

Newsletter

Spring Term 4 Week 4

Friday 20th March 2026

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It's hard to believe we're already heading into the final week of the spring term. It has been a busy and uplifting week in school, filled with celebrations, learning, and wonderful performances. The sunshine truly has brought out some memorable playtimes and the children are loving being on the field during lunchtime.

On Tuesday, Mrs Stokes led a special whole-school assembly to mark World Down Syndrome Day. The children learnt about inclusivity, kindness, and celebrating difference, and they took part in activities that highlighted this year's "Lots of Socks" theme. We've included more information on the next page.

This week also saw our Seahorse Class perform in their class assembly. They shared their learning from the last term with great confidence and enthusiasm, and it was lovely to see so many families there to support them. Our Year 1 children enjoyed an exciting trip to Paradise Park, where they explored the environment as part of their topic and had a brilliant day of hands-on learning.

We also welcomed families into school for our very first Rock Steady performance. The children performed as part of their own band on the drums, bass, guitar, keyboard and vocals — well done to all our budding rock stars! [Here is the link if you want to sign up.](#)

Finally, we would like to wish the very best of luck to all the children taking part in Let's Dance next week. We know they will represent Denton brilliantly. Have a wonderful weekend and Eid Mubarak to all families marking this special occasion.



Celebration Assembly – Friday 20th March

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

Reception – Raphael Parris

Year 1 – Katherine Woodward-King

Year 2 – Seahorses Class

Year 3 – Teddylee Pynn

Year 4 – Elsie Woodcock

Year 5 – Caelan McLeod

Year 6 – India Sibthorpe



Our attendance for **this week:**

Whole school: 96.5%

Reception: 98.5%

Year 1: 92.6%

Year 2: 97.5%

Year 3: 99.1%

Year 4: 95.5%

Year 5: 97.5%

Year 6: 94.9%

Attendance Matters



Congratulations
Year 3

Magnificent Musicians

Congratulations to the following children who achieved a Bronze Award in their violin lessons this week.

Caitlin Russell

Tobias Parsons-Hood

If you'd like your child to get involved in learning an instrument, please contact the school office.

Congratulations to Embla in year 6 who competed at the Hastings Music Festival winning several prizes.

She achieved 1st place in the family music making class and 3rd place in the solo piano competition.

Super job Embla!



The Denton football team played their second match of the season and put in a very respectful performance against Ancey Primary. A narrow 1–0 defeat showed just how close the game was, and the children gave their very best throughout. Thank you to **Mrs Woodcock, Miss Thornton** and **Mr Jeffrey** for their help. Also, a huge thank you to **Heffernan's Gardening** heffernansgardening@hotmail.co.uk who kindly came and cut the grass for us so the children can continue to use the field for their PE lessons.

This Saturday marks the annual **World Down Syndrome Day** and the children have been learning this week about the condition and celebrating the ways in which all children are welcomed and included at Denton. We learned about how the addition of a 3rd chromosome 21 is the reason that this condition occurs before a baby is born and also that this is why it is celebrated every year on March 21st (the 21st day of the third month). During our assembly, the children listened and engaged with such respect and kindness and showed how caring our school community is.



Mrs Stokes has asked if anyone has any loom bands they no longer need that could be donated for our Thursday lunchtime art club. Please bring to office.



Key Dates

Term 4

- Wednesday 25th March – Year 6 Greek Day
- Wednesday 25th March – Let's Dance (7:00pm)
- Thursday 26th March – Dolphins Class Assembly (9:00am)
- Thursday 26th March – Key Stage 2 choir performance in school hall (2:30pm)
- Friday 27th March – last day of term 4

Term Dates (2025 – 2026)

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 as unfortunately we did not receive any applications in the previous round of recruitment. 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:

- Links with local businesses
- Financial planning or management experience
- Premises and facilities management experience
- Experience of serving on a board
- Procurement or purchasing 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 provide the following information (see below) and email it to Amanda Townsend (Clerk to the Governors) at clerk@denton.e-sussex.sch.uk by **Friday 24th April**.

In your email state your name and contact details and a short statement about why you would like to become a Parent Governor. You might include the skills and experiences you have that the board requires and how you plan to contribute to supporting the governing board.

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



RepTylers

Animal Club At Denton Community Primary School

We are excited to announce we are bringing our club to your school!

We have 16 spaces available to book

Club will run at the following times

3.15pm - 4.15pm

Starting Friday 24th April to Friday 26th June

7 weeks £45.50p

Open to all Year groups

After School/Holiday Club booking link:

<https://reptylers.ipalbookings.com>

Description - A safe, fun environment with friendly staff. Our clubs encourage all children to increase confidence. It is our belief that this is your child's time enjoy whilst learning, also being closely supervised by our qualified and experienced staff.

Please bring a snack if you wish :)

No refunds are issued if you decide to leave or cancel club unless RepTylers has cancelled or school is shut due to weather conditions :)



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Avis Road Recreation
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JOIN US FOR A FUN-FILLED FÊTE WITH A SPORTING THEME!

Saturday
6th June
1 - 5pm

A fantastic day out for the whole family, where children can take part in exciting sporting challenges hosted by local clubs for a small fee.

To participate, simply purchase a scorecard from the main tent, complete as many challenges as you'd like, and then return to the main tent to collect your rosette and a voucher for a free burger after 3pm.



While Denton Challenge will endeavour to ensure the safety of all visitors, it remains the responsibility of accompanying adults & guardians to supervise the children in their care while visiting. All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult and remain the responsibility of said adult at all times. Should DCC be unable to host the planned event for any reason, no compensation will be payable