

GREAT DENHAM PRIMARY

SUMMER NEWSLETTER UPDATE 10

26/05/26



MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents/carers,

What a hot week it has been! The children have been absolutely amazing as have the staff coping in really unbearable conditions in the classrooms. Thank you for your patience and support this week - next week things should return to normal! On Monday morning we look forward to seeing our nursery parents for Nursery's sports day. Then on Tuesday will be transition day - as previously communicated an email will be out on Monday outlining the classes for next year. As we prepare for your child's transition to their new class, we know this is an exciting time, but it can also bring some uncertainty for children. Children often look to the adults around them for reassurance. Speaking positively about the transition, listening to any worries they may have, and reminding them of the exciting opportunities ahead can help them feel more confident and secure. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Burgess
Headteacher

LETTERS HOME

Y5 trip to Didcot Railway - Y4

July fun swim taster session - Y3

UPCOMING DIARY DATES

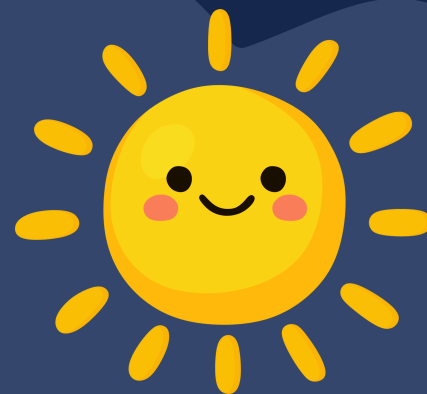
Mon 29th June - Nursery Sports Day

Tues 30th June - Transition Day

Weds 1st July - Y4 Rain Forest Cafe 2pm - School Hall

Tues 7th July - Y5 Fab Finish

Tues 7th July - Y3 Fun Swim



2027/2028 School Term Dates

We know it is a little way off but we know how useful it is to know these. We have had our 27/28 term dates recently approved by our governors.

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These can also be found on our website under 'parents/term & diary dates'.



AUTUMN TERM 2027 (First Half)		SPRING TERM 2028 (First Half)		SUMMER TERM 2028 (First Half)	
1 - 2 September	Training days for Staff	4 January	Training day for Staff	18 April	Training day for staff
3 September	FIRST DAY OF TERM FOR: YEARS 1-6	5 January	FIRST DAY OF TERM	19 April	School Returns
				1 May	Bank Holiday
HALF TERM 2027 25 October - 29 October (Second Half)		HALF TERM 2028 14 - 18 February (Second Half)		HALF TERM 2028 29 May - 2 June (Second Half)	
1 November	Training day for Staff	21 February	School returns	5 June	School returns
2 November	School Returns	25 March	LAST DAY OF TERM (12.30pm Finish*)	21 July	LAST DAY OF TERM (12.30pm Finish*)
17 December	LAST DAY OF TERM (12.30pm Finish*)				

*PLEASE NOTE ON THE LAST DAY OF EACH FULL TERM THERE WILL BE A WHOLE SCHOOL CLOSURE AT 12.30PM SO THERE WILL BE NO AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB

Bank & public holidays: 27/12/27, 28/12/27, 03/01/27, 14/04/27, 17/04/27, 01/05/28, 29/05/28, 28/08/28

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Year 3

YEAR GROUP UPDATE

Year 3 are having an amazing Summer term learning about the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age.

We began the term with a Stone Age Day where the children created cave paintings and also made clay deer teeth. They have enjoyed finding out about the Stone Age and the importance it played in prehistory. We've looked at all 3 eras and the changes that happened between them. We've also been enjoying reading *The Wild Way Home* by Sophie Kirtley, which has inspired a lot of our English work this term.

This half of term, we have begun to learn about the Bronze Age and Iron Age and the key changes that happened during them. After learning about the artist Antony Gormley, we created our own figurines from clay.

Keep an eye out for all our hard work at our museum on the **10th July!** You are welcome to come between **2.30-3.15pm** to explore the year 3 museum and be amazed by everything they have created and learnt about this term. This will also be the perfect time for the children to share their project books with you.

As the term ends, the year 3 team would just like to say how wonderful the children have been this year. They have all made fantastic progress and we have created so many memories together!

Mrs Rose, Miss Byrne and Miss Tyler.



Year 4

YEAR GROUP UPDATE

Year 4 launched their Amazon Rainforest project with an exciting adventure! The children boarded Great Denham Airlines and travelled to Manaus, the gateway to the Amazon Rainforest. During the journey, disaster struck and our plane crash-landed deep within the rainforest! This exciting hook sparked lots of curiosity and enthusiasm for the project. To help bring their learning to life, the children also visited the rainforest at Kew Gardens, where they experienced the sights, sounds and atmosphere of a real tropical rainforest and discovered more about the plants that live there.

Using *The Explorer* by Katherine Rundell as our inspiration, the children have explored the wonders and challenges of rainforest life. They have written impressive rainforest survival guides and are now busy creating their own additional chapter for the story, which we are looking forward to sharing with you at our Fab Finish.

As part of our Design and Technology learning, the children have investigated sustainability by creating natural dyes from a range of materials. They then experimented with tie-dye techniques to create unique fabric designs before using their sewing skills to make small bags.

The children will be selling their handmade bags at our Fab Finish event to raise both money and awareness for WWF. We are incredibly proud of their creativity, hard work and commitment to supporting an important environmental cause.



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