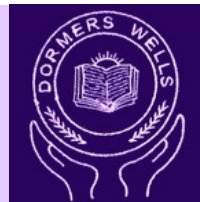


DORMERS INFORMER

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A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of a successful and busy half term, I'm very proud of our school community and how much learning we have achieved so far. Happy Diwali to our Sikh and Hindu community.

Online Parents Evening

Our Autumn Term Parents' Evening will take place on Tuesday 21st October and Thursday 23rd October for pupils in Nursery - Year 6, with an individual 10-minute video call. Details on how to book are on Class DOJO. Click here to enter booking site. <https://dormerswellsjun.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Attendance Awards-OCTOBER 2025

We want all our pupils to achieve 97% and be in the 97 Club! A big shout out to our amazing children who continue to show a love of learning by coming to school every day. Attendance is down, due to mainly unauthorised holidays. A Special Well done to the TOP TWELVE classes for their excellent attendance, so far As well as these THREE classes who have earned a MOVIE AFTERNOON: 6J Johnson, 2L Latimer and YR Mahlangu (half term attendance).

Attendance and Punctuality. GOOD ATTENDANCE = GREAT RESULTS!

If your child's attendance is below 90%, they are classed as a persistent absentee. We strongly encourage parents whose child's attendance is below 95%, to improve attendance, starting from Reception.. Good attendance supports our pupils to flourish both individually and collaboratively, in their personal and academic development. Thank you for your continued support and understanding that excellent attendance is essential to productive learning, positive life-long habits, setting them up for success as adults. We ask that you continue to support us in the new academic year, improving attendance, as it is important that your child is in school every day learning. Please find attached some helpful NHS [guidance](#) regarding illness to know when a child is too ill for school. Pupils shouldn't miss school on a precautionary basis and can normally attend with a mild cough or cold, unless they have a fever or diarrhoea or vomiting.

Black History Month- Standing Firm in Power and Pride

This October, we celebrated Black History Month with the theme 'Standing Firm in Power and Pride' and Equality. Throughout the month, our pupils have been wonderfully engaged in a range of BHM creative and reflective activities, including assemblies, to explore what equality means and why it is so important.

What does equality mean?

Everyone should be treated fairly, no matter what they look like, where they come from, or what they believe. During the first week, pupils discussed the idea of equality through stories such as *Sulwe* by Lupita Nyong'o and *The Same But Different Too* by Karl Newson. These books helped spark meaningful conversations about fairness, respect, and celebrating our differences. Pupils also created their own Equality Leaf, writing or drawing what equality meant to them. Each leaf was added to our beautiful whole-school Equality Tree, symbolising unity and shared values across our community. In the second week, pupils learned about Black figures who stood for equality, carried out their own research, and created presentations to share their learning. These were showcased during our celebration assembly at the end of October. The third week focused on expressing equality through art. Pupils created an Equality Quilt, with each child designing a colourful square that represented equality, kindness, or fairness. When combined, the squares formed a beautiful display symbolising unity and respect within our school community. Through these activities, pupils deepened their understanding of equality and were inspired to recognise the power of fairness and inclusion in everyday life. In the photo, we have pupils proudly displaying their research on inspirational Black British people who 'stood firm in their power and pride

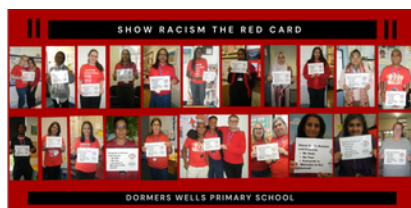
Head Boy and Girl

Tasif and Anjali, who were voted by their peers to represent Dormers Wells Primary, as Head boy and Head girl talk about our visions and values on the school website.

Do check it out here on our website: <https://www.dwps.co.uk/vision-and-values/>

Or here on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yBITPAQBBsY>

Position	Class attendance
1st	5Z Zephaniah 99.1% 😊
2nd	6J Johnson 99.1% 😊
3rd	4A Attenborough 99% 😊
4th	2C Curie 98.1% 😊
5th	3T Tendulkar 97.7% 😊
6th	2L Latimer 97.5% 😊
7th	YR Mahlangu 97.2% 😊
8th	4W Wangari 97.1% 😊
9th	5B Blackman 96.6% 😊
10th	3F Farah 96.4% 😊
11th	1E Earhart 96.2% 😊
12th	YR Pollock 95.7% 😊
13th	1S Seacole 94.7%
14th	6T Turing 92.6%
15th	AM Nursery Raza 90.7%
Overall OCTOBER attendance	96.7% (TARGET OF 24-25, 95.5% MET) 😊



A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES: THERAPEUTIC THINKING TIP: Keeping your child safe

It's a big world out there and as your child gets older, you hold their hand less and less as they navigate through it. The best way to protect your child from risk factors is to maintain a close relationship with them and to let them know that they are heard and you take them seriously.

How can parents help?

Eat dinner together as often as you can and have regular one-on-one unstructured time with them. Teach them to trust their instincts and to stand up for themselves: it is OK for them to question, disobey and even run away from behaviours that make them feel very uncomfortable. Empower your child to make their own decisions and help them develop good judgement. Finally, talk to your child and reflect on questions together such as- "what do you worry about the most?", "what does being brave mean?" and "if you got into really big trouble, how do you think I would respond?". And listen more than you talk!

Nursery Places available for January 2026 and April 2026

If your child was born between 1 September 2022 and 31 December 2022, s/he can start Nursery in January. If your child was born between 1 January 2023 and 31 March 2023, s/he can start Nursery in April: a fun environment where the children learn through play and develop social skills. Please come to the school office for an application pack and we will start them as soon as possible.

DWJ Top Reading Tips

Reading for Pleasure is at the Heart of What We Do

Poetry Fun at Home!

Poetry is a wonderful way for children to express their creativity and imagination. This month at Dormers we celebrated National Poetry day by reading a selection of poems and teaching pupils how to write their own!

Here are some simple and fun poetry activities you can try together at home:

1. Nature Walk Poem

Head outdoors for a walk and notice the world around you. Encourage your child to write a poem about what they see, hear, and smell — the trees, the sky, the birds, or anything that catches their attention.

2. Acrostic Poem

Choose a word your child loves — perhaps their name, a favourite animal, or a season. Write the word vertically and use each letter to begin a line in the poem.

3. Five Senses Poem

Pick an object, place, or experience and describe it using all five senses: what does it look, sound, feel, taste, and smell like?

4. Story Poem

Turn a simple event into a poem! It could be about a family outing, baking together, or playing in the garden. Encourage your child to tell their story through rhyme or rhythm.

5. Animal Poem

Choose an animal and imagine life from its point of view. What might it see, feel, and think in its world?

Recommended Read for the Month of October – Black History Month

KS1

Our Story Starts in

Africa by Patrice Lawrence
When Paloma goes to visit her family in Trinidad, she doesn't feel that she fits in. But Tante Janet has a story to tell her: An ancient story of warrior queens and talking drums, of treasures and tales that span thousands of years...



KS2 - Race to the Frozen North by Cathrine Johnson

Defying the odds and the many prejudices that faced him to become a true pioneer. This is his incredible and often untold story.



Supermarket vouchers for October half term holiday to support families and Free school meals

If your child is eligible for free school meals, please see the guidance posted on CLASS DOJO on 14.10.25, on how to redeem your voucher. If you haven't already made a free school meal application, apply <http://fsmbslforum.com/ealing/Dseat.jsp>. If you are successful, your child will be eligible for Food vouchers during the holidays, a winter family payment to help with fuel costs AND extra funding for their school from the Government, worth £1,300 per year. That's extra money to spend on enrichment activities, teacher development and targeted support. If you qualify inform school as soon as you receive your notification: The Voucher is £15 per week, per eligible child and a top up payment in February towards heating. Don't miss out, apply today!

Other support available-Cost of living

Support for children and families from Ealing Council website has lots of information about the different sources of help, benefits, grants and money-saving discounts the council has on offer. Visit for more information: https://www.ealing.gov.uk/info/201320/cost_of_living_support_and_advice. Parents might also be interested in the free data sim cards available from Ealing libraries for students. The council's four community hubs include Southall Library, https://www.ealing.gov.uk/info/201033/council_and_local_decisions/3073/location, a registered data bank providing sims cards for those who do not have online access or are struggling to pay for mobile data. Anyone struggling to meet food costs, cover their rent or purchase essential items can apply for financial assistance. To find more information or to make an application go to: https://www.ealing.gov.uk/info/201264/help_for_residents/2687/help_with_your_money/2. Information about all the different sources of help, benefits, grants and money-saving discounts on offer is also available:

https://www.egfl.org.uk/sites/default/files/Cost%20of%20living%20leaflet%20with%20translations_0.pdf

Let's get out and about

Please do check DOJO for more details of activities available in the Borough and surrounding areas over half term.

Here are details of some Black History Month events:

- **Ealing Roots and Wings showcase event Perceval House.** Saturday 19 October: midday to 4pm. This flagship event will bring together peer researchers, community leaders and residents for an afternoon of presentations, project stalls, lunch and collaborative action planning. You will hear findings from local peer research projects and help co-develop commitments to tackle health inequalities and support thriving futures. Ealing Roots and Wings is a grant and peer research programme supporting black-led organisations to tackle health inequalities in the borough. Free and open to all. Book your place on Eventbrite.
- **Elisia Swaby talk: Chairing change** Ealing Central Library. Thursday 23 October: 5:15pm to 6:45pm. Discover the story of James Barzey and his leadership during the borough's anti-racism movement (1967 to 1976), in this insightful talk by Elisia Swaby. For more information, visit the Ealing Culture website.
- **Family-centred storytelling workshop with Akuba** North Pavilion Playing Fields, Acton, W3 0JF. Sat 25 October: 5-7:30pm. Join storyteller Akuba (Grace Quansah) for an evening of poetry, drama and discovery. Inspired by her father's shipping trunk and the legacy of Marcus Garvey's Black Star Line, this workshop invites families to create and share their own 'trunk stories'. This is a free event and no booking is required.
- **Children's craft activities.** Throughout October, the borough's libraries will host a series of free creative sessions themed around Black History Month. Please contact your local council-run library for more details.

Thank you for your continued support. School closes at 3:15pm on Thursday 23rd October. Wishing you all a safe, restful half term. School re-opens, at 8:30am for Nursery and 8:40am for all other pupils, on Monday 3rd November.

With best wishes,

Mrs Toni George
Headteacher

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?

UPCOMING DATES

3/11/25: All pupils return to School	14/11/25: Get moving workshop (selected pupils)
3/11/25: Poppies being sold all this week	14/11/25: 2.15pm Year 1 Parent Reading phonics workshop
3/11/25: 9am Year 6 Parent reading/phonics workshop	17/11/25: Road safety week
4/11/25: Year 5 Parent reading/phonics workshop	17/11/25: Get moving workshop
4/11/25: 2.15pm: Reception parent reading Phonics	17/11/25: Mufti Day - Odd socks day - Anti bullying or wear blue
4/11/25: Year 3 Trip to Northala Hills	17/11/25: Rights Respecting world children's day
5/11/25: Year 4 Parent reading/phonics workshop	18/11/25: 9am SEND coffee morning
6/11/25: Diwali theme Lunch	20/11/25: Years 5/6 Tag Rugby (selected children)
6/11/25: 9am Year 3 Parent reading/phonics workshop	20/11/25: 2.45pm Year 4 Attenborough class assembly
7/11/25: 9am Year 1 Parent Reading/phonics workshop	20/11/25: Year 6 trip to The Paradox Museum
7/11/25: 2.15pm Year 2 Parent Reading/phonics workshop	21/11/25: Get moving workshop (selected pupils)
10/11/25: MP Deirdre Costigan visit Year 5	24/11/25: Be bright, be seen - non uniform (children wear bold and bright colours for Road safety week).
10/11/25: ROAR 2025 competition	24/11/25: Years 5/6 Girls football league Round 1 (selected Pupils)
11/11/25: Remembrance Day - 11am 1 minute silence	24/11/25: Get moving workshop
11/11/25: 9am Parent coffee morning	25/11/25: School Panto - Sleeping Beauty
12/11/25: Year 4 trip to the River	26/11/25: School Panto - Beauty & the Beast
12/11/25: Get moving Workshop (selected pupils)	27/11/25: Catch up Flu Vaccinations
13/11/25: Years 5/6 Girls Football (selected pupils)	28/11/25: Get moving workshop

Nursery

This term in nursery, the children have been learning all about self-care, hygiene, and healthy habits. We've explored topics like handwashing, healthy eating, staying active, and the importance of brushing our teeth. To support this learning at home, each child has been sent home with their own toothbrush set.



Year 1

This month children in Year One have been celebrating many different occasions including going on their first school trip of Year One. The children wrote a whole class poem to celebrate National Poetry Day and learnt about significant Black British figures from history as part of our Black History Month celebrations. Year One's first school trip of the year was our local walk to the Grand Union Canal and the Three Bridges of Southall. The children saw many sites along the way and a particular favourite for many was McDonalds. A quote from one of our Year 1 children: "This was the best day ever! I saw ducks on the water, trains on the bridge and aeroplanes in the sky."



Reception

The children in reception have been focusing on the story 'We're going on a bear hunt'. We enjoyed an amazing 'hook day' activity of having a special story telling visitor come and act out the story for us. Olivia, from 'teach it through drama' took us on an adventure through the forests and mountains to find our very own bear!



Year 2

Our Year 2 explorers had a blast at the Science Museum, discovering the wonders of Space and sparking their curiosity about the universe!



WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?

Year 3

3T had an amazing day celebrating Show Racism The Red Card. We had fun doing activities and singing songs standing up to racism. We also got to watch videos learning about racism and how times have changed. Well done to Diwan who got the class together for the photo and making everyone smile!



Year 5

Year 5 created their own mood boards, drawing inspiration from the artistic styles of Leonardo da Vinci, Helen Hansen, and Giacomo Balla. They identified key features from each artist's work, such as da Vinci's attention to anatomical detail, Hansen's use of texture and pattern, and Balla's dynamic representation of movement, to inform and influence their own creative designs.



Year 4

In Year 4, we have explored a wide range of exciting topics across different subjects. In Art, we have been developing our skills in using line and patterns to create detailed drawings. In PSHE, the children have been learning about the impact of prejudice and discrimination, focusing on understanding key terms and their meanings. In Geography, the class created fact files about rivers in Europe, comparing and contrasting their key features. In History, Year 4 enjoyed an inspiring trip to the British Museum, where they explored fascinating artefacts linked to their study of Ancient Egypt. The highlight of the visit was seeing real objects connected to the process of mummification, which brought their classroom learning to life. Working in pairs, the children took part in a challenging symbol detective activity, carefully examining displays to spot carved symbols and recording their findings using a tally chart—an engaging way to deepen their understanding of ancient Egyptian culture.



Year 6

Pajmeet Kapoor quoted

We went to Gunnersbury park museum and it felt wonderful because we learnt about how the white youths protested against the illegal immigrants and how they discriminated against the Asians and Blacks and how they fought back for there rights. The Peoples unite from Southall have put on a display for everyone to look at (photos, paintings, newspaper articles and artifacts of 1970's). Mrs Birk found a photo of her husbands Baba ji in the exhibition.



EXTRA STORIES

Wear Red Day

On Friday 17th October, our school proudly took part in Wear Red Day, joining thousands of others across the country to support the charity Show Racism the Red Card. The day was filled with energy, colour, and a powerful message – that we all stand together against racism in all its forms.



JLT's

We're proud to introduce our new Junior Leadership Team. These pupils have taken an important leadership role within our School and will be making a positive impact.



EXTRA STORIES

Black History Month

October marked Black History Month, and our pupils took part in a range of activities to learn about Black history, culture, and achievements. As part of the celebrations, we also enjoyed a special themed lunch. The children loved exploring the different flavours and trying new dishes—it was a fantastic way to experience and appreciate diverse cultures through food.



October article of the month

The 'Rights Respecting School Award' (RRSA) helps our children grow into thoughtful, respectful and responsible young members of the school and wider community. By learning about their rights, our children also learn about the importance of respecting the rights of others.

INTRODUCING ARTICLE 2

Article 2 – non-discrimination, whatever their ethnicity, gender, religion, language, abilities, or any other status, whatever they think or say, whatever their family background.

This month, in school, we have been learning about **Black History Month** and having respect for everybody no matter their differences. Our focus this year is Equity – how can we ensure everybody is treated fairly and receive the same opportunities? Black History Month gives us a chance to shine the spotlight on the history of people of African and Caribbean heritage. We believe it is important to learn about all history;

- To ensure that we hear a diverse range of stories when considering the past.
- To celebrate people's heritage and cultures and increase awareness of a range of influential figures
- Because all communities, including schools, should encourage respect for everyone and celebrate diversity and inclusion.
- To think about how we can make the world a more equal place where everyone's rights are respected.



Confidence boost!

Year 6 Presentational, Vocal projection and confidence skills training.



Is your class ready to claim the title of Times Tables Rock Stars champions? England Rocks online times tables competition!

Prizes - Amazon gift cards for the top three Primary-age and Secondary-age classes in the competition (based on the average score).

Competition Period - Tuesday 18th November 2025, 7:30am – Thursday 20th November 2025, 7:30pm.

Daily Cap - 60 minutes per pupil.

Live Stream - Tune in to the [daily live stream](#) at 2:30pm for leaderboard updates, shoutouts and more.

Class Requirements- A minimum of 10 players per class. If fewer than 10 students in the class play in the competition, their total will be divided by 10 regardless.



EXTRA STORIES

KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1)

OCTOBER HALF-TERM 2025

ANGUS STEAKHOUSE

Kids under 8 eat free daily, 12pm-5pm.

ASDA CAFÉ

Kids eat for £1 daily, no adult spend required.

ASK ITALIAN

Kids under 10 eat for £1 during school holidays.

BEEFEATER (BREAKFAST)

Two kids under 16 eat free with every adult breakfast.

BELLA ITALIA

Child's meal for £1 with any adult main.

BILLS

Kids eat free on weekdays, 27-31 October.

BREWERS FAYRE (BREAKFAST)

Two kids under 16 eat free when an adult buys breakfast (recurring/ongoing policy).

BREWDOG

One child eats free with one adult (Scotland 15-17 Oct; England & Wales 27-31 Oct).

BURGER KING

From 13 Oct to 2 Nov, kids eat free via app.

CHIQUITO

Kids eat free daily, 27-31 October.

COCONUT TREE

Kids eat free daily, 27 Oct-9 Nov.

DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES

Kids eat for £1 with an adult breakfast or lunch.

FARMHOUSE INNS

Two kids eat free in Scotland 6-17 Oct; England & Wales 17-31 Oct.

FLAMING GRILL

One kid eats free in same time window as Farmhouse Inns.

FUTURE INNS

Under-5s eat free with any adult meal.

GORDON RAMSAY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 10 eat free, all day, every day.

HUNGRY HORSE

Two kids eat free during the same periods as Farmhouse Inns.

IKEA

Kids' meals from 95p daily, from 11am.

LAS IGUANAS

Under 12s eat free via the My Las Iguanas app.

MARCO PIERRE WHITE

Kids under 12 eat free daily with an adult meal.

MORRISONS CAFÉ

Kids eat free all day, every day, with a £5 adult spend.

PAUSA CAFÉ AT DUNELM

Kids eat free with every £4 adult spend.

PREMIER INN (BREAKFAST)

Up to two under-16s eat breakfast free when an adult orders a full breakfast or Meal Deal.

PRETO

Kids up to 10 eat free with a paying adult (check times / voucher).

PUREZZA

Kids under 10 get free pizza with every adult meal.

SA BRAINS PUB

Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays (conditions apply).

SIZZLING PUBS

Kids eat for £1 Monday to Friday, 3-7pm (school holiday variations may apply).

TABLE TABLE

Two kids eat free breakfast daily with one adult breakfast purchase.

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids eat free with adult meals, via app.

THE REAL GREEK

Under 12s eat free on Sundays with a £10 adult spend.

YO! SUSHI

Kids eat free weekdays during school holidays.

TOBY CARVERY

Runs a "Kids Eat for £1" voucher offer when active (via app). Applicable to kids aged 12 or younger.

Top Tips for...

MANAGING SCREEN TIME

According to the latest stats, people aged between 8 and 17 spend four hours on digital devices during an average day. Obviously, a new year is ideal for fresh starts and renewed efforts – so lots of families are trying to cut down their combined screen time right now, creating more moments to connect with each other and relying less on gadgets to have fun. Our top tips on reducing screen time are for everyone, so you can get your whole family involved in turning over a new leaf this year!

Buy Milk

GET OUT AND ABOUT

If the weather's decent, spend some time in the garden or go for a walk. Even a stroll to the local shop would do: the main thing is getting some fresh air and a break from your screen.

TRY A TIMED TRIAL

When you're taking a screen break to do a different activity or a chore, turn it into a game by setting yourself a timer. Can you complete your task before the alarm goes off?

GO DIGITAL DETOX

Challenge yourself and your family to take time off from screens, finding other things to do. You could start off with half a day, then build up to a full day or even an entire weekend.

LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Let your family see you successfully managing your own screen time. You'll be showing them the way, and it might stop some of those grumbles when you do want to go online.

AGREE TECH-FREE ZONES

Nominate some spots at home where devices aren't allowed. Anywhere your family gathers together, like at the table or in the living room, could become a 'no phone zone'.

HOLD A SCREEN TIME AMNESTY

As a family, agree specific windows when it's OK to use devices. This should help everyone to balance time on phones or gaming with enjoying quality moments together.

BE MINDFUL OF TIME

Stay aware of how long you've been on your device for. Controlling how much time you spend in potentially stressful areas of the internet – like social media platforms – can also boost your wellbeing.

'PARK' PHONES OVERNIGHT

Set up an overnight charging station for everyone's devices – preferably away from bedrooms. That means less temptation for late-night scrolling.

SWITCH ON DND

Research shows that micro-distractions like message alerts and push notifications can chip away at our concentration levels. Put devices on 'do not disturb' until you're less busy.

TAKE A FAMILY TECH BREAK

Set aside certain times when the whole family puts their gadgets away and enjoys an activity together: playing a board game, going for a walk or just having a chat.

SOCIALISE WITHOUT SCREENS

When you're with friends, try not to automatically involve phones, TVs or other tech. Having company can be loads more fun if your attention isn't being split.

WIND DOWN PROPERLY

Try staying off phones, consoles, tablets and so on just before you go to sleep. Reading or just getting comfy in bed for a while can give you a much more restful night.

Meet Our Expert

Minds Ahead design and deliver the UK's only specialist postgraduate mental health qualifications. They also provide training and support to education organisations and local authorities – empowering school leaders and staff with the knowledge and tools to shape their settings into inclusive communities where the mental health of pupils and personnel is prioritised.



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