Newsletter

Autumn Term 2 Week 3

Friday 20th November 2026

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Kind
Resilient
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This week, we were treated to fantastic class assemblies from our children in Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3! We joined Paddington on his adventures around Denton, learned about the fascinating history of flight and travelled back in time to the Stone Age. A huge well done to all the children for their confident and entertaining performances.



As part of Anti-Bullying Week, we celebrated Odd Socks Day by getting creative and embracing what makes us all unique! Children spent time discussing the importance of celebrating our differences, showing kindness to others and standing up against bullying. The children in The Cove designed and decorated their own odd socks with colourful patterns, fun designs and plenty of individuality. Each pair was different, just like us! Leo even decided to create his own pair of odd slippers!



Children have also been enjoying Maths Week England, taking part in a range of fun and engaging challenges set by Mr Jeffrey. On Tuesday, the School Council met with our new kitchen team and shared feedback about the new meals. The children also had the opportunity to sample some exciting dishes that may feature on the new menu launching in January. Finally, it was wonderful to welcome so many families to our Prospective Reception Parents' Open Day. It was a fantastic opportunity to showcase our school and share the warm, welcoming community that makes Denton such a special place to learn and grow.



Celebration Assembly

It is officially class assembly and Christmas performance season, so to give our children time to practise, we have paused our Celebration Assemblies until January.

However, we will still be holding our Progress Cup Assembly towards the end of term.

Our attendance for **this week**:

Whole school: 94.7%

Reception: 100%

Year 1: 84.4%

Year 2: 98.9%

Year 3: 90.4%

Year 4: 99.6%

Year 5: 96.7%

Year 6: 96.2%



Christmas Performances

A letter was sent on Friday 13th November inviting families to purchase tickets for their child's Christmas performance, which will take place in December. Tickets are priced at £1 each and are selling quickly. Please visit the school office to purchase yours.

Apologies for a typo in last week's newsletter. To confirm, all afternoon performances will start at 1:45pm.

Performances in the School Hall

As noted in our letter, all performances this year will take place in the school hall.

We have received one or two queries about why the older children will not be performing at the church this year. The vicar, Mike Milmine, moved parishes at the end of October, and the church is currently in the process of recruiting his replacement. Until a new vicar is appointed, the school will continue to hold Christmas performances in the hall.

Once a new vicar has been appointed, we will make contact and explore opportunities for our children to perform at this beautiful venue once again.

We received some lovely feedback from a parent following our open day:

"After visiting the school on Wednesday's open day, I would like to put my son on the list for the September 2027 Reception intake. The feeling of warmth and community we got during the visit was unmatched, and we would be very excited for our little boy to start his journey at Denton."

Key Dates

Term 2

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 (9:30am)

11th December – Key Stage 1 Nativity (9:30am / 1:15pm)

14th December – Year 3 & 4 Christmas Performance (9:30am / 1:45pm)

15th December – Year 5 & 6 Christmas Performance (9:30am / 1:45pm)

16th December – Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch

18th December – End of term

Term Dates (2026 – 2027)

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