

Newsletter

Summer Term 5 Week 3

Friday 1st May 2026

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A wonderful week at Denton, topped off by the continued warm sunshine. As you're aware, we currently have Kieran Green working with our teachers to develop their PE teaching. It has become clear that Kieran has many talents alongside being a brilliant sports coach. In Tuesday's whole school assembly, the children listened to his journey and learned how he has become a national and international champion in three different sports, including wheelchair rugby, and has competed at the Paralympics across three sporting disciplines. Including a recent visit to Hong Kong to represent Wales at the Wheelchair Rugby World Cup.



As I'm sure you're aware we've got a bank holiday on Monday. We look forward to seeing the children back in school on Tuesday 5th May.

Chick Update

Our family of chicks quickly became a much-loved highlight and a real talking point across the school. The Reception and Nursery children were captivated as they watched the chicks grow and change, sometimes noticing differences from one day to the next. Through this hands-on experience, they learned about the chicks' lifecycle, what they need to stay healthy, and how to care for them gently and responsibly. A particular favourite was the opportunity to carefully hold the chicks, which sparked lots of excitement and curiosity. The chicks have now returned to the farm, and while we know they are happy there, they will be very much missed by us all.



Football update

Children in years 5 and 6 have been very busy lately representing the school and playing in lots of matches. Last Friday Denton played in a tournament with local schools and finished in 3rd place. They played superbly as a team and we are so proud of their achievement.

On Wednesday a combination of year 5 & 6 played a against Seaford Primary. It was a narrow 2-1 loss but the team were incredible and the match was played in a great spirit.

There was no Celebration Assembly today. We will be back to normal next week.

Our attendance for **this week:**

Whole school: 95.4%

Reception: 95.9%

Year 1: 95.6%

Year 2: 95.2%

Year 3: 96.0%

Year 4: 94.6%

Year 5: 95.9%

Year 6: 94.8%

Attendance Matters



Congratulations
Year 3

Congratulations to Chloe and Mathilda in Year 4, who, as part of their drama group, will be performing *The Wizard of Oz* at the Devonshire Park Theatre this weekend.

We wish them the very best of luck with their performances and know they will be absolute stars on stage. A poster for the show has been included at the end of the newsletter if you would like to enjoy a trip to the theatre over the Bank Holiday.



Children's Items Brought in From Home

Recently, we have noticed that some children have been bringing small toys and fidget items into school. While we understand that these items can be appealing, they can sometimes be distracting during learning time and may lead to lost belongings or disagreements. To help maintain a calm and focused learning environment for everyone, we kindly ask that children do not bring small toys or fidgets into school unless these form part of an agreed provision outlined in an additional needs plan or pupil profile. For those children, such items are used purposefully to support learning and self-regulation. We would be grateful for your support in reminding your child to leave these items at home unless they have been specifically agreed with school staff. Thank you, as always, for your understanding and continued support.

Key Dates (Term 5 & 6)

Term 5

Monday 4th May – Bank Holiday
 Friday 8th May – Dodgeball team cake sale
 Thursday 21st May – Outdoor Classroom Day

Term 6

Saturday 6th June – Denton Community Challenge
 Friday 19th June – FADS Father's Day Event
 Tuesday 7th July – Sports Day (AM – KS2 / PM – KS1)
 Wednesday 8th July – EYFS Sports Day (PM)
 Monday 13th July – Year 6 Production (inc. Yr 5) @ 4:00pm
 Thursday 16th July – Year 6 Production (inc. Yr 5) @ 4:00pm
 Monday 20th July – Year 6 Leavers Assembly
 Tuesday 21st July – End of term 6 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

The Reading Agency, along with the UK public library network, delivers the Summer Reading Challenge across the country every year. It is the UK's biggest annual reading promotion for children aged four to eleven. Throughout the Summer Reading Challenge, library staff, along with teenage and adult volunteers, help children to discover new authors and explore a wide range of different types of books, giving them a positive experience of reading for pleasure.

You can make a huge difference by encouraging your child to take part.

The Summer Reading Challenge:

- Significantly improves reading confidence and independence
- Ensures pupils are ready for their return to school, preventing the summer reading 'dip'
- Aids the successful transition between year groups and key stages
- Contributes to all pupils' achievement
- Encourages extra-curricular activity – encouraging family engagement with reading
- Develops links between your school, the library and the wider community

The Challenge will begin in libraries on **Saturday 5th July** and end on **Saturday 6th September**.

To take part in the Challenge children need to read six books of their choice that they have borrowed from the library or downloaded from our [e-book library](#) over the summer holidays. They are given rewards for each book they read and a certificate and medal if they manage to complete the Challenge.

The Challenge is for all children, whatever their reading ability. Children who are not reading independently can share their books with a family member or friend, or they might prefer to listen to audio books. We have materials to enable children with additional needs to participate as well. You can find out more about these by emailing library.enquiries@eastsussex.gov.uk or by speaking to your local library contact.

Children can be signed up at www.eastsussex.gov.uk/src They will need to login to their library account (library card number and PIN) to complete the registration process.





GOLDMAN'S
PRODUCTIONS

THE WIZARD OF

OZ

30 APRIL - 03 MAY 2026

DEVONSHIRE PARK THEATRE

BY L. FRANK BAUM

**WITH MUSIC AND LYRICS BY
HAROLD ARLEN & E.Y. HARBURG**

**BACKGROUND MUSIC BY
HERBERT STOTHART**

DANCE AND VOCAL ARRANGEMENTS BY: PETER HOWARD

ORCHAISTRATION BY LARRY WILCOX

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