

NEWSLETTER

INSPIRING ALL TO SOAR TO NEW HEIGHTS

CHALLENGE - CREATIVITY- CRITICAL THINKING-
COLLABORATION - COMPASSION



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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we were visited by a video production company, who took lots of footage of the school and the children in order to make a promotional film. We are very excited to see the finished product, which we will share with you as soon as we can! This week, the children took part in NSPCC assemblies, where they learnt how to 'Speak Out and Stay Safe'. The Year 6 boys also took part in a football tournament at Mayflower High School against several other schools. We are very proud of them for showing courage, challenge and collaboration. Today, we have celebrated the European Day of Languages! In every class, the children have taken part in activities based on different European countries. Passez un bon week-end!

Mrs Walker, Executive Headteacher & Miss Bailey, Executive Deputy Headteacher

COMMUNITY NEWS:

From Monday, we will be launching our Harvest Festival food collection, which will run until Friday 10th October. Each class is being asked to donate non-perishable items, all of which will be donated to the Billericay Food Bank.

We would be most grateful for the following:

EYFS: Rice

Year 1: Pasta

Year 2: Tins of fruit or vegetables

Year 3: Jam

Year 4: Cereal

Year 5: Tea bags

Year 6: Biscuits



IMPORTANT DATES:

30th Sept: 8.50am EYFS parents welcome for Essex County Council Road Safety talk (please sign in at the office)

2nd Oct: Special lunch - All Day Breakfast

8th Oct: NSPCC workshops for Years 2, 5 and 6

9th Oct: Cross county race 1

12th Oct: 11am Harvest Service at St Margaret's Church, Downham

15th Oct: ECFRS Firework/Halloween Safety Assembly

16th Oct: Year 2 trip to Essex Fire Museum

17th Oct: Year 3 trip to British Museum

23rd Oct: PTA disco

4.30-6.00pm EYFS/KS1 6.15-7.15pm KS2

24th Oct: 9.15am Year 5 parents invited in for Rise and Shine Assembly

24th Oct: Last day of Autumn 1

3rd Nov: INSET Day

4th Nov: First day of Autumn 2



COMMUNICATION:

We want your experience of Downham School to be a happy and positive one.

Your child's class teacher will be the first point of contact for most issues (academic progress, classroom behaviour and friendships). You should raise concerns directly with the class teacher, either informally (at drop-off/pick-up, by email or by arranging a face-to-face meeting via the office).

For unresolved or more serious matters (e.g., ongoing concerns about learning support, safeguarding, bullying), please speak with a member of SLT on the gate, or email the school office to request a telephone call or face-to-face meeting.

If a complaint remains unresolved after going through all school leadership levels, parents may formally write to the Chair of Governors (details on our website).

A LITTLE REMINDER:

Please ensure that children do not ride scooters on the playground at drop-off or collection. This is for their safety and the safety of others.



ATTENDANCE:

Every day at school counts. The evidence is clear - even a few days of missed school can have a significant impact on a child's education and future prospects.

By making school attendance a priority, you are giving your child the best possible chance to thrive—academically, socially, and emotionally. Let's work together to give every child at Downham the brightest future! ✨

Please direct any questions about attendance to Mrs Walker or Miss Bailey.

OUR DOWNHAM 5C AWARD WINNERS FOR THIS WEEK:

Year 1: Summer for Critical Thinking

Year 2: Kiki for Creativity

Year 3: Bonnie-Blossom for Creativity

Year 4: To be announced next week!

Year 5: Alexandra for Creativity

Year 6: Nellie for Collaboration



HEADTEACHER'S AWARD:

Miss Bailey would like to show her appreciation to Nellie, Betsy, Christiana and Primrose, all in Year 6. These four children in particular have been incredibly kind and caring towards our EYFS children, helping them every lunchtime and playing so nicely with them. Well done to you all - and thank

you!



WELL DONE TO KINGFISHERS FOR BEING THE TTRS CHAMPIONS THIS WEEK!

