

NEWSLETTER

INSPIRING ALL TO SOAR TO NEW HEIGHTS

CHALLENGE - CREATIVITY- CRITICAL THINKING-
COLLABORATION - COURAGE



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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week, the chicks have caused much excitement in school as they finally began to start hatching on Thursday. Seeing them finally arrive was definitely worth the wait!

Yet again, the children at Downham have continued to make us proud this week. On Tuesday, Year 2 performed at the Chelmsford Infant Music Festival. The children sang, danced and acted so confidently, and Mrs Bennett said she had several comments about how well behaved they were. Tomorrow, several of our KS2 pupils are taking part in the Ghyllgrove Community Cup, where they will be playing football and netball against many schools from the local area. Yet again, we are indebted to Mrs Wackett and Mr Girling for their time and hard work. It promises to be a great event - please do come along and support Downham if you can! Have a lovely weekend in the sunshine.

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

DOWNHAM GET READY FOR THE...

Rock & Roll

SCHOOL DISCO

THE SCHOOL HALL
**THURSDAY
26TH MARCH
2026**

KS1 16:15 - 17:30
KS2 17:45 - 19:15

£8 PER TICKET
INCLUDES DRINKS AND SNACKS

TICKETS AND ROCK
ACCESSORIES ON SALE
THE WEEK OF THE DISCO.



WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

EYFS - 96.8%
Year 1 - 92.3%
Year 2 - 99.1%
Year 3 - 95.2%
Year 4 - 98.3%
Year 5 - 96.8%
Year 6 - 90.0%
Total - 95.5%



WELL DONE NIGHTINGALES!

IMPORTANT DATES:

21 March: Ghyllgrove Community Cup
23 March: Book Fair 3.00-4.00pm in the hall
24 March: Worship Group to The Belfry
25 March: Easter Service at Chelmsford Cathedral
26 March: PTA discos (see details on the left!)
26 March: Y3/4 football/netball at Mayflower
27 March: PTA Easter Egg hunt and Easter crafts
27 March: We say farewell to the chicks 🐣
27 March: Last day of Spring Term
13 April: First day of Summer Term
13 April: Grand opening of our new playgrounds
17 April: Y5 swimming lessons begin
24 April: PTA Break The Rules Day
27 April: Y4 Mighty Oak at Anglia Ruskin University
1 May: INSET Day

HEADTEACHER'S CUP

This week's Headteacher's Cup goes to Parker. Parker has really impressed me this week. He is always so polite and helpful, and carries himself with a calm, quiet confidence. He is an excellent role model to the rest of the school - well done, Parker! We think you are amazing!



Taliyah and Alexandra at the Identity and Diversity Pupil Summit at Chelmsford Cathedral this week!

OUR DOWNHAM 5C AWARD WINNERS FOR THIS WEEK:

EYFS - Leonard for Critical Thinking
Year 1 - Lilly for Challenge
Year 2 - Kiki for Critical Thinking
Year 3 - Florence for Creativity
Year 4 - Olivia for Challenge and Courage
Year 5 - Arabella & Alexandra for Challenge and Creativity
Year 6 - Millie for Challenge

