcasing the learning they've acquired since September as part of Quiz Week. They have really embraced this opportunity, which not only highlights the knowledge they are secure with but also helps teachers identify gaps and misconceptions that need addressing.

Maths Week England

We've had an amazing time celebrating Maths Week! You can catch up on all the activities from the week by visiting [Maths Week England 2025](https://www.mathsweekengland.co.uk). Thank you to Mr Jeffrey for his support with this event.

Dolphins Class Highlights

Our Dolphins class wowed everyone with a fantastic assembly. Great job, Dolphins! They have had a busy week as they have also visited our local church as part of their topic learning.

Prospective Parent Open Day

On Wednesday, we welcomed lots of families to Denton. The children represented the school brilliantly, and it was a joy to showcase everything that makes Denton special. We are so proud of our reputation in the local community and parents continue to share how keen they are for their child to secure a place.

FADS Christmas Fair

This afternoon we hosted the FADS Christmas Fair. Thank you for all your generous donations to the event and for everyone who attended. The fair was full of festive cheer, especially thanks to our wonderful School Choir, who gave a magical performance.

A huge thank you to Carly and the FADS team of volunteers for their incredible hard work in making the event such a success and raising vital funds for our children.

Celebration Assembly – Friday 21st November

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

Reception – Oliver Woodford

Year 1 – Dolphins Class

Year 2 – Nellie Fowler

Year 3 – Isabella Dawson

Year 4 – Joe Swainbank

Year 5 – Alfie Watts

Year 6 – Jessica Jones



Our attendance for **this week**:

Whole school: 95.0%

Reception: 90.3%

Year 1: 91.2%

Year 2: 99.6%

Year 3: 100%

Year 4: 93.4%

Year 5: 96.4%

Year 6: 89.6%

Attendance Matters



Congratulations
Year 3!

Eco-Team Update (Mrs Stevens)

Our Eco-Team are working hard to make our school as 'green' as possible and we have some exciting projects lined up for the year. To support the children in this mission, we would love to invite you to get involved too! If you can spare any time to come in and deliver some eco-themed workshops, whether as a one-off or on a regular basis, we would love to hear from you. This could include gardening, sewing (to encourage mending rather than spending) or any other skills you may be able to offer which are eco-themed. We thank you in advance for your support!

A Gymnastics Star!

Congratulations to Tobias in Year 4 who competed at the National Gymnastics Championships last weekend in Milton Keynes.

Tobias took part in four events and came away with a **bronze** for the floor and **silver** on the vault! What an incredible achievement.



Key Dates

Term 2

Wednesday 26th November – Whales Class Assembly (9:00am)

Thursday 27th November – All Abroad! Dieppe to Newhaven 200 years anniversary workshop

Tuesday 2nd December – Choir performing at Brighton Dome

Wednesday 3rd December – EYFS Nativity (9:30am)

Monday 8th December – PANTO (paid for by FADS)

Wednesday 10th December – Year 1/2 Christmas Performance (9:45am & 2:15pm)

Thursday 11th December – Year 3/4 Christmas Performance @ St. Leonards Church (9:45am & 2:15pm)

Friday 12th December – Year 5/6 Christmas Performance @ St. Leonards Church (9:45am & 2:15pm)

Friday 12th December – Christmas Jumper Day (£1 donation for St Wilfred's Hospice)

Wednesday 17th December – Cup Assembly @ 9:00am

Wednesday 17th December – Christmas Lunch – details to follow shortly.

Term Dates (2025 – 2026)

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

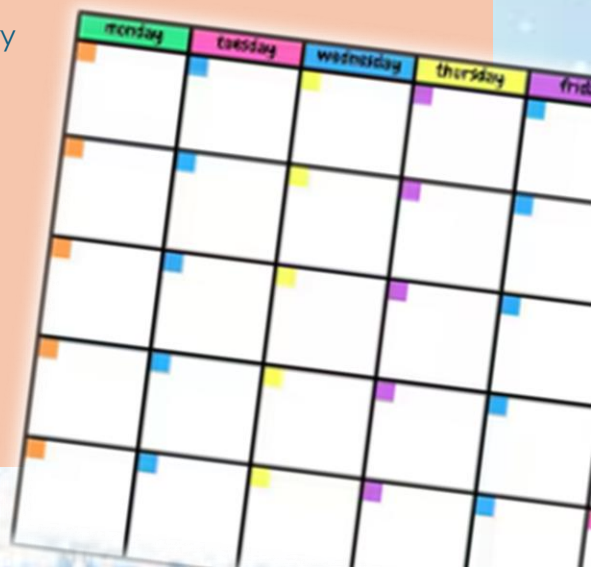
Easter Holidays: Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April

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



This week Public Health contacted all schools and asked them to circulate the following information:



UK Health
Security
Agency

Stop norovirus spreading

Norovirus, also known as the 'winter vomiting bug', is the most common stomach bug in the UK. It can spread easily through close contact, or by contaminated surfaces, food or water.

The main symptoms of norovirus include a sudden onset of nausea, followed by projectile vomiting and diarrhoea, usually 1 to 2 days after becoming infected. Other common symptoms include a high fever, a headache and aching arms and legs.

Good hand hygiene is important to stop norovirus spreading.

To stop norovirus spreading, you should:

- wash your hands thoroughly using soap and warm water after using the toilet or contact with a sick individual and before preparing and eating food.
- stay off school or work until you have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least two days
- not rely on alcohol gels instead of washing your hands, as these do not kill the virus
- wash any contaminated clothing or bedding using detergent at 60°C using disposable gloves to handle any items
- use bleach-based cleaners to disinfect surfaces

If you catch it, stay home for 48 hours after your symptoms clear

DO



Wash clothes and bedding at 60°C



Wash hands with soap, clean surfaces with bleach-based disinfectants



DON'T



Go to work or school, visit care homes or hospitals



Prepare food for others



Most people will make a full recovery in 2-3 days without needing any medicine. It is important to keep hydrated – especially children and the elderly.

Try not to visit A&E or GP surgeries if you have symptoms of norovirus unless advised to do so by a healthcare professional, as this may spread the bug to others. Call ahead to a GP or ring NHS 111 if you are worried about your symptoms.



CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

Wednesday 3rd December
9:30am

EYFS nativity
School hall

Wednesday 10th December
9:45am & 2:15pm

Year 1 & 2 performance
School hall

Thursday 11th December
9:45am & 2:15pm

Year 3 & 4 performance
St Leonards Church

Friday 12th December
9:45am & 2:15pm

Year 5 & 6 performance
St Leonards Church



Poppadots

A Little Town Called Home

*Magical Woodland-themed
Play Café*

Opening Saturday 13th December 2025

Unit 6, West Quay, Newhaven BN9 9GB

Entry: £6.50

Open: Monday-Sunday 9.00-6.00

4 Themed Play Huts & SEN Huts





Poppadots

A Little Town Called Home

Coffee for grown-ups - Adventures for kids

Poppadots will be a fun, inclusive space where children can explore, imagine and play in our themed role-play huts, while grown-ups relax with delicious coffee and cake.

We're so excited to bring something special to the community, also including after-school clubs and mum and baby groups.

We can't wait to welcome you through the doors soon!

On-street parking £1.50 for 2 hours
free car parks within 3 minute walk
or a 7 minute walk from town.

Follow us for updates and booking details



ENTER OUR

12 days of Christmas **Competition**

CREATE AN A4 PIECE OF ARTWORK
REPRESENTING THE 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

ARTWORK TO BE DELIVERED TO
J WAGSTAFF FUNERAL DIRECTORS,
231 SOUTHCOAST ROAD, PEACEHAVEN
BY MONDAY 8TH DECEMBER

EXCITING PRIZES FOR THE WINNING
ART WORK IN KEY STAGE 1 (AGES 4-7) &
KEY STAGE 2 (AGES 8-11)
CATEGORIES