

## Newsletter

Summer Term 6 Week 5

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2026

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Kind  
Resilient  
Respectful



The children enjoyed meeting their new teacher on Wednesday. Walking around the school, I was really impressed by how at home they appeared in their new settings. On Thursday, I hope you enjoyed the opportunity to try the new menu provided by our new caterers. I will write to you before the summer with details about how to order food and apply credit to your accounts.

It won't be long before Year 5 start the process of selecting their secondary schools, so some of Starfish Class had the chance to experience life at secondary school on Friday during a Year 7 taster day at Seahaven. All the children who attended had a great time and represented Denton magnificently.

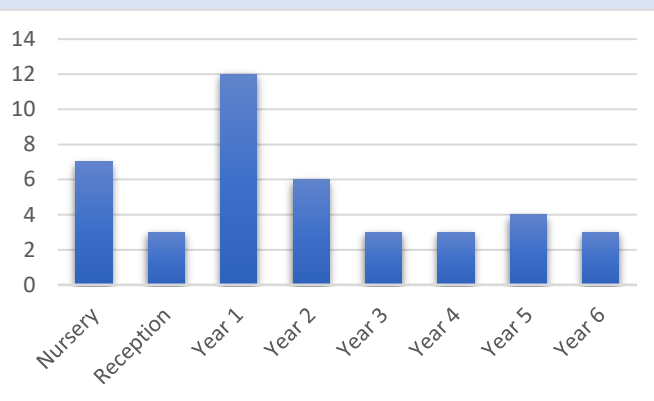
Congratulations to our school dodgeball team, who competed in the National Finals on Friday. After some hard-fought matches, they came 5th overall, which, when you consider the size of our school, is a fantastic achievement. Thank you to Mrs Buss and Mrs Woodcock for their support.

We're looking forward to seeing you next week for the upcoming Sports Days. See page 3 for further information. Year 5 and 6 families, don't forget to book your tickets for our upcoming production of *The Lion King*. Please speak with the school office regarding ticket availability.

### Parent & Carer Survey 2025/2026

Thank you to those who have completed our parent/carer survey. We've had **30 responses** so far. Your feedback helps us ensure that we are providing the highest standards for our children, so if you haven't yet completed the survey, please use the link below. It should only take a few minutes to complete.

<https://forms.gle/Vhvmy1tZH8Rnhmzb8>



Congratulations to Murphy Axson in Year 3, who recently competed in a BMX competition. Out of four races, he finished 1st in every race, making him the overall winner.

He is incredibly proud of his winner's medal, and so he should be! Well done Murphy 😊



### Our attendance for **this week**:

Whole school: 93.3%	Reception: 95.5%
Year 1: 85.8%	Year 2: 92.7%
Year 3: 99.6%	Year 4: 92.5%
Year 5: 90.0%	Year 6: 98.0%

Attendance Matters



Well done Year 3!



## We've won an award!

We are delighted to share some fantastic news with our school community. Following our recent OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) accreditation visit last week, Denton CE Primary School has been awarded **Platinum Status – the highest possible**. This is a remarkable achievement and places Denton in the **top 2% of schools nationally for the quality of our playtimes**. The award recognises the exceptional opportunities we provide for children to play, explore, create, collaborate and thrive during their break and lunchtime experiences.

The assessor was hugely impressed by the culture of play across the school, the wide range of opportunities available to pupils, and the enthusiasm with which children engage in play. Most importantly, the award reflects our commitment to ensuring that every child enjoys high-quality play experiences that support their wellbeing, development and happiness.

This achievement would not have been possible without the dedication and hard work of our staff team. We would like to thank all members of staff for embracing the OPAL programme and supporting its success. In particular, we would like to recognise our incredible Play Team – **Mrs Buss, Mrs Riggs, Mrs Hancock and Mrs Bashford** – whose passion, creativity and commitment have transformed playtimes at Denton and helped us reach this outstanding standard.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to **Katie and Laura**, who gave their time to attend the accreditation visit as parent representatives. Achieving Platinum Status is something that the entire Denton family can be proud of. It is now official: **Denton playtimes are amazing!**



### Key Dates (2025/2026) - Term 6

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July – Key Stage 2 Sports Day @ 9:00am  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July – Key Stage 1 Sports Day @ 1:15pm  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July – EYFS Sports Day @ 2:00pm  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July – Rock Steady Performance @ 2:20pm  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Production (inc. Yr 5) @ 4:00pm  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Production (inc. Yr 5) @ 4:00pm  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July – Year 6 Leavers Assembly @ 9:00am  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July – Year 6 BBQ (1:00 – 3:00pm)  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July – **End of term 6 for all children**  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July - INSET

### NEW Term Dates (2026 – 2027)

#### Term 1

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> Sept – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct

#### Term 2

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec

#### Term 3

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Jan – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb

#### Term 4

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> Mar

#### Term 5

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May

#### Term 6

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

# Sports Day 2026

The children are really excited about our upcoming Sports Day events! Children have been practising their races during PE lessons to ensure they're well prepared. Points will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place, and totals will be added up at the end so every race and every place matters! Even finishing 4th earns valuable points for the team.

EYFS (including Nursery)	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2:00pm – 2:45pm
Key Stage 1	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July 1:15pm – 2:45pm
Key Stage 2	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July 9:00am – 11:00am

\*Please note – finish times are approximate. It all depends how *fast* they are! 😊

## What my child needs on the day

- Full PE kit including a t-shirt the colour of their team
- Trainers
- For hot weather please ensure your child brings a hat, a refillable water bottle, and has sun cream applied before school.
- In cooler/wet weather your child may need a jumper and/or jogging bottoms

## Coming to support:

Families are welcome to attend. We warmly encourage cheering and clapping for all competitors, positive support really helps to lift the children's spirits! As always, we ask that everyone upholds our school values of respect and kindness throughout the event. If you're coming to support your child, please remain in the designated supporters' area. We know it can be tempting to go over to your child, especially if they seem upset, but this can sometimes unsettle them and others. Rest assured; staff will be on hand throughout the event to offer any support needed so please leave it to us.

## In case of extreme weather:

Please note that cancellations may be made at short notice if conditions are unsafe. We will notify families as early as possible via School Ping. The safety and wellbeing of our children is our top priority.



## A message from Katie Ridgeway (Head of Education, East Sussex County Council)

With hot weather warnings in place, East Sussex County Council has asked us to remind families about the importance of water safety. During periods of high temperatures, children, young people, and families may be seeking ways to cool down, so it is especially important to stay safe around water. Please take extra care when entering rivers, lakes, or the sea. Sudden exposure to cold water can cause *cold water shock*, which may lead to gasping, loss of breathing control, and in some cases, drowning.

### Please remember to:

- Avoid swimming in unsupervised rivers, lakes, or open water
- Always choose safe, supervised places to swim, such as lifeguarded beaches or swimming pools
- Never enter the water after consuming alcohol or drugs
- Check weather conditions, tides, and local safety advice before visiting coastal areas: [weather, sea conditions and tide times](#)
- In an emergency at the coast, call 999 and ask for the [Coastguard](#). If you are deaf or have a speech impairment, you can send an emergency SMS

### Useful information for families:

- Learn about coastal risks and how to stay safe with advice from the [Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents](#) (RoSPA) and [East Sussex Fire & Rescue Service](#)
- Entering cold water to escape extreme heat can pose serious health risks—find out more about [cold water shock](#)
- Keep your family safe at home, at the beach, in rivers, and in pools with resources from the [Royal Life Saving Society](#)
- Avoid entering the water after consuming alcohol or drugs, as they significantly increase the risk of accidents, including drowning (see [Don't Drink and Drown](#))

For more advice on staying safe during hot weather, please read the [latest guidance](#) from the UK Health Security Agency.

## Holiday food vouchers (HUGGG) have ended.

### What will replace these?

The government funded Household Support Fund, which was distributed by councils to support residents in East Sussex, ended nationally on 31 March 2026. This included the holiday supermarket voucher scheme (HUGGG vouchers) for pupils eligible for benefits-related free school meals. There are a number of alternative avenues of support for families, which are listed below.

### Information for families:

- ESCC Family Information Service - 0345 60 80 192 (Mon-Fri, 10am-3pm) can provide advice and signposting to the process of accessing support
- Families who are being supported through Early Help and Social Care in Children's Services may be eligible for support. Please discuss with your social worker, Early Help keyworker or support to find out more.
- Families eligible for free school meals can get free activities and food through [Holiday food and fun](#).
- Families can also find out more about the [Crisis and Resilience Fund](#) If you need help now, see [cost of living support](#).



# FADS



IS LOOKING FOR ITS

## NEXT COMMITTEE

COULD YOU BE OUR NEXT CHAIR, VICE CHAIR, SECRETARY OR TREASURER?

Every disco, Christmas fair, Santa visit and school event you've enjoyed has been organised by FADS volunteers.

After several successful years, it's time to hand FADS over to a new team of parents and carers to continue creating amazing memories and raising vital funds for our school.



### WE'RE LOOKING FOR:



CHAIR



VICE CHAIR



SECRETARY



TREASURER

+ COMMITTEE MEMBERS & EVENT VOLUNTEERS

BE PART OF THE TEAM THAT MAKES THE MAGIC HAPPEN!

### NO EXPERIENCE? NO PROBLEM!



Full handover and support from the current committee



Flexible roles to suit your availability



A great way to meet other parents and make a real difference



Help create fantastic events and raise vital funds for our children

INTERESTED?

GET IN TOUCH TO FIND OUT MORE



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE

# RNLI



# Lifeboats

# SUMMER

# FAYRE

# STALLS

ATTRACTIONS  
DISPLAYS & MUSIC

MEET THE CREW  
STORMY STAN

# & MORE!

# BAR & BBQ

FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY

# SAT

# 04

# JULY

# 10AM-4PM

 RNLI EVENTS

# SEAHAVEN ACADEMY

# HAVEN WAY

# BN9 9TD



# THE RNLI IS THE CHARITY THAT SAVES LIVES AT SEA

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# SUMMER

## Holiday Club



**Seaford Primary School**

### Activities Include

- Ultimate Frisbee
- Archery
- Fencing
- Tri-Golf
- Tchoukball



**SCAN  
ME!**



**£28 per day**

Discounts for block booking

**Week 1 Dates: 27/07 until 31/07**

**Week 2 Dates: 17/08 until 21/08**



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# SUMMER

## Holiday Club



**Cradle Hill Primary School**

### Activities Include

- Glow in the Dark Dodgeball
- Archery
- Fencing
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Tri-Golf



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**£28 per day**

Discounts for block booking

**Dates: 03/08 until 14/08**



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