



Dair House Spring E-Letter Issue 7

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Head's Welcome



Dear Parents and Friends of Dair House,

What a week we have had ! Fun runs; two sports tournaments; a Year 2 visit; a visit from the Fire Brigade and of course the magical world of World Book Day!

We started the week with our fun run in aid of Thames Hospice and their Trunks Across the Thames campaign. If you recall I'd challenged the children to raise over £1000 but with the hope that they could perhaps double if not triple that amount. Well, I am very proud to say that they have only gone and done it! Thank you so much to the children for never giving up, showing resilience and most importantly keeping running. It's amazing how many more laps you can run after you've filled yourself with cake! A big thank you to Mrs Bishop for organising this event and all of the Dair House community.

On Tuesday I had the pleasure of watching our KS2 netballers compete in their first IAPS tournament. I can safely say that we were the smallest school there, however our girls (plus a special assistant coach!) showed how big our determination and resilience can be. Sport can teach our young people so much, and I loved seeing the team's great teamwork, grit and their can-do attitude. I'm sure the team will join me in thanking Mrs Saunders for coaching them and giving her time so freely to the netball club.

Finally, World Book Day took centre stage on Thursday, always a highlight of the year and a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the joy of reading. The school was filled with smiles, laughter and that unmistakable buzz that comes when children are completely immersed in stories and imagination. In fact, so much fun was had that I even heard one pupil declare they didn't want to go home! As the resident genie for the day, I was more than happy to grant wishes, my favourite being the nursery child who simply asked for a pinecone. That

one, at least, I could manage! By the end of the day, I was quite relieved to de-genie myself and remove the blue paint, though I must admit I had grown rather fond of stroking my newly acquired goatee beard!

Wishing you all a fantastic weekend.

Warmest wishes,

Mrs. Bull

Headteacher

Kindness Cup

Well done to Lulu Year 6, who was especially kind this week. When she saw that her friend was having trouble with his football boots she stopped and helped him tie them.





MUGA Project Update: Week 3

Our new **Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA)** is rapidly taking shape! We've had a busy week on-site, and the transformation is becoming more impressive by the day.

What's Happening This Week?

The construction team is focusing on three critical milestones to get the surface ready for play:

- **Foundation Work:** Completing the "stoning" of the entire area to ensure a level, solid base.
- **Border Precision:** Carefully cleaning up and defining the boundary edges.
- **The Big Finish:** Beginning the **tarmac laying**—the moment it starts looking like a real pitch!

Looking Ahead to Summer

The finish line is in sight, and we are already dreaming of sun-drenched match days. We can't wait to see our students and the community utilizing this premier facility.

Host Your Event Here! Are you looking for a venue for your summer fixtures or sporting events? Our MUGA could be the perfect home for your team.

For booking inquiries and further details, please contact Bursar@dairhouse.school.





Thames Hospice Charity Fun Run and Cake Sale

What an absolutely incredible Fun Run we had on Monday! And we were even lucky enough to have the sunshine cheering us on!

I cannot begin to tell you how proud we are of every single runner, from our youngest Nursery children right through to our fantastic Year 6 pupils. The determination, resilience and pure joy on display were truly inspiring.

Our Nursery to Year 2 children took on the 90m track with unstoppable enthusiasm, they just kept going and going! At one point I genuinely wondered if they were ever planning to stop! I suspect there were some very well-earned early nights after all that energy used.

Meanwhile, our KS2 pupils tackled the 270m track with incredible stamina and focus. Many of them ran further than they do during lesson time, which is such an amazing achievement. We had some runners who ran the entire time given! Their perseverance was outstanding.

One of the most special parts of the day was seeing and hearing the children encouraging one another. Arms around friends, cheering each other on, calculating “just one more lap,” and digging deep when they didn’t want to stop. It was teamwork, kindness, and determination at its very best. I did smile when one child thought they might personally be

receiving the sponsorship money, I'm delighted to report they carried on running enthusiastically even when they realised it was for charity!

And to you, our wonderful parents, thank you. Your generosity has completely blown us away. The sponsorship donations have been phenomenal, and we are still in the process of collecting and counting. We cannot wait to share the grand total with you once everything has been tallied; it is going to make a real difference.

A huge thank you as well for the delicious cake donations. They were fantastic and very quickly snapped up! Thanks to your baking talents and support, we raised an additional **£550.00** from the cake sale alone, amazing!

Most importantly, thank you for truly getting behind this event. We have raised a staggering **£3,504.88** with donations still coming in! Your support, encouragement and generosity mean that together we are making a genuine difference to so many families supported by Thames Hospice.

What a community. What a day. What an achievement.

Thank you.

LJ Bishop

Head of Sport













Firefighters Visit

What a week! As part of the Early Years Communication Week 2026, Nursery and Reception were visited by our local firefighters.

The children enjoyed a captivating sit-down session, learning all about fire safety and how the crew works as a team. The "wow" moment, however, was definitely getting to see the fire engine parked right on our grounds!

It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to practice their questioning skills and learn new vocabulary in a fun, real-world setting.









IAPS Netball Tournament @ The Marist School

On Tuesday, our Dair House netball team travelled to compete in the IAPS Netball Tournament, a large-scale event bringing together exceptionally talented players from schools across the country. The standard of play was incredibly high, and while some matches were closely fought and others didn't quite go our way, what truly stood out was the character, determination and spirit of our team.

From the very first whistle to the final seconds of the tournament, the girls demonstrated resilience, teamwork and an unwavering commitment to giving their very best. They played with energy, heart and courage, never giving up, no matter the scoreline. It was impossible not to feel immensely proud watching them support one another and keep pushing forward.

Our squad was made up of ten players; sadly, Lulu was unable to attend due to illness. She was greatly missed, especially after all the hard work she had put in during the build-up to the tournament. We certainly felt her absence and look forward to having her back on court soon.

Representing the school were: Mary, Ava H, Jojo, Imaan, Bella, Kaysha, Annabelle, Maanya and our fantastic captain, Sophie.

Sophie led the team brilliantly, encouraging her teammates, setting the tone with her tireless work rate and demonstrating true leadership throughout the day. She also displayed a remarkable hidden talent... winning nearly every rock-paper-scissors toss!

Although the players themselves may not quite believe it, they played some of the best netball we have seen from them. Their progress alone is a huge achievement and something they should feel incredibly proud of.

A very special and heartfelt thank you must go to Mrs Saunders. She generously gave up her time to run additional training sessions, which proved invaluable in preparing the team. She even provided smart new tops and bibs so we truly looked the part! Mrs Saunders also stepped in to umpire during the tournament, without her willingness to do so, we would not have been able to attend. We are enormously grateful for her dedication and support.

Thank you as well to all our wonderful supporters on the sidelines. Your encouragement, coaching tips during breaks and enthusiastic cheers made a real difference to the players' confidence and morale.

Finally, our biggest cheer goes to our assistant coach, William. Although usually part of the team, this was a girls-only tournament. William was so determined to support his teammates that he wrote to Mrs Bull asking if he could attend and thankfully she agreed he simply had to be there! As assistant coach, his positivity, encouragement and tactical guidance were outstanding. The girls were thrilled to have him with them, and so were we.

While the results may not have reflected the enormous effort the team put in and the growth that we witnessed, the pride we feel in this team could not be greater. They represented Dair House with determination, sportsmanship and true team spirit and that is a victory in itself.

Well done all we are so proud of you all!

LJ Bishop

Head of Sport





Y3/4 Girls Football Festival @ Amersham and Chiltern Hockey Club

On Wednesday, our Year 3/4 girls took part in an exciting Football Festival, where they enjoyed a range of activities including mini matches, dribbling challenges, shooting practice, and passing drills. It was a fantastic morning filled with enthusiasm, teamwork, laughter, and plenty of girl power!

The girls represented the school brilliantly and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Well done to everyone who took part!

LJ Bishop

Head of Sport



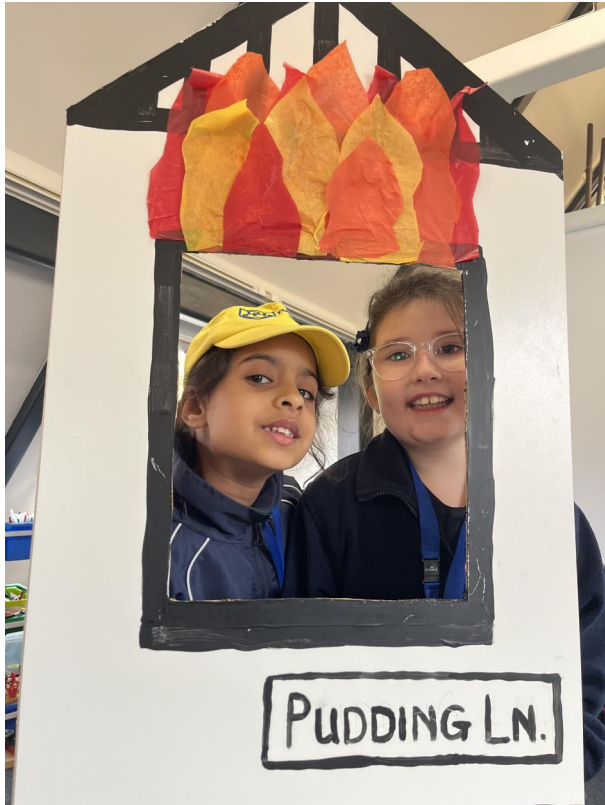


Y2 trip to Mill Green Museum

In order to participate in an interactive activity and learn more about their topic, The Great Fire of London, Year 2 embarked on an excursion to the Mill Green Museum.

After learning how flour is created at the mill, Teams Pudding Lane and Samuel Pepys went to the bakery to prepare their own bread rolls with Baker Farriner. Additionally, the children participated in an archaeological dig where they handled replica items and addressed the important query, "What would you save?"

They then helped Samuel Pepys to complete his diary showing what happened on that fateful night! Everyone had a great day, and we are eager to learn more about the subject in class. Remember to bury your pricey cheese in case of a fire.







World Book Day

What a transformation! On Thursday, our school was swapped for a World of Magic, and the results were spellbinding.

Our "Magical Worlds" theme saw pupils (and staff!) step into the shoes of their favourite storybook heroes. The energy across the school was electric as we celebrated the joy of getting lost in a good book. The day started off with an assembly where the Mad Hatter (AKA Mr Carter) invited well known characters to have tea with him and discuss various facts about reading with the school deciding whether they were true or a misconception. Sadly a note was left in a teapot to say the doormouse had been kidnapped and the only way to get him back was to solve some clues in a scavenger hunt!

The children showed a fantastic passion for reading through out the day and our book swop was a huge success. It was wonderful to see so many children leaving with an armful of new books to lose themselves in at the end of the day. Thank you to Mr Carter and all the staff for throwing themselves into this magical day.

Reading is a superpower, and this World Book Day, our children certainly proved it!





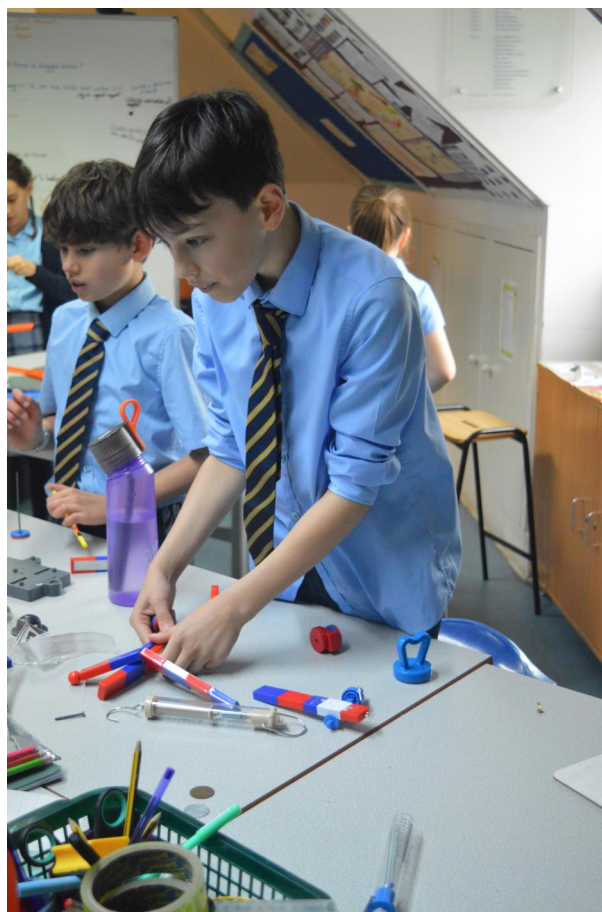


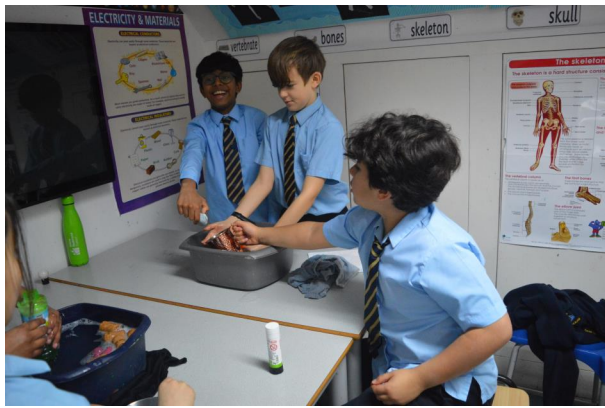




Year 5 Science

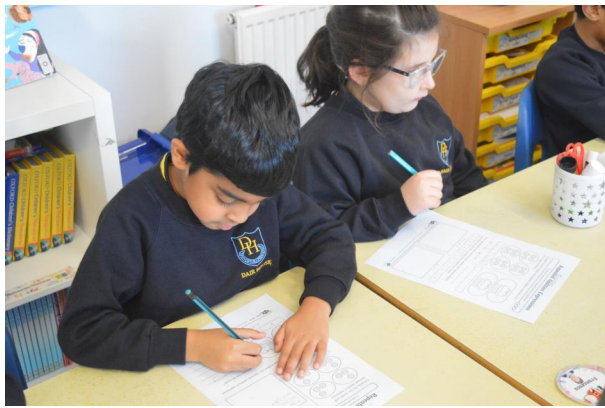
Year 5 have been busy exploring the fascinating world of forces in Science. Through a range of exciting hands-on experiments, the children investigated gravity, friction, air resistance and water resistance, making careful predictions and recording their results like real scientists. From testing how different surfaces affect movement to designing their own mini investigations, the classroom was full of curiosity, teamwork and discovery. It has been wonderful to see such enthusiasm and thoughtful scientific thinking in action!





Pictures Of The Week











Reminders for the week ahead

Monday 9th March: House Shout (no parents)

Tuesday 10th March: Gym and Dance Show - EYFS and KS1 (Morning Assembly)

Tuesday 10th March: Y3/4 Football v Thorpe House @ Thorpe House - 2:30pm

Wednesday 11th March: Gym and Dance Show- KS2 (Morning Assembly)

Thursday 12th March: Year 5 girls trip to STEM Day at The Marist

Thursday 12th March: Y4 Assembly



Upcoming Events

Wednesday 18th March: Reception Assembly

Wednesday 18th March: Y4 trip to Oxford Science Museum

Thursday 19th March: Y6 trip to Ashmolean Museum

Thursday 19th March: Y3 Assembly

Monday 23rd March: Y3 trip to Verulamium Museum

Tuesday 24th March: Spring Concert

Wednesday 25th March: Y1 Assembly

Thursday 26th March: Y2 Assembly

Friday 27th March: End of term 12pm

Parents' afternoons

Come and join your children in their classrooms to look through their week and take part in activities:

Thursday 19th March: 14:00 onwards - Reception and KS1

Friday 20th March: 14:00 onwards - Year 3,4 & 5

Monday 23rd March: 14:00 onwards - Year 6

Look out for an email next week to sign up for a time.

Easter Camp

Ready to crack on with some Easter plans? 🥰

We're back this spring with an action-packed Easter Camp that's all about high energy and big smiles. If you're looking for a way to keep the kids entertained, we've got the perfect mix of creativity and movement!

When: Monday 30th March – Thursday 2nd April 8:45am - 4pm

Pricing: £55 per day

What's on the Agenda?

- **Sports & Games:** From team challenges to classic playground favourites.
- **Arts & Crafts:** Spring-themed creations.
- **Action-Packed Fun:** New activities every day to keep the boredom at bay.

To book on please contact bursar@dairhouse.school

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 £55 PER DAY

A STAFF-LED WEEK FILLED WITH LOTS OF FUN, ARTS AND CRAFTS, SPORTS, AND GAMES!

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 BURSAR@DAIRHOUSE.SCHOOL TO
 RESERVE YOUR PLACE

Next weeks Menu

WEEKLY MENU		WEEK 3		
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>Morning Snack Shortbread(Wheat)(V, Ve), Fresh Cut Fruit(V, Ve) & Milk(Milk)(V)</p> <p>Main Attraction Macaroni & Cheese(Wheat, Milk)(V) <i>Vegan Version Available</i></p> <p>On The Side Green Beans(V, Ve) Sweetcorn(V, Ve)</p> <p>Everyday Baked Potato(V, Ve) Steamed Pasta(Wheat)(V, Ve) Tomato Sauce(V, Ve) Baked Beans(V, Ve) Shredded Cheese(Milk)(V)</p> <p>Dessert Jelly Pots(V, Ve), Fresh Fruit Pots(V, Ve), Yoghurt Pots(Milk)(V)</p>	<p>Morning Snack Crudites & Salsa(V, Ve), Fresh Cut Fruit(V, Ve) & Milk(Milk)(V)</p> <p>Main Attraction Beef & Onion Pie(Wheat) <i>Halal Version Available</i></p> <p>On The Side Butternut Squash & Spinach Pot(Wheat)</p> <p>Everyday Baked Potato(V, Ve) Steamed Pasta(Wheat)(V, Ve) Tomato Sauce(V, Ve) Baked Beans(V, Ve) Shredded Cheese(Milk)(V)</p> <p>Dessert Rice Pudding(Milk)(V), Jelly Pots(V, Ve), Fresh Fruit Pots(V, Ve), Yoghurt Pots(Milk)(V)</p>	<p>Morning Snack Flapjack(Wheat)(V), Fresh Cut Fruit(V, Ve) & Milk(Milk)(V)</p> <p>Main Attraction Thyme Roasted Chicken <i>Halal Version Available</i></p> <p>On The Side Rosemary & Garlic Roasted Potato(V, Ve) Thyme Roasted Carrots(V, Ve) Steamed Cauliflower(V, Ve)</p> <p>Everyday Baked Potato(V, Ve) Steamed Pasta(Wheat)(V, Ve) Tomato Sauce(V, Ve) Baked Beans(V, Ve) Shredded Cheese(Milk)(V)</p> <p>Dessert Apple & Berries Crumble & Custard(Milk)(V), Jelly Pots(V, Ve), Fresh Fruit Pots(V, Ve), Yoghurt Pots(Milk)(V)</p>	<p>Morning Snack Citrus Cake(Wheat, Egg)(V), Fresh Cut Fruit(V, Ve) & Milk(Milk)(V)</p> <p>Main Attraction BBQ Pulled Pork(Wheat) BBQ Pulled Jack Fruit(Wheat)(V, Ve)</p> <p>On The Side Oven Baked Potato Wedges(V, Ve) Sweetcorn(V, Ve) Roasted Peppers(V, Ve)</p> <p>Everyday Baked Potato(V, Ve) Steamed Pasta(Wheat)(V, Ve) Tomato Sauce(V, Ve) Baked Beans(V, Ve) Shredded Cheese(Milk)(V)</p> <p>Dessert Fruit Trifle(Milk)(V), Jelly Pots(V, Ve), Fresh Fruit Pots(V, Ve), Yoghurt Pots(Milk)(V)</p>	<p>Morning Snack Fruit Bread(Balghites, Wheat)(V), Fresh Cut Fruit(V, Ve) & Milk(Milk)(V)</p> <p>Main Attraction Giant Cod Fish Fingers(Fish, Wheat)</p> <p>On The Side Oven Baked Chaps(V, Ve) Garden Peas(V, Ve) Baked Beans(V, Ve)</p> <p>Everyday Baked Potato(V, Ve) Steamed Pasta(Wheat)(V, Ve) Tomato Sauce(V, Ve) Baked Beans(V, Ve) Shredded Cheese(Milk)(V)</p> <p>Dessert Stuffed Cheesecake(Soya, Wheat, Milk)(V), Jelly Pots(V, Ve), Fresh Fruit Pots(V, Ve), Yoghurt Pots(Milk)(V)</p>

PLEASE NOTE: INGREDIENTS MAY CHANGE AND NOTIFICATION WILL BE DISPLAYED IN THE LUNCH DINNING ROOM BEFORE LUNCH

PTA Update



Dear Parents

We would like to invite you to our first PTA event of 2026, our Easter Family Event on * **Thursday 26th March** * **PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE** from 3.15pm until 5pm. This year we invite you to visit our Easter Bake Sale and refreshments stall, and for children there is an Easter Egg hunt, Easter Craft activity and an opportunity to enter and take part in the Easter Bonnet Parade led by the Easter Bunny.

For those entering the Easter Bonnet Parade, children are invited to be creative and make a bright and colourful Easter bonnet at home to wear at the event. All children entering the Easter Bonnet Parade will receive a prize.

The event will take place in the Playground/Playing fields of the school, and the program of events is as follows.

- Easter Bake Sale & Refreshments Stall– open from 3.15pm until 5pm
- Easter Egg Hunt – KS1 3.15pm until 3.45pm, KS 3.45pm until 4.15pm
- Easter Craft -3.15pm until 5pm (additional cost)
- Easter Bonnet Parade – The Easter Bonnet Parade will be led by the Easter Bunny at 4.15pm.

Tickets for the Egg Hunt are £5 and are required for children only, siblings are welcome. The Easter craft activity is available for additional £3. Tickets are available at PTA events www.pta-events.co.uk/dairhousepta

Please note to allow all children to attend, the Wild World After school club on Friday 20th March will be cancelled.

Looking forward to seeing you at the event.


PTA

JOIN OUR PTA



EASTER EVENT

Thursday 26th
march
3.15pm until 5pm



Egg Hunt, Bake sale,
easter craft, Easter
bonnet parade & visit
by easter bunny



Tickets available via
www.pta-events.co.uk/dairhousepta

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