



St Denys Primary School

News Flash

4th September 2026

Dear Families,

Welcome to the start of the new school year. It has been wonderful to welcome all our Year 1 – 6 children back to school this week. Despite the disrupted start, the children have settled back into school life really well and it has been wonderful to see how hard everyone has been focused on making a positive start to the new school year. Thank you, families, for all you do to make sure your children are here on time and and for bearing with us during the closure on Wednesday. We really appreciate it.



This week we have been working on some special projects which we were delighted to share with you at our Celebration of Learning this afternoon. If you couldn't make it this afternoon then please don't worry; lots of the work is displayed around the school and you are also welcome to pop in before or after school at any time to see your child's work – just have a chat with your child's class teacher if you'd like to arrange this.

As always, our 5 Learning Powers have been at the centre of our learning and we are so proud of how our children practise and demonstrate Respect, Resilience, Resourcefulness, Reciprocity and Reflection each and every day. This week our Year 6 children have been given their Learning Ambassador roles and we are really excited about what they will achieve this year with these responsibilities; we know they will be great role models to the rest of the school.

We are looking forward to welcoming our new Rainbow children next week and are excited about what the school year holds as we continue to focus on making St Denys the best school it can be for all our pupils. As always, if there is anything you need, or that we can do to better support your child, please do talk to us.

Best wishes
Mr. Davies and Mrs. Andrews

WRAPAROUND CARE

A reminder that children are able to attend breakfast club (7:35 – 8:35am) and / or after school care (3:15 – 6pm), run on the school site. Booking is fully flexible so there is no need for a regular commitment – you can book sessions as and when you need them. Children can access a whole range of activities including sports such as football, basketball, tennis, volleyball and archery and creative activities including arts & crafts, painting, gymnastics, dancing and card / boardgames during the sessions. They also provide a variety of healthy breakfasts and snacks during all sessions.

This term they have a new booking site, designed to make the booking process easier. You can find out more and book a session here: https://enrolmy.com/thrive/activity/5-St_Denys_Wrap_around_Care , or please do ask Mrs. Andrews any questions you have.

IMPORTANT DATE REMINDERS

RAINBOW CHILDREN START SCHOOL	Tuesday 8 th September
SDSS meeting – all welcome. Pop in and find out more. In the Library straight after school.	Friday 11 th September, 3:15pm
Y6 TUDOR HOUSE TRIP	Monday 5 th October
CELEBRATIONS OF LEARNING Choose one of either:	Tuesday 6 th October 8:45-9:15am or Thursday 8 th October 2:45 – 3:15pm
Y3 BUTSER FARM TRIP	Monday 12 th October
Y4 SWIMMING LESSONS	Start Monday 12 th October
PARENTS' EVENINGS	Tuesday 13 th and Wednesday 14 th October
HARVEST FESTIVAL – ALL WELCOME	2pm Wednesday 14 th October
INFORMATION EVENING FOR YR ADMISSION SEPTEMBER 2027	6pm Wednesday 21 st October
NON-UNIFORM DAY (Cash donations for SDSS)	Friday 23 rd October
END OF AUTUMN 1 TERM	Friday 23 rd October
INSET DAY	Monday 2 nd November
START OF AUTUMN 2 TERM FOR CHILDREN	Tuesday 3 rd November
SWIMMING FOR SOME Y5 & 6 CHILDREN	Starts Tuesday 3 rd November
SCHOOL DISCO	Thursday 12 th November
Y2 ART GALLERY TRIP	Friday 27 th November
RAINBOW AND KS1 PERFORMANCE	Thursday 10 th December
CHRISTMAS CONCERT – ALL WELCOME	2pm Wednesday 16 th December
END OF AUTUMN 2 TERM	Friday 18 th December
START OF SPRING 1 TERM	Monday 4 th January
END OF SPRING 1 TERM	Friday 12 th February
START OF SPRING 2 TERM	Monday 22 nd February
END OF SPRING 2 TERM	Thursday 25 th March
START OF SUMMER 1 TERM	Monday 12 th April
SPORTS DAY (Provisional date)	Friday 28 th May
END OF SUMMER 1 TERM	Friday 28 th May
INSET DAY	Monday 7 th June
START OF SUMMER 2 TERM	Tuesday 8 th June
SUMMER CONCERT – ALL WELCOME	2pm Tuesday 29 th June
END OF SUMMER 2 TERM FOR CHILDREN	Friday 16 th July

OPERATION GREENIFY

Some of our Year 6 children did a fantastic job this week working with Craig from Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust to tidy up our veg beds after the long, hot summer and prep them for some more planting. So far this year we have enjoyed home-grown onions, peas, cucumbers and strawberries. Watch out for the radishes we planted to day sprouting up soon...we hope to be able to eat them in around 5 weeks! Next time we will be planting some bulbs in our flower planters, ready for Spring.



CLUBS:

As you know, we have been working hard to increase the clubs we offer at school. This half term, the following clubs are available:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch time		KS2 Gardening Club with Mrs. Andrews		KS2 – Home learning club with class teachers	Mornings - All years - iRock band – paid for club. Click the link to find out more. KS1 Gardening Club with Mrs. Andrews
After school (3:15 – 4:15pm)	Years 1 – 6 Drama club with Mrs. Hunt KS2 Choir with Mrs. Mitchell (Starting 14 th September)	Year 3 Indoor Football Club with Mr. Fielder (Starting 8 th September)	Year 5 Indoor Football Club with Mr. Fielder (Starting 16 th September)	Year 4 Indoor Football Club with Mr. Fielder (Starting 10 th September)	KS2 Cross country sessions running across the term – look out for more information on Dojo soon.

Sign up for Mr. Fielder's clubs is via Dojo – please reply to his messages on the relevant Class page.

Letters for Drama and Choir are available from the office – please return these by Thursday 10th so we can allocate spaces.

Gardening Club will operate on a drop-in basis so there is no need to book a space for these.

Parent volunteers can also help us increase our clubs - in previous years volunteers helped with Art and Chess clubs —do you have an interest that you would like to share through a club, which we will support you with? Please talk to Mrs. Andrews if this is something you might be interested in.



Helping your children at home

In our last parent survey, some of you asked for more information about how you can help your children at home with their learning. We have added a new section to our website with suggestions and links to resources. You can find it here:

<https://www.stdenysprimary.co.uk/helpingathome>

We hope you find it useful. Over the year we will also be developing year group specific guidance and resources to support you further. If there is anything you would find particularly useful, please do let us know.

YEAR 6 LEARNING AMBASSADORS

Huge congratulations to our new Year 6 Learning Ambassadors. We were very impressed with the quality of the applications and there were some hard decisions to make! We know they will do a fantastic job of fulfilling their responsibilities and setting an excellent example to the rest of the school.

CARPATHIA: House Captain – Laney, Vice House Captain – Oswa

QEII: House Captain – Ethan A., Vice House Captain – Maria

HABANA: House Captain – Frieda, Vice House Captain – Daniel

TITANIC: House Captain – Marcin, Vice House Captain – Hoorain



RESPECT Ambassador: Pixie
RESILIENCE Ambassador: Logan
RESOURCEFULNESS Ambassador: Arjan
RECIPROCITY Ambassador: Joseph
REFLECTIVENESS Ambassador: Nathan
RAINBOW Ambassadors: Evin & Marwah
SPORTS Ambassadors: Aaron & Evelyn M
MUSIC Ambassador: Ben



SDSS UPDATE

Thanks to your brilliant support, last year we raised almost £3,000 for the school! This has gone towards the theatre performance, VR headset experience and new playground equipment, making a real difference to the children of St Denys.

This year we are hoping to raise even more! All our fundraising efforts are reliant on our fabulous volunteers and at the moment the size of our team limits how many events we can run. We'd love to get more people on board! If you could spare even a couple of hours a year to help out, this would make a big difference.

We are holding an informal meeting after school next Friday (11th September), in the school library. Please pop along if you'd like to find out more, or just to say hi and meet some more St Denys' parents.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Improving attendance continues to be a key priority at St Denys. If you have any questions about, or would like support with, your child's attendance, please talk to us – we are here to help. Our target is at least 96% attendance for each pupil.

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. Thank you for your support in ensuring your child attends school on time every day they should (190 days over the school year).

