



# St Denys Primary School News Flash



6<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Dear Families,

Welcome to our March newsletter. How lovely that the start of the new month has also brought some sunshine with it! This half term is a short one but with lots going on so here are a few key reminders for you.

**CELEBRATIONS OF LEARNING** – responding to parental feedback, we are trialling a different model for these, this term. **Choose one of either: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2:45—3:15pm or Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 9—9:30am** to visit your child / children in their classes and share their work with them.

**SCHOOL DISCO** – again, in light of feedback from parents and children, we are trying something a bit different this term. **Key Stage 1 and Rainbow will now have their disco / party from 3.15 PM to 4.30 PM (straight from school) and Key Stage 2 from 4.45 PM to 6.00 PM on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March.** Tickets will go on sale on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March and will be available to buy from the playground/Music Room each morning. Tickets will cost £3.00 each or two for £5 (children attending wraparound club do not need to buy a ticket).

**COMIC RELIEF RED NOSE DAY** – Non-uniform day in exchange for a donation to Comic Relief. Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March.

**PARENTS' EVENINGS** – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March (all classes except Y2), Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March (all classes except Y6) and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March (Y2 & Y6). Letters will be coming home for you to book your appointment next week.

**EASTER BONNET PARADE** – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March – 9am. See below for more information about this annual St Denys' tradition which we hope you will be able to join us for.

Over the past couple of days, we have really enjoyed the opportunity to celebrate World Book Day together and it was wonderful to see everyone sharing their favourite books. There were some fantastic costumes and most importantly, a real passion for reading evident throughout the whole day. As you know from Mr. Howard's updates, we were proud to achieve Bronze Accreditation through the Southampton Reading Charter last year and are currently making good progress towards our Silver award. Here are just a few photos of children and adults across the school enjoying our World Book Day celebrations.

Best wishes  
Mr. Davies and Mrs. Andrews





## **EASTER/SPRING PARADE**

A real St Denys' tradition, we are delighted to announce that, as advertised in previous Newsletters, our Easter Bonnet / Spring parade will take place on the last day of term— Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March.

All children are invited to 'get creative' and decorate an Easter bonnet or make a model with a Spring/ Easter theme (parents and carers are welcome to join in with the making too).

Children can bring their creations in on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March and then we will hold an Easter/Spring Parade where all the children show off what they have made. Families are invited to watch this taking place on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March starting from 9am in the playground (weather permitting) or the hall.

## **CLEAN AIR COMPETITION**

On Monday in assembly, School Council announced a new exciting competition for the whole school to join in with. We are asking the children to design posters on one of two topics: reducing / stopping idling (running car engines while waiting in traffic queues) or encouraging people to use active travel (walking, bikes, scooters) to get to school. The winning posters will be made into a banner that will be displayed outside school.

Your children should have brought home information and a sheet to create their designs on. We look forward to seeing them! Please make sure finished designs are returned to school by Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March.

## **SDSS NEWS**

**Thank you so much for your support of our sweet stall on Book Day yesterday – we hope you enjoyed your treats! We are now busy preparing for our Easter Raffle which will be running in the last week of term with lots of fabulous chocolate and craft prizes.**

**We are really excited and proud to share that, thanks to your generous donations so far this year, we are able to FULLY FUND the M&M Theatre production that all children in the school will be watching at the end of term. Thank you so much for your fantastic support.**

## **ATTENDANCE MATTERS**

Improving attendance continues to be a key priority at St Denys and thanks to all your efforts in getting your children to school every day, we are pleased to share that our current whole school attendance is 94.7%, over 1% higher than this time last year. Thank you so much for your support with improving attendance closer to our whole school target of 96% for all pupils.

Please remember that we are unable to authorise any term-time holiday requests and be mindful of this when booking any family holidays, ensuring that they take place within school holiday periods. We have placed INSET days after half term holidays again next year to support with accessing slightly cheaper travel during these periods.

If you have any questions about, or would like support with your child's attendance, please talk to us—we are here to help.

We have now set the term dates for next academic year (2026-27). The dates that children are expected to attend school are:

Autumn 1: Tuesday September 1<sup>st</sup> – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

Autumn 2: Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December (Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November is an INSET day)

Spring 1: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February

Spring 2: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March

Summer 1: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May

Summer 2: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July (Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June and Monday 19<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July are INSET days)

## IMPORTANT DATE REMINDERS

<b>CELEBRATIONS OF LEARNING (We are trialling a new model—parents/carers are welcome to attend either one of these sessions rather than having set dates per class)</b>	Monday 16th March 2:45—3:15pm Wednesday 18th March 9—9:30am
<b>SCHOOL DISCO</b>	Wednesday 18th March
<b>COMIC RELIEF RED NOSE DAY (non-uniform)</b>	Friday 20th March
<b>PARENT / TEACHER MEETINGS (YR, 1, 3, 4, 5)</b>	Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th March
<b>YEAR 2 PARENT / TEACHER MEETINGS</b>	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>YEAR 6 PARENT / TEACHER MEETINGS</b>	Tuesday 24th and Thursday 26th March
<b>M&amp;M THEATRE PRODUCTION</b>	Thursday 26th March
<b>EASTER BONNET PARADE</b>	Friday 27th March
<b>LAST DAY OF SPRING 2 TERM</b>	Friday 27th March
<b>FIRST DAY OF SUMMER 1 TERM</b>	Monday 13th April
<b>OPERATION GREENIFY PLANTING PROJECT</b>	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>IROCK CONCERT (parents with children attending iRock will receive an invitation)</b>	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> April, 10am
<b>YEAR 5 BIKEABILITY</b>	w/c 27th April
<b>YEAR 1 MARWELL TRIP</b>	Wednesday 6th May
<b>YEAR 6 SATS WEEK</b>	Monday 11th—Thursday 14th May
<b>SCHOOL TALENT SHOW</b>	Friday 22nd May
<b>LAST DAY OF SUMMER 1 TERM</b>	Friday 22nd May
<b>FIRST DAY OF SUMMER 2 TERM</b>	Tuesday 2nd June
<b>YEAR 6 ACTIVITY WEEK</b>	Monday 8th—Friday 12th June
<b>RAINBOW LONGDOWN DAIRY FARM TRIP</b>	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>YEAR 4 ANCIENT EGYPTIANS WORKSHOP</b>	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>SCHOOL DISCO</b>	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>YEAR 1 NEW FOREST TRIP</b>	Tuesday 23rd June
<b>REPORTS HOME TO PARENTS</b>	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>SUMMER CONCERT (at St Denys Church, all welcome)</b>	Wednesday 1st July
<b>YEAR 2 SEACITY TRIP</b>	Friday 3rd July
<b>SUMMER FAIR</b>	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July
<b>PARENTS EVENING (for queries following reports)</b>	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>SPORTS DAY</b>	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>SPORTS DAY (Reserve date)</b>	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>YEAR 6 LEAVERS PERFORMANCE</b>	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>YEAR 6 PIZZA PARTY</b>	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>CHILDREN FINISH FOR THE SUMMER</b>	Friday 17th July
<b>HOLIDAYS – Y6 LEAVERS ASSEMBLY 9am</b>	
<b>SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING</b>	Monday 1st June, Monday 20th July, Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July, Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July

