Donnington Wood Infant School & Nursery

Newsletter

Friday 6th November 2026

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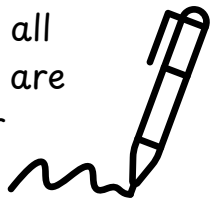


It has been a busy few days back in school and nursery. On Tuesday Classes 1 &2 enjoyed an interactive session learning about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot. They really enjoyed the workshop and learned more about the events behind Bonfire Night on the 5th of November. Also on Tuesday our school photographer returned and completed individaul and family photos.

Today Classes 5 & 6 are taking part in their Pedestrian training. Following activities in the classroom the children are putting their new skills into practice in small groups in the local area.



Please make sure all clothes and shoes are labelled with your child's name.



Attendance



Attendance Cup - Class 2 with 100% attendance - well done!

Early Bird - Class 3

After a good half term of attendance we want to keep making progress towards our attendance target of 95%. On page 2 of the newsletter are some 'Top Tips for Keeping Well'. Please read these as we move into the time of year when there are more bugs and illnesses around.

Golden Book

Year 2
Modaser & Hamdullah
Archie & Mark

Year 1
Bianka & Kaiden
Lvina & Neveah

Reception
Lavinia & Mina
Noah & Ellis

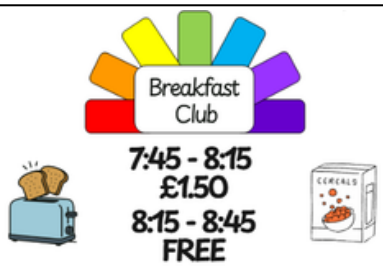
Nursery
Ella-Grace & Max

Readers of the week

Year 2
Nana & Tymon

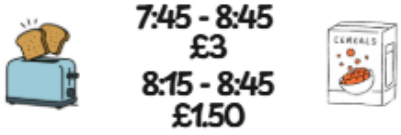
Year 1
Noah & Finley

Reception
Harley & Tulay



FREE Breakfast Club from 8:15 every day for children in school.

Nursery Breakfast Club



Nursery children coming to Breakfast Club must pre-book with the office and pay before attending.

Come to....
the front door 7:45 - 8:15
the hall door 8:15 - 8:30

Could you help our school?

There is currently a vacancy on the Governing Body for a parent governor.

Governors play a key role in making sure our school and nursery are the best they can be. If you would like to know more about being a governor then please talk to Mrs Boddy or Mrs Hannington

Starting School September 2027

If you have a child born between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023 you must apply online at **www.telford.gov.uk/admissions**

There are no paper application forms.

Even if your child is in our nursery you must still apply online by **15th January 2027.**

If you have any questions or do not have access to the internet please talk to the office.

Parents of Year 2 children need to apply for Junior School using the same online system.

How does screen time affect my child?

Juggling family life and raising children in a digital world can be challenging. Digital screens are a part of modern life, but finding the right balance between screen time and other activities for children can be tricky. Over the next few weeks we will be sharing some ideas from 'Best Start in Life' to support parents and carers in shaping healthy screen time habits for children.



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Top Tips for Keeping Well



"The winter period can see an increase in some of the common seasonal viruses which disrupt children's education and cause more serious illnesses," says Dr Catherine Falconer from the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA). UK health officials say by following advice parents can protect their children as well as the wider community.

Regular hand-washing

· use soap and warm water for 20 seconds or hand sanitiser to clean hands regularly
· 'catch it, bin it, kill it' - stop infections spreading by using tissues to catch coughs and sneezes, bin them afterwards and wash hands

Handwashing is one of the most effective ways to stop the spread of viruses because they can live on our hands.

Stop the spread of stomach bugs

Sickness bugs are on the up, and that means more children could have diarrhoea and vomiting. If affected –
· use bleach-based products to clean surfaces to help prevent bugs from spreading (along with washing hands with soap)
· do not prepare food for others if you have symptoms, or for 48 hours after they stop
· do not to return to work, school or nursery until two days after symptoms end.

Get vaccinated

There is a "quick and painless" nasal spray for children which offers the best protection against flu, UKHSA says. The vaccine uptake among pre-school children is lower than other groups, despite the illness sometimes being more serious for this age group.
There has also been a drop in uptake of other childhood vaccinations, which protect against diseases such as measles, mumps, rubella, diphtheria and polio.
The advice is to make sure make sure your child is up to date with all their vaccinations.

Take online advice from NHS resources

The health service has plenty of advice for parents, such as:
Is my child too ill for school?

NHS vaccinations and when to have them

High temperature (fever) in children

Check if it's chickenpox

Know when to keep your child at home

· children should stay at home from school or nursery if they have a high temperature (fever) and are unwell
· children with diarrhoea and/or vomiting should wait for 48 hours before going back, to stop the spread of stomach bugs
· children with a runny nose, sore throat or slight cough (without a high temperature) can still attend school or nursery

Scarlet fever and chickenpox can also spread at this time of year.

Scarlet fever symptoms include:

- sore throat
- fever
- swollen neck glands
- a bumpy rash on the tummy
- flushed cheeks
- "a strawberry tongue" - so called because it means the tongue looks a bit like a strawberry.

Contact your local GP if you see the signs and keep children away from school and nursery for 24 hours after the first dose of antibiotics.

Chickenpox is highly contagious - the most common symptom is an itchy, spotty rash. Keep children off school until all the spots have crusted over.

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