

NEWSLETTER

INSPIRING ALL TO SOAR TO NEW HEIGHTS

CHALLENGE - CREATIVITY- CRITICAL THINKING-
COLLABORATION - COURAGE



Edition 7: 17th October 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we have started our tours for parents of children starting school next year. Our pupils were extremely polite to our visitors and said some positive, heart-warming comments about what it is like to attend Downham. Please make a note that applications for a primary (Reception) school place starting September 2026 can be made between 10 November 2025 and 15 January 2026. Please go to <https://www.essex.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/admissions-september-2026> for more information.

Yesterday, Year 2 visited the Essex Fire Museum as part of their Great Fire Of London topic. Today, Year 4 have gone to the British Museum, to learn about the Ancient Egyptians! We have been very proud of the children's behaviour when they have been representing the school on their trips. These educational visits were amazing enrichment experiences for the children and supported their personal development. It is hard to believe that we now only have one week left of this half-term! We are very much looking forward to 1st November when we officially join the Berlesduna Academy Trust.

We wish you a safe and restful weekend.

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

Year 2 had an amazing time at the Essex Fire Museum on Thursday. The children enjoyed the opportunity to share their knowledge of the Great Fire of London, learnt about fire safety in our homes and become trainee firefighters!

Year 5 had a great RE session with Dr Wilder this week. She answered lots of questions about being a Christian and a scientist!



ATTENDANCE:

Here is the attendance for each class for this week:

Ducklings - 93.6%

Robins - 92.6%

Nightingales - 97.5%

Woodpeckers - 98.3%

Kingfishers - 91.0%

Owls - 95.2%

Eagles - 93.1%



Well done Woodpeckers!

IMPORTANT DATES:

21 & 22 Oct: Parents' Evening

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

22 Oct: KS2 Girls' football final

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

10 Nov: Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week

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

21 Nov: Non-uniform day in return for donations for Christmas Bazaar

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

12 Dec: PTA Christmas Magical Movie Night



Please follow us on our official Social Media account on Twitter/X!

DOWNHAM 5C AWARDS:

Year 1: Zahra and Chloe for collaboration

Year 2: Louie H for collaboration

Year 3: Amelia for challenge

Year 5: Polly and Caitlin for collaboration and creativity

Year 6: Jorja for creativity and challenge



A POLITE REMINDER:

Please park responsibly around the school, making sure not to obstruct pavements or driveways.

