



Denton West End School

Newsletter

April 2026



Welcome to the April newsletter. We would like to welcome Jace to Y2 and hope he soon settles and makes new friends.

Congratulations

These go to Miss Trelfa who got married over the Easter holiday. She is now Mrs McNeil. We wish the happy couple all the very best.



Events Last Term

This was very busy half term. Even though it was a short half term we managed to fit in many special activities.

Matt Goodfellow, the poet, came to school to talk about his work as an author and inspire the KS2 children.

The children in KS1 and EYFS dressed up for Tell a Fairy Tale Day.



We had a Bag2 school collection and raised £42 for school funds. Thank you for your support.

Y3 visited the Liverpool Museum as part of their geography unit of work.

We celebrated World Book Day by bringing props to school. The children were very imaginative and had great fun working out which character the props represented.

Some Y6 children took part in a mock trial.

Y6 visited Stockport Air Raid Shelter as part of their history unit of work on World War 2.



Both Y1 and Y2 visited Denton Community Library. Thanks go to the volunteers from the library who made this a special visit for the children.

Y2 dressed up as forest creatures as part of their literacy unit of work.

Y6 were fortunate to have veterans from World War 2 come and speak to them about their experiences.

Tameside music service visited for an assembly to talk to the KS2 children about the different families of instruments.

We had some fantastic designs for our Easter Egg Competition and the children were very creative even engineering moving parts in some designs!



Events Last Term (Continued)

We held our first Spring Quiz. Thank you to all of those families that entered. This raised over £500 for school events and trips. The lucky winners were Saphia, Corey and Matilda.

We had a fun day for all of the children who met the reading challenge at the end of the spring term. Most children now meet the challenge so thank you to parents for supporting us with this.

Thank you to all parents for your continued support with fundraising. It is important that children get to experience trips and events outside of the normal class curriculum and this cannot be done without your help as costs continue to increase.

Y6 Mock Trial

On Friday 6th March, a few Y6 pupils attended the Greater Manchester Mock Trial competition. We went on a coach to Holden Clough Primary School, which was the school we were against. We had a great time and hopefully we will make it through to the next round so we can have another great experience. The results are still hidden and we are very excited to find out if we made it through. In summary, everyone played their role very well and we are grateful for the opportunity to take part.

Bodhi, Jack, Esmail, Neve, Acacia and Jack

This was an opportunity for the children to experience the work of professionals in the legal system.

Unfortunately, the team didn't get through to the next round but the magistrate did have this to say:

The MIC Team would like to commend your children for their hard work, preparation, and professionalism throughout the competition. Their efforts were greatly appreciated, and we hope they found the experience both enjoyable and valuable. They worked exceptionally well as a team and all the children were articulate, especially in the Q&A whilst waiting for the Magistrates to return their verdict.

Hopefully, we will be able to take part again next year.

School Dinners

There will be a slight increase in dinner money to £2.70 per day which is £13.50 per week from Monday 13th April. This is to cover increased food costs. This is much lower than many other caterers and provides a healthy two course lunch.





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Easy Fundraising

Thank you to those parents who have signed up. We have already raised £97 for school. Many retailers are signed up to the scheme so any online shopping you do can raise funds for school. Retailers include large food stores, travel, insurance, clothes shops, electricals and many more. Thank you to those parents who have already signed up. It is easy to sign up at:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>



Parents' Evenings

We held two successful evenings before the end of term. Thank you to parents for completing the short questionnaire afterwards.

All the parents who responded, said they were able to have a one to one conversation with their child's class teacher and knew how to support your child at home. You could see the progress your child had made over the year. There were many supportive comments and these are passed onto the staff and are very welcome, so thank you for that.

Here are a few of your comments:

Always lovely to see the school, the displays and what the children are learning about.

It was lovely seeing my child's work and speaking to the teacher about her work, targets and effort.

All good thanks.

Everything was perfect.

Well organised and very informative.

My daughter enjoyed showing me her work.

Some parents were unsure of the procedures for the evening and what was available. To help, please ensure you check the initial letter that went out, as all details are on there.

Additionally, some parents get frustrated when other parents run over. Please could I ask in future that you keep to your allotted five minutes? Unfortunately, it isn't possible to extend appointment times due to the time constraints of the evenings.

Summer Weather

If we should have sun shine please can you ensure your child wears sun cream, has a hat and brings water to school? Children may bring sun cream to school if it has their name on and they are able to apply it themselves. They should not share the cream with friends.



Attendance and Lateness

Attendance continues to be 96% which is amazing and well above the national averages of 92%. Our best attendance is in Y6 at 98% and Y3 and Y4 at 97%. Well done! We do have a number of children whose attendance is below 90%. This is the figure where the DfE will class children as persistent absentees.

There are very few children arriving late which is very encouraging.

Thank you for your continued support in helping keep attendance high.

KS2 Houses

The names of the houses will change this term. This was discussed with the KS2 children and the school council for their ideas. We decided on local street names and trees.

Rowling will become Oak (green)

Donaldson will become Hawthorn (red)

Dahl will become Laburnum (yellow)

Walliams will become Ash (blue)

This is in response to negative publicity around some of these authors which we have discussed with the children.

Saint George's Day



Children who are part of the uniformed organisations, can wear their uniforms. Many of you will know that St. George is the patron saint of the scouting movement. If your child is not a member of Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers,

Cubs or Scouts they may wear a red rose to mark the occasion

Forthcoming Events

April 16th-Y4 Egyptian Day

April 22nd-Y3 Viking Day

April 22nd-Blinside visit for Y5 and Y6

April 23rd-St George's Day

April 24th-Y1 visit Portland Basin

April 27th-Y5 visit Quarry Bank Mill

Week of May 4th-Y5 Bikeability

May 8th-Y4 visit the Manchester Museum

Week of May 11th-Y6 SATs week

May 18th-Y6 visit Outdoor Elements

May 20th-sports day-details to follow

Term Dates

The dates with confirmed INSET days is now on the website.

Break up Friday 22nd May

Back to school Monday 8th June