

Newsletter

Autumn Term 2 Week 4

Friday 28th November 2025

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It's the last week of November, and it's been another jam-packed week of excitement at Denton!

On Wednesday, we were treated to a thoroughly enjoyable assembly from Whales Class. It has been brilliant to have so many of our families attend the class assemblies and I know the children really love performing to you!

On Thursday, we welcomed Julia and the All Abroad team, who delivered an engaging workshop celebrating the 200-year history of the Newhaven-Dieppe ferry line. The experience included food tasting, exploring the local fish market, and even a VR headset tour of Dieppe. The exhibition will continue to run, so if you'd like to follow this up with your children, please visit www.allabroadbus.com. The children thoroughly enjoyed the activities, especially the virtual reality tour of Dieppe. To quote one wonderful learner from our Cove setting: "I've never been on a boat before, but do you know what? I think I might like to go on one now!"

Next week we're looking forward to the EYFS Nativity next Wednesday 3rd December. The rehearsals have sounded wonderful! The performance will begin at 9:30am. Please drop your child off as usual, and then we kindly ask families to queue outside the school office until invited inside the building. Our school choir will also be heading to the Brighton Dome on Tuesday evening to perform at the One Voice event. The best of luck to all involved.

Have a wonderful weekend!



Celebration Assembly

We've finished our run of Celebration Assemblies for this term as our hall is now being used to get things ready for the upcoming Christmas performances. Well done to all the children who received a certificate in terms 1 and 2.

On Wednesday 17th December teachers will be inviting families in for Cup Assembly.

Celebration assembly will be back in term 3.



Our attendance for **this week**:

Whole school: 90.8%

Reception: 94.3%

Year 1: 79.3%

Year 2: 88.5%

Year 3: 94.0%

Year 4: 92.5%

Year 5: 91.7%

Year 6: 94.6%



Rising Stars Singing

Congratulations to Ava and Bea in year 6 who have been recognised for their exceptional singing abilities at their out of school singing club.



THANK YOU to everyone who supported the FADS Christmas fair. As a result of your support the FADS have raised £1033 to contribute to projects for our children.



Bikeability Success Congratulations to all the children who completed their Bikeability training this week! The instructors were full of praise, commenting on what a fantastic group of children we have at Denton and how much they enjoyed teaching them.



Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 17th December

Please ensure you order on ParentPay by 10th December. Orders received after 10th December will not be accepted and you will be required to provide a packed lunch.

Farmers' Success at Local Livestock Show

We are incredibly proud of Jacob and Ellie, who competed at a local livestock show this week. Both pupils have been working hard training their lambs, and their efforts truly paid off. Ellie achieved an impressive **2nd place in her Young Handler class**, showcasing her confidence and skill in presenting her lamb. Jacob also gave a fantastic performance in what was a very busy and competitive class, demonstrating great care and professionalism with his lamb. A huge well done to both Jacob and Ellie for their commitment and success!



KS1 – Free
KS2 – £3.06

Christmas Lunch

MAINS

Roast Turkey with Pork Sausage Meat Bite
or
Roasted Vegetable and Cranberry Slice (V)

SIDES

Roast Potatoes, Stuffing, Carrots, Peas and Gravy

DESSERTS

Vanilla Christmas Shortbread or Fresh Fruit

*Menus may be subject to change

Chartwells

OPAL – making exceptional playtimes

If you are having a clear out of items before the Christmas season please could you consider if they would be suitable to donate to school as part of our OPAL playtimes.

We are interested in any of the following:

- Small world items – lego / duplo / plastic figurines / building blocks / teddies / small toys
- Suitcases of any size and type
- Tools like spades, trowels, brooms and buckets for our sandpit
- Nets and ropes
- Keyboards/torches/laptops/calculators
- Foam sheets / body boards
- Guttering / Pipes / Scaffold boards



Key Dates

Term 2

Tuesday 2nd December – Choir performing at One Voice (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)

Wednesday 10th December – DEADLINE for ordering a Christmas lunch on ParentPay

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



FADS



Christmas Tree

Decoration Competition



Create a decoration for
Denton's Christmas tree
and you could win a cash prize!



£2 per entry

Enter as many times as you like

All decorations will be hung on the Denton
school Christmas tree

Cash prize for
EYFS/KS1 WINNER and KS2 WINNER

Entries to the school office

The more entries, the bigger the prize!



The School Health Service takes over from the Health Visiting Service when a child is of school age.

Our nurse-led friendly team can help with:

- sleeping problems
- emotional health and wellbeing
- wetting the bed and day wetting
- healthy eating and healthy weight
- worries and troubles – including changing schools
- self care and hygiene
- referrals to other services for more complex health needs.



Please contact 0300 123 4062 or visit
www.eastsussexchildren.nhs.uk



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 12 th 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





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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