

Newsletter

Spring Term 3 Week 5

Friday 6th February 2026

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Kind

Resilient

Respectful



It's the first week of February, and I can't believe how quickly the time has flown by. Thank you to everyone who attended parents' evening. We hope you enjoyed the opportunity to speak with your child's teacher and hear about their progress. Looking ahead, we are excited to welcome families for the Term 3 Progress Cup on Wednesday 11th February. Please ensure you've returned the trophy if you've not already done so.

There are two fantastic fundraising events happening in school next week. Firstly, Reception's sponsored Chick Walk on Tuesday, followed by the whole school Dance-a-thon on Thursday to raise money for musical equipment.

Thank you for supporting our playtimes by providing your child with a pair of wellies. The children are really enjoying playing on the field. We recommend packing a spare pair of socks on rainy days, as they can sometimes get a bit excited and end up a little wet.

Don't forget that next Friday is an INSET day, so the last day of Term 3 for the children will be Thursday 12th February.

Happy Friday!

Sponsored Dance-a-Thon

Thursday 12th February 2026

We're excited to announce that the school will be holding a Sponsored Dance-a-Thon to raise funds for new music resources — including replacing our much-loved but now broken boom box!

- Throughout the day, classes will take turns dancing in the hall (apart from lunchtime), keeping the music and energy going from morning to afternoon. Children will be sponsored to dance for as long as they can, helping us bring music back into school life.

Every donation, big or small, will help us replace the boom box and purchase musical instruments and resources to support music across the school.

If you have any questions, please contact:
fads@denton.e-sussex.sch.uk



Celebration Assembly – Friday 6th February

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

Reception – Reggie Millan

Year 1 – Peter Watson-Goodwin

Year 2 – Finley Salter

Year 3 – Fatima Traore

Year 4 – Alfie-Jay Spencer

Year 5 – Josh Tully

Year 6 – Molly Dicks



Our attendance for **this week**:

Whole school: 95.1%

Reception: 96.0%

Year 1: 95.8%

Year 2: 97.8%

Year 3: 94.2%

Year 4: 94.0%

Year 5: 94.5%

Year 6: 94.0%

Attendance Matters



Congratulations
Year 2

Keeping Children Safe Online: how parents and carers can help at home

Supporting children to stay safe online is a shared responsibility between home and school. While the internet offers many benefits, it's important that children are protected from unsuitable content and develop healthy, balanced digital habits.

Monitor Online Activity

Keeping device use visible helps children stay safe. The [NSPCC](#) recommends that younger children only access technology under close supervision and preferably in shared family spaces, where adults can easily see what they are doing.

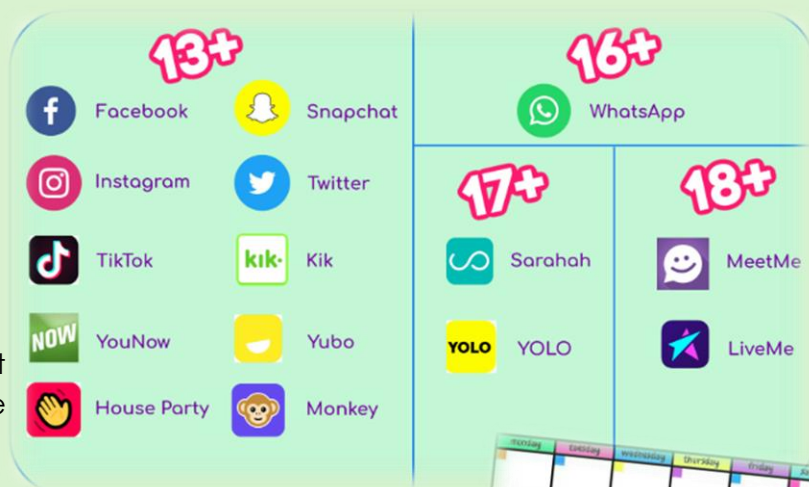
Use Parental Controls

A strong first step is to "layer up" parental controls across your home Wi-Fi, devices, apps and streaming services, as advised by [Internet Matters](#). These tools can help restrict inappropriate content, manage screen time and limit in-app purchases.

Parental controls can also help set healthy boundaries, but should be used transparently and fairly as children grow and gain independence.

Follow Age Recommendations

Most social media sites require users to be 13+, and some apps—like WhatsApp—set the minimum age at 16 in the UK. The [NSPCC encourages parents](#) to think carefully about when children are ready for greater online independence and to choose age-appropriate apps and platforms. A reminder of the age recommendations for some of the apps are listed below:



Key Dates

Term 3

Thursday 12th February – Whales Class Assembly (9:00am)

Thursday 12th February – FADS Denton Dance-a-thon

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 (info to follow)

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

PANCAKE DAY

Tuesday 10 February 2026

American Pancake with
Lemon and Sugar

or

American Pancake with
Vanilla Ice Cream

*Menus may be subject to change



Sponsored Dance-a-Thon 🕺

We are holding a Sponsored Dance-a-Thon to raise funds for music resources at school. Our boom box has broken, and Friday afternoon play just isn't the same without it!

Funds raised will go towards replacing the boom box and buying musical instruments and other music resources for the school.

Date: Friday 12th February 2026 Challenge: Dance for as long as possible

Sponsorship Form

Child's name: _____ Class: _____

Sponsor name	Amount sponsored (£)	Paid (✓)

Total raised: £_____

Thank you for your support 🕺 ✨

Would you rather make your donations online?

Use this QR code to take you to our donation page



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**

