



Dovers Green School October 2025 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

The first month of the new school year has been completed and what a busy time we have had at Dovers Green! We are delighted with how well all of the children, but especially our youngest children in Ladybirds and Butterflies, have settled into the routines of school.

Community Saturday - Saturday 4th October



If you have any time free between 10 and 12 tomorrow we would love to see you to help us tidy up the school grounds. Please bring along your gardening tools. Children are very welcome and refreshments will be provided.

Curriculum event

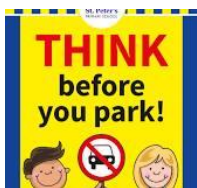
Thank you for your understanding regarding the rescheduling of our information session for parents on reading. I was reminded by staff that in actual fact we nearly had more staff than parents attend the evening session last year! I have to be mindful of staff workload and asking them to give up their evening for only a handful of people to attend is not fair. I understand that the revised times may make it very difficult for working parents therefore we are going to try to record the workshops and put them on the website for you to watch.

As a reminder:

Wednesday 8th October - workshop on how we teach reading for parents of children in Key Stage 1.
Thursday 9th October - sessions for EYFS and Butterflies.

Both sessions will run from 9.00 - 9.30.

Parking



I have been getting a number of complaints from our neighbours about inconsiderate parking from parents at drop-off and pick-up. Please, please think about where you park and ensure that you are not blocking anyone's driveway and that you also do not leave your engine running whilst you are waiting. Thank you for your cooperation.

Ladybirds

In Ladybirds, we've been having a wonderful time making new friends and learning our school rules.

We've really enjoyed listening to our stories of the week, Owl Babies and The Three Little Pigs, and the children are becoming more familiar with exploring both our classrooms and outdoor spaces. We've also been playing lots of listening games, working hard to tune our ears to different sounds in preparation for phonics. It's been a fantastic first few weeks of school — well done, Ladybirds!





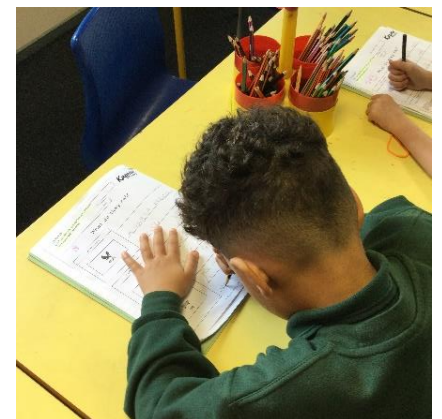
Butterflies

This half term, the pupils in Butterflies have settled smoothly into school life. They have been busy exploring the new classrooms, outdoor areas, sensory room, building friendships, working alongside their peers, engaging with their teachers, and learning daily routines. As part of their harvest learning, the pupils picked apples from the school's apple tree and used them to make apple crumble. They peeled and chopped the apples, assembled the crumble, and, of course, enjoyed eating it - it was delicious!



Key stage one

In Key Stage One, we began the year by building new friendships within our classes. During PSHE, we have been learning how to support ourselves and others in creating a positive learning environment both in class and across the school. For the first few weeks, we explored the story, *This Moose Belongs to Me* by Oliver Jeffers, which inspired the children to write a set of rules for their chosen pet to follow. We have since moved on to the book, *Cave Baby* by Julia Donaldson, where the children have been using noun phrases to describe the animals featured in the story. In science, we have been classifying animals into their groups and learning the differences between carnivores, herbivores, and omnivores. In Forest School, the children have been putting the apples grown in our school grounds to good use by making bird feeder.





Surplus milk and Fruit



We sometimes have a surplus of milk and fruit at the end of each week and we will put these outside the main office every Friday, so please come and help yourselves.



The first Parents Forum for this year is on Monday 6th October at 9.00 am in school or you can join by Zoom if you would prefer. Please let the office know if this is the case. The agenda has a main focus on how we can make Dovers Green even better for the children and it is good to hear what we are doing well so that we can keep on doing those things as well as hearing your ideas about how we can do things even better. Please let your class rep know if there is anything you would like raised at the meeting. Minutes will be taken and circulated to the whole school community.



The dates for the other Parent Forum meetings are shown in the Dates for the Diary section at the end of the Newsletter.

Anger Management in Children - NSPCC

Every year many thousands of children are referred to Childline for anger issues. Anger management in children is one of the top mental health concerns in childcare. Anger and the ability to control it are key skills of adulthood. Violent thoughts frequently bubble underneath human interactions. Anger is the quickest way for those thoughts to become reality. For this reason it is tightly regulated in our society. Children must learn to overcome anger so that they do not fall a foul of strict controls on violent conduct. However, this is difficult for children to learn to manage since anger is remarkably powerful. Yet as parents and teachers there is no choice but to teach them to reign these emotions in. This can be hard knowledge to impart, but the NSPCC has produced helpful resources to aid you in that vital mission. If interested, please follow the link below:



<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/arguments-conflict-family-tension>

Jeans for Genes



Thank you for your donations to the Jeans for Genes appeal which raised £95.10. All money collected has been given to the National appeal to raise funds for research into genetic disorders affecting children and to provide advice and support services for their families.

Harvest Festival

This year, we are going to hold our Harvest Festival Assembly for the children on Friday 17th October. In the assembly, each class will share a short poem or sing a song connected with this traditional celebration and Aneal Appadoo from St Luke's church will be talking to the children. Unfortunately, due to the capacity of the hall, parents are not able to attend this assembly.



As last year, we would like to support Love Works, which is a local charity. One of the key ways they help the local community is providing support for families who are in food and hygiene poverty. Please could you send in tins, dried goods and hygiene products that we can donate to this very worthwhile cause. The charity are particularly looking for the following items:



Tinned meat
Tinned meat casseroles
Tinned vegetables
Tinned fruit
Custard
Tinned potatoes

More information about this charity can be found at www.lovethearts.org.uk

By giving donations, it will support us in teaching the children about our values and the importance of giving and looking after others. We would welcome your donations from Monday 13th October. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Sponsored Walk - Friday 24th October



We traditionally end this first half-term with a sponsored walk and this year will be no different! The children are sponsored to walk 20 laps of varying lengths around the school grounds according to their age. Please do come along and cheer them on if you can. We will also need volunteers who are able to stamp the children's cards as they complete each lap. The children will be walking at the following times:

Years 1 and 2 - They will begin their walk at 9.00 am

Ladybirds - Will start at 2.15 pm

Butterflies - Teachers will be in touch separately to let you know individual arrangements.

Money raised goes in to our school fund and during these difficult times budget wise, this provides us with the ability to provide those extra resources that enhance the children's learning.

We are very mindful that there is a lot of pressure on the family purse at the moment, so please only sponsor what you can. As they say, every little helps!

You will find a sponsorship form in your child's book next week. We encourage you to pay the sponsorship money online via the Arbor app, instructions for this will be sent out next week. (To donate on-line will be available on Friday 24th October at 9.00am) as this makes things a lot easier, however if that is not possible, please bring the cash in a named envelope to the office. Please can we have all sponsorship money by **Monday 17th November**. Thank you for your support!

Please make sure your child comes suitably dressed for the walk as it is a non-uniform day!

Clothes Recycling Bin

Please remember that there is a clothes recycling bin outside Blue Ladybirds. As well as recycling being great for the environment it will also help raise funds for our school.



If the bin is full, please can you let the office know and we can contact Astra to come and empty this!

Astra Recycling is a textile recycling company looking to reduce the amount of clothing sent to landfill. On average, each person in the UK throws 3.1 kilos of clothing away a year, producing around 206.456 tonnes of textile waste in a year! Clothes can take up to 40 years to decompose and shoes up to 1000 years to break

down, but 95% of these can be recycled!

The textiles collected are either sent to Eastern Europe to be used again or converted into insulation materials and industrial cleaning wipes, so nothing goes to landfill!

Open Morning Wanders

If you know of anyone who is looking for a place for their child from September 2026, please let them know that we are holding our 'Open Morning Wanders' on the following dates between 10.00 a.m. and 11.30 a.m.

Tuesday 7th October

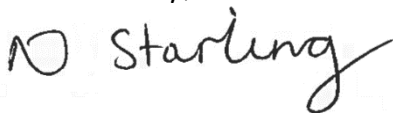
Wednesday 22nd October and an extra session at 7.00 pm.

Friday 7th November

Monday 17th November

More information can be found on our website.

Yours faithfully,



Ms Nicki Starling
Headteacher

Dates for the Diary

Autumn Term: Monday 1st – Friday 19th December

Throughout October	Black History Month
Saturday 4 th October	Community Saturday 10.00am - 12.00pm
Monday 6 th October	Parent Forum Meeting - 9.00am
Tuesday 7 th October	Open Morning for Prospective Parents - 10.00am - 11.30am
Wednesday 8 th October	Curriculum Event - KS1 09.00am - 09.30am
Thursday 9 th October	Curriculum Event - EYFS & Butterflies 09.00am - 09.30am
Thursday 9 th October	Bumblebees Assembly - 2.30pm
Tuesday 14 th October	EYFS Nasal Flu Spray (& any other children who missed it)
Thursday 16 th October	Caterpillars Assembly 2.30pm
Friday 17 th October	Harvest Assembly - 9.00am - 9.30am (No Parents)
Wednesday 22 nd October	Open Morning for Prospective Parents - 10.00am - 11.30am Open Evening for Prospective Parents - starts at 7.00pm
Thursday 23 rd October	Fireflies Assembly - 2.30pm
Friday 24 th October	PTA Non-Uniform Day - children to come dressed appropriately for the sponsored walk Sponsored Walk End of Half Term - 3.05pm finish
Monday 3 rd November	INSET Day school closed for all children
Tuesday 4 th November	Children return to school
Thursday 6 th November	Parents Forum Meeting - 9.00am
Friday 7 th November	Open Morning for Prospective Parents - 10.00am -11.30.
Monday 10 th November – Friday 14 th November	'Inclusive Individuals' Week
Thursday 13 th November	Grasshoppers Assembly 2.30 p.m.
Monday 17 th November	Open Morning for Prospective Parents - 10.00am -11.30am Parents Evening - 3.30pm - 6.30pm
Wednesday 19 th November	Parents Evening - 3.30pm - 6.30pm
Thursday 20 th November	Dragonflies Assembly 2.30 pm
Friday 28 th November	PTA Non-Uniform Day
Friday 5 th December	Bike its Breakfast - Bling your bike for Christmas 08.00am - 08.45am
Monday 8 th - Friday 12 th December	Whole School Christmas Productions
Friday 12 th December	Rocksteady concert - 09.30am

Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas school lunch
Thursday 18 th December	Christmas Panto - Beauty & Beast (am) Christmas Party (pm)
Friday 19 th December	Non-Uniform Day End of Autumn Term - 1.15pm finish Tea Time Tigers finish 4.15pm

Spring Term: Monday 5th January - Friday 27th March

Monday 5 th - 9 th January	Confident Communicators Week
Monday 5 th January	Start of Spring Term
Monday 12 th January	Parents Forum Meeting - 9.00am
Thursday 22 nd January	Bumblebees Assembly - 2.30pm
Thursday 29 th January	Caterpillars Assembly - 2.30pm
Friday 30 th January	PTA Non-Uniform Day
Thursday 5 th February	Fireflies Assembly - 2.30pm
Monday 9 th - Friday 13 th February	Cultural Celebration Week
Wednesday 11 th February	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 12 th February	Grasshoppers Assembly - 2.30pm
Friday 13 th February	End of Term - 3.05pm finish
Monday 23 rd February	INSET DAY - School closed for all children
Tuesday 24 th February	Children return to school
Friday 27 th February	PTA Non-Uniform Day
Monday 2 nd - Friday 6 th March	World Book Week
Monday 2 nd March	Parents Forum Meeting - 9.00am
Thursday 5 ^h March	World Book Day
Wednesday 11 th March	Whole School Group Photos
Thursday 12 th March	Reception Parents only - Mothers Days Assembly 9.30am
Monday 16 th March	Parents Evening - 3.30pm - 6.30pm
Wednesday 18 th March	Parents Evening - 3.30pm - 6.30pm
Thursday 19 th March	Dragonflies Assembly
Thursday 26 th March	Butterflies Assembly
Friday 27 th March	Non-Uniform Day End of Autumn Term - 1.15 p.m. finish Tea Time Tigers finish 4.15pm

Summer Term: Monday 13th April - Friday 17th July

Monday 13 th April	Children return for Summer Term
Monday 20 th April	Parent Forum Meeting - 9.00 a.m.
Friday 24 th April	PTA Non-Uniform Day
Monday 4 th May	May Bank Holiday
Monday 11 th May	Parents Forum 9.00am
Thursday 14 th May	Red Ladybirds Assembly
Thursday 21 st May	Yellow Ladybirds Assembly
Friday 22 nd May	Non Uniform Day End of Half Term - 3.05 p.m. finish
Monday 1 st June - Friday 5 th June	Environmental Explorers Week
Monday 1 st June	Children return to school
Friday 5 th June	Bike it Breakfast 08.00am - 08.45am
Monday 8 th June - Friday 12 th June	Phonics Screening Week for Year 1 and some Year 2 children.
Monday 8 th June	Parent Forum Meeting - 9.00 a.m.
Friday 26 th June	Non-Uniform Day
Thursday 2 nd July	Sports Day
Friday 3 rd July	INSET day for staff. School closed for children
Wednesday 8 th July	Summer Celebration 3.00 - 6.00pm
Tuesday 14 th July	Year 2 Leavers Assembly - 09.00 - 10.00am
Friday 17 th July	PTA Non-Uniform Day End of Term - 1.15 pm finish Tea Time Tiger - 4.15pm finish
Monday 20 th July	INSET Day - School closed for children