

Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 Week 6

Friday 9th October 2026

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Kind
Resilient
Respectful



This week has had just about everything: warm autumnal sunshine, torrential rain, and a huge amount of learning and progress from the children. Here are some highlights from another magical week at Denton. On Tuesday and Wednesday, all of the children had a fantastic time helping to construct our giant willow fox, who is now proudly at home on the field. Nursery and Reception children also had an exciting time meeting the Fire Service on Thursday as part of their learning about different jobs and roles within the community. Thank you to East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service for visiting our school and sharing your expertise with the children. Thank you to everyone who attended our parent phonics workshop with Mrs Reffell. Finally, thank you to everyone who entered our "Name the Boat" competition. There were some brilliant entries, including *The Salty Denton*, *The Denton Explorer*, *The Denton Dipper* and *The Jolly Denton*, along with many more. The OPAL team had a very difficult job choosing a winner. However, after much deliberation, we settled on **The Spirit of Denton** as the final choice. Congratulations to Finley Salter in Year 3, who came up with the winning name. We'd also like to give a special mention to the following children, whose entries were shortlisted and who will help to paint the boat: Oliver Woodford, Chloe White, Mathilda Hogan, Albi Medina McMurray, Hallie White, Tabitha Hogan and Tommy Jones.



Celebration Assembly – Friday 9th October

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

Reception – Nella Currie

Year 1 – Oscar Kite

Year 2 – Acer Jones

Year 3 – Amber Lawrence

Year 4 – Tommy Jones

Year 5 – Alfie-Jay Spencer

Year 6 – Imogen Hopper



Who won Attendance Ted this week?

Whole school: 94.7%

Reception: 90.9%

Year 1: 98.2%

Year 2: 98.3%

Year 3: 95.4%

Year 4: 99.2%

Year 5: 86.8%

Year 6: 96.3%

Attendance Matters



Congratulations
Year 4

Summer Reading Challenge

Congratulations to all the children who took part in the Read to the Beat: National Summer Reading Challenge 2026. The following children had their certificates sent to school to be delivered to school and handed out in assembly:

Murphy Axson, Ava Bovington,
Harry Bovington, Harley Davey,
Aria Dean, Tabitha Hogan,
Annabella-Marca El Korashy,
Peter Goodwin,
Matildha Hogan,
Jurek Janiak, Oscar Kite,
Amber Lawrence



Coats and wellies

As the weather becomes more changeable, please ensure your child brings a coat to school each day. We aim to get children outside for fresh air and play in all but the most extreme weather conditions, so having appropriate outdoor clothing is important. We also recommend that children bring a named pair of wellington boots to keep in school. As we move further into autumn, we will soon be returning to our winter field rules, and wellies will help children continue to enjoy the outdoor spaces safely and comfortably. Thank you for your support.



Key Dates

Term 1

12th October – Parents Evening (3:30 – 6:00pm)
15th October – Parents Evening (3:30 – 6:00pm)
19th October – Year 6 PGL meeting for parents (3:15pm)
21st to 23rd October Year 6 PGL residential
31st October – Deadline for secondary school applications

Term 2

4th November – Individual & Sibling Photographs
16th November – Odd Socks Day
17th November – Year 1 Class Assembly (9:00am)
18th November - New Reception Open Day (9:30am & 5:00pm)
19th November – Year 2 Class Assembly (9:00am)
20th November – Year 3 Class Assembly (9:00am)
20th November – Children in Need
23rd November – Year 4 Class Assembly (9:00am)
25th November – Year 5 Class Assembly (9:00am)
25th November – Open Classrooms (from 3:10pm)
26th November – Year 6 Class Assembly (9:00am)
27th November – INSET day
1st December – School Choir @ Brighton Dome
9th December – EYFS Nativity
11th December – Key Stage 1 Nativity
14th December – Year 3 & 4 Christmas Performance
15th December – Year 5 & 6 Christmas Performance
18th December – End of term

Term Dates (2026 – 2027)

Term 1

Friday 4th Sept – Friday 23rd Oct

Term 2

Monday 2nd Nov – Friday 18th Dec

Term 3

Monday 4th Jan – Friday 12th Feb

Term 4

Monday 22nd Feb – Thursday 25th Mar

Term 5

Monday 12th April – Friday 28th May

Term 6

Monday 7th June – Thursday 22nd July

**Please note not all INSET days
have been set.**

Parents' Evening – Monday 12th and Thursday 15th October

We're looking forward to welcoming those of you who have appointments to meet with your child's teacher this evening. To help the evening run smoothly, please take note of the following guidance:

- ✓ The person who booked the appointment will be able to see it on their ping account
- ✓ You will need to use the driveway at the side of the school and enter through the back entrance. Doors will be open from 3:25pm.
- ✓ Please arrive promptly for your appointment to help avoid delays.
- ✓ All meetings will take place in your child's classroom.
- ✓ Parents are encouraged to wait in the shared areas and enjoy looking through their child's work. Your child's teacher will invite you in when it's your turn.
- ✓ Meetings are limited to **10 minutes**. Teachers will do their best to keep to the schedule. If you require further discussion, you're welcome to arrange a follow-up phone call or meeting.

Our new willow fox dome is now complete, and we think you'll agree looks rather magnificent.

Throughout the week, children from Nursery to Year 6 all had the opportunity to weave willow in and around the frame under the guidance of our expert artists, Chris and Ruth from Oakey Bear Sculptures and Education.

Thank you to FADS for kindly funding the project and to Mrs Buss for organising it. This wonderful addition to our play provision will provide an exciting space for all of our children to enjoy at lunchtime.



Newhaven Repair Cafe

Come along to Newhaven Repair Cafe this Sunday 11th October to get your household items fixed for free - you might even learn some new skills too. Free tea and cake available!

2.30-4.30pm at Riverside Hall, Riverside BN9 9BP

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