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## HEAD'S WELCOME

Welcome to Issue 3 of DPS Download. The start of 2026 has brought new routines, new learning and fresh challenges, and it has been fantastic to see how positively our children have embraced them. Classrooms are full of enthusiasm, curiosity and a real eagerness to learn, with pupils settling back into school life with confidence and smiles. Around the school grounds, the first flowers are beginning to appear, a lovely reminder of growth and new beginnings and a promise of brighter, warmer days ahead for our whole school community.

## SCHOOL EVENTS

### Year 5 singing showcase

Our wonderful Year 5 children did a simply amazing job in their recent singing showcase. Taking the audience on a musical journey through time, from The Beatles right through to Taylor Swift, the performance was a fantastic celebration of singing, dancing and confidence. The children performed with great enthusiasm and pride, showcasing not only their talents but also their growing appreciation of music through history. A huge well done to everyone involved for such an enjoyable and memorable event.



### MC Grammar

A huge thank you to our PTA for arranging a visit from MC Grammar, which was an absolute highlight for the children. MC Grammar is a well-known rapper, author and educator who brings learning to life through music, rhyme and humour, helping children to engage with language in a fun and memorable way. The sessions were full of energy, creativity and laughter, with pupils enthusiastically joining in and confidently using their voices. It was wonderful to see how inspired and motivated the children were by the experience, and it is one they will be talking about for a long time to come.



## INCLUSION SPOTLIGHT

We're pleased to share that the local authority is offering a series of exciting free parent workshops designed to support families and provide helpful guidance on a range of topics. These sessions are a great opportunity to learn new strategies.

**Occupational Therapy (OT) workshop - understanding the sensory needs of your child (online)** 19:00-21:00 16th March 2026.

Our Occupational Therapy (OT) online workshop, will specifically focus on understanding the sensory needs of your child. This session is designed to help parents and carers gain valuable insight into how sensory processing affects behaviour, emotions, and daily activities. Email your questions or comments to [admin@wnvp.co.uk](mailto:admin@wnvp.co.uk), using the subject heading: WNVP OT workshop.  
<https://www.wnvp.co.uk/events/occupational-therapy-workshop>





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# BEHIND THE SCENES

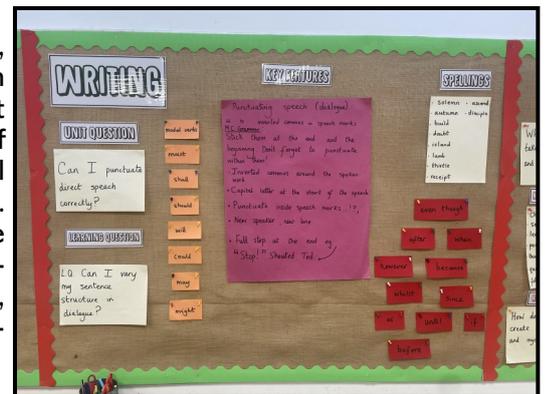
## Behaviour strategy



We have been working carefully on our refreshed behaviour strategy, which is now available to view on our new website. At Deanshanger Primary School, we strive to be the best we can be, and our values are the glue that brings us together, creating a shared language and a consistent culture understood by all. These values run through everything we do, shaping how we behave, how we treat one another and how we approach challenges, both in and out of the classroom. Visitors to the school will see our values in action as they walk around, with children and adults alike able to talk confidently about them and demonstrate them in their everyday interactions. Positive behaviour is actively promoted through a range of celebrations and awards, recognising the many successes across our school community. Where children need additional support in making positive choices, clear and restorative approaches are followed to help them reflect, learn and continue to grow, always guided by our shared values.

## Working Walls

Staff have been receiving training on the effective use of working walls, and it has been great to see the positive impact already taking shape in classrooms across the school. Working walls are a valuable tool that support children's learning by clearly reflecting the current focus of teaching. They grow and develop alongside the class, acting as a visual aid to help pupils remember key concepts, vocabulary and strategies. Some elements are introduced at the start of a unit to provide structure and guidance, while other aspects are built collaboratively with the children as their understanding deepens. Working walls are an accessible, supportive resource that promotes independence and reinforces learning for all children.



## Teaching assistant support

Recently, our fantastic Teaching Assistants have been working hard on implementing new-look timetables designed to maximise the support available to children across the school day. These carefully planned timetables ensure that as many pupils as possible can benefit from targeted support and intervention. Staff have adapted brilliantly to these changes, and it has been a real joy to see the positive impact of the new intervention groups already taking shape in classrooms and learning spaces across the school.

## Moderation with Old Stratford school Primary School

Recently, teachers have been working alongside our colleagues at Old Stratford Primary School to moderate writing. This collaborative work has given staff from both schools valuable time to assess pupils' writing together, identify common strengths and areas for development, and develop a shared understanding of expectations. It has also been a fantastic opportunity to share effective classroom practice, with staff exchanging ideas and approaches that will continue to strengthen the quality of writing across our school.





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## NEW LOOK WEBSITE

We have been working hard behind the scenes to refresh the look and feel of our school website. The new design is more streamlined and user-friendly, making it quicker and easier for families and the wider community to find the information they need. We hope you enjoy exploring the updated site and find it a helpful and accessible resource for keeping up to date with life at our school.



## IMPORTANT DATES AND REMINDERS

### Parents evening—Week commencing 2nd March

You will have received information about our upcoming parents' evening, and we strongly encourage all families to attend. These meetings play a vital role in strengthening the partnership between home and school and provide a valuable opportunity to work together in support of your child. Parents' evening allows time to celebrate successes, discuss next steps in learning and gain a deeper insight into your child's progress and experience at DPS. Please ensure you book your appointment using the booking information that has been sent out by the school office.

### Parking and road safety

A gentle reminder to everyone about the importance of parking considerately and keeping our community safe at drop-off and pick-up times. We kindly ask that parents and carers avoid driving directly up to the school, parking in front of the main entrance or back gates, and leaving car engines idling. These small actions make a big difference in keeping children, families and staff safe and in reducing congestion around the school. Please also remember that the on-site car park is reserved for staff, school visitors and blue badge holders only. Thank you, as always, for your support and cooperation in helping us keep our school environment safe and welcoming for all.

### Important dates

23.2.26	Training day
24.2.26	Children return to school
5.2.26	World book day
11.3.26	Yr 1 Phonics parents meeting
19.3.26	Yr 4 Multiplication check and phonics meeting
24.3.26	Easter Rocksteady concert
25.3.26	Yr 6 residential trip parents meeting
26.3.26	Yr 1 and 2 easter production
27.3.26	End of term—Easter break begins



## THANK YOU

On behalf of all the staff here at Deanshanger Primary School, I would like to thank you, as always, for your continued support. Recent visitors have commented on what an exciting time this is at DPS, and it has been lovely to hear such positive feedback about the initiatives we have in place and the impact they are having on children's learning. We truly value working in partnership with our families and the wider local community, and we are very grateful for your ongoing support as we continue to move the school forward together.

