Donnington Wood Infant School & Nursery

Newsletter

Friday 20th November 2026

learning, caring, preparing



It has been another busy week in school and nursery with lots of new learning and the beginnings of preparations for Christmas! Parent meetings started this week and continue next week. If you have not made an appointment with your child's teacher please get in touch so one can be arranged.

Governors have recently reviewed our 'Parental Licence' policy. There is more infomation on page 2 of the newsletter about expectations for parents and visitors when they are on the school site.

We raised £105.06 last Friday for Children in Need - thank you to everyone who made a donation.

This week children have been learning about bullying, what it is and how to help other people. Children are bringing home a copy of our Anti-bullying leaflet which was created by our Safety Superstars. Please ask your child about it as they have shown a really good understanding in assembly today.

Golden Book

Year 2
Amelia G & Nana
Gabriel & Daria

Year 1
Octavia & Ryan
Miah & Jenson

Reception
Theo & Tymon
Korkor & Albie

Nursery
Alfie G & Chester

Christmas Dates

Monday 14th (1:30pm) & Tuesday 15th December (9:15am) School Christmas Play. All children will perform both days so please attend one performance.

Thursday 17th December Nursery Christmas Activities and Sing-along (morning and afternoon session)

Please return photo orders by 9am Monday 23rd November

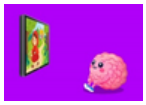
Readers of the week

Year 2
Shay & Archie-Jay

Year 1
Olwasemilore & Aiden

Reception
Ophelia & Mina

Safe Screen Swap



Slow-paced, predictable content is better for young brains. Fast-paced, over-stimulating social media-style videos may affect how young children learn to concentrate, so it's best to avoid them.

Safe Screen Swap

Check what your child is watching – look for content with simple stories, fewer scene changes and characters speaking slowly. It should be easy to hear what people are saying and to see the emotions on characters' faces.

Attendance

Attendance Cup - Class 4

Early Bird - Class 4

This week we have introduced our 'under the weather' form. Parents and carers can use this to let us know if their child is well enough to be in school but is not 100%. Forms are available from the office, Breakfast Club and Nursery.

We have seen an increase in children with high temperatures this week. On page 3 you will find advice about trying to keep well over the next few months.

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.



3:15-3:45

Friday 27th November to Wednesday 2nd December

Supervision

Please can we remind parents that children are your responsibility before and after school & nursery. Children (including older/ younger brothers & sisters) must stay with adults at all times. In the cold and wet weather children must not play on the castle or boat area as it can be slippery.

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

Breakfast Club
7:45 - 8:15 £1.50
8:15 - 8:45 FREE

Nursery Breakfast Club
7:45 - 8:45 £3
8:15 - 8:45 £1.50

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

Parental/Carer Licence Policy

At Donnington Wood Infant School & Nursery, we greatly value the positive relationships we have with our families and warmly welcome parents and carers onto the school site. The purpose of our Parental / Carer Licence Policy is to help ensure that our school remains a safe, respectful and secure environment for all children, staff and visitors.

Parents and carers are invited onto school premises to support their child's education, but access to the site is subject to certain expectations. Everyone visiting the school is expected to behave respectfully and appropriately towards staff, pupils, other parents and school property.

In the very rare event of behaviour that is abusive, threatening, aggressive, disruptive, or causes damage to people or property, the school may consider restricting or withdrawing a parent's permission to enter the school site.



Festive Fun Activity Day

Embrace™

DONNINGTON WOOD INFANT SCHOOL

MONDAY 21ST DECEMBER

10:00 – 16:00

HHAH PLACES WITH LUNCH INCLUDED

SCAN FOR FUNDED PLACES

PAID PLACES
£16.00
SCAN TO BOOK



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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