



Denton West End School

Newsletter

October 2026



We have had a busy start to the new term with lots of exciting activities already. Thank you to those parents who attended the reception induction talk, Y1 reading workshop and Y2 maths workshop. We hope you found them useful and enjoyed spending time with your child in school.

In addition:

-Y6 children have taken on their extra responsibilities around school and learnt about respect and fair play through Mini Whistlers.

-Our Y5 and Y6 children have completed their peer mediator training and have started to help in the playgrounds ensuring children have friends to play with and sorting out minor problems.

This is all part of our Investors in Pupils which gives the children extra responsibilities within school.



-Chess has started for Y3.

-Y4 have started their swimming lessons.

-Y1 have visited St. George's Church.

-We were very lucky to have a visit from Hannah Spencer MP who talked about her role as an MP, her work and about democracy.

Congratulations

Huge congratulations go to Miss Taylor and Miss Fallows on the safe delivery of their beautiful baby girls. Miss Taylor gave birth to Olivia weighing 10lb 6ozs and Miss Fallows to Lottie weighing 7lb 6ozs. We wish them all the best with their new families.



Meet the Teacher

This will be held on Thursday 22nd October from 3.30pm until 6.00pm. Further details will follow with a list of events and visitors.

Flu Jabs

These will take place on Tuesday 10th November. Please look out for a link from Intrahealth.

Individual Photographs

Individual and family photographs will be taken in school on Wednesday 18th November. Children need to be in full school uniform. Class photographs will be taken in the summer term.



The Christie Wall

You will remember that we raised money for the Christie charity a few years ago. As we raised so much money, £16,935, we now have a plaque on their wall as a lasting thank you to the community of Denton West End Primary School.



Ronald MacDonald House Charity

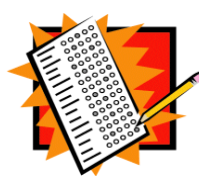
Thank you for your donations last year. We raised £2495 in total. The charity election will be held later this term so that we can decide who to support this academic year.

Milly-Rose Stirrup Foundation

We will be holding a dress Blue for Moo on Friday 23rd October. Children can come in blue clothes/Manchester City colours for a small donation. These can be made through ParentPay and will go to the charity.



Statutory Tests



This year the tests will take place as follows:

Y6-SATS tests week beginning 10th May 2027.

Y4-will have the multiplication check from the 14th June 2027.

Y1 and Y2-will have their phonic screening check the week of 14th June 2027.

Please do not book any holidays at this time.

Christmas Fair

This will be held on Thursday 3rd December from 3.30pm-5.00pm in school. If you have a small business and would like to 'buy a table' for a donation or would like to help with the organisation, please contact school. Further details will follow. Last year's fair was extremely successful and great fun so we are looking forward to this again.





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REMINDERS



Car parking-Just a reminder to be cautious at the start and the end of the day if you are driving to school. It is always difficult at this time of year as more people travel in cars because of the cold and wet weather.

As always, please take great care around the children and be courteous to our neighbours.

Lunchtimes-We are a gold standard school for healthy eating and have held this award for many years. This is because of the food that we offer at lunch time and through the day. On that note, could I remind parents whose children are on packed lunches that they should be bringing a healthy lunch? This means the children should only have one treat item. We are starting to see children come into school with two or three biscuits and cakes. Children will be asked to choose one and then they will be offered fruit if they are still hungry. Just a reminder also that children should not be bringing nuts, peanut butter or nut spreads as we have a number of children with severe nut allergies. Neither should they bring hot food as we do not have the means to check the temperature. We have had children burned in the past. There are lots of ideas for packed lunches on the website.



Thank you for your cooperation.

End of the day-please do not allow children to play on the tyres and gym equipment when collecting KS2 children. It is very distracting as the children are having story at this time.

Medical, health and emergency contacts-thank you to all the parents who have updated the asthma and health care plans this year. It is parents' responsibility to ensure that our records are kept up to date. If there are any changes to health, medical or emergency contacts can you let us know promptly? Normally we would expect some medical proof of food intolerances. This includes updating us on conditions that your child may have outgrown. It is important that school has the correct personal information for your child in order to keep them safe.

Holidays in term time-please ensure that you complete an exceptional leave form if you take your child out of school. If we are unsure of why a child is absent it will be unauthorised. It is always best to avoid any embarrassment for your child.

Medical Appointments-Can I ask that medical appointments are made out of school time? There are many children who are arriving late or leaving early to attend appointments. Whilst I realise that getting an appointment can be difficult, routine appointments, such as dental check ups should be made out of school time. It is disruptive to children's learning when they are missing lessons. Please bring your appointments card to reception.

Reception Office-Please ensure your child comes ready for the school day with bags, books, coats, water bottles and PE/swimming kit etc. The staff in the office are very busy and haven't got time to deliver items around school or to phone parents to bring in forgotten kit. Thank you.



School Trips and Visits to School

On the July newsletter, there was a list of the many extracurricular activities we do throughout the school year. These include trips out of school, special events, visitors to school and enhancements to the curriculum.

We feel it is important that your child has these experiences as it often brings the curriculum 'alive' and helps to bring enjoyment, interest and inquisitiveness to the children's learning. Children will remember a school trip for many years as you know.

Over the year we will continue to fundraise to help cover the costs of trips and visits. Along with contributions from parents and this fundraising, school still supplements trips extensively. We would ask that you continue to support us in this so that we can continue this valuable part of your child's education.

Sponsored Event

We will be holding a sponsored event shortly to raise money to buy some new reading and library books. As you know reading is a high priority at our school and our books get a lot of use! We will be holding a sporting event to raise funds and hoping the weather will be kind! Please look out for further information. Last year we raised enough money to buy a set of iPads for the children.

Half Term

School closes on Friday 23rd October and reopens on Monday 2nd November.