

Newsletter

Spring Term 3 Week 6

Friday 13th February 2026

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Kind
Resilient
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It has been a brilliant end to term 3 at Denton and the children have enjoyed a whole range of exciting events this week. On Tuesday 10th February, Denton took part in **Safer Internet Day**. Mr Mercer led a whole-school assembly on the theme "Smart Tech – Safe Choices". Also on Tuesday, despite the damp weather, our **Reception and Nursery** children enjoyed their sponsored **chick walk**. The children were brilliant and looked fantastic in their chick outfits. Thanks to your incredibly generous sponsorship of £464, we will be able to buy some wonderful resources for our Early Years department — including hatching our very own chicks! Denton truly did dance the day away during our **FADS dance-a-thon** to raise money for a new boom box and musical instruments. Thank you to everyone who has donated so far, and a huge thank you to Mr Wilson, one of our parents, for kindly providing his lighting and sound equipment. Please bring sponsor money to the office or use this link: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/dentonfads/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=112329>

Finally, congratulations to **Whales Class**, who kicked off this year's class assembly season in style with a fascinating insight into their learning about the Ancient Greeks. Wishing you all a very happy half term!

We're supporting
Safer Internet Day 2026



Progress Cup Assembly – Wednesday 11th February

Have a look to see who was recognised in our Cup Assembly for their exceptional learning throughout term 3.

Year 1	Emras Arnold	Tabitha Hogan
Year 2	Bertie Wake	Eloise McMillan
Year 3	Jurek Janiak	Harry Bovington
Year 4	Bobby Prior	William Leiper
Year 5	Isobel Currie	Freya Brennan
Year 6	Layla Bishop	Christopher Bartlett-Pink

Our attendance for **this term**:

Whole school: 95.6%

Reception: 96.0%

Year 1: 95.6%

Year 2: 95.9%

Year 3: 94.9%

Year 4: 95.6%

Year 5: 96.2%

Year 6: 94.6%



Congratulations
Year 5

Mrs Buss

We wanted to let you know that Mrs Buss will be going into hospital for a planned procedure over the half-term break. She is likely to be off for the first three weeks after half term while she recovers.

We wish her a smooth procedure and a speedy recovery. In the meantime, we will ensure the children are well supported and that where possible there is an alternative adult available for some of the key children who she works with.

Thank you for your understanding.



World Book Day – Thursday 5th March

Poetry Workshop

To begin the celebrations, we have booked a fantastic company to deliver fun and creative poetry workshops on Wednesday 4th March (the day before World Book Day). I am confident these sessions will motivate and inspire the children, giving them the chance to enjoy performing and sharing poetry in a fun and engaging way.

Dress up!

On Thursday 5th March, children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. **Please do not feel any pressure to buy a costume.** Comfy clothes are absolutely welcome too; perfect for a day filled with creativity and storytelling. Each class will choose a familiar story and take part in a range of exciting activities throughout the day. We want the children to feel inspired and enthusiastic about sharing the stories they love.

Key Dates

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)

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

Parent Governor Vacancy

We are writing to inform you of a vacancy for the role of Parent Governor on our governing board. We are looking for an enthusiastic and dedicated parent who is keen to play a role in helping the school run effectively, working as part of a team alongside our wonderful governing board, the headteacher, and school staff to ensure Denton remains a happy and safe learning environment that provides excellent education for all children.

The role of the governing board

The school's governing board is responsible for ensuring that the school has a clear vision, ethos, and strategic direction. Governors hold the leadership team to account for the educational performance of the school and its children, and they oversee the financial performance of the school to ensure its money is well spent. The board is passionate about education and committed to continuous improvement to achieve the best possible outcomes for our children.

The role of a Parent Governor

As a Parent Governor, you will work with the board to ensure it effectively carries out the duties described above. You will also play a vital role in bringing a parental perspective to the governing board, although you are not there to speak on behalf of the parent body.

To be a Parent Governor, you should have:

- A strong commitment to the role and to improving outcomes for children
- Good interpersonal skills, curiosity, and a willingness to learn and develop new skills
- The specific skills needed to help the governing board deliver effective governance

We would be particularly interested in candidates with any of the following desirable (but not essential) skills or experience:

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| • Links with local businesses | • Experience of serving on a board |
| • Financial planning or management experience | • Procurement or purchasing experience |
| • Premises and facilities management experience | • Knowledge of the local/regional economy |

Expectations of governors

Governors are expected to attend regular meetings (usually six per academic year), visit the school at least twice per academic year, commit to training, and be willing to take on a Link Governor role. The term of office is four years. New governors must undertake a full DBS check before their term begins.

How to apply

If you are interested in applying, please complete the candidate form attached to the newsletter and return it to Amanda Townsend (Clerk to the Governors) at clerk@denton.e-sussex.sch.uk by **Friday 27th February**. If we receive more applications than there are vacancies, a ballot will be held. We will inform you nearer the time if this becomes necessary. If you have any questions about the process or would like to find out more about the role, please contact the school office.

Matt Doody
Headteacher

Katie White
Co-Chair of Governors

Hayley Funnell
Co-Chair of Governors