

Newsletter

Spring Term 4 Week 5

Friday 27th March 2026

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Kind
Resilient
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As we wrap up Term 4, it's been a busy and exciting week across the school.

On Tuesday, Year 6 immersed themselves in Ancient Greece; dressing up, sampling traditional foods, and diving into Greek culture through a variety of hands-on activities.

Thursday's assembly from Dolphins was a fantastic showcase of their weather topic. Their performance perfectly captured the feeling of "four seasons in one day" that we've all been experiencing!

Our school choir delighted families and the whole school with a wonderful set of Disney favourites and modern classics. Their hard work really shone through.

Topic maps for Term 5 will be sent home during the first week back. We've also updated our key summer term dates, which you can now find on page 2. Wishing all our families a happy and restful Easter!

Progress Cup Assembly – Wednesday 25th March

Congratulations to those children who received the Progress Cup for their exceptional learning throughout term 4.

Year 1	Hallie White	Esme Newland
Year 2	Fern Rutherford-West	Leo Vincent-Lee
Year 3	Lily-Rose Weaver	Reggie Jones-Sutton
Year 4	Bethany Crooks	Cooper - Jaxson South
Year 5	Teddy Partridge	Evie Woodcock
Year 6	Tommy Doherty	India-Lily Sibthorpe



Let's Dance 2026

There wasn't a dry eye in the Eastbourne Congress (including mine) after our dancers left the stage following their incredible performance at the Let's Dance showcase on Wednesday evening. The late night (and the sleepy Thursday morning that followed) were absolutely worth it, as our children did an amazing job. I was so proud of every one of them. A huge thank you to Miss Buckingham, Miss Dyball and Miss Davis for the tremendous time and effort they put in after school in the lead-up to the event, ensuring the children were ready and prepared to deliver such a fabulous performance.



Our attendance for **term 4**:

Whole school: 95.9%

Reception: 98.6%

Year 1: 95.9%

Year 2: 96.7%

Year 3: 96.7%

Year 4: 92.7%

Year 5: 95.6%

Year 6: 95.7%

Attendance Matters



Congratulations
Reception

Magnificent Musicians

Congratulations to **Lyric-Blue Jewell** who achieved her Bronze Award in violin lessons this week.

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

Denton Football

Our footballers once again gave a great account of themselves in a narrow loss at Cradle Hill. The team continue to play with fantastic spirit and show respect to all. Well done, Denton! Thank you to Mrs Woodcock and Miss Thornton for your support.



OPAL – wellies at lunchtime

We would like to keep children's wellies in school for the time being. We hope that term 5 and 6 will bring plenty of sunshine.

However, if the weather turns wet, we will continue to insist the children wear their wellies when accessing the field at playtimes.

Thank you for your support.



Eco-Team in the Quiet Garden

Thank you so much to two of our lovely parents, Leanne and Carly, who supported our Eco-Team in developing some of the beds in our Quiet Garden. The children worked incredibly hard clearing weeds, turning over the soil, and planting some beautiful fruit trees.

If anyone else is able to spare some time to come into school and help us continue developing our outdoor spaces, please contact the office.



Key Dates

Term 5

- 24th April – FADS Golden Ticket Competition
- 4th May – Bank Holiday
- 8th May – Dodgeball Cake Sale Fundraiser
- 21st May – Outdoor Classroom Day

Term 6

- 6th June – Denton Community Challenge
- 12th June – Year 2 performing at Hill Crest Centre
- 19th June – FADS Father's Day Sale
- 25th June – New Reception Families – Stay & Play
- 3rd July – New Reception Families – Meet the Teacher
- 7th July – Key Stage 2 Sports Day (Morning)
- 7th July – Key Stage 1 Sports Day (Afternoon)
- 8th July – EYFS Sports Day (Afternoon)
- 13th July – Year 6 Performance (+ year 5) 4:00pm
- 13th July – End of year reports home
- 16th July – Year 6 Performance (+ year 5) 4:00pm
- 21st July – end of term for all children

Term Dates (2025 – 2026)

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 :)



Denton CP School

Sporting Calendar Easter & Term 5 After School

After School Football Term 5



Starting Week Commencing Monday 13th April 2026

Thursday: Year 3, 4, 5 & 6: Thursday 16th April 2026 and each Thursday until the 6 sessions are completed, 3.15pm - 4.10pm @ £36.00 (Last session Tuesday 21st May)

Email: matwiltshire@aol.com

Easter Holiday Fun Days Two Day Special



**Monday 30th & Tuesday 31st March 2026
9.00am - 3.00pm @ £30.00 Per Day**

**Peacehaven FC's all new 3G Football Complex
(First Team Pitch, Piddinghoe Avenue)**

- Fun warm ups, Skill Drills and Challenges
- Mini World Cup Tournament & Penalty Prize Medals, Certificates & Prizes for all

**FREE football when you attend both days
Email: matwiltshire@aol.com**