

Newsletter

Spring Term 3 Week 4

Friday 30th January 2026

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Kind
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What a brilliantly busy week it has been at Denton! From outstanding sporting achievements to inspiring author visits and preparations for next week's parent-teacher meetings, there has been a wonderful buzz of activity across the school. Here's a look at what's been happening.

During our Celebration Assembly this morning, we were delighted to congratulate our fantastic dodgeball teams, who represented Denton at the Area Championships in Chichester on Tuesday. We are incredibly proud to share that Denton secured both 1st and 3rd place—a remarkable achievement for a school of our size. This superb result means our A team will now go on to compete in the Regional Finals. A huge thank you to Mrs Buss for organising such a special opportunity for the children, and to Mrs Woodcock and Mrs Blick for their support at the event.

On Thursday, we were thrilled to welcome Hannah Peckham, a multi-award-winning children's author, counsellor, and mother, who ran engaging workshops for pupils from Reception to Year 4. Hannah's books—Conker the Chameleon, Bronty's Battle Cry, and The Get Well Spell—are widely celebrated for helping children develop emotional literacy and positive mental wellbeing. Her visit offered a wonderful chance for our pupils to explore feelings, build resilience, and strengthen essential social and emotional skills through storytelling.

You will have received a letter this week regarding a Parent Governor vacancy on our governing board. We warmly encourage anyone who may be interested to consider joining. It is a vital and rewarding role that helps shape the continued success of our school.

Finally, thank you to all families who have booked appointments for next week's parent-teacher meetings. We are pleased to share that 98% of families have now booked a slot, and we look forward to welcoming you into school. If you have not yet made an appointment, please speak directly with your child's class teacher, who will be happy to arrange a remaining available time. Have a great weekend!

Celebration Assembly – Friday 30th January

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

Reception – Theo Mayo

Year 1 – Ezmay Heffernan

Year 2 – Leo Vincent-Lee

Year 3 – Cole South

Year 4 – Chloe White

Year 5 – Sienna Lawrence

Year 6 – Carmen Snow



Our attendance for **this week**:

Whole school: 95.2%

Reception: 92.9%

Year 1: 97.1%

Year 2: 94.4%

Year 3: 94.6%

Year 4: 94.9%

Year 5: 97.2%

Year 6: 97.3%

Attendance Matters



Congratulations
Year 6

Wellbeing Ambassadors

Our brand-new Denton team of Wellbeing Ambassadors was proudly announced in today's Celebration Assembly. Mrs Stokes and Miss Buckingham received a large number of thoughtful applications, and it was clear that every child who applied had taken great care to reflect on the role, why mental health matters to them, and the positive impact they hope to make within our school community.

Although we weren't able to select everyone, we want to congratulate all applicants for the incredibly powerful and heartfelt submissions we received. Your ideas, compassion, and commitment to supporting others were truly inspiring.

Well done to all of you — we are very proud.

Year 1 – Hallie White

Year 2 – Aria Dean

Year 3 – Oliver Allen

Year 4 – Bertie Norris

Year 5 – Morgan Jones

Year 6 – Molly Dicks



Wellies: using our school field all year round

We're lucky to have such extensive outdoor space at Denton, and we want children to enjoy high-quality play in all weathers. To support this, we're trialling opening the field all year round at lunchtime.

If your child would like to use the field when it's wet, please send in a pair of named wellies as soon as possible. These will stay in school for regular use, and we aim to begin from Monday 2nd February.

Children who prefer not to use the field will still have full access to the rest of the playground. If you need help sourcing wellies, please speak to your child's class teacher—we have a small number of spares available.

Nursery and Reception families do not need to send anything in, as EYFS already has year-round outdoor access and suitable clothing is provided.



Parents' Evening – Monday 2nd and Thursday 5th February

We're looking forward to welcoming those of you who have appointments to meet with your child's teacher this evening. To help the evening run smoothly, please take note of the following guidance:

- ✓ We recommend using the driveway at the side of the school and entering through the back entrance.
- ✓ Doors will be open from 3:25pm.
- ✓ Please arrive promptly for your appointment to help avoid delays.
- ✓ All meetings will take place in your child's classroom.
- ✓ Parents are encouraged to wait in the shared areas and enjoy looking through their child's work. Your child's teacher will invite you in when it's your turn.
- ✓ Meetings are limited to **10 minutes**. Teachers will do their best to keep to the schedule. If you require further discussion, you're welcome to arrange a follow-up phone call or meeting.
- ✓ If you do not yet have an appointment, the booking system is now closed. However, you can speak with your child's teacher to arrange a meeting at a later date when they have availability.

Key Dates

Term 3

Monday 2nd February – Parents' Evening (3:30 – 6:00pm)
Thursday 5th February – Parents' Evening (3:30 – 6:00pm)
Thursday 12th February – Whales Class Assembly (9:00am)
Friday 13th February - INSET

Term 4

Thursday 26th February – Starfish Class Assembly (9:00am)
Wednesday 4th March – Poetry Workshop
Thursday 5th March – World Book Day
Thursday 5th March – Turtles Class Assembly (9:00am)
Thursday 12th March – Penguins Class Assembly (9:00am)
Thursday 19th March – Seahorses Class Assembly (9:00am)
Thursday 19th March – Rock Steady Music Performance (2:30pm)
Wednesday 25th March – Let's Dance (7:00pm)
Thursday 26th March – Dolphins Class Assembly (9:00am)

Term Dates (2025 – 2026)

Term 3: 5th January – 13th February
Friday 13th February - INSET

February half term: 16th – 20th February

Term 4: 23rd February – 27th March

Easter Holidays: 30th March – 10th April

Term 5: 13th April – 22nd May

May half term: 25th – 29th May

Term 6: 1st June – 22nd July
Wednesday 22nd July – INSET

FADS January

UNWANTED GIFT COLLECTION



12th - 30th Jan 2026

In preparation for our 2026 Christmas Fair,
we would be grateful for donations of
unwanted gifts. Further details will be
shared by school in the new year.



St Leonard's
DENTON

SHROVE TUESDAY

Pancake Party!

**17th
February
3pm**

**St. Leonard's
Church Hall,
Denton**



FREE EVENT!

**PANCAKES, GAMES, CRAFT AND MORE
SUITABLE FOR PRIMARY AGED CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES**