

Newsletter

Autumn Term 2 Week 6

Friday 12th December 2025

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A Magical Week at Denton School!

What a festive week it has been! The excitement began on Monday with the arrival of the Panto. A wonderfully topsy-turvy story where everything had got mixed up! The children absolutely loved this special Christmas treat, and we'd like to say a huge **thank you to the FADS team** for generously funding this experience.

Throughout the week, the school has been buzzing with performances. Our **Key Stage 1 children** wowed everyone on Wednesday with a brilliant show in front of a packed school hall. Their confidence and creativity have grown so much this year, and it was a delight to see them shine on stage.

On **Thursday and Friday**, it was the turn of our **Key Stage 2 children**, who impressed us all with beautiful singing and heartfelt poetry recitals. A special thank you goes to **Rev. Mike** for welcoming us into **St Leonard's Church** for these performances. Performing in such a historic and community-centred venue made the occasion even more memorable.

Our talented **school choir** also represented Denton at the **Mayor's Concert** at St Michael's Church in Newhaven. They sang beautifully and made us incredibly proud. Thank you to **Mrs Tsapparelli and Mrs Vidler** for their support in preparing the children for this event. Don't miss the lovely message from the **Newhaven Town Mayor** on page 2, expressing gratitude for the children's participation.

We'd also like to thank everyone who supported **Christmas Jumper Day**. Your generosity is making a real difference, with all donations going to **St Wilfrid's Hospice**. We're still counting the total, but every contribution helps this wonderful cause.

Finally, you may have noticed a new addition to our playgrounds – **scooter and bike storage facilities!** This improvement was made possible thanks to funding from our amazing **FADS** team. Children can now park their scooters and bikes safely during the school day. Scooters and bikes are left on the school premises at the owner's risk. Denton School cannot accept responsibility for any loss or damage.



Our attendance for **this week**:

Whole school: 94.6%	Reception: 87.1%
Year 1: 94.2%	Year 2: 91.8%
Year 3: 95.0%	Year 4: 96.3%
Year 5: 99.2%	Year 6: 98.1%



Congratulations
Year 5

Attendance Matters



Wellbeing at Denton

Our children have been thinking about their strengths and celebrating their differences at Denton this term. Everyone started with the same fish template and had the opportunity to decorate it to reflect their personalities. After plenty of glitter, buttons, bows, metallic pens, and paint splodges, just look at how wonderfully diverse our final school of fish turned out! *We may all be different, but at Denton we swim together.*

Thank you to Mrs Stokes for leading this project.



The Parenting Team

East Sussex Family Hubs

This time of year can be tough on families for many reasons. If you are going through some difficulties or know of someone else who might benefit from reaching out for some help please have look at the attached booklet for support available to our families from the Early Help Parenting Team.

Key Dates

Term 2

Wednesday 17th December – Progress Cup Assembly

Wednesday 17th December – Christmas Lunch

A message for our choir:

Thank you so much for taking part in Wednesday's Carol Concert at St Michael's Church. The children sang beautifully and looked so amazing in their Christmas jumpers and hats. Thank you to the Teachers who spent no doubt a lot of time practicing with the children, it was very much appreciated.

Cllr Kim Bishop

Newhaven Town Mayor

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 – Wednesday 22nd July

Please note not all INSET days have been set



Newhaven Repair Cafe

...this Sunday 14th December at Riverside Hall (also known as the MENCAP Hall) on Riverside, Newhaven BN9 9BP, 2.30-4.30pm

Broken Toy? Torn trousers? Electrical Repairs needed? Zip stopped working? Our top team of Repairers can fix almost anything!

Reduce waste and save money by bringing items in need of fixing along to the Newhaven Repair Cafe, 2.30-4.30 at Riverside Hall. Everything is free, donations welcome. Free tea and cake. For more information contact info@newhavengreencentre.com

It's a lovely way to spend a couple of hours on a Sunday afternoon with your child, see how things are repaired and recycled, learn about what can be repaired and browse our free 'Bring and Take' table with lots of free items, whilst having free tea and cake.

Free Workshop: Making Useful things from Waste this Sunday 14th December 1.15-2pm at Riverside Hall

Bring a clean dry plastic bottle and learn to make garden utensils, bird feeders, or funnels. You choose what to make from the bottles you bring, design, glue, punch holes, staple and cut. Accompanied children welcome.

For more information and to book a place visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/making-useful-things-from-waste-tickets-1976358972890>



PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR



FROZEN Puppet Nativity Service

St Leonard's Denton

DEC | 14 | 3.30PM



Community events at the Flying Fish pub

