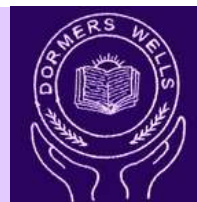


DORMERS INFORMER

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A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a very busy end to the Summer term for all at Dormers Wells. I would like to thank our amazing staff team who work tirelessly for your children, in an environment where teachers and schools are responsible for much more.

Summer Fair Fundraising

This year, the children and staff with the help of a few parents worked hard to make the day a success and managed to raise £2113.42 (a similar amount to last year). This money would enable us to buy vital resources for the children, such as tablets/IPADs for TTS Rock Stars. It takes a huge amount of planning, preparation and dedication to bring so many families together to fundraise for our school. We are very grateful to everyone who donated, spent on our stalls and dedicated their time to make this an enjoyable occasion.

Class reps-PTA

At our upcoming Meet the Teacher meetings, we will be electing two parent representatives for each year group. Parent representatives will help organise our Summer and Winter Fairs and other fundraising events. In the past, staff have organised these events, but we would now love parents to take the lead, with support from the school. They will also help share information with families, encourage volunteers and bring parents' ideas to the school.

These events raise money that benefits all of our children and are a wonderful way to bring our school community together. If you enjoy working with others and would like to make a difference, we hope you will consider putting yourself forward.

Achievements

Pupils have now brought home their end of year reports. We hope the general comments, written by your child's class teacher will help you to know where your child has been successful, as well as providing further targets for pupils to work on as they prepare for their new year or for a new phase of education. We are also pleased to share with parents, that our pupils did well this year in national statutory assessments in the following year groups: ● Year 1 Phonics ● Year 4 MTC ● Year 6 SATs

We are pleased with the academic achievements of all our pupils this year, including our Year 6 SATs results published last week, where our pupils were above National and improved from last year, in all areas except Maths/Combined.

SUBJECT (2026)	Dormers EXS+	National EXS+ (provisional)	Dormers GDS	National 2026 (provisional)
READING	78%	75%	20%	31%
WRITING (teacher assessment)	88%	73%	23%	13%
MATHS	67%	75%	15%	27%
SPELLING, PUNCTUATION AND GRAMMAR	80%	74%	29%	30%
COMBINED (Reading, Writing and Maths)	62%	63%	11%	9%
SCIENCE (teacher assessment)	86%	81%	N/A	

These results are testament to the good teaching across the school and the broad and balanced curriculum we offer, not to mention the hard work our Year 6 pupils have put in to gain such good results, to take up to high school. This year group were impacted by COVID lockdowns, as in the years 2019-2020, and 2020-21, there were in Reception and Year 1, where core foundation skills are taught and learnt.

Our results largely are above the provisional published national average. We are happy with these strong outcomes, particularly high for Writing, Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar and Science; as well as Greater Depth Reading, Writing, and Combined, showing the impact of our targeted teaching, intervention and support. Well done team and thank you to parents, for your support. Our Year 6 pupils are more than ready to take their talents and achievements to their new schools and we are very proud of them! We know that successes are not only academic and it has been lovely to read in the Year 6 Yearbook/Leavers Assembly Presentation, some of the highlights of their time at Dormers Wells.

UNICEF RIGHTS RESPECTING GOLD AWARD

We are proud to announce we have gained a Gold Award for RIGHTS RESPECTING. LOOK OUT FOR OUR BADGE! Over the past three years, our school has worked with determination and pride to achieve Gold Rights Respecting status. We have successfully embedded the teaching of rights and rights language throughout the curriculum, helping pupils understand not only their own rights but also the responsibilities that go with them. Through assemblies, lessons and daily conversations, children have learned that rights are universal and affect all of us, wherever we live. We have also encouraged pupils to explore important issues relating to children's rights and to campaign for positive change within our school and wider community. Most importantly, we have developed a strong culture in which the best interests of the child supersede everything we do. This achievement reflects the commitment of staff, pupils, families and governors, and it shows what can be accomplished when everyone works together with shared purpose and care.

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

Nursery Places available for September 2026

Nursery is a fantastic opportunity for your child to meet new friends and socialise. It is a fun environment where the children learn through play. It increases their awareness of the world around them and helps them socialise. If your child was born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023, s/he can now start Nursery. Please come into school for an application pack and we will start them as soon as possible.

Attendance Awards-July 2026

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. SPECIAL WELL DONE to the TOP 2 classes for their excellent JULY attendance and to Y5 Zephaniah and Y4 Attenborough for winning a movie afternoon for fantastic Summer 2nd half term attendance.

Attendance and Punctuality "Every day counts and every child matters!"

GOOD ATTENDANCE = GREAT RESULTS!

Attendance has been lower than we would like this month, with a number of absences due to unauthorised term-time holidays.

As we look ahead to the new academic year, we ask for your continued support in ensuring your child attends school every day. Excellent attendance is vital for children's learning, progress and wellbeing, and every school day provides valuable opportunities to develop knowledge, skills and friendships.

We also encourage our Year 6 pupils who will be starting secondary school in September to practise their journey over the summer holidays. Becoming familiar with the route will help them feel confident and ensure they are ready to arrive at school safely and on time from the start of term

Position	Class attendance
1 st	4W Wangari 97.4% 😊
2 nd	4A Attenborough 97.3% 😊
3 rd	5Z Zephaniah 95.1%
4 th =	1E Earhart 94.9%
5 th =	5B Blackman 94.9%
6 th	YR Pollock 94.5%
7 th	2L Latimer 94.1%
8 th	3T Tendulkar 94%
9 th	6T Turing 93.8%
10 th =	3F Farah 93.3%
11 th =	1S Seacole 93.3%
12 th	YR Mahlangu 92.5%
13 th	2C Curie 91.2%
14 th	6J Johnson 91.1%
15 th	Nursery Raza 85.7%
Overall JULY attendance	93.2% (TARGET OF 96% NOT MET)

DWP Top Reading Tips

Reading for Pleasure is at the Heart of What We Do

Book Trust Summer Reading Challenge

Click on the link below to access a Summer Reading Bingo Card for your child. Encouraging them to read in different places and a variety of books. <https://www.booksforpupils.com/resources/summer-reading-bingo/>

The following link is also from The Reading Agency, sign up for free and take part in the summer reading challenge! <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

Recommended Read for the Month of July

KS1

The Truth about my Unbelievable Summer By Benjamin Chaud

What really happened over the summer break? A curious teacher wants to know. Is this yet another tall tale, or is the truth just waiting to be revealed?

KS2 - The Boy who Sailed the Ocean in an Armchair By Lara Williamson

Becket Rumsey is all at sea. His dad has run away with him and his brother Billy in the middle of the night. And they've left everything behind, including their almost-mum Pearl. Becket has no idea what's going on - it's a mystery. So with the help of Billy and a small called Brian, Becket sets out on a journey of discovery. It's not plain sailing, but then what

Summer Reading Challenge: Ready, Set, Read!

I encourage all our pupils to take part in the Reading Agency's Summer Reading Challenge – FREE for children aged 4-11 and running in libraries across the country and online. If you're stuck for what to read next, they have lots of reading recommendations for all ages on their website. Explore the Summer Reading Challenge → <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

This year's Summer HAF Programme Summer 2026, is on site with OMEGA SPORTZ, so please do access. It has also been posted on DOJO.

Home Learning

Although our pupils have made good progress this year which is a credit to the resilience of our pupils, the hard work of our teachers and supportive parents at home. To maintain this, we ask that during the holidays, pupils are encouraged to play, learn outdoors, exercise and read often. Children can still access online learning, such as E Collins Books, Spelling Shed, Numbots, My Maths and TimesTable Rockstars.

SAFEGUARDING: ONLINE SAFETY: As part of safeguarding, we continue to send you Online Safety Guides, to further help you keep your children safe online. This month's guide is : Keeping Safe Online Over Summer.

AI PIONEER AWARD

After a year of hard work and collaboration, Dormers Wells Primary School is proud to have secured the AI Pioneer Inclusion Award in partnership with the Ealing Learning Partnership and fellow Ealing schools. As artificial intelligence becomes an increasingly significant part of children's everyday lives, it is essential that schools stay ahead of these developments to ensure pupils can use AI safely, responsibly, and effectively. Through collaboration, innovation, and a shared commitment to inclusion, we are equipping our children with the knowledge, skills, and confidence they need to thrive in an AI-enabled future.

Uniform

Pupils must return to school in September in their full correct PURPLE school uniform, including the appropriate footwear. We will no longer allow pupils to wear the old red and blue uniform. Most items can be purchased in supermarkets, fashion stores but the logo sweatshirt/cardigan can only be purchased from Fashion Mark, 18 High Street, Southall, UB1 3DA. If you are experiencing financial difficulty and would like the school to arrange some pre-loved uniform for your child, please contact Mrs. Cornelius and or look out for our preloved uniform sale in the Autumn term.

- White polo shirt or blouse
- Black trousers or skirt or pinafore
- Purple sweatshirt or cardigan (with logo)
- Purple and white checked summer dress
- Black shoes

On their class PE days, pupils in all year groups must come to school in their PE kits. Pupils need to wear a white t-shirt (with/without new logo) and non-branded black jogging bottoms or shorts.

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

PUPIL SURVEY

In our recent Pupil Survey, 311 pupils from Y1–6 shared their views on school life. Results were very positive, e.g. 94% of pupils can speak to an adult if worried. Some pupils raised concerns around bullying and how it is dealt with.

YOU SAID: (March 26)	WE DID/DO 25-26:	WE WILL do in 26-27
15% of pupils think bullying is a problem at DWP. Bullying perception in KS2 23% of KS2 pupils do not agree that teachers always deal well with bullying.	- The Junior Leadership Team (JLT) updated our whole-school definition and developed further resources, including posters, presentations and videos to support all pupils in recognising and responding to bullying. - Ofsted said "Pupils' behaviour is exemplary and graded it Outstanding in June 22. - Class charter negotiated and revisited termly. Clear classroom expectations. - Rigorous Behaviour policy staff follow - Positive behaviour systems and rewards - Monitor incidents-No incidents of bullying or exclusions recorded Feb 2026 onwards. - Behaviour incidents monitored and followed up by leaders - Restorative conversations used where appropriate - We educate the pupils on what 'Bullying' is - Anti-Bullying Week - Worry boxes in all year groups and trusted adults available - Strengthened our work with understanding of what bullying is and how to report it.	- JLT to continue to create resources on what poor behaviour/bullying looks like e.g. pupil-friendly presentations explaining bullying and how concerns are dealt with - Refresh Anti-Bullying displays e.g. STOP poster more prominent in school - Increase opportunities to discuss bullying through PSHE and assemblies - Staff focus on supporting positive learning behaviour in lessons and on playgrounds. - Share anti-bullying procedures with parents through newsletters and the website - Assemblies revisiting behaviour expectations and learning behaviours - PSHE lessons exploring respectful behaviour and its impact on learning - JLT to gather pupil feedback on behaviour around school
	- Pupils taught the difference between bullying and friendship issues - Robust recording and investigation of concerns - Safeguarding team available daily	- Increase pupil recognition for demonstrating positive learning behaviors - Monitor KS2 behaviour trends and report outcomes to governors and parents - Follow-up pupil survey to monitor confidence in reporting concerns

Family SUPPORT: Summer Term Events from CONTACT: See below for details of the exciting and informative events coming up:

Deep Rest Sessions Every Wednesday, free for parent and carer support session (online), Starting Wednesday 14th January and every subsequent Wednesday evening at the same time during term time. FREE for parents and carers of children with additional needs. Need time to relax and unwind? Join Contact's "Deep Rest" parent carer support group: Reduce stress | Feel better | Pamper yourself! Take some time for yourself and practice "Deep Rest" –techniques that allow you to slow down your mind, regenerate, reduce stress and benefit your immune system. Join us and learn this relaxation practice, no equipment or fitness level required! To book, please book via this link below to receive the Zoom meeting link: <https://forms.office.com/e/irfFUZXQJe>

CONTACT Drop-in Sessions @ Greenford Library. – Every Friday 9.30–11.30am Please approach the side door

A welcoming space for parents and carers to get advice, information, and support. For any questions, please contact us on ealing@contact.org.uk

London Mayor's Free School Meals for ALL children for another year

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However, it's vitally important that you still complete the borough's registration form, in case your child is eligible for 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 for the children that need it most. If you think your child may be eligible, you can apply online https://www.ealing.gov.uk/info/201111/education_grants_and_financial_assistance/701/free_school_meals

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES: MATHS REASONING and PROBLEM SOLVING

As part of our School Improvement Priorities this year, we are placing a strong focus on developing pupils' confidence, fluency, reasoning and problem-solving skills in mathematics. We know that children make the best progress when home and schoolwork together. Supporting maths at home doesn't require special resources – just small, consistent habits that build confidence and fluency.

How can parents help? Encourage your child to prove their answer. Ask questions such as, "Can you convince me?", "Can you show me another way?", or "Will that always be true?" These simple prompts encourage children to think more deeply, explain their reasoning, and develop a stronger understanding of mathematical concepts rather than relying on memorising methods.

Y3 and Y4 parents- Use real-life moments – Times tables can be practised in the car, while cooking, or walking to school.

Breakfast Club

We are pleased to announce that we have secured GREGGS FOUNDATION BREAKFAST FUNDING to help cover some of the costs of our Breakfast Club for the 2026/2027 academic year. However, due to rising operating costs, the school will only be able to fully subsidise places for children who are eligible for Pupil Premium. Unfortunately, for children who are not eligible for Pupil Premium, there will be a small charge of £3.00 per session, with a discount for siblings. Breakfast club operates from 7.30–8.40am each day, the children will then be escorted to class. The cost of the club is covered by the school, but we only have limited spaces. If you are interested in registering your child(ren) for Breakfast Club, please complete the registration form using the link provided below:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=_TT4ApD_ikW1rzgWYkzMXp4ePAhb4jVFvJ862YREBFNURTRaKkEwVFE1WU1KQJFCUJGCOFFVT1hITi4u

Once we have received your application, we will review your child's eligibility and contact you to confirm whether your place will be free of charge or subject to the £3.00 per session fee. Breakfast club will start on Thursday 2nd September, if you require this service. We appreciate your understanding and look forward to continuing to provide a positive and welcoming start to the school day for our pupils.

After School Clubs

We are happy to say that we will continue offering extra-curricular clubs after school in the Autumn term, in week beginning 15th September. You will receive further detail on these in September.

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

Summer holiday free school meal vouchers

The Household Support Fund has now ended and was replaced by the Crisis Resilience Fund from 1 April 2026. This has resulted in changes to the school holiday supermarket voucher scheme. If you are an Ealing resident and your child attends an Ealing school and is eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals (FSM), Ealing Council will provide your household with additional financial support during the 2026 Summer Holiday. You will therefore receive a voucher as normal in July, if your child has been checked and confirmed as eligible for benefits-related free school meals in the 2025-26 academic year.

The July 2026 voucher will be the final voucher you will receive. There will be no further school holiday vouchers issued. Anyone living in Ealing, struggling to meet food costs, cover their rent or purchase essential items can apply for additional financial assistance via the Crisis and Resilience Fund. This fund is provided by UK Government. To find more information or to make an application go to: www.ealing.gov.uk/CRF There is a wide variety of other support available on the council's cost of living pages. Please go to www.ealing.gov.uk/costofliving

If you live outside of the borough of Ealing and your child attends an Ealing school and is eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals, you will not receive any further supermarket vouchers. These are now funded from the borough's Crisis and Resilience Fund which is intended to support Ealing residents. Please contact your home local authority if you need additional support.

A company called Blackhawk Network is administering the voucher scheme for Ealing Council. The Summer school holiday voucher is worth £90 per eligible pupil. Please read the instructions posted on DOJO and if you experience any problems, follow the links in the letter, as there is no one at school that can further advise you.

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:

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Lost property

All lost property that is not named will be put on tables in the last week, on the KS1 playground, for parents to try and identify and collect after school: Week beginning 13th July. Any unnamed and unclaimed items will be donated to the PSA at the end of term, for us to sell in September.

Endings and beginnings

I'm sure you will join me in wishing a fond farewell and huge THANK YOU to you to some much-loved staff at the end of this term, with staff moving onto youth work and to widen school experience.

We say a huge thank you to: Mrs. Kaur (retiring), Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Rubaith, Ms. Mamajiwala, Ms. Fernanadez, Ms. Abdi, Mr. Marquis, Ms. Malakzadah, Ms. Akhtar, Ms. Rexhepi, Ms. Botzeka. They will be sincerely missed as staff and colleagues, and we hope they will keep in touch with the school!

We welcome these new teachers to the Dormers Wells Family: Assistant Head Mr. Cotton, Teachers- Mrs. Fernandez-Rahman, Ms.Baraky, Miss.Smith, Miss.Marsh, Ms.Taib and a Phonics and Reading Intervention teacher.

With best wishes,
Mrs Toni George (Headteacher)



PLACES KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2026

moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free



ANGUS STEAKHOUSE Kids under 8 eat FREE daily, 12pm to 5pm ASDA Kids eat for £1 daily, with no adult spend ASK ITALIAN 2 Kids eat free every day until Sept 6th 2026 BELLA ITALIA Children eat free Sunday - Thursday BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE 2 Kids Eat Free Breakfast with 1 paying adult BILLS Kids Eat Free Weekdays until September 1 st 2026 BREWDOG 1 Kid eats free with 1 adult, 19th July - 31st August CAFE ROUGE Kids Eat FREE 12-4pm every day of the week CHIKITO Kids eat free during all school holidays COCONUT TREE Kids eat free Mon 13th July - Sun 6th Sept DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES Kids eat for £1 with an adult meal purchase FARMHOUSE INNS 2 Kids eat FREE this summer holidays FLAMING GRILL PUBS Kids eat for 80p this summer holidays FRANKIE & BENNY'S Kids eat FREE during school holidays FRANCO MANCIA Kids eat FREE school holidays Mon-Thurs FUTURE INNS Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS Kids eat for 10 eat FREE all day, every day HARVESTER Kids eat for £1 every day until Sept 1 st 2026 HUNGRY HORSE Kids eat for 80p this summer holidays IKEA Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am LAS IGUANAS Kids under 12 eat FREE via the App.	MARCO PIERRE WHITE Kids under 12 Eat FREE daily with an adult spend MORRISONS Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend all day PIZZA HUT Kids Eat Free Every Day after 3pm PREMIER INN 2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast PRETO Kids up to age 10 eat free with 1 paying adult PREZZO Kids up to age 12 eat for £1 during half terms PUREZZA Kids under 10 get free pizza with every adult meal SA BRAINS PUBS Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays SIZZLING PUBS Kids eat for £1, Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm TABLE TABLE 2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult TESCO Kids eat free every day this summer with a 65p spend TGI FRIDAYS Kids Eat Free until 6 th September (Via App) THE REAL GREEK Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend TRAVELODGE 2 kids eat for £1 with 1 adult breakfast TOBY CARVERY Kids eat for £1 every day until Sept 1 st 2026 TURTLE BAY Kids eat free with every £15 adult spend via app VILLAGE HOTELS Kids eat free 20th July - 4th Sept via the village app WHITBREAD INNS 2 Kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast YO! SUSHI Kids eat free all day (weekdays) in school holidays ZIZZI Kids eat free via app during school holidays
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Y6 Prize-giving and Leavers' Assembly

We look forward to celebrating the achievements of Y6 pupils during assembly, at the end of term. Year 6 Parents are warmly welcome: Tuesday 21st July at 9am.

End of term arrangements

The last day of the Summer term is on Tuesday 21st July. Pick up time: 1pm (12:45pm for Year 6). Nursery pupils last day is Monday 20th July.

It has been a very busy, aspirational year for everyone and I thank you for the continued support. I wish you all a restful, safe Summer and I look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Thursday 3rd September, when gates open at 8:40am.

UPCOMING DATES

2/9/26 INSET Day School closed to pupils
3/9/26: Start of Term: Whole School opens for Y1-Y6 pupils
 Reception stay and play 9am-10am
 Nursery stay & play - invite only
4/9/26: Reception start (half days all week)
 Nursery start
7/9/26: 9am Y6 meet the Teachers
8/9/26: 9am Y5 meet the Teachers
9/9/26: 9am Y4 meet the Teacher
 2.30pm Y1 meet the Teacher

10/9/26: 9am Y3 meet the Teachers
11/9/26: 9am Y2 meet the Teachers
 2.30pm Reception meet the Teachers
14/9/26: Safeguarding Training for parents (TRIPS)
15/9/26: World Afro Day
16/9/26: Y4 swimming begins
17/9/26: Harvest Theme Lunch
21-25/9/26: Y5/6 Bike ability Week
 Clubs and Boosters start
 Flu vaccinations from NHS
22/9/26: School photographers visit (individuals and siblings)

July article of the month

Gold: Rights Respecting is the third stage of the Rights Respecting Schools Award.

2025 - 2028



Achieving Gold: Rights Respecting means that:

- Our school has explicitly adopted a child rights approach based on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) and has embedded it in school practice, ethos and culture.
- Children, young people and adults have an awareness and understanding of child rights, with rights respecting attitudes and language embedded across the school.
- RRSA has had a positive impact on children and young people's learning and wellbeing.
- Inclusion and diversity are actively promoted and celebrated.
- Children see themselves as rights respecting global citizens and are advocates for social justice, fairness and children's rights at home and abroad.
- Leaders use the CRC as a driver for school improvement.

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?

Nursery

As the end of the year approached, our Nursery children consolidated their learning by developing their early writing skills and practising number recognition and counting.



Year 2

Year 2 had a wonderful day exploring the habitats and microhabitats at Gunnersbury Triangle! Children discovered fascinating mini beasts and learnt how different plants and animals thrive in their environments. Despite the hot weather, they coped brilliantly, staying positive, hydrated and enthusiastic throughout the day. We are so proud of their excellent behaviour, resilience, and curiosity—they were fantastic ambassadors for our school!



Reception

Reception have been having fun in the sun this month! With the temperatures soaring we have found creative ways to cool ourselves down. The children were so excited to get their feet wet in the water! We spent all morning in and out of the water trays having fun and cooling off



Year 1

In year 1 this month we have enjoyed reading our core text 'Traction Man'. It has helped us produce some fantastic writing to end our time in Year 1. We have retold the story and written adverts to persuade people to buy our doll.



WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?

Year 3

Year 3's final trip of the year was to the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew. Kew is world-famous for having the largest collection of plant species in the world. In Science and Geography, our year group has been learning about rainforests, so visiting Kew gave us the opportunity to experience what a tropical rainforest is like. We went inside the Princess of Wales Conservatory, where it was very hot and humid. The children enjoyed looking at the tropical Amazonian fish and were amazed by their size. We even spotted a relative of the piranha, but fortunately for us, it was vegetarian! We also visited the Palm House, which was equally hot and humid. As we explored the gardens, we saw many different types of trees and plants. One particularly interesting tree was the London plane tree, which is known for helping to clean the air and is sometimes referred to as one of the "lungs of London". It was a fascinating and enjoyable trip, and we learned a great deal about tropical rainforest environments and the importance of plants in our world.



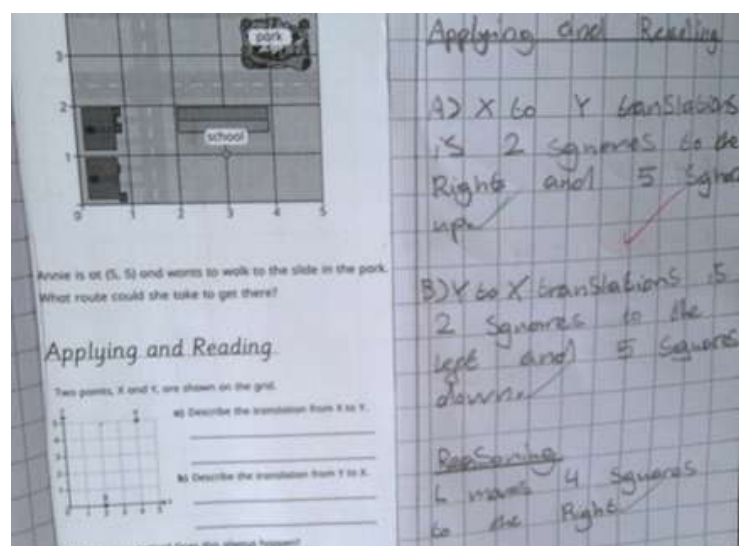
Year 5

Our Year 5 pupils delighted their parents with a fantastic ukulele performance. They played with confidence and enthusiasm, showcasing all their hard work. It was a fun-filled event, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon.



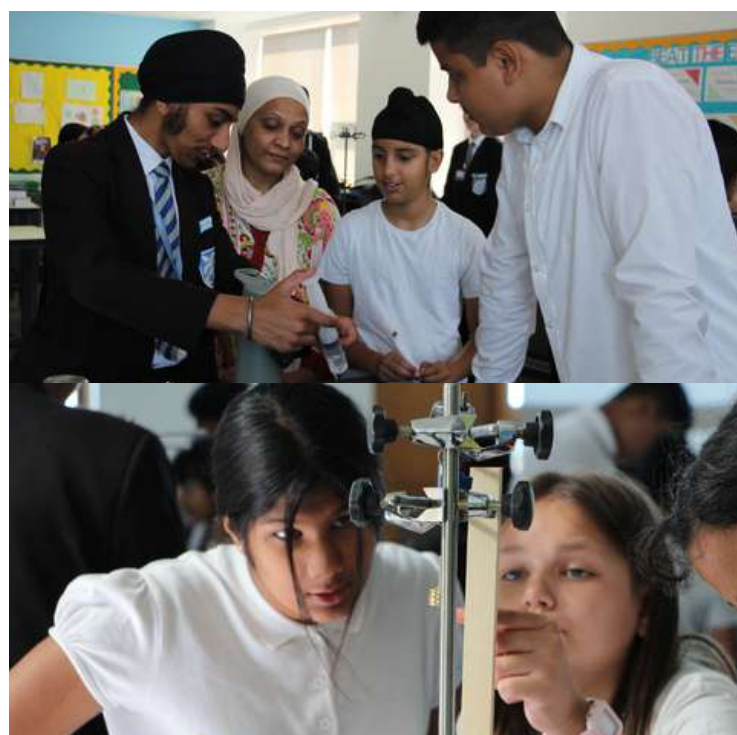
Year 4

In Maths, Year 4 learned how to describe translations on a grid. The children explained the same movement from two different points, developing their understanding of position, direction, and mathematical language. Geography - Pupils in our class enjoyed an unforgettable virtual reality journey across Africa! Using VR headsets, they travelled back in time to Ancient Egypt, where they explored the magnificent Pyramids of Giza and discovered fascinating facts about one of the world's oldest civilisations. The adventure then took them on an exciting African safari, where they came face to face with a variety of incredible wildlife, including lions, elephants, zebras, giraffes, rhinos and mongooses. They also ventured deep into Africa's dense rainforests to observe playful chimpanzees and the mighty gorilla in their natural habitats. The immersive experience brought our geography learning to life, allowing the children to explore the diverse landscapes, wildlife and rich history of Africa in a truly memorable and engaging way. It was a fantastic opportunity to inspire curiosity and deepen their understanding of this amazing continent.



Year 6

Year 6 visited Dormers Wells High Schools this month for a physics lesson taught by year 10 students, including some past pupils of the school. Year 6 enjoyed the experiments and were able to explain the scientific reasoning behind them.



EXTRA STORIES

Things to know about saying 'NO' to your child

We all wish our children would just comply when we ask them to do something. However we all know that really isn't always the case! Thankfully, it is possible to help children want to cooperate without resorting to yelling, threats or harshness.

How can parents help?

The most important thing to remember is that children only listen to us because of who we are to them. So be sure to keep strengthening your relationship: consciously connect with them before giving them a direction. You can also try to transform it into something fun and inviting! Kids will accept your limit when you first accept their feelings about your limits (sadness, anger, disappointment,...). Finally, children follow our requests when they feel they have some control in the situation: avoid power struggles by giving them a choice and some autonomy.

SUMMER FAIR 2026

The international flags were flying high and the sun came out for our annual Summer Fair. The children came dressed to impress in cultural attire and really made the afternoon one to remember. Thank you to all of our parents and carers who came to support and had as much fun (if not more) enjoying the food and games stalls with the children!



YEAR 6 PRODUCTION

Year 6 delivered a fantastic performance of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory to friends, family, and pupils from the younger year groups. Their outstanding singing, energetic dancing, and brilliant acting made for a truly memorable show. A huge well done to all of Year 6 for their hard work and incredible performance!



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about KEEP CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE OVER SUMMER

School's out... for summer! Yes, it's that time of the year again: around six weeks at home for ecstatic youngsters. For many young people, a bumper stint off school means a welcome chance to spend even more time with their games console, phone, tablet or smart TV. So whether your children are likely to be scrolling on Snapchat, nestling in front of Netflix or frying foes on Fortnite, we've put together some top tips to help you keep them safe online this holiday.

THERE'S NO NETWORK LIKE HOME

Teenagers, especially, tend to be delighted to find that a coffee shop, restaurant or shopping centre offers free Wi-Fi. These public networks are much less secure than home Wi-Fi, though, so discourage your child from making online purchases or entering personal details when out and about.

KEEP TALKING

It sounds blindingly obvious, but having regular chats with your child about what they're talking to online, what games and apps they're using and what shows they're streaming is a huge benefit. It doesn't have to be every day or even every week, but it can signal potential issues well in advance.

WATCH FOR EXCESSIVE GAMING

With no school, children often take every opportunity to fit in just one more go on their favourite game – sometimes at the cost of their daily routine, or having family time. A little extra gaming is to be expected in the holidays, but it could become problematic if it evolves into a recurring habit.

LIMIT SOCIAL AUDIENCES

When they're old enough, young people have to broadcast their summer holiday highlights all over social media. The unfortunate truth, however, is that we don't always know who might be viewing this content. Check the settings to ensure that only friends and family can see your child's posts.

DEMONSTRATE GOOD HABITS

Children often learn their digital behaviour from watching the grown-ups around them. So make sure your child observes you being positive and supportive on social media, for example – and, especially, sees that you know when it's time to switch the screen off, even though you're having fun.

IT'S 'THE GREAT OUTDOORS' FOR A REASON

For most northern hemisphere-dwellers, this time of year is a rare opportunity to enjoy the outside world in pleasant weather. Remind your child how amazing it is to feel the sun on their back and fresh air in their lungs. Disney+ and Minecraft will still be there on dreary Sundays in October.

LIGHTS OUT, SCREENS OFF

This is a golden rule: try to limit how much screen time your child has towards end of the day. Staring at the screen of a phone or tablet for too long before bed severely impacts a child's quality of sleep – which can play havoc with their concentration, mood and energy levels the next day.

PRIVATE INFO STAYS PRIVATE

It's worth checking your child's social media or gaming profiles occasionally to make sure they aren't inadvertently giving away too much information. Details such as their full name, address or where they go to school could all be used to track them down by individuals with sinister intentions.

FOCUS ON FACTS

The internet is phenomenal at spreading gossip. When children of certain ages aren't in daily contact at school, the digital rumour mill can go into overdrive. Remind your child not to believe everything they're told online – especially if the person involved isn't around to provide their side of the story.

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