



Dalton St. Michael's C.E. Primary School

16th July 2025

End of Year Letter

Dear parents and carers,

As we reach the end of my first two terms as Headteacher of Dalton St. Michael's CE Primary School I would like to express my gratitude to everyone in the school community for their support and partnership as I have navigated the first 6 months of Headship.

It has been incredible to see the children adapt to the different strategies that have been implemented in school and to see their resilience and love for learning. There are a lot more changes planned over the coming years, but one thing I do not want to change is the family feel and how children look after each other, especially the Nursery children. The youngest in our community have settled so well due to the loving staff but also because the older children have been so caring to them.

I would like to extend heartfelt thanks to the Friends of Dalton for their tireless efforts in raising funds throughout the year. Every penny raised goes directly towards enriching the children's experiences and providing valuable resources. We are also very grateful for the generous donations made by families during the Summer Fair and for the delicious cakes donated beforehand. Thank you, as well, to all of the businesses who kindly donated prizes for our raffle.

I would also, again, like to thank families who have helped with transport to the different events we have attended over the year. This has helped us to keep the cost more manageable meaning we have been able to offer more.

Reminders and Notices:

- **Parking:** Please use the school car park when dropping off or collecting children. Parking on the road can cause obstructions and poses a safety risk to others.
- **Dogs on Site:** Dogs are not permitted on the school grounds due to health and safety reasons. If you bring a dog, please contact the office and then wait on the path. A member of staff will escort your child to you.
- **Start and End of Term:**
 - School closes: Friday 18th July at 3.15pm. There is no Afterschool Club this day to allow staff to say goodbye to the Year 6 leavers.
 - School reopens: Tuesday 2nd September at 8.45am (7.45am for Breakfast Club)
 - Please check the term dates for next year carefully—there is an INSET day after October half term.
- **Outstanding Payments:** Please clear any outstanding balances for school lunches, Breakfast Club, and After School Club as soon as possible. These services rely on payments to remain sustainable.
- **Year 6 Homework:** From September, Year 6 pupils will have one evening a week of homework/booster sessions. Attendance is expected.
- **Meet the Teacher Evening:** This will take place during the first week of term. Please attend, even if your child is remaining in the same class.
- **Water Bottles & Snacks:** Please continue to send a water bottle each day. Snacks must follow the Government's Healthy Eating Guidance—crisps and chocolate are not permitted. More information will be shared in September.
- **PE Kit & Uniform:** Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit in school from the start of term. PE Kits and Uniform can be ordered directly from Touchline all over summer. It would then be delivered to school at the start of term. If you order via Sco-Pay it will not be actioned until September.
- **School Shoes for September:** Please ensure children return in sturdy all-black school shoes. Please remember that their footwear needs to be suitable as children do a lot of running around and playing. Shoes like Crocs, shoes with heels, ballet pumps or high boots are not suitable. Trainers with coloured logos, visible air bubbles or running shoes are not acceptable school shoes. Some shoes, such as the Adidas Tensaur, are acceptable as long as it is the all-black version and they are not too trainer like.
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Adidas Tensaur style (acceptable)



Visible air bubble (not acceptable)



Trainers (not acceptable)



High boots (not suitable)

- **Classroom Changes:** Due to class sizes, Class 2 and Class 3 will be swapping classrooms next year to give Class 3 more space.
- **Online Learning Over Summer:** Children can continue to use Purple Mash, Times Tables Rockstars, and Edshed over the holidays. If you need login details, please speak to your child's teacher.



I am proud to announce that for the first time ever we have been awarded the Gold Sports Games Mark. This is due to an increase of activities, events and active afterschool clubs we have offered. We are keen to maintain this level of physical activity over the next academic year.


Thank you once again for your continued support. I wish you all a safe, happy, and restful summer break. We look forward to welcoming the children back in September for another exciting year of learning.

Yours sincerely

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