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Weekly parent communication

“Strong relationships are the backbone of our success.” Ofsted.
Clear communication helps us build them.

Week commencing: 16th November 2026

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Whole-school dates

Whole-month dates – For future dates please check our website thank you

Dovers Green School Calendar

Dates for the Diary

Autumn Term: Tuesday 1st September - Friday 18th December

Monday 16th November – Friday 20th November **Monday 16th November – Thursday 19th November**	Inclusive Individuals' Week Scholastic Book Fair
Monday 16th November	• Wear odd socks for Antibullying week • Open Afternoon for Prospective Parents - 13.15pm – 14.30pm • Parents Evening – 3.30pm – 6.30pm
Wednesday 18th November	• PTA - Pre-loved uniform sale – Morning drop-off £1 Per Item • Parents Evening – 3.30pm – 6.30pm
Friday 27th November	• PTA Non-Uniform Day • PTA - Pre-loved uniform sale – Afternoon Pick-up £1 Per Item

What you need to do this week



All children to wear odd socks on Monday 16th November for Anti Bullying week

Scholastic Book Fair
Monday 16th – Thursday 19th November





Parents Evening is taking place on Monday 16th & Wednesday 18th November
Not yet booked, please speak to the office staff who will be able to book for you!

PE Days and Forest School Days:

Red Ladybirds
PE:- Tuesday & Forest School is Wednesday

Yellow Ladybirds
PE:- Wednesday & Forest School is Friday

Dragonflies
PE: Monday & Fridays & Forest School is Thursday

Fireflies
PE: Monday & **Thursday** & Forest School is **Friday**

Bumblebees
PE: Monday & Tuesday & Forest School is Thursday

Grasshoppers
PE: Monday & Wednesday & Forest School is Tuesday

Butterflies
All Butterflies children do their PE on Tuesday

This week at Dovers

Remembrance Day – Lest We Forget

This week, the children at Dovers Green have been learning about the importance of Remembrance Day and why we take time to remember those who have served and sacrificed for others.

Across the school, children have explored the meaning of remembrance through age-appropriate discussions, stories and creative activities. They have produced some beautiful poppy artwork, including paintings, wreaths and newspaper-inspired collages.

On Wednesday, we came together to observe a minute's silence, giving the children an opportunity to pause, reflect and show respect.

We are incredibly proud of the thoughtful and respectful way our children have approached this important occasion, demonstrating our school values of kindness and respect.

Lest We Forget.





We are delighted to share our wonderful new school library, which has been created in the former Caterpillars classroom!

The space has been transformed into a welcoming, comfortable environment where children can discover new stories, explore different books and develop their love of reading. With cosy seating areas, colourful bookshelves and plenty of exciting titles to choose from, we hope it will become a much-loved part of school life.

Reading for pleasure is one of our key priorities at Dovers Green, and we want every child to experience the joy of getting lost in a good book.

We can't wait to see our children making the most of this lovely new space and sharing their favourite stories! 📖💚

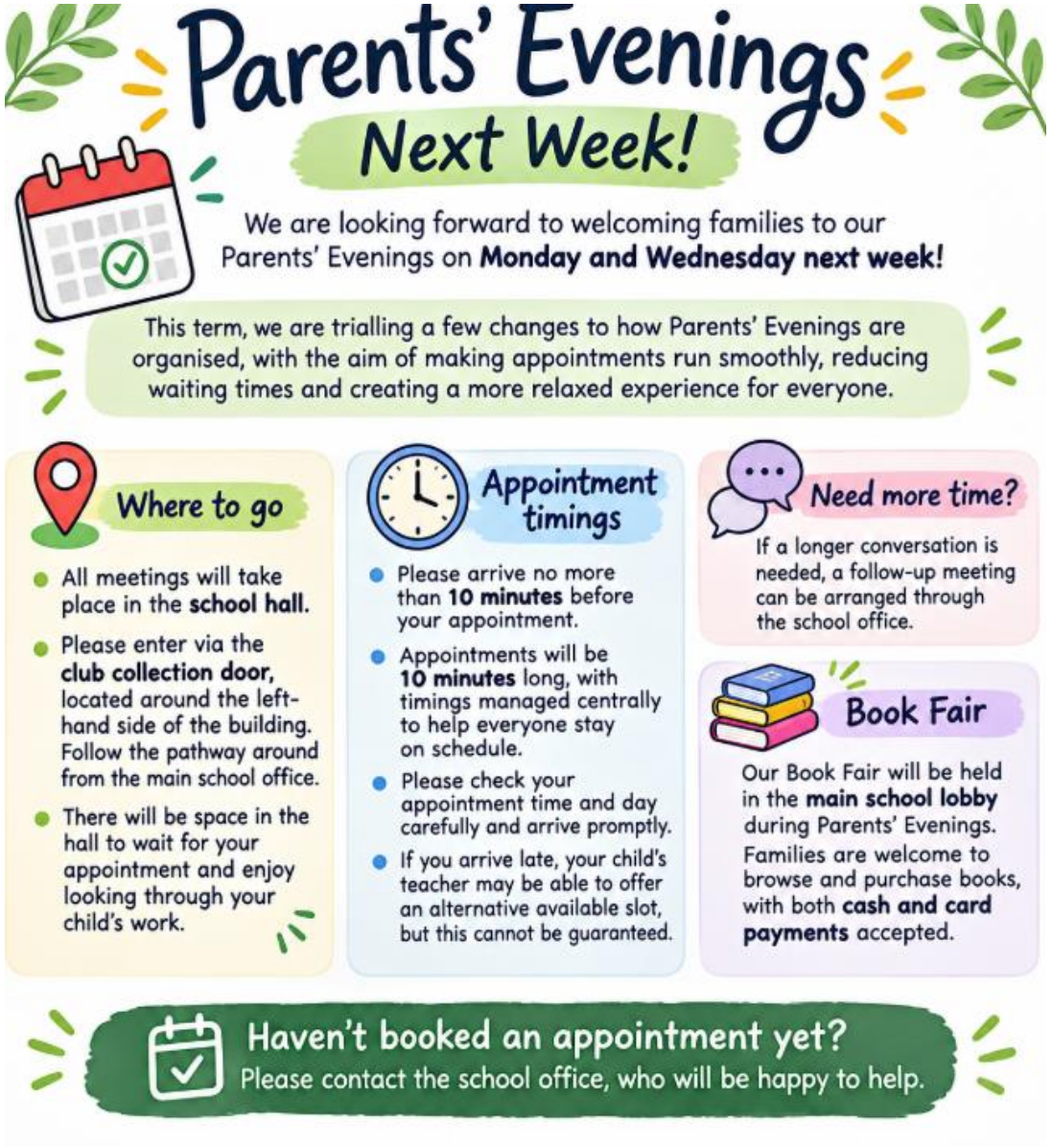
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Whole-school notices

Reception Open Afternoon – Monday 16th November

Our next open day for prospective Reception families is on Monday 16th November. If you know anyone looking for a school place for September 2027, please encourage them to come along and discover what makes Dovers Green so special!





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Caterlink Survey for Parents/Carers

The survey can be completed by parents alongside their child at home or used as a class-based activity within school. It takes approximately 9 minutes to complete and will provide us with valuable feedback on what we are doing well and, importantly, where we can improve our service.

Please find below link to complete the survey , it will remain open until 20 December, and we encourage as many families and pupils as possible to take part.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SCYZD5L



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Travel Survey for Parents/Carers

Please find below link to complete a travel survey on how you come to school, thanking you.



https://systemv4.modeshiftstars.org/modeshiftstars/item/item-type-331edac5-57f9-48c4-96e4-00c57e05433f/fda098aa-c5aa-44ec-942f-51f059413a2f/generate/add_education_survey_253?access=public









The Nest

Key messages, celebration and practical reminders for families of children in the Nest.

In The Nest this week we remembered the people and animals who helped us during war. We learned that the red poppy represents animals such as horses, dogs and pigeons who were all useful to humans. We used collage to create our large poppies and potato printing to create our field of poppies scene. We have also used our puppets to investigate differences and similarities, to help us understanding that we are all different and we are special.





Admiral Butterflies

Key messages, celebration and practical reminders for Butterflies families.

This week we have been enjoying the fairytale, The Three Little Pigs. As you can see, the children were very engaged with the story which also means that our listening and attention skills are growing. We have made 3 houses using different materials to recreate a straw, stick and brick house. Making playdough pigs with curly tails was also very popular.

We are loving seeing photos of your weekend, the children so enjoy sharing them with us so please continue to upload photos to Seesaw on Sunday evenings. Thank you.



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Emperor Butterflies

Key messages, celebration and practical reminders for Butterflies families.

This week we have been talking about why we celebrate Remembrance day. The children had the option to create their own poppy and we took part in our own little version of the two minute silence. We practised our turn taking skills with a game of 'Whats in the bag.' We also took part in some Pudsey bear finger painting to celebrate children in need. Our focus text this week has been 'The Gruffalo', we have enjoyed listening to the story and using the characters to retell the story. The children have also enjoyed exploring the 'Gruffalo Crumble' and 'Poisonous Wart Slime'.









Please remember:

To send children into school wearing odd socks on Monday!

To put the 16th December in your diary for our trip to the local church.

Monarch Butterflies

This week we have been very busy learning all about Remembrance Day. We watched a video together explaining why it is an important day to celebrate our past and the children came up with lots of fantastic questions about what life would have been like for people in a war.
We then made some beautiful Poppy pictures and Poppy candle jars that we can light to remember people from the past.
We have also had a great time learning about Children in need and why it is important to give as well as receive.





Key notes:

- Year 2's will now be joining Grasshoppers for P.E on a Wednesday. Please wear P.E kit on a Tuesday and a Wednesday.

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Reception

Ladybirds' Week of Fun!

- We have loved learning about Diwali this week and the festival of lights!
- We have found it very interesting to find out why we wear poppies and why it is important to remember those who fought for our country.
- We have LOVED learning to play Stuck in the Mud in PE.
- In Drawing Club our Room on the Broom adventures have been so exciting!
- In Maths our subitising skills are brilliant, and we are getting faster at recognising different amounts without counting!





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The Book Fair is in school next week.

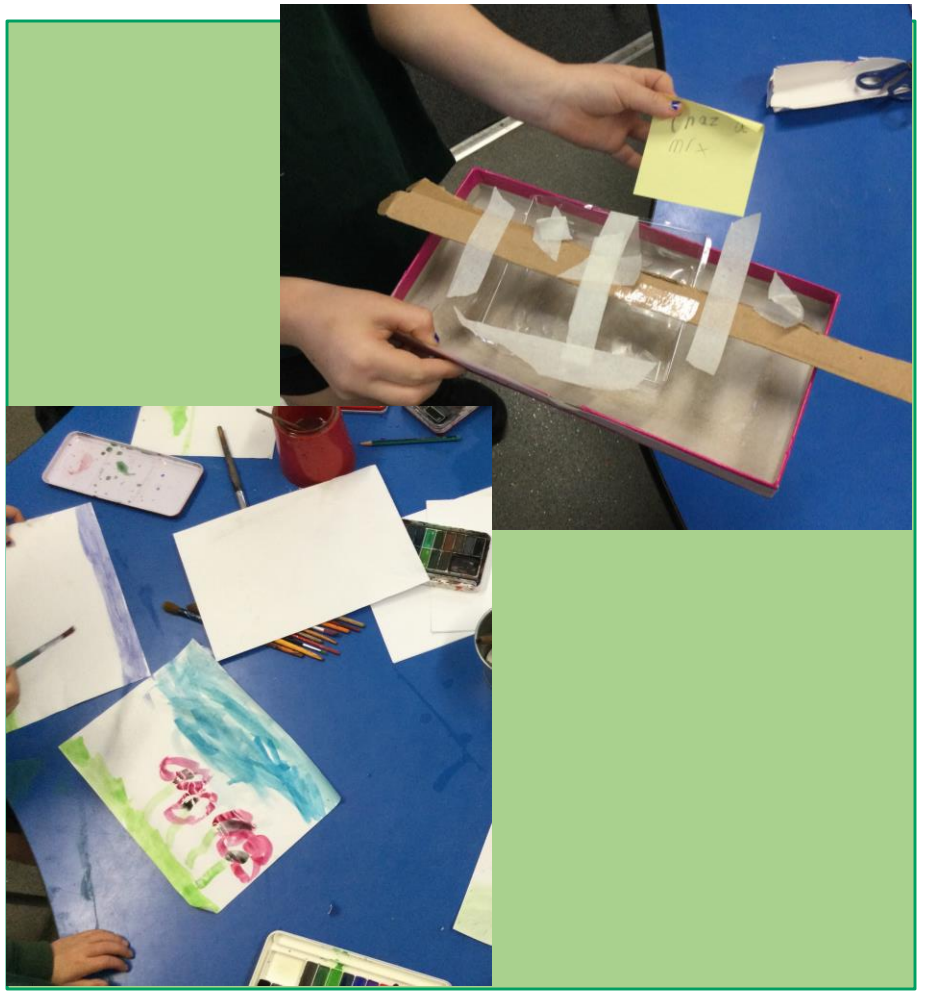
Please continue to donate any junk modelling materials you have at home.

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Year 1

We have had another exciting week in year 1.

- In maths we have been building on our addition knowledge to add within 20. We have used counters, number lines and rekenrek's to support us with our counting.
- Our curious quest this week has been centered around the text, Oi Frog. To make sure their inventions get to Professor Klunk safely, our magic codes needed to have a 'capital letter guard' and a 'full stop lock'. We further explored the story in Forest School where we had some fun with mud!
- In history the children have been investigating what childhood was like in the past and comparing it to present day. We have also learnt about Remembrance Day and discussed why we wear poppies.



It is ODD SOCKS day on Monday! Please go bold!!

In our DT lessons next week we are going to be making pencil pots. Please could every child bring in a NAMED toilet roll or kitchen roll tube by Tuesday morning (17th November).

Please practise counting backwards in 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s.

Year 2

This week in Year 2, we have been learning to subtract using a hundred square, with jottings or mentally. We have applied our skills to solve a range of problems and they have absolutely smashed it! In Forest School

In history, we have discussed why Remembrance Day is special and created some eye-catching poppy art. Linked to our 'Twist in a Tale' topic, we have also been learning about Queen Victoria and comparing her to fairy tale queens.

In writing, we have finished writing the story of *Jim and the Beanstalk*, focusing on using different time sentence starters, such as 'A while later...', 'Moments later...' and 'Without warning...'. We have also started thinking about a sequel and explored what other items the giant might need! The children were adamant that the giant needs headphones, a phone and a massive TV, while I was thinking more along the lines of a walking stick!





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Wrap Around Care

kitchen area refurbishment:

Over the half-term break, the works were completed successfully.

We are very excited to show you the improvements



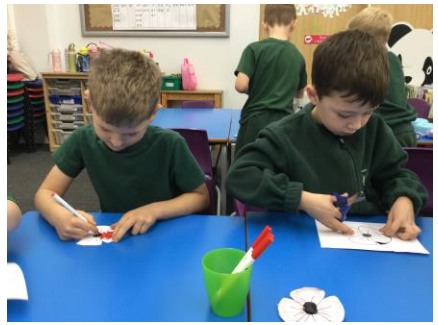




Wrap Around Care

This week in Early Birds Breakfast and Tea-Time Tigers:









Sign Up Information:

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are pleased to welcome you to the Early Birds Breakfast Club (EBB) and Teatime Tigers After School Club (TTT).
Our club is only available for children who attend school full time.
To allow your child to attend either club, they must be registered with us . Please note that a one-off registration fee of £10 applies.
Please complete the registration and booking forms and return them to **ebbttt@doversgreen.surrey.sch.uk** or by handing them in at the School Office.

Please follow the link below for all the information you need, including registration and term and conditions.

Breakfast and After School Club

Attendance Update

Every Day Counts at Dovers!

Whole-school attendance (this year to date)
94.1%

This has increased from **93.3%** last week!

Our target
> 95%

Attendance Fact of the Week

Did you know?

90% attendance means missing approximately **one school day every fortnight.**

- **100% attendance** = 0 days missed
- **95% attendance** = ~ 9.5 days missed
- **90% attendance** = ~ 19 days missed

(based on a 190-day school year)



The Bigger Picture

94.1% Our whole-school attendance this year to date. This has increased from **93.3%** last week!

95.7% The national attendance comparison figure.

96.3% The local authority attendance figure.

Class of the Week

Emperor Butterfies!

An incredible **100%** attendance from Monday to Wednesday this week!

Year Group of the Week

Year 2!

A fantastic **92.9%** attendance this week!

We recognise that children will sometimes be too unwell to attend school. Our focus is on working positively with families to support good attendance whenever children are well enough to be in school.

Reporting your child/ren off school due to illness



If you need to report your child/ren off due to illness please use the following order with Arbor being our preferred method. Please note all absences need to be reported by **09.00am**, thank you.

1. Please go to the Arbor app, or Parent Portal to report your child off, please use the link below and follow the instructions

   Logging absences on the Parent Portal and Arbor App – Arbor Help Centre

2. Please call 01737 245515 press 1 for our absence line

3. Please email absence@dovers-green.surrey.sch.uk

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Lunch Menu - Autumn/Winter 26-27

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK ONE 02/11/26 23/11/26 14/12/26 18/01/27 08/02/27 08/03/27	**Option One**	Classic Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Wedges **(V)**	Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice	Fishfingers or Salmon Fishfingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
	Option Two	Soya Mince Lasagne **(V)**	Plant Balls in Tomato Sauce with Rice **(VE)**	Vegetarian Wellington with Roast Potatoes and Gravy **(VE)**	Quorn and Lentil Tikka Masala with Rice **(VE)**	Cheese and Bean Pasty with Chips and Tomato Sauce **(V)**
	Sides	Vegetables of the Day **(V/VE)**	Vegetables of the Day **(V/VE)**	Vegetables of the Day **(V/VE)**	Vegetables of the Day **(V/VE)**	Vegetables of the Day **(V/VE)**
	Dessert	Cheese and Crackers **(V)**	Apple Cake with Custard **(V)**	Fruit Medley **(VE)**	Jelly with Mandarins **(VE)**	Syrup Sponge with Custard **(V)**
WEEK TWO 09/11/26 30/11/26 04/01/27 25/01/27 22/02/27 15/03/27	**Option One**	Classic Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Wedges **(V)**	Spaghetti Bolognaise	BBQ Chicken, Seasoned Potatoes and Sweetcorn Salsa	Chicken and Sweetcorn Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice	Breaded Fish or Fishfingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
	Option Two	Five Bean Chilli with Rice **(VE)**	Vegan Bolognaise with Spaghetti **(VE)**	Lemon and Herb Quorn, Seasoned Potatoes and Sweetcorn Salsa **(VE)**	Creamy Chickpea and Coconut Curry with Rice **(VE)**	Cheese Whirl with Chips and Tomato Sauce **(V)**
	Sides	Vegetables of the Day **(V/VE)**	Vegetables of the Day **(V/VE)**	Vegetables of the Day **(V/VE)**	Vegetables of the Day **(V/VE)**	Vegetables of the Day **(V/VE)**
	Dessert	Gingerbread Cookie **(VE)**	Chocolate and Beetroot Brownie with Chocolate Sauce **(V)**	Fruit Salad **(VE)**	Sticky Toffee Apple Crumble with Custard **(V)**	Vanilla Shortbread **(VE)**
WEEK THREE 16/11/26 07/12/26 11/01/27 01/02/27 01/03/27 22/03/27	**Option One**	Macaroni Cheese **(V)**	Chicken Enchilada Bake with Paprika Wedges	Sausage with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Mild Caribbean Chicken with Golden Rice	Fishfingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
	Option Two	Mexican Bean Roll with New Potatoes **(VE)**	Tomato Pasta **(VE)**	Vegan Sausage and Roast Potatoes with Gravy **(VE)**	Caribbean Stew with Golden Rice **(VE)**	Red Pepper Frittata with Chips and Tomato Sauce **(V)**
	Sides	Vegetables of the Day **(V/VE)**	Vegetables of the Day **(V/VE)**	Vegetables of the Day **(V/VE)**	Vegetables of the Day **(V/VE)**	Vegetables of the Day **(V/VE)**
	Dessert	Oaty Cookie **(VE)**	Pear Crumble with Custard **(V)**	Fruit Salad **(VE)**	Jamaican Ginger Cake with Custard **(V)**	Iced Sponge **(V)**

MENU KEY:

- Whole grain
- Plant based
- Added plant protein
- **(VE)** Vegan
- **(V)** Veggie

AVAILABLE DAILY: Jacket Potatoes with a choice of fillings, Salad Bar, Freshly Baked Bread, Fresh Fruit, Yoghurt

If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods, please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of allergen cross contact.

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Christmas Lunch



Our Christmas Lunch will be held on **Wednesday 16th December**.

An invitation, including a link to the booking form, has been sent via **Arbor** to parents and carers whose child normally has a packed lunch.

If you would like your child to join us for Christmas Lunch on this day, please complete the form by **Friday 20th November**.
Please note that the form will close at **12:00 noon** on this date





Supporting Children Through Sad News, Loss and Big Emotions



Did you know?

- Young children may not **fully** understand that death is permanent and may ask the same questions repeatedly.
- Feelings of grief can come and go. A child might be upset one moment and happily playing the next.
- Children may express sadness, worry or confusion through play, behaviour or physical complaints (such as tummy aches).
- Loss isn't always about bereavement. Moving house, family separation, losing a pet or changes in friendships can also bring big feelings.

Our Safeguarding Top Tip – Listen, Name, Reassure

LISTEN: Give your child opportunities to talk, without pressure.

NAME: Help your child recognise their emotions, e.g. "It sounds like you're feeling sad. That's okay."

REASSURE: Remind your child that all feelings are welcome and that trusted adults are there to help. Keep routines as predictable as possible to help them feel secure.

Five Ways to Support at Home

Be honest and age-appropriate.
Use simple, clear language when explaining difficult news.

Welcome questions.
It's okay not to have all the answers. Let your child know they can always come back and talk.

Use stories and play.
Books, drawing, role play and creative activities can help children explore their feelings safely.

Remember together.
Look at photographs, share happy memories or create a special memory box.

Keep talking to school.
If your family is experiencing a difficult time, please let us know. We can offer additional emotional support and reassurance.

It's OK to feel...



A Book to Share



The Invisible String
by Patrice Karst

A gentle story that helps children understand that love and connection remain, even when we cannot physically be with someone.

Our Safeguarding Team



Mrs Katie Keyte | Mrs Caroline McHugh | Mrs Rachel Moxley | Mrs Lisa Brewis

Remember: There is no right way to feel.

All feelings are valid. Big emotions are easier to manage when little people know they are not facing them alone.

PTA and community

Dear Parents,

With Christmas just around the corner, there's lots happening with the PTA! 🎅

🎄 Here are a few dates and reminders for your diary:

🎁 **Christmas Cards & Gifts**

Don't forget to place your orders for your child's personalised Christmas cards and gifts! Not only are they lovely keepsakes, but every order also helps raise valuable funds for our PTA.

If you've misplaced your child's unique order code, please contact Lloyd through your Class Rep, who will be happy to help.

Please make sure all orders are placed by **Monday 16th November.**

👕 **Pre-Loved Uniform Sale – Bargains to Be Had!**

Our next pre-loved uniform sales will be taking place on the playground:
Wednesday 18th November – Morning drop-off
Friday 20th November – Afternoon pick-up

Everything will be just **£1 per item**, so come along, grab a bargain and help give school uniform a second life! We accept cash, card or Arbor payments.

As always, thank you so much for your continued support. Every order, donation and purchase make a difference and helps us raise funds for the children and our school.

🎄 **Christmas Hamper Raffle**
We're busy getting ready for our Christmas Hamper Raffle! We'll be asking for kind donations of food and drink in a few weeks' time to help us create some wonderful festive hampers.

Raffle tickets will be going on sale in early December, so keep your eyes peeled for more details!
Wishing you all a lovely week!

Your PTA Team ❤️

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Our Christmas Productions – For Reception children



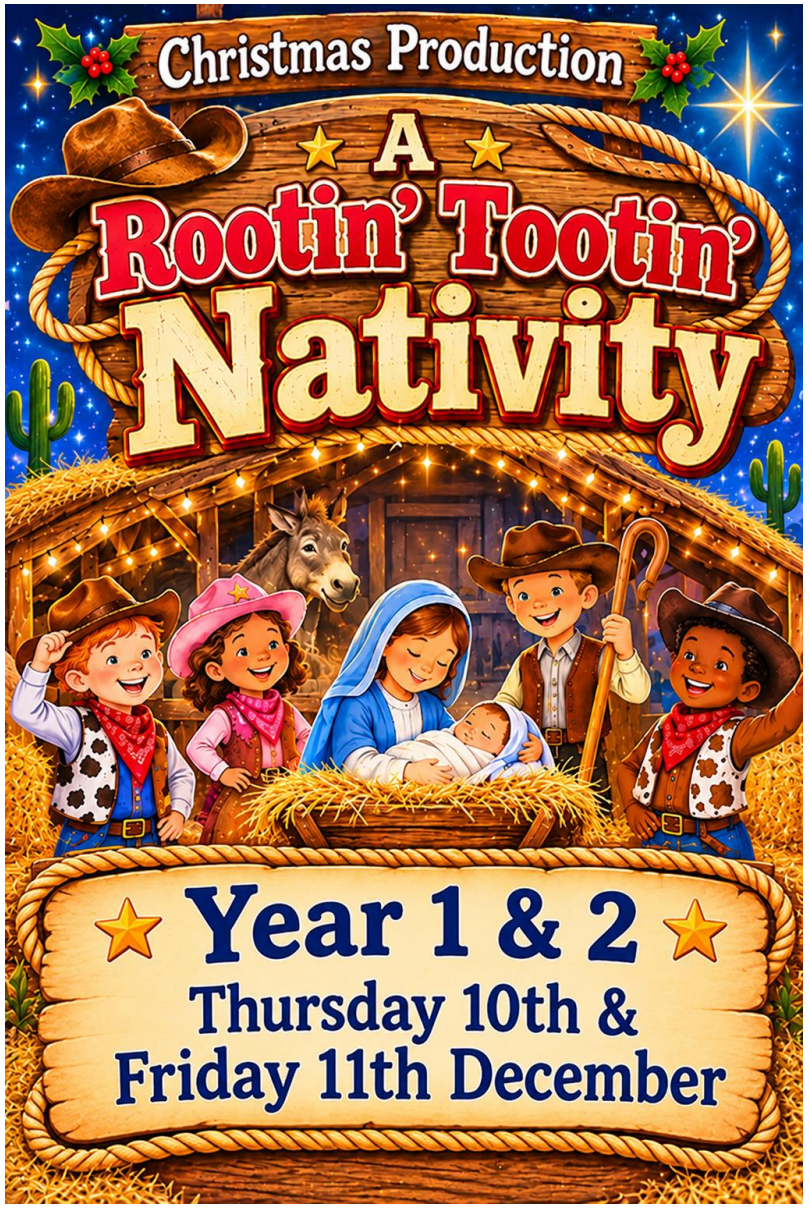
We are delighted to invite you to our Reception Christmas Production, which will take place on:

- Monday 7th December at 2:30pm
- Tuesday 8th December at 9:15am

Tickets will be available to book through Arbor, we will email you when bookings open. Please be aware that each ticket admits two people.

Should you require extra tickets, please contact the school office by email. We will let you know if additional space is available.

Christmas Production for Years 1 & 2



We are delighted to invite you to our Year 1 & 2 Christmas Production, which will take place on:

- Thursday 10th December at 2:00pm
- Friday 11th December at 2.00pm

Tickets will be available to book through Arbor, we will email you when bookings open. Please be aware that each ticket admits two people.

Should you require extra tickets, please contact the school office by email. We will let you know if additional space is available.

For all our Butterflies children the class teacher will speak to you regarding the Productions.

Clubs and enrichment

Please note all our clubs are run by external companies, should you wish your child/ren to participate please contact them directly.

Monday 3.00pm – 4.00pm – Street Dance run by Inspire all aged groups - www.inspireacademyofdance.co.uk

Tuesday 08.00 – 08.40am – Playball all aged groups - www.playballkids.com

Tuesday 03.05pm – 4.05pm – Learn Play Achieve (Football) Years 1 & 2 only - www.learnplayachieve.com

Wednesday 3.15pm – 4.15pm – The Outdoor Project Years 1 & 2 only – www.theoutdoorproject.co.uk

Thursday 03.05pm – 4.20pm – Let's Dance Junior – all aged groups - letsdancelivewithkelly@gmail.com

Friday – mornings only – Rocky Steady Music – all aged groups - www.rocksteadymusicschool.com

Friday mornings only – Academy for the love of Music – all aged groups – academyfortheloveofmusic@yahoo.com

Friday 3.15 – 4.00pm – Starlight Musical Theatre – all aged groups - www.starlightmusicaltheatre.com

Alternatively please look at our website for more details: www.dovers-green.surrey.sch.uk/page/?title=Extra-Curricular+Clubs&pid=168

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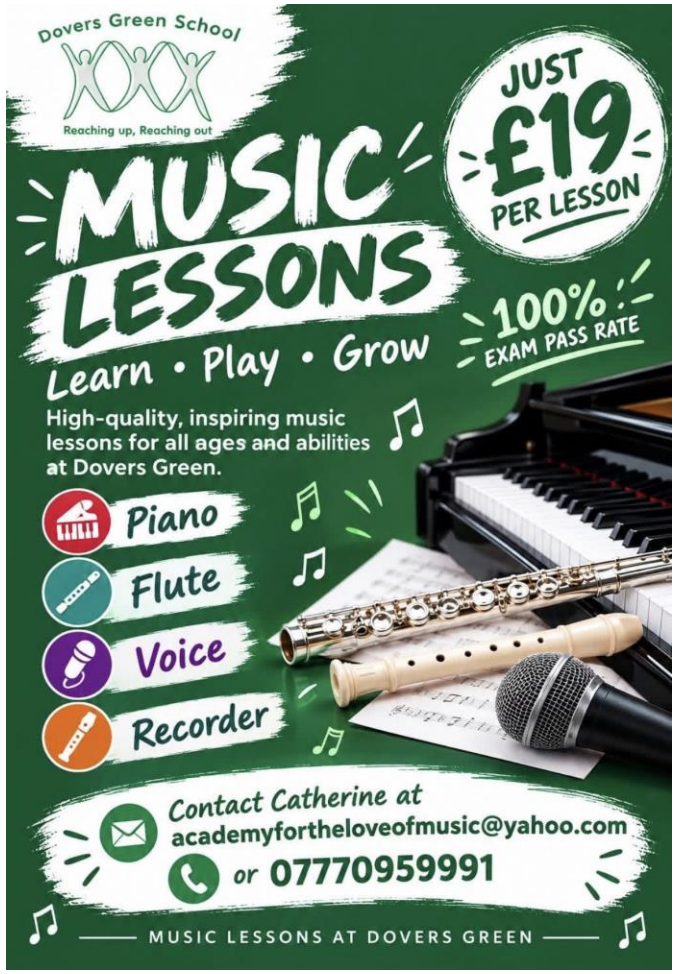




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Contact Information



10 Weeks Nurturing Programme

How Nurturing Programme Parent Groups have helped other parents

"I am a much more confident, positive and understanding parent. I feel much more able to cope now."

"We are having less family arguments and the household is a lot calmer."

"The group was fun. It's the only two hours I have for myself each week."

"The atmosphere was really relaxed. No-one judged anyone and everyone was listened to and respected."



Check out
emotionalhealth.org.uk
for more information on *The Parenting Puzzle* book and The Nurturing Programme

The 10-week Nurturing Programme for parents and carers

Where:
Home-Start East Surrey
Central Redhill
home-starteastsurrey.org.uk

When:
Tuesdays 7.30pm to 9.30pm
13th Jan to 24th Mar 2026
(no session 17/2/26)

Contact details:
Lisa@home-starteastsurrey.org.uk
mob: 07593 503701

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The Nurturing Programme

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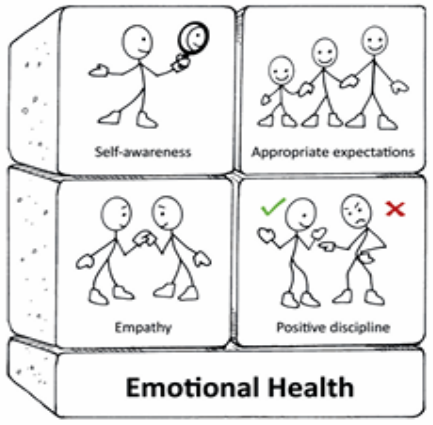
What is the Nurturing Programme?

Children are rewarding, stimulating and fun, but looking after them can be stressful and challenging.

The Nurturing Programme helps deal with those challenges so that you can have a calmer, happier life.

A tried and tested programme, it helps us think about what we do, why we do it and how it makes us feel.

The Four Constructs of the Nurturing Programme



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What does it cover?

Over the 10-week Programme, you will look at lots of different topics, including:

Understanding why children behave as they do

Recognising the feelings behind behaviour (ours and theirs)

Exploring different approaches to discipline

Finding ways to develop co-operation and self-discipline in children

Learning the importance of looking after ourselves

Practical information

Partners are welcome and it's also fine to come on your own or with a relative or friend

There are ten 2-hour sessions with a tea and coffee break

8-10 parents are invited and there are two trained group leaders

Some groups provide a creche: check with group leaders beforehand

You need to come to all ten sessions as they fit together like a puzzle

the best chance in life

Flyers for upcoming events







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