



Autumn Term Week 22 – 7th March 2025

Dear Parent/Carers,
World Book Day 2025

I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of you for your wonderful involvement in making World Book Day such a memorable event for our pupils. Your support in helping with costumes and coming in to read with the children truly brought the day to life. It was fantastic to see so many of you embracing the joy of reading and sharing that excitement with the pupils.

Spring Parents' Evenings

It was also wonderful to see so many parents at our recent parents' evenings. It was a pleasure to share the progress and achievements of your child and to discuss how we can continue to support their learning journey together. For those of you who were unable to attend, please don't worry! You are still welcome to book an appointment to meet with your child's class teacher. It's important to us that we keep the lines of communication open and continue to work together in supporting each child's development.

Safety after school

As the afternoons become brighter, I would like to remind all parents and carers to take a moment to talk with your children about staying safe while outside. If they are heading to the park or playing in public spaces, I encourage you to supervise them as closely as possible. While it's important for children to enjoy their freedom, their safety should always come first. Setting clear boundaries, such as specific areas where they are allowed to play, and making sure they have a way to contact you if needed, can make all the difference.

Please also talk to your children about what to do if they ever feel unsafe or uncomfortable. Teach them to seek out a trusted adult or contact you immediately if anything feels wrong. Encouraging them to trust their instincts and know who to turn to can help them feel more secure. It's also helpful to talk to them about local community resources, such as nearby shops or other known adults, where they can go for help if needed. Additionally, I'd like to remind everyone that when children are wearing their school uniform, they are representing our school. Our behaviour policy is in place both during school hours and when children are out in the community in their uniform, ensuring that we continue to promote our school's values. Thank you for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs J Tierney and the Primary Phase team

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Dates for the diary

March

11th – Cricket Day

14th – DAF Bingo @ 6.30pm

20th – Y6 Solar Workshop

21st – School Closed
Staff training

April 2025

3rd – Y6 Solar Farm visit

3rd – Primary Disco

4th – Mayflower House reward trip

7th to 21st – Easter Holidays

May 2025

5th – Bank Holiday

12th – KS2 SATs

16th – Music Festival

21st – Primary Open Morning

26th – Half Term

Celebrations

Attendance Matters

This year's attendance by
Year Group:

Reception – 83.8%

Year 1 – 90.3%

Year 2 – 94.1%

Year 3 – 94.4%

Year 4 – 91.4%

Year 5 – 94.8%

Year 6 – 91.3%

Year 7 – 94.6%

Year 8 – 92.6%

Year 9 – 89.3%

Year 10 – 89.4%

Year 11 – 89.8%

School attendance for
the year so far is
currently

91.8 %

**Thank you for supporting
our target of 96%**

Primary celebrations

'Stars in our eyes'

Florence F & Rex L – Nursery

Malachi D & Layla C – Reception

Billie P & Sophie W – Class 1

Olly W & Emily R – Class 2/3

Kai Y & Thomas H – Class 3/4

Mia-Rose M & Rufus M – Class 5

Kodi T & Ellie-Rose W – Class 6



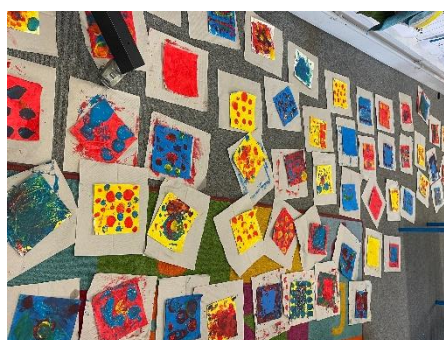
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What have we been up to:

Our Year 6 netball squad were invited to compete in Kingsbridge against 4 schools. This was our first-time playing netball competitively and we loved it! It was tricky getting to know the rules of Bee Netball but we were resilient and had the courage to play our best. The children were a credit to Dartmouth Academy and represented the school brilliantly. The players showed sportsmanship and were so supportive of each other. We are so proud.



Class 2/3 have been exploring primary colours and pattern making in art. In our next art lessons, we'll be using primary colours to make secondary colours and creating more patterns! If any adult volunteers would like to help out in our class on a Wednesday afternoon 12.45-2, let me know as you'd be very welcome to join us for our art and DT lessons!



Level Water who are doing swimming lessons for children with disabilities at Dartmouth Indoor Pool. Please click link below for more information.

<https://www.levelwater.org/learn-to-swim>

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Exciting Hands-On Learning with Animals 2 U Southwest

We are delighted to share the incredible hands-on educational experience that Dartmouth Academy Primary Phase pupils recently had with Animals 2 U Southwest. The visit provided a unique opportunity for pupils to engage directly with a variety of animals, sparking curiosity and offering valuable lessons about the natural world.

The team from Animals 2 U Southwest brought an exciting assortment of animals, including mammals, reptiles, and insects. For many, it was a thrilling moment to handle a snake and discover the important role these creatures play in the ecosystem. You can see the engagement on their faces.

This hands-on experience emphasized the importance of investigation and discovery, encouraging the pupils to ask questions, make observations, and learn in a fun and engaging way. A huge thank you to Animals 2 U Southwest for bringing this unforgettable experience to our school and to all the primary staff involved in organising this event.

We can't wait for more educational adventures like this one!

Keep exploring, stay curious, and never stop learning!



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Reception Class visit to Dart RNLI

On Monday the Reception Class were treated to a morning at Dart RNLI with the fabulous crew, Tati, Chris, Stu and Sophie. The children learned about the role of the RNLI, when and how to call for help from the lifeboat and the types of rescues the crew have been involved with this year.

The children dressed up as the crew, had a ride in the lifeboat and sat in Thomas the tractor.

We are very grateful to the crew for volunteering and giving up their time. The children have been inspired to paint and draw lifeboats and the crew, as well as write a great account of their visit.



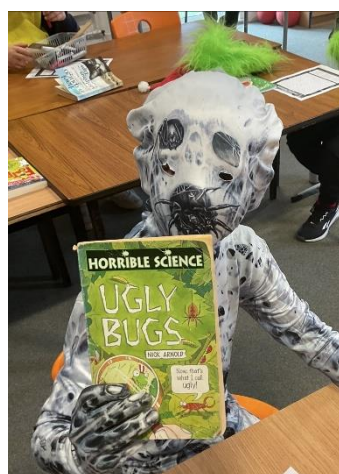
In Year 6 we have started our new topic all about Jazz in Music. We listened to Etta James, Elvis Presley and Erik Truffaz. After that, we learnt about the origins of jazz and how to play different parts of a drum. Very noisy but fun!



On Monday, children from class 5 and 6 attended the small schools football tournament held at KEVICC. We took two eager teams who prepared on the journey there by singing all the way. Every child then played really well showing great sportsmanship and certainly showed our school values through their behaviour by being courageous. Multiple goals were scored and saved and everyone worked well as a team.



World Book Day on March 6th got off to a flying start as parents were welcomed into school to read with their children, sparking excitement and a love for reading across the school. The day was packed with engaging activities, including a special poetry performance by teachers, designed to inspire and entertain the pupils. Pupils dressed as their favourite book character and took part in a reading assembly, followed by the presentation of donated books to the school library, enriching the school's collection for all to enjoy. To top off the celebration, every pupil will go home with a free book, ensuring that the magic of reading continues long after the day has ended. It's a wonderful start to a day full of stories, creativity, and shared experiences!





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'BE YOUR BEST SELF'

Our next primary house competition...

Poetry Competition

Write a poem about spring to earn house points!

The rules...

- It has to be your own poem
- It can be illustrated but doesn't have to be
- It has to be about spring
- It doesn't have to rhyme!
- **Deadline: Friday 21st March** (include your name, class and house)

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