

NEWSLETTER

INSPIRING ALL TO SOAR TO NEW HEIGHTS

CHALLENGE - CREATIVITY- CRITICAL THINKING-
COLLABORATION - COURAGE



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Dear Parents/Carers,

The weather has been miserable this week but that has not dampened our spirits in school! We must begin by saying a huge **THANK YOU** to all the parents who very kindly helped at the Cross County. It was very much appreciated! The children did absolutely brilliantly, despite the mud and rain! They demonstrated resilience, determination and courage. Thank you also to all parents for transporting the children to the event and cheering them on. There is only one race left of the year - more details will follow in due course. Well done also to the pupils who represented Downham at bowling this week. They had so much fun and made us very, very proud! Thank you also to our staff for accompanying the children to these events and making it all possible. Have a great weekend!

Ms Walker, Executive Headteacher (NPQEL) & Miss Bailey, Executive Deputy Headteacher (NPQH)



WELL DONE AIDA FOR WINNING THE
YEAR 3 GIRLS' RACE!



ATTENDANCE:

Here is the attendance for each class for this week:

Ducklings - 96.4%

Robins - 95.9%

Nightingales - 97.4%

Woodpeckers - 95.5%

Kingfishers - 97.5%

Owls - 96.8%

Eagles - 91.6%



WELL DONE KINGFISHERS!

IMPORTANT DATES:

27 Jan: Swimming gala at Mayflower School

28 Jan: EYFS & Year 6 height & weight checks

29 Jan: Year 6 Bake Sale in hall 2pm

30 Jan EYFS & Year 3 dental checks

4 Feb: Year 3 trip to Chelmsford Museum

4 Feb: Year 5 trip to Southend Planetarium

6 Feb: NSPCC Number Day

10 Feb: Safer Internet Day

10 & 11 Feb: Parents' Evening

11 Feb: Spelling Bee at Fairhouse (invited pupils)

12 Feb: Cross country at Mayflower School

13 Feb: Auditions for Downham's Got Talent

13 Feb: Last day of Spring 1

OUR DOWNHAM 5C AWARD WINNERS FOR THIS WEEK:

EYFS - Ronnie for Creativity

Year 1 - Jesse for Critical Thinking

Year 2 - Daisy for Courage

Year 3 - Ellie for Creativity and Challenge

Year 4 - Mason for Challenge and Collaboration

Year 5 - Oliver for Challenge and Collaboration

Year 6 - Parker for Challenge



HEADTEACHER'S AWARD:

This week's Headteacher's Award goes to Joanie (for outstanding effort in Cross Country) and also Will (for demonstrating kindness and compassion to others) Well done!



Calling Downham
EYFS Starters 2026...

Forest School Morning

Wednesday 11th March
9.00am - 10.00am

Please confirm your attendance by
emailing the school
office@downham-ceap.essex.sch.uk