Donnington Wood Infant School & Nursery

Newsletter

Friday 13th November 2026

learning, caring, preparing



On Monday Classes 3 & 4 enjoyed a day of activities at Wrekin Forest School to support learning about plants and animals in our local environment. They were really enthusiastic about their learning and managed to get very muddy!



On Tuesday we had a visitor to see our Brilliant Brushers in Nursery and Reception. The children enjoyed showing off their amazing tooth-brushing skills. Brilliant Brushers is a locally developed supervised toothbrushing programme for 3-5 year old children in day nurseries, nursery and reception classes in areas where rates of tooth decay are high across Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin, Staffordshire and Stoke. Staff supervise children toothbrushing in Nursery 3s and Reception on a daily basis.



Thank you to everyone who supported our Children in Need day today and made a donation. We will let you know next week how much we raised.

Golden Book

Year 2
Reggie & Leon
Hollie & Evie

Year 1
All of Class 3
All of Class 4

Reception
Leandra & Tulay
Theo & Lewis

Nursery
Christian & Mila

Attendance



Attendance Cup - Class 6

Early Bird - Class 4

This week more children have been late for school and nursery than normal. It is really important that children arrive on time so they can make the most of every learning opportunity.

School
8:40 doors open (close at 8:45)
3:10 end of the day

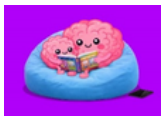
Nursery
8:40 - 8:50 doors open
11:30 - 11:40 collect from nursery

12:30 - 12:40 doors open
3:20 - 3:30 collect from nursery

If your child is late, please bring them to the office and a member of staff will take them to class.

Safe Screen Swap

BEST START IN LIFE



Mealtimes: try swapping screens for background music, conversation or 'I Spy' with colours or letters.
Bedtimes: swap screens for reading bedtime stories together. Try to avoid screens for the hour before bed, as this could affect sleep.

Readers of the week

Year 2
Cole & Gabriel

Year 1
Katie & Ororo

Reception
Mina & Heidi

Could you help our school?

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



Please return photo orders by 9am Monday 23rd November

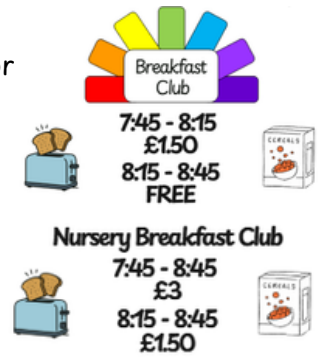
Parent Meetings



Parent meetings start next week. Please make sure you return your slip to your child's teacher so that they can book an appointment. If none of the time slots are convenient then please contact the office and we will arrange a suitable time.

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

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



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

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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