



# St Denys Primary School News Flash



7th March 2025

Dear Families,

It has been so lovely to see the sun shining this week. Children from Rainbow and Year 1 have been very busy spotting signs of Spring—and children in Class 4 were happy to see that the daffodils they planted when they were in Year 1 are back again for another year! Everyone has been enjoying being outside at playtime and especially lunchtime, when children from across the school have been excitedly using the new resources Year 6 ambassadors are doing a great job of organising activities with. From parachute games, to obstacle courses, to the game of the week, to table tennis, to chalk drawing—everyone has found lots to keep them busy and entertained. We have plans to develop these resources even further over the next few weeks and are so grateful for your contributions to SDSS and the School Council Bake Sale, as well as your toy donations, which have made this possible.

Yesterday the whole school really embraced 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 are working hard as a school to gain accreditation through the Southampton Reading Charter this year and are making good progress towards this. Here are just a few photos of children and adults across the school enjoying World Book Day yesterday.

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 4th April.



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 4th April 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 4th April starting from 9am in the playground (weather permitting) or the hall.

## SDSS NEWS

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 of Oliver Twist that all children in the school will be watching at the end of term. Thank you so much for your fantastic support.

Can you help at our next DISCO?

The next school disco is on Wednesday 19th March 5—6:15pm. If you are able to help with supervision during the disco, please email [stdenyspta@gmail.com](mailto:stdenyspta@gmail.com) so we can add you to our group.

## Did you receive a letter about Wood Burning and Southampton's Smoke Control area?

Recently, Southampton City Council sent out a letter to residents living in the Smoke Control areas in SO15 3, SO15 5, SO15 7, SO17 1 and SO17 2. This was detailing the rules around burning wood.

Southampton City Council would like to hear feedback about this letter and encourages people in these areas to fill out the form (even if you didn't receive the letter but live in this area).

[Please click here to fill out the survey](#), it should take less than a minute to complete.

If you would like to learn more about wood burning and its impacts on health and the environment [please visit the website](#).

## PARENTS' EVENING UPDATE

**Apologies for the error in the letter which was sent home.**

**Parents' Evenings will take place on**

**Tuesday 25th March 3:30—7:30pm**

**Wednesday 26th March 3:30—5:30pm**

**Please return your slip with your preferred times to your child's class teacher by Friday 21st March.**

## 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 all pupils. Our current whole school attendance for the year is 93.3% and it was 94.3% over the last 5 days. Well done to Class 1 and Class 3 who won the attendance race this week with attendances of 97.3% and 96.9%.



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Every student. Every day.

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).

## School Council Update

You might have already heard about the Talent Show we have planned for a few weeks' time. Children from all classes in the school are invited to prepare acts for class auditions which will take place before 28th March.

2 acts from each class will then be selected to go through to the Talent Show Final, which will be taking place on Friday 4th April.

We can't wait to see everyone's amazing talents and wish everyone taking part GOOD LUCK!

## IMPORTANT DATE REMINDERS

<b>SWIMMING FOR SELECTED Y5/6 CHILDREN</b>	Starts Monday 10th March
<b>Y2 FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE WORKSHOP</b>	Thursday 13th March
<b>SCHOOL DISCO</b>	Wednesday 19th March
<b>Y6 &amp; Y4 MY BNK MONEY WORKSHOPS</b>	Weekly for 3 weeks, starting on Wednesday 19th March
<b>RAINBOW TRAIN STATION TRIP</b>	Thursday 20th March
<b>PARENTS' EVENINGS</b>	Tuesday 25th & Wednesday 26th March
<b>RAINBOW AIRPORT TRIP</b>	Thursday 27th March
<b>iROCK CONCERT (Parents of children doing iRock classes welcome to attend)</b>	10am, Friday 28th March
<b>Y2 and Y6 FIRE SAFETY WORKSHOPS</b>	Friday 28th March
<b>SDSS CHOCOLATE RAFFLE</b>	From 31st March — 4th April
<b>M&amp;M THEATRE PRODUCTION (Oliver Twist)</b>	Thursday 3rd April
<b>EASTER BONNET PARADE &amp; LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM</b>	Friday 4th April Parents welcome to watch 9am
<b>FIRST DAY OF SUMMER TERM</b>	Tuesday 22nd April
<b>Y5 BIKEABILITY</b>	Starts Tuesday 6th May
<b>Y1 MARWELL TRIP</b>	Wednesday 7th May
<b>Y6 SATS WEEK</b>	Monday 12th—Thursday 15th May
<b>SUMMER INSTRUMENTAL CONCERT</b>	Tuesday 20th May
<b>SUMMER HALF TERM</b>	Monday 26th—Friday 30th May
<b>SCHOOL DISCO</b>	Thursday 19th June
<b>Y6 FAIRTHORNE RESIDENTIAL</b>	Tuesday 10th—Friday 13th June
<b>CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS</b>	Monday 23rd June
<b>KS2 VR WORKSHOPS</b>	Friday 27th June
<b>CELEBRATIONS OF LEARNING</b>	w/c 30th June (exact dates TBC)
<b>SPORTS DAY</b>	Thursday 3rd July (back up date in case of bad weather Friday 11th July)
<b>YEAR 2 SEA CITY TRIP</b>	Friday 4th July
<b>SUMMER FAIR</b>	Friday 4th July
<b>SUMMER CONCERT</b>	Tuesday 8th July
<b>PARENTS' EVENING (for queries following reports)</b>	Wednesday 9th July
<b>YEAR 6 TUDOR HOUSE TRIP</b>	Thursday 10th July
<b>YEAR 6 PERFORMANCE (2pm &amp; 6pm)</b>	Wednesday 16th July
<b>YEAR 6 LEAVERS' ASSEMBLY (Y6 parents invited 9am) &amp; PIZZA PARTY (5pm)</b>	Thursday 17th July
<b>LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM</b>	Friday 18th July
<b>SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING</b>	Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd July,
<b>START OF THE AUTUMN 2025 TERM FOR CHILDREN</b>	Wednesday 3rd September