



NEWSLETTER

14th July 2025

WHAT A FANTASTIC YEAR!

We now come to our final week of this academic year and what a year it has been! Being judged to have remained **outstanding** against even tougher standards in our Ofsted inspection in December. We are already working on continuing to develop our school to be even better! I am also delighted to share with you the excellent results in national tests and checks that are significantly above national results.

93% of our Year 1 children have passed their phonics screening - (national attainment is 80%)

65% of our Year 4 children achieved 25/25 in their multiplication tables check - national results were 38%

Our Year 6 cohort have achieved phenomenal results and there are many individual stories of incredible accelerated progress.

Reading: DPA 87% and 47% of children achieving greater depth; National 75% and 33% at greater depth

Writing DPA 83% with 22% of children achieving greater depth; National results were 72% and 13%

Mathematics DPA 90% and 48% achieving greater depth; National results were 74% and 26%

Year 6 results are not just achieved in year 6, they are a whole school effort from the Early Years - all the more remarkable when this cohort missed much of Year 2 and Year 1 due to covid. Everyone of the staff goes above and beyond for every child at DPA; we work to give everyone exceptional opportunities and do everything we can for every individual to meet their potential. I am incredibly fortunate to be the Principal of this wonderful school. Personally, the end of term marks my 30th year in primary schools - certainly a milestone!

The next three weeks...

14 th July	
15 th July	Summer concert (if dry in amphitheatre) at 9:30am End of year assembly for Acorn Class at 2:30pm Year 6 party 3-5:30pm
16 th July	Rocksteady concert at 10:30am and 2:30pm
17 th July	Year 6 Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies performance at 2pm and 6pm please note earlier start time
18 th July	No pre-school session today. Year 6 assembly 10:15am End of term at 12 noon gates open at 11:50am and will close at 12 noon.

REPORTS

You should have received, by email, your child's end of year school report. Please do check your Junk email folders if you have not yet received it.

END OF TERM - FRIDAY 18TH JULY- GATES WILL OPEN AT 11:50AM AND WILL CLOSE AT 12 NOON.

Thank you for all your continued support and, on behalf of the team at DPA i hope that you all have a good summer. We wish our Year 6 children every success as they move on to secondary education and also send our good wishes to a few other children who are leaving DPA - I am sure that you will all continue to be both kind and brilliant.



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2024-25

In addition to all the learning that happens in our classrooms, we have also....



Achieved the platinum mark for PE



Held a World Celebration day



Visited the Ashmolean



Visited Hampton Court Palace



West End show!



Year 6 Residential



choir have sung at Dorchester Abby and the O2 Arena



participate in numerous sports evens



Performances

Violin and ukulele assembly



We have also had visits to: Stonehenge, River and Rowing museum, Milestones museum, Victorian experience day, explored rocks and fossils, skateboarding workshop, VR experiences, Beach day, concerts., Earth Trust, Sutton Courtenay Environmental Centre, Beale Park, went to the beach, had author visits and so much more!

We have so much planned for next year too...

2025 Summer 2

When	Who	What...
15 th July	parent/carers of children in Years 3-6	Summer concert 9:30am amphitheatre (weather permitting) there are strong winds currently forecast for Tuesday so please be aware that plans may change.
15th July	Year 6	Year 6 party 3 - 5:30pm
15 th July	parent/carers of children in Pre-school - Acorn Class	End of Year Assembly at 2:30pm (please note change of date to the 15 th due to number of events!)
16 th July	parent/carers of children in Rocksteady	End of term concert at 10:30am and 2:30pm
17th July	Year 6	Year 6 performance 2pm and 6pm - please make sure that you have purchased tickets and have noted that no pre-school children may attend.
18th July	Acorn Class	No pre-school session
	Year 6	Last Assembly and presentation to parents 10:15am to be held in the amphitheatre, weather permitting. School will close at 12 noon. Gates will open at 11:50am

SUMMER HOLIDAYS



2025 Autumn Term

When	Who	What...
3rd September	Years 1-6	Term starts - Welcome to a new school year
3rd September	Reception	half day transition 8:40 - 11:10. or 1 -3:30pm
3rd - 5 September	Pre -school	Pre school meetings
4th September	Reception	half day transition 8:40 - 11:10. or 1- 3:30pm
5th September	Reception	Reception children in full time
8th September	Pre school	Pre school sessions will start
10th September	Year 5 and 6 parents	Aureus School presentation at DPA - chance to ask questions and find out more about the school. 3:30pm in the hall
15th -19th September	Year 6	Year 6 Residential
22nd September- 3rd October	Year 6	Bikeability
23rd September	Year 4	River and Rowing Museum
10th October	Whole school	School closed to children - Inset Day

Term Dates for School Year September 2025 - 2026

Autumn 1	3rd September - 24th October (INSET DAYS 1st and 2nd September, 10th October school closed to children) <i>Reception children will have half days on the 3rd and 4th September 2025 and then start full time on Friday 5th September.</i> Pre school sessions will start on Monday 8th September.
Autumn 2	3rd November - 18th December 2025
Spring 1	6th January - 13th February 2026
Spring 2	23rd February - 27th March
Summer 1	13th April - 22nd May
Summer 2	1st June - 17th July 2026 (Inset day 12th June) There will be no pre-school sessions on 17th July