

June Newsletter

A message from Mrs Foston...

Summer term 2 has already set off to a very busy start! We are incredibly excited for all of the events ahead and look forward to welcoming you into school as part of our activities and celebrations.

Summer has arrived!

As the days get warmer, please do send your child in appropriate clothing, applying sun cream in the morning and providing a hat. Please can flip flops not be worn for health and safety reasons. Please ensure any sandals have a strap around the back of the heel. If your child does bring sun cream into school, this must be named and is only for your child's use. They will need to apply this independently.

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Staffing

I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Sarah Ogden has been appointed on secondment for next academic year as Deputy Headteacher. On behalf of the federation, I would like to thank Sarah for her continued commitment and dedication to our schools and congratulate her on her appointment

As our federation continues to grow, both Mrs Ogden and Mrs Tubb will be focusing upon developing their executive leadership roles across the federation and therefore will not have full time class teacher responsibility over the next academic year. Mrs Foston, Mrs Ogden and Mrs Tubb will be allocating specific days to work in both of our schools and a member of the safeguarding team will always be onsite.

Mrs Julie Wadsworth is re-joining our support staff team in September. We are delighted to welcome her back to Donington Cowley.

Welcome to Mrs Francis Goodge who will be joining our team as our new Attendance Officer from September.

We have appointed our Nursery Manager, Mrs Kayleigh Timings, who is already part of our Federation and is joining us from St Gilberts. We are also pleased to welcome Miss Kourtney Lewis as our new Nursery Assistant and Miss Charlotte Sandall who will be a Nursery Assistant/Teaching Assistant.

We are delighted to welcome Miss Emma Sintim to Donington as a new Class Teacher. She will be joining us for our transition morning on the 21st July to meet the children before starting in September.

Mrs Holly Fulbrook, Badgers class teacher, will be leaving at the end of this academic year. We wish her well in her future endeavours.

Mrs Alyson Coxhead will be taking a wider Federation role as SEND HLTA and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead. We wish her well in her exciting new role!

THANK
YOU!

WELCOME
TO ALL

Good
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Nursery



**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.

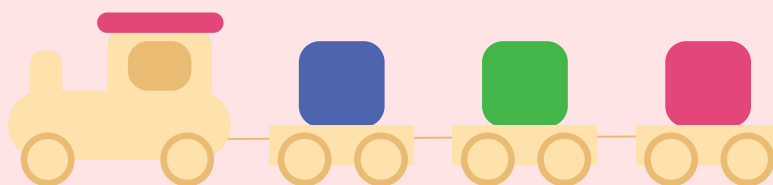
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Determination Courage Excellence Pride Success

Admission applications for our nursery are now open!! Please contact the school office for further information.

Spaces are filling fast!



Classes Next Year

As the end of this academic year approaches we begin to think ahead to September 2025. Due to the nature of our reception intake, with our pupil admission number set designated as 40 by the local authority, we review our class structure each year. Next year the following classes will be in place:

Class allocations will be finalised and indicated in your child's end of year report on Friday 11th July and there will be a transition morning for all children on Monday 21st July 2025: Based on pupil numbers our class structure is changing slightly for next year.

Ladybirds- Reception

Dragonflies- Reception/ Y1

Rabbits- Year 1

Hedgehogs- Year 2

Squirrels, Badgers and Moles- Year 3/4

Kestrels, Falcons and Hawks- Year 5/6





Production

90s

It is that time of year again! We are all busy rehearsing for our fantastic whole school production of **Channelling the 90s!** All children throughout the school will be involved in this and principal characters have been cast from our talented Year 6 students.

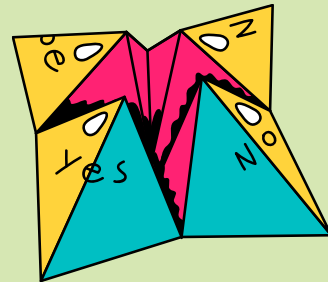
Show times are as follows:

Wednesday 16th July at 1.45pm

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Thursday 17th July at 1.45pm

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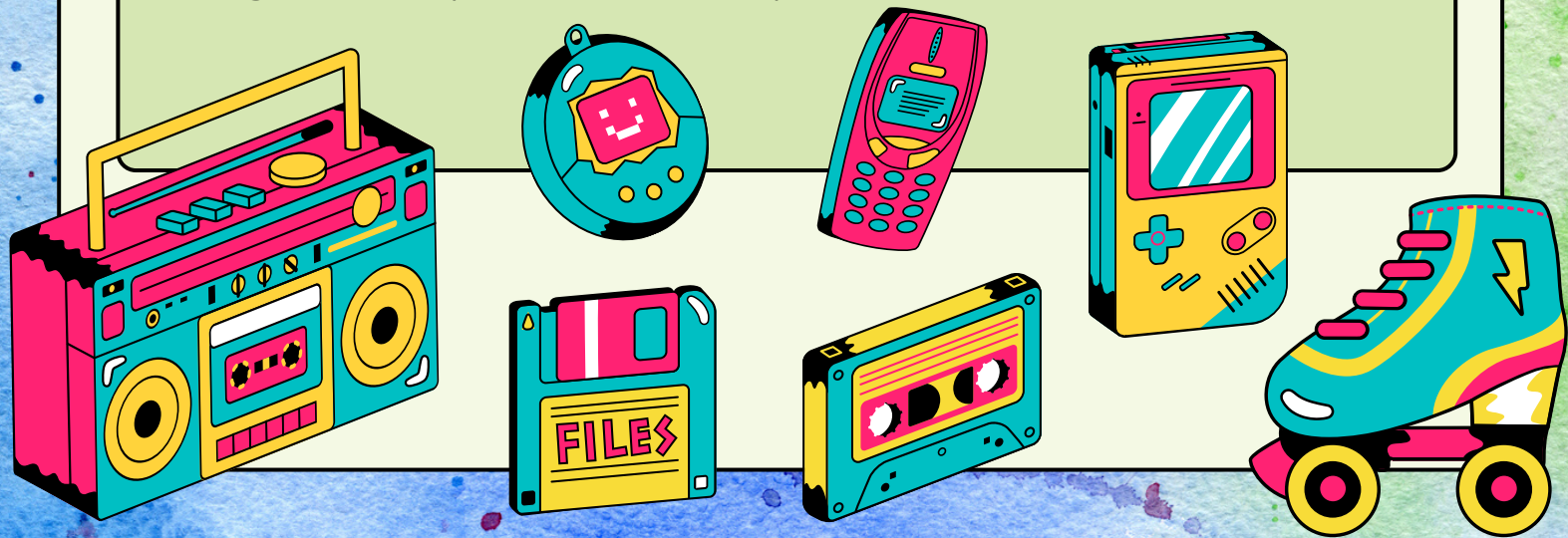


For the evening performances, children will need to be at school for 5.30pm so they are ready to be on stage for 6pm.

Tickets to come and watch the shows will be available to book through ParentMail. There are only 100 tickets available per show and only 2 tickets can be booked per family. Any problems booking your tickets, please contact the school office.

We are not charging for tickets, however, in order to be able to put on productions each year we will have a collection at the end of each show and would be grateful of your support.

Tickets for the show are available from 1st July, so get ready to sing along to another fantastic performance put together by the wonderful Act II and performed by our very talented pupils (and staff!) here at Donington Cowley Endowed Primary School.



Year 6 Leaver's Assembly

Our Year 6 leavers assembly will be held on the last day of term, Tuesday 22nd July at 9.15am. It usually lasts for approximately 45 minutes to 1 hour and parents and carers of Year 6 students are invited into school to join us for this.

Tissues will be required!



Summer Disco

Our Summer Disco will be held on Friday 11th July.

EYFS & KS1 6.45pm-7.30pm

KS2 7.30pm-8.30pm



Tickets for the Disco will be available to purchase via ParentMail from Friday 27th June. There will be no money taken at the door this year so please make sure tickets are purchased beforehand. Any problems, please contact the school office.

Office News

We are pleased to announce that both schools will be going cashless from October 2025. Both schools will be moving to a new system incorporated into our existing package. Further details will be provided in the new academic year.

With so many things going on in school, please make sure you are keeping an eye on ParentMail so you do not miss important information. It is best to download the app so you receive notifications as soon as communication is sent.

Thank you for your co-operation.



Attendance - Punctuality Matters

Frequent lateness can negatively affect your child's mental health, learning ability, concentration and friendships. Lates & absences are monitored daily & may result in a letter. This is because children who frequently arrive late are at a significant disadvantage compared to those who arrive on time, every day. Children who arrive on time are able to settle quickly into class and apply themselves more successfully. Arriving on time for school is important as late arrivals are disruptive for the class and can be embarrassing for the child who is late. Children can also miss important information during registration including the plan for the day.

- Gates open at 8.45am
- Late arrival is between 9.00am and 9.25am
- Arrival after 9.25am is recorded as Unauthorised

We understand that school mornings can be hectic, but did you know?
Being 15 minutes late each day is the same as missing two weeks of school to their learning.

"Be on time if you can't be there early" - Robin Sharma

SEND - Transitions

As a parent or carer, you can help!

Starting conversations with your child and finding out how they feel about the transition is a great start. Asking them what they are looking forward to, what they will miss about their old school and/ or class. Thinking about what they enjoy doing and what they find difficult. These are all ways of helping your child get ready and make the best possible transition.

Below are some different resources that you might like to use if you want further guidance on supporting your child. Please also check our school website- SEND and Inclusion-padlet- transition section. If you have concerns about the changes coming, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the school.



Reading

This term our reading ambassadors have enjoyed seeing all the amazing entries to our book in a box competition! These all looked fabulous and clearly so much time and effort was put in. Please see our website for photos of some of them! This half term, our reading ambassadors will be exploring links with the local community by introducing our 'book swap' before school and continuing our links with Cowley Academy and St Gilberts.



Maths

Maths at both schools continues to flourish and we are in the midst of another intense Times Tables Rock Stars battle. There continues to be great competition between the classes at both schools, and it is brilliant to see all the children continuing to be involved in these battles. Remember to keep accessing TTRS to make you more of a rockstar.



Reception Intake

We are very excited to welcome our new Reception children. We have thoroughly enjoyed meeting them at our first stay and play, where children had the opportunity to explore our learning environment with their parents/carers. It was wonderful to see new friendships starting to develop! We have a few more transition dates, leading up to one final stay and play where children will have the opportunity to explore the setting on their own.

The transition dates are:

4th July 1:30pm - 2:30pm

8th July 1:30pm - 2:30pm

21st July 9:30am - 11:00am



Year 6 Theatre Visit

Year 6s had a wonderful trip to London to see a West End show. This year the children enjoyed seeing Disney's 'The Lion King'. Sitting in the stalls, children were emersed in the experience and got to see characters up close. This was the first time many of the children had been to the theatre and they thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



Yorkshire Wildlife Park

The children had a fantastic time at Yorkshire Wildlife Park! They got to experience an amazing animals workshops, getting up close and personal to some interesting creatures! Everyone enjoyed finding out more information about the African animals we have been learning about in school!



PTFA

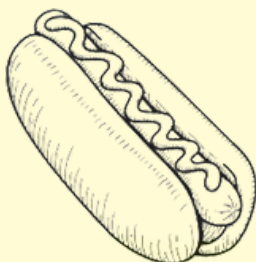
Thank you to everyone who supported the Summer Fair it was another huge success and we raised a massive £1295.99 for the school. The money raised will go towards an electric piano and a new stage. There are other ways you can continue to support the PTFA fundraising.



We Need You...

The PTFA are hoping to provide refreshments for purchase between school drop-off and the start of sports day.

We need two volunteers for each morning, to work alongside two of the regular PTFA volunteers.



Monday 7th July - KS1
Monday 14th July - KS2

Please message via facebook or email dce.ptfa@gmail.com

Sports

Over the next month there will be several competitions for our children to take part in including a tri-golf competition, capture the castle and a Dynamos cricket competition as well as orienteering and a rounders competition.



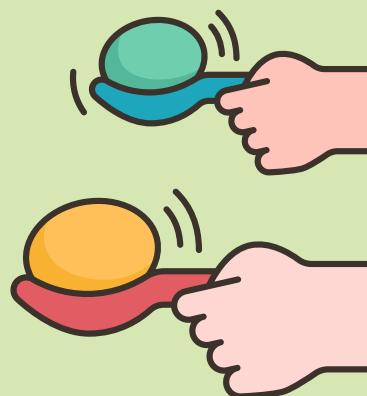
Sports Day

Sports days this year will be held on the **7th July for KS1** and the **14th July for KS2**. Both events will take place in the morning on the playing field behind the school. Both sports days will start around **9:30am**.

Children will be taking part in a number of different events throughout the morning.

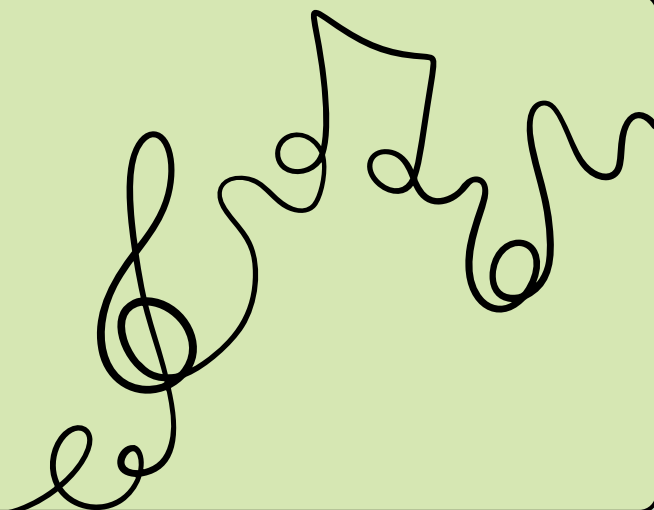
Please support the staff and ensure that your children wear school PE kit to school in the morning and arrive with a full water bottle and a sun hat, with sun cream already applied if necessary.

Our schools PTFA will hopefully be providing sausage sandwiches and refreshments if they have enough volunteers. If you can offer support please phone the school office. We will confirm details for this closer to the time.



Music

The children in both key stage one and key stage two choirs have all been busy rehearsing each week. They will be singing at the Year 6 Gala Dinner and the final choir recital for the year will be on July 10th.



Diary Dates

June

26th - Year 6 Gala Dinner
27th - Trigolf



July

2nd - 3rd - Bikeability

4th - New Reception Stay and Play 1:30pm-2:30pm

7th - KS1 Sports Day - 9.30am

7th - Orienteering

8th - Capture the Castle

8th – New Reception Stay and Play 1:30-2:30

10th - Choir Recital

11th - End of Year Reports out

11th - Summer Disco- KS1 6.45pm - 7.30pm
KS2 7.30pm - 8.30pm

11th – Rounders competition

14th - KS2 Sports Day - 9.30am

16th - Whole School Production 1.45pm & 6pm

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21st – New Reception drop off stay and play 9:30-11:00

22nd - Y6 Leavers assembly at 9.15am

22nd - End of academic year

