DOWNHAM C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

INSPIRING ALL TO SOAR TO NEW HEIGHTS

CHALLENGE - CREATIVITY- CRITICAL THINKING- COLLABORATION - COURAGE

Edition 7: 16th October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been incredibly busy across the school! Here are a few highlights from the past few days:

📸 Week in Review

- Year 2 Trip to Essex Fire Museum: Year 2 had a fantastic time visiting the Essex Fire Museum in Grays. The museum opens regularly for family fun days where children can dress up, try out firefighting equipment, handle artefacts, and enjoy arts and crafts—a great trip to consider for half-term!
    - Free Home Fire Safety Advice: The Essex Fire and Rescue Service offers personalized fire safety advice and can fit new smoke alarms free of charge for Essex residents. You can book or learn more at essex-fire.gov.uk/book-home-safety-visit.
- Cross Country: We were so proud of all the children who took part in Cross Country this week, especially those competing for the first time. Taking on a long-distance run shows real courage and resilience.
    - Save the Date: The next race is on 12th November. A sign-up form will be shared shortly.
- Year 5 Tudor Assembly: Year 5 impressed parents this morning with their wonderful assembly on The Tudors. A huge thank you to Miss Boyd and the children for bringing history to life!
- Year 6 Bikeability & Road Safety: Some of our Year 6 pupils have been out on the roads around Downham, learning key bike maintenance and road safety skills—an important milestone as they prepare for the transition to secondary school.

🗓️ Looking Ahead

Next week is a short but action-packed week featuring Parent Consultation meetings and the PTA discos.

Thank you for your continued support, and I wish you all a very restful weekend!

Miss Bailey (NPQH)

HEADTEACHER'S CUP

As we won't be together next Friday, we have two deserving recipients of the Headteacher's Cup this week!

- **Tommy (Year 6)**: Tommy has been recognised after multiple staff members highlighted how consistently kind and considerate he has been towards other pupils.
- **Jake (Year 6):** An absolute delight to have in school, Jake is polite, helpful, caring and responsible. He is a fantastic role model for our entire school community.

We are all incredibly proud of you both. Congratulations, Tommy and Jake!



POLITE REMINDER!

Please remember that as soon as the children come through the school gates, all scooters and bikes must be pushed, and not ridden. Thank you!

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

EYFS - 92.4%
Year 1 - 95.7%
Year 2 - 94.1%
Year 3 - 97.1%
Year 4 - 92.9%
Year 5 - 95.0%
Year 6 - 94.7%
Total - 94.5%



WELL DONE WOODPECKERS!

DATES FOR AUTUMN TERM:

(new information or changed dates in blue)
19 Oct - Year 3 Class Assembly 2.15pm
20 & 21 Oct - Parents Evening
21 Oct - ECFRS Firework Safety assemblies
22 Oct - Year 6 Parent/Grandparent lunch
22 Oct - PTA Discos after school 4.15-5.30pm (EYFS & KS1) 5.45-7.15pm
23 Oct - INSET Day
23 Oct - Start of PTA Scarecrow Trail
2 Nov - INSET Day
3 Nov - First day of Autumn 2
4 Nov - PTA Laser Show after school Gates open 5pm, starts at 6pm
6 Nov - EYFS & Year 3 Dental Visits
10 Nov - Flu immunisations
10 Nov - Netball tournament event 2
10 Nov - Non-uniform day to raise money for The Royal British Legion (wear red and black)
11 Nov - Worship Group at War Memorial
12 Nov - Cross county race 2
13 Nov - Children In Need
18 - 24 Nov - Scholastic Book Fair
19 Nov - Hate Crime assemblies for Y5 & Y6
20 Nov - Year 5 Parent/Grandparent Lunch
23 & 24 Nov - Bikeability for Group B
23 Nov - Donations open for PTA hampers
27 Nov - Non-uniform day for hamper donations
28 Nov - PTA Christmas Bazaar
1 Dec - Blessing of our Christmas tree
2 Dec - Panto trip (am)
2 Dec - PTA Christmas Crafts (pm)
8 Dec - KS1 Nativity 9.30am
9 Dec - KS1 Nativity 9.30am
10 Dec - EYFS Nativity 2pm
14 Dec - Year 6 Christingle Service at St Margaret's Church
16 Dec - Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
17 Dec - Class Parties with a very special visitor! 🎅
18 Dec - Last day of Autumn 2



PTA DISCOS:

Our 80s-themed PTA discos will be taking place next Thursday. If your child has an allergy they will be given a yellow wristband to wear. Please remind your child not to share food with others. Tickets are priced at a very reasonable cost of £8, which includes a drink and a snack. The PTA will be taking cash and card payments from Monday morning. Please remember to leave all mobile phones at home!

OUR DOWNHAM 5C AWARD WINNERS FOR THIS WEEK:

Year 1 - Aria for Challenge
Year 2 - Ronnie for Challenge
Year 3 - Althea for Challenge
Year 4 - Blake for Critical Thinking
Year 5 - Reece for Courage and Challenge
Year 6 - Arabella for Creativity



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After School Club
3:15-4:30pm
£6 Per session

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+ Snack 3:15-5pm
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7:45-08:30am
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