

May

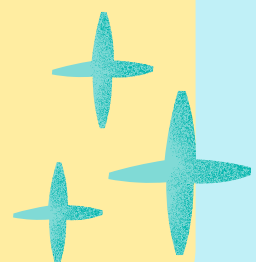
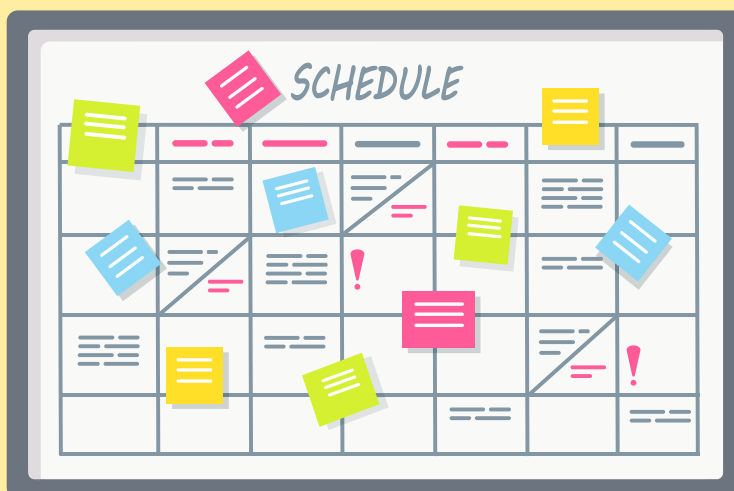


NEWSLETTER



A message from Mrs Foston...

The first half of summer term has been very short but very busy!! We are fast approaching half term following which an exciting summer term 2 lies ahead!





Reception Intake

As we move into our final term, we are looking forwards to welcoming our new children, joining us in September, into our school. We have organised a series of transition events to take place in July, where the children will be able to be supported into their new learning environments by the current Reception children. They will have the chance to make new friends and meet their new teachers. Everyone is very excited!



Music

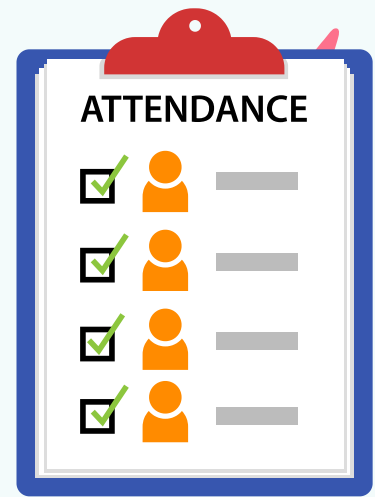
The children from both key stage 1 and key stage 2 choir have been working hard to learn songs inspired by different countries to finish off the school year. They will be performing them in an end of year recital - date to be confirmed.

The Pop Rox lessons have also been happening with children across the school. They have been learning electric guitar, drums and vocals. The children have been so excited to show off their amazing new skills!



Attendance

Please can I remind you that all absences need to be reported to the school office. You can do this by telephone, email or in person. If we do not hear from you by 10am we will carry out a home visit in line with our safeguarding procedures.



Inclusion

Young Carers provide support to their families in a variety of ways including but not limited to:

- cooking, housework and shopping
- physical care, such as helping someone in and out of bed
- personal care, such as assistance with dressing, toileting and administering medication
- managing the family budget
- collecting prescriptions and arranging GP or hospital appointments
- helping with communication
- looking after brothers or sisters
- emotional support

If you feel that your child is a young carer please contact Mrs Millard to discuss what support is available for them.

SEND

Over the upcoming weeks, we will be sending out a parent questionnaire. The results from the SEND questionnaires and the feedback from all of our parents of children with SEND are crucial in ensuring that we constantly look to improve the care, provision and outcomes for every child. Please complete these forms with your honest opinions and return to Mrs Ogden and Mrs Coxhead. Thank you.



Reading

Over half term, all children are invited to take part in our 'book in a box' competition run by our reading ambassadors. All children will have a copy of the competition details attached to their homework this half term. We look forward to seeing all your amazing entries!



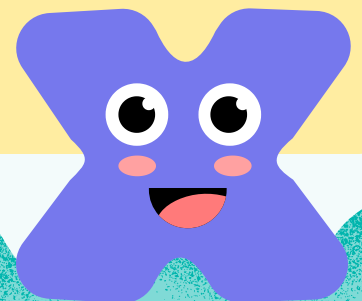
Y1 Phonics Check

The phonics screening check will be administered during the week beginning the 9th June. Children will be reading 40 words, 20 real words and 20 'alien' words. To prepare for this, please read with your children as much as possible and encourage them to use their Read Write Inc techniques 'Special Friends, Fred Talk, Read the Word.' Class teachers will be able to tell you if there are any sounds your child needs support with, they will also be sending all children home with some phonics practice sheets with QR codes to practice over half term.



Multiplication Tables Check

The Year 4's will soon be taking the Multiplication Check which takes place over a two-week period starting on Monday 2nd June. The test takes approximately 15 minutes, and the children will have opportunities to practise beforehand. To allow your child to do the best that they can, the soundcheck game on TTRS gives the children an idea of how the MTC is going to work and gives them a chance to practise.





Nursery

Admission applications for our nursery are now open!! Please contact the school office for further information. Our new provision is due to open 8th September 2025 with building work commencing at the end of the summer term. We are delighted to have appointed Kayleigh Timings, a member of our nursery team at St Gilbert's as Nursery Manager. Kayleigh brings a wealth of early years knowledge and experience and is incredibly excited to be joining our team at Donington. Recruitment for additional nursery and Early Years posts across both schools is underway. Exciting times lie ahead!



**OPENING
8TH
SEPTEMBER**

**DONINGTON COWLEY ENDOWED
PRIMARY SCHOOL NURSERY**

We are now taking bookings for our new Nursery!

Our dedicated team of nursery workers are excitedly preparing to welcome your child into our new Nursery. We are passionate about helping your child grow, thrive, and prepare them for their transition into Reception. Our aim is to evoke children's curiosity, inspiring a love of learning, ensuring they thrive and flourish as individuals; supporting their transition into Reception.

- Morning sessions: 9am - 12pm
- Afternoon sessions (including lunch): -12pm - 3pm
- Funded whole day: 9am - 3pm
- Term time only



Come and join us!

Nursery children will have access to our fantastic, wider school provisions including:

- Sensory garden
- Multi-sensory room
- 3D Immersive suite
- Forest school
- Trim trail
- Kitchen
- Library

REGISTER NOW!
Only 16 places available!



Tours of the school welcome but please be aware our Nursery development will not be completed until September.

☎ 01775 820467

🌐 <https://www.cowley.lincs.sch.uk/web>



Determination Courage Excellence Pride Success

Maths

Maths at both schools continues to flourish and another Times Tables Rock Stars battle has come to an end! The children have been incredibly engaged and it has been a tight competition. There is one standout victor this time and that goes to Squirrels class of Donington! Keep an eye out on Times Tables Rock Stars for any other competitions that may begin. Remember to keep accessing TTRS to make you more of a rockstar.



Well
Done

Statutory Assessments

Year 6 have completed their SATs and we congratulate and thank them for their incredible hard work and efforts. Year 6 will now focus upon their teacher assessed writing, further consolidation of learning and transition in addition to their many exciting activities which are planned next term.



Sports

We have taken part in many different development days over the last month and the children have been brilliant at them all. First, our children enjoyed a basketball development day where the children were shown a range of different skills and had the opportunity to compete in matches against other schools. The children's behaviour and engagement in the day was amazing.

Our next development day was focussed on tennis where again the children were given the opportunity to develop their tennis skills focussing on hitting and returning the ball to their partners. The children enjoyed the event and their attitude whilst there was brilliant.

Over the next couple of months there are several competitions for our children to take part in including a tri-golf competition, capture the castle and a Dynamos cricket competition.



School Council

This term, we have introduced Social Impact Awards as part of a new program 'Superkind'. This is going to encourage children to complete actions which benefit either themselves or their community. School Council will be taking a lead on this and will be giving out stickers (which will act as their Superkind badges) in assemblies to those who have completed social actions. We are very excited about this new program in school and the impact it will have on our wellbeing and our community.

School Council also organised another bake sale using the cakes which were donated for VE Day and we raised our highest amount yet!



VE Day

On Thursday 8th May, we celebrated VE Day by starting the day with an assembly. This was the 80th anniversary of VE Day – signalling eight decades since the end of the Second World War in Europe. Each year group sang a song and then enjoyed activities within their classrooms, making flags in Key Stage 1, whilst Key Stage 2 wrote a newspaper article. Lots of prizes were handed out. We enjoyed a picnic lunch altogether and continued to listen to war time songs. The day came to an end with a cake sale led by our school council. We raised £78 for the school, thank you for the contributions of cakes and sales.



PTFA Summer Fair

Our Summer Fair is on Saturday June 7th 12- 3pm and it looks like it is going to be another huge success! We will once again have our amazing raffle and the bottle stall, along with fun and games.

As always we are asking for anybody that can volunteer to help in any way, to help set up and tidy away at the end or to help on one of the stalls for a little while. If you are able to help please email dce.ptfa@gmail.com

A graphic for the Summer Fair. It features a background of pink and white diagonal stripes radiating from the center. At the top, there is a string of colorful triangular bunting flags in yellow, pink, blue, and purple. The text "Summer Fair" is written in a large, dark blue cursive font, and "7th June" is written below it in a similar font. In the bottom left corner, there is an illustration of a woman in a yellow shirt and purple skirt standing next to a blue wheel of fortune and several wrapped gifts. A sign on the wheel says "PRIZE DRAW". In the bottom right corner, there is an illustration of a three-scoop ice cream cone with green, blue, and pink scoops on a waffle cone.

Summer Fair
7th June

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

May

23rd - PTFA Non-uniform Bring a Bottle Day

23rd - End of Summer term 1

June

2nd - Start of summer term 2

2nd - 13th Multiplication Check Y4

7th - Summer Fair

9th-13th Phonics Screening Check Y1

11th - Y6 Theatre Trip

20th - Cricket Tournament

23rd - EYFS Stay and Play 1.30pm-3pm

26th - Y6 Gala Dinner

27th - Tri Golf

July

2nd-3rd - Y5 Bikeability

7th - KS1 Sports Day

7th - Orienteering

8th - Capture the Castle

11th - Summer Disco

14th - KS2 Sports Day

16th and 17th Production

22nd - Y6 Leavers assembly 9.15am

22nd - End of academic year

