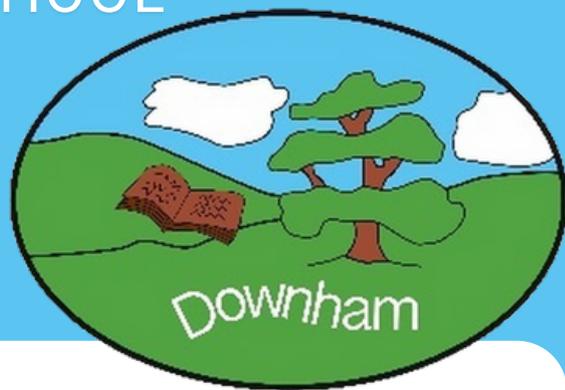


# NEWSLETTER

INSPIRING ALL TO SOAR TO NEW HEIGHTS

CHALLENGE - CREATIVITY- CRITICAL THINKING-  
COLLABORATION - COURAGE



## Edition 9: 7th November 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

It was wonderful to see the children back on Tuesday after the half-term break.

Next week is another super busy week in school. On Monday, we are marking the start of Anti-Bullying Week by coming to school wearing odd socks with our school uniform, to celebrate what makes us all unique. You can find out more information about Anti-Bullying Week at <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/>

On Monday and Tuesday of next week, some of our Year 6s are taking part in Bikeability, where they will learn how to stay safe on the road. Also on Tuesday, our Worship Group are walking to the Ramsden Heath War Memorial to take part in a short service led by Revd Jacqui at 10.45am. Please join us if you can. On Thursday, four of our LKS2 pupils are going to Whitmore to represent Downham in a maths competition. We wish them well! On Friday, we will be taking part in Children in Need by coming to school in non-uniform wearing spots and/or stripes! We will be collecting any spare change in a bucket on the gate.

We wish you a safe and restful weekend.

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

## THANK YOU!

Huge thanks to everyone who donated a shoebox for the Blythswood Shoebox Appeal this year. These will be sent to a child or adult in need in Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Kosovo, Moldova, Romania, Serbia and Ukraine. Thank you for making a difference. I am continually surprised by the kindness and generosity of the Downham School community.



## WELL DONE!

Congratulations to Pearl in Year 2 for winning so many rosettes for her horse-riding! She really is soaring to new heights!

## DON'T FORGET!

Poppies and other items are available to purchase from the office to raise money for the Royal British Legion.



## ATTENDANCE:

Here is the attendance for each class for this week:

Ducklings - 98.9%

Robins - 94.3%

Nightingales - 86.4%

Woodpeckers - 98.3%

Kingfishers - 96.4%

Owls - 96.4%

Eagles - 95.1%

Whole School - 95%



**Well done Ducklings!**

## CLARIFICATION!

The Year 3 and 4 Amazing Christmas event on 11<sup>th</sup> is taking place in class during the school day. Parents are not invited to this event - apologies for any confusion.

## A POLITE REMINDER

Although we have mentioned this on the newsletter previously, we are still receiving reports of inconsiderate parking on the roads around the school. Please be responsible and mindful of not blocking driveways or obstructing pavements.



## THANK YOU!

This week we had a Whole School Review, where the school was inspected against the new Ofsted framework. Some of our parents came in and met with the inspector. We are very grateful to them and for all the positive feedback we received. Here is an extract from the report:

*"Parents have recognised the improvements in the school. They particularly like the improvements in communication. They say that they feel listened to and taken seriously when they have worries. They commented on improvements in the environment and the increased enthusiasm of their children when talking about school. They also commented on the highly positive relationships they have with staff and like seeing senior staff on the school gates before and after school."*

## IMPORTANT DATES:

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)

14 Nov: Children In Need - wear something spotty or stripy!

20 Nov: Year 5 boys football match at Mayflower

20-25 Nov: Scholastic Book Fair **POSTPONED**

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

22 Nov: 12.30-4pm PTA Christmas Bazaar

24 Nov: Choir at Royal Albert Hall

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

1 Dec: Christmas postbox opens

1 Dec: Christmas tree arrives

1 Dec: 2pm Blessing of the Christmas tree

2 Dec: 1.30-3.00pm Choir to sing at Village Hall

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: 10am Tour for EYFS intake for Sept. 2026

12 Dec: 3.15-5.15pm PTA Christmas Magical Movie Night **NO CLUBS**

15 Dec: 5pm Y6 Christingle Service at St Margaret's Church

16 Dec: 4.30-5.30pm KS2 Christmas Concert

17 Dec: 4.30-5.30pm KS2 Christmas Concert

17 Dec: Christmas Jumper Day

19 Dec: Last day of term

## OUR FRIDAY CELEBRATION!

You may have heard that we like to end the school week on a positive note, with a dance and a game of Heads and Tails. Today was no exception! Here we are dancing to our favourite song 'Friday'! It's great for our physical and mental wellbeing!

