



# St Denys Primary School News Flash



Friday 20th  
December, 2024

Dear Families,

We have had a lovely end to the Autumn term, despite all the coughs, colds and chicken-pox(!), and your children have been amazing. On Tuesday we had our St Denys Christmas Concert and, I think you will agree, the children performed really well and it was wonderful to see their joy and enthusiasm. On Thursday, we had our Christmas lunch and the children enjoyed sitting with the staff enjoying the meal together. The day was finished off by our class Christmas parties including very special visits to Father Christmas in his grotto who had dropped by to give the children some presents for the classroom. The children have had a special week and we would like to thank all the staff for making it such fun. We have really missed those children who have been poorly and hope that you are all fully recovered to be able to enjoy the holidays.



Finally on behalf of all the staff at St Denys, we would like to thank you for your very kind Christmas wishes and generous gifts. We all feel very fortunate to work in such a wonderful community and for the support that you give us. We hope you have a very peaceful and relaxing Christmas break and wish everyone a healthy and happy New Year. We look forward to welcoming all the children back on Monday 6th January.

Best wishes

Mr. Davies and Mrs. Andrews

A massive THANK YOU to the SDSS team and to our whole school community. Through various fundraising events including teas & coffees at events, a non-uniform day and our Christmas raffle, SDSS have already raised an incredible £1,100 this term alone! All of these funds will be used to directly benefit the children of St Denys—we are planning to buy some playground equipment in the New Year after consulting with the children about exactly what they would like. Thank you so much for your contributions to our fundraising efforts and to the incredible SDSS team.

## **STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER?**

**IF YOU HAVE A CHILD DUE TO  
START SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER,  
2025, THE DEADLINE FOR APPLI-  
CATIONS IS 15 JANUARY, 2025  
at 23:59. PLEASE VISIT:**

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ADMISSIONS TO APPLY.](#)**

## **GOODBYE AND THANK YOU, MRS WEBB!**

This week, we said goodbye to Mrs. Webb, who has worked at St Denys for 22 years in the kitchen. She has done an amazing job of keeping the children of St Denys well-fed with lots of favourite meals during that time and we will all miss her a great deal. We would like to say thank you to her for all her hard work and care and wish her every happiness in her well-deserved retirement.

## **ATTENDANCE UPDATE**

Research shows that regular attendance is key to your child's success at school. An attendance of 90% equates to missing one day every two weeks, or nearly 4 weeks of lost learning each year. Our target is **96% attendance** for all pupils. Our current whole school attendance is 94%. While no-one can avoid being ill from time to time, we encourage children to attend school if they're feeling well enough. We are unable to authorise any term-time holiday and thank you for your support in ensuring your child has good attendance by bringing them to school on time each day that they are well.

## IMPORTANT DATE REMINDERS

<b>FIRST DAY OF SPRING TERM</b>	Monday 6th January
<b>Y6 MORNING MATHS CLUBS START (your child will have received a letter if invited)</b>	Tuesday 7th January
<b>iROCK MUSIC LESSONS START</b>	Monday 13th January
<b>Y6 UoS AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMMES START (your child will receive a letter if invited)</b>	Monday 27th January
<b>Y3 BUTSER FARM TRIP</b>	Thursday 6th February
<b>NSPCC WORKSHOPS (Y6, 5 &amp; 2)</b>	Thursday 13th February
<b>SDSS NON-UNIFORM DAY (Chocolate raffle donations) &amp; LAST DAY OF SPRING 1 TERM</b>	Friday 14th February
<b>SPRING HALF TERM</b>	Monday 17th—Friday 21st February
<b>SCHOOL CLOSED (INSET DAY)</b>	Monday 24th February
<b>FIRST DAY OF SPRING 2 TERM</b>	Tuesday 25th February
<b>Y4 SWIMMING STARTS (rescheduled)</b>	Tuesday 25th February
<b>Y4 MENTAL HEALTH EMOTIONS WORKSHOPS</b>	Weekly for 4 weeks, starting on Monday 3rd March
<b>WORLD BOOK DAY (Wear PJs / comfy clothes)</b>	Thursday 6th March
<b>SCHOOL DISCO</b>	Wednesday 12th March
<b>Y2 FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE WORKSHOP</b>	Thursday 13th March
<b>Y6 &amp; Y4 MY BNK MONEY WORKSHOPS</b>	Weekly for 3 weeks, starting on Wednesday 19th March
<b>PARENTS' EVENINGS</b>	Tuesday 25th & Wednesday 26th March
<b>SDSS CHOCOLATE RAFFLE</b>	From 1st—4th April
<b>M&amp;M THEATRE PRODUCTION</b>	Thursday 3rd April
<b>EASTER BONNET PARADE &amp; LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM</b>	Friday 4th April
<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>SUMMER FAIR</b>	Friday 4th July
<b>LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM</b>	Friday 18th July
<b>SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING</b>	Monday 24th February, Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd July.