

Monday, 27th April 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the new school term. The following letter contains reminders about school routines and expectations and gives you information about what your child will be learning in school this term.

Routines and expectations

The school day starts at 8:40am.

School gates open at **8:30am** and will be shut at **8:50am**. Classroom doors will be open at **8:40am**. If the school gate is locked, you will need to take your child to the office and they will be taken to class from there.

Home Learning

All home learning will be set on a Friday afternoon and should be completed by the following Thursday morning. The Home Learning Diary is once again a key document for you to communicate with your class teacher and to receive regular feedback about your child's progress in school. In the meantime, please ensure that your child is reading with you or reading independently each evening for at least 10 minutes.

PE

PE lessons will be outdoors on a **Tuesday** and indoors on a **Wednesday**. Children need to come to school in their PE kits. Please ensure all earrings are removed or covered with tape before school. **Pupils come to school in their PE kits on their PE days.**

Reading books

All children must have their current **reading book and reading record in school every day**. This will be an Accelerated Reader (AR) book at their level. Pupils are expected to practise reading every day at home for at least 10 minutes. Parents can record comments in their **Reading Record**.

Contacting School

You should report any absences to the school office. Teachers will be at their classroom doors in the morning for any quick updates or information passing. If you require a longer meeting or a phone call, then the best form of contact is through email. I will try to answer emails as soon as possible and I will be available to meet at a convenient time if you require. rosie.gardner@dartmouthacademy.org.uk

Should you wish to contact the Primary Principal, please phone the school office or email at: jen.tierney@dartmouthacademy.org.uk.

Dinner Money

We use a cashless system, Parent Pay that can be topped-up at home online for any pupils requiring a school dinner. Pupils in receipt of Free School Meals do not pay for school dinners. We promote healthy eating at Dartmouth Academy so please make sure that break time snacks are suitable (fruit and vegetables only) and please ensure your child brings a water bottle into school every day. **Dartmouth Academy is a nut-free school**. Please respect this by not sending nut-based products for snack or lunchtimes.

Thank you again for continuing to support your child's learning at home. Please do get in contact with any questions you may have.

Kind regards,
Mrs Gardner

Curriculum at Dartmouth

As part of the Education Southwest trust, Dartmouth Academy aims to provide the highest quality educational experience for all groups of learners from age 3 through to 16. This begins with secure foundations in English, maths and personal development.

Our curriculum is designed to be engaging, purposeful and relevant to the interests and adapted to the interests and needs of the Dartmouth community. Through a coherently planned and sequenced curriculum, children build on what they know and can do with increasing fluency and independence.

Subject	Spring Term 1		Spring Term 2
English	Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them – Non-Chronological Report	101 Things To Do to Become a Superhero or Evil Genius – Explanation Text	Inside the Villains – Narrative
Maths	Area & Perimeter Statistics	Shape	Position and Direction
Science	Evolution and Inheritance		Environmental Earth Awareness
Computing	Data & Information - Introduction to spreadsheets	Programming A - Variable in games	
History	Memorial & Historical Significance		
Geography	Flooding: Why is water such an important resource?		
Art	Brave Colour		
Music	What are today's top hits made of?		
Design Technology	Mechanical Design – Automata Toys		
PE	Basketball & Dance	Orienteering & Gymnastics	
PSHE	Relationships	Changing Me	
Religious Education (RE)	Christianity: How do Christians decide how to live? What would Jesus do?	Christianity: What matters most to Christians and Humanists?	

Timetable

6G	Period 1 8.50 – 9.50	Period 2 9.50 – 10.50	Period 3 11.05 – 12.05	Period 4 12.50 – 1.20	Period 5 1.20 – 2.00	Assembly 2.00 – 2.15	Period 6 2.15 – 3.10
Mon	Literacy	English – Writing	Maths	RE	Snappy Maths	Class Assembly	French
Tues	Reading Comprehension	English – Writing	Maths	WKA Geography WKB History	Snappy Maths	Singing Assembly Mrs Bower	Outdoor PE
Weds	Reading Comprehension	English – Writing	Indoor PE Mrs Bower	WKA – Arithmetic with Mrs Bower WKB – Maths with Mrs Gardner	WKA - Class Assembly WKB - KS2 Assembly	PSHE	
Thurs	Reading Comprehension	English – Writing	Maths	Science	Snappy Maths	Celebration Assembly	Computing
Fri	Literacy	English – Writing	Maths	WKA Art WKB DT	Snappy Maths	House Assembly	E-Safety/ Conferencing

There will also be a busy schedule of exciting events once the assessments are over – dates TBC!

KS2 SATs Week 2026

The KS2 SATs are national curriculum tests for year 6 pupils in England that assess their knowledge in English (reading, grammar, punctuation, and spelling) and maths. All year 6 pupils (10-11 year olds) in England sit the SATs, and they take place each May.

What's the purpose of the SATs?

SATs are designed to find out if children are on track to meet the expected standards in English and maths, as set out by the government's national curriculum. The tests serve as a litmus test to ensure that teachers and schools are doing everything they can to ensure the best possible pupil progress. The assessments take into account teaching and learning across the entirety of Key Stage 2, not just that of year 6.

When are the KS2 SATs results released?

For SATs 2026, schools can view results online from Tuesday 7th July 2026. You will receive your child's results as soon as possible after this date once accuracy checks have been completed.

SATs week timetable 2026

Tests can take place over the course of the day to ensure every child has their specific access arrangements met. The school will make applications for access arrangements ahead of the tests so your child might have a reader or additional time.

During SATs week, we offer a **free breakfast from 8:15am in The View for all Year 6 pupils from Monday to Thursday**. Even if they have their breakfast at home, it is a nice way to spend time with friends and teachers before the tests, so all are encouraged to come along.

SATs Parent Information meeting

We will hold a parents information meeting on **Friday 1st May at 3:15pm** in the year 6 classroom for all parents. If you are unable to attend, please let us know and we can send you the slides.

Monday 11 th May	Grammar, punctuation and vocabulary paper Spelling test
Tuesday 12 th May	Reading paper
Wednesday 13 th May	Maths arithmetic paper Maths reasoning paper
Thursday 14 th May	Second maths reasoning paper
Friday 15 th May	You're done! 