

NEWSLETTER

INSPIRING ALL TO SOAR TO NEW HEIGHTS

CHALLENGE - CREATIVITY- CRITICAL THINKING-
COLLABORATION - COURAGE



Edition 6: 10th October 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week so many of our children have soared to new heights! On Thursday, five of our girls performed at the Berlesduna Poetry Slam competition. They spoke clearly and with great expression - showing creativity, courage and collaboration. We also had the first Cross Country race of the year, in which many of our KS2 children took part. The children did absolutely brilliantly and made us so proud. We had a lovely email from a parent today:

"I just wanted to say thank you for entering the children into the cross country today and how proud I was to be a part of Downham. Downham children are always so supportive of each other and today was no exception, it would have been the first time you experienced this but I can assure you this is the norm for us, wait for sports day!!! They truly are a special bunch.

Yes, it's great for the children who enjoy sports but the children I was most impressed with were the ones stepping out of their comfort zones and showing true resilience.

I can't wait for the next one."

We always love receiving feedback and are so pleased with how much you all enjoyed the event. The next race will be on November 27th - letters to follow after half-term.

Have a lovely weekend!

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



Wow! We were absolutely overwhelmed by your generosity for our Harvest Festival this year. Thank you so much for every single item you brought in. All your wonderful donations show us how kind and caring you are, and they will go directly to Billericay Food Bank. They will help families and individuals right here in our local area who need a little extra support. You haven't just donated food; you've shared hope and warmth with our local community!

ATTENDANCE:

Here is the attendance for each class for this week:

Ducklings - 90.5%

Robins - 95.9%

Nightingales - 97.0%

Woodpeckers - 99.3%

Kingfishers - 95.0%

Owls - 93.2%

Eagles - 95.2%

School Average - 95.3%

Well done Woodpeckers!



IMPORTANT DATES:

15 Oct: ECFRS Firework/Halloween Safety Assembly

16 Oct: Year 2 trip to Essex Fire Museum

16 Oct: 9.30am Tour for EYFS intake for Sept. 26

17 Oct: Year 4 trip to British Museum

21 & 22 Oct: Parents' Evening

22 Oct: 9.30am Tour for EYFS intake for Sept. 26

23 Oct: PTA disco

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

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

24 Oct: Last day of Autumn 1

3 Nov: INSET Day

4 Nov: First day of Autumn 2

6 Nov: 11am Tour for EYFS intake for Sept. 26

7 Nov: 3.15pm Meeting in hall for parents of children attending the Royal Albert Hall

10/11/17/18 Nov: Year 6 Bikeability

11 Nov: 10.45am Laying of a wreath at Ramsden Heath (Worship Group)

20 Nov: Year 5 boys football match at Mayflower

20-25 Nov: Scholastic Book Fair

22 Nov: 12.30-4pm PTA Christmas Bazaar

24 Nov: Royal Albert Hall (choir)

25 Nov: 9.30am Tour for EYFS intake for Sept. 26

1 Dec: Christmas postbox opens

1 Dec: 2pm Blessing of the Christmas tree

3 Dec: Whole school panto trip (am)

3 Dec: 1.15-3.15pm PTA Christmas activities in hall

8 Dec: 9.30-10.30am EYFS Nativity

9 Dec: 9.30-10.30am KS1 Nativity

10 Dec: 9.30-10.30am KS1 Nativity

11 Dec: 9.30-10.30am Year 3 Amazing Christmas

11 Dec: 9.30-10.30am Year 4 Amazing Christmas

11 Dec: 10am Tour for EYFS intake for Sept. 2026

