



St Denys Primary School News Flash

Thursday 5th
September 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome all our Year 1—Year 6 children back to school this week and to meet those of you who are new to St Denys. The children have made an excellent start to this term and have settled back into school life really well. It has been a real pleasure to walk around school this week seeing and feeling the 'buzz' as everyone has focused on settling into their new classes, learning new routines and concentrating hard on their learning. Thank you families for the effort you have put in to making sure your children are here on time and prepared for the school day—we really appreciate it and it helps make your children's days positive and successful.

This week we have been working on some special projects which we are looking forward to sharing with lots of you tomorrow at our Celebration Work Share. You are invited to join us in our classes from 2:40pm to see what we have been up to. If you can't make it then please don't worry—we will post updates on Class Dojo and also display lots of the work in our new school gallery.



As part of this work we have been thinking really hard about our 5 Learning Powers: Respect, Resilience, Reciprocity, Resourcefulness and Reflectiveness. Here are just a few photographs capturing those Learning Powers in action as we have been hard at work this week.



Reciprocity in Year 1, learning and playing together.



Respect and reflectiveness in Year 3 as children edit and improve their work.



Lots of resourcefulness on display in English, Maths and Art for Years 2, 4 and 5.



Year 6 leading the way modeling respect and plenty of resilience as they tackle their first 'Year 6' writing!



We are pleased to welcome some new teachers this term: Miss Sharif in Year 5, Miss Jones in Year 3 and Miss Davies in Year 1. We are delighted they have joined the St Denys team. In other exciting news, Miss Gentili is now Mrs. Hunt after her wedding in the summer and Mrs. Foster will start her maternity leave next week.

We are really looking forward to working with you all this year as we continue to focus on making St Denys the best school it can be for all our pupils.

Best Wishes,

Mr Davies and Mrs Andrews



IMPORTANT DATE REMINDERS



CELEBRATION WORK SHARE	Friday 6th September, 2:40 pm
PROSPECTIVE PARENT VISITS (for entry to Reception September 2025)	Monday 7th October 9:30—10:30am, 6—7 pm
HARVEST FESTIVAL	Tuesday 22nd October
LAST DAY OF AUTUMN 1 TERM	Friday 25th October
SDSS NON-UNIFORM FUND RAISING DAY	Friday 25th October
FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN 2 TERM	Tuesday 5th November
INDIVIDUAL AND SIBLING PHOTOGRAPHS	Thursday 14th November
PARENT / TEACHER MEETINGS	Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th November
CHRISTMAS CONCERT	Tuesday 17th December
LAST DAY OF AUTUMN 2 TERM	Friday 20th December
FIRST DAY OF SPRING TERM	Monday 6th January
SPRING HALF TERM	Monday 17th—Friday 21st February
FIRST DAY OF SPRING 2 TERM	Tuesday 25th February
LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM	Friday 4th April
FIRST DAY OF SUMMER TERM	Tuesday 22nd April
SUMMER HALF TERM	Monday 26th—Friday 30th May
LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM	Friday 18th July
SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING	Monday 4th November, Monday 24th February, Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd July.

REMINDER—NEW OFFICE HOURS

The school office is now open from 8:35—3:30pm every day, with the answering machine being switched on at 3:30pm. Thank you for helping us by making sure you are dropping off and collecting your children on time each day (8:35—8:45 in the morning and by 3:15 in the afternoon). If exceptional circumstances mean you are running late to collect your child, please contact the class teacher via Class Dojo.