

# NEWSLETTER

INSPIRING ALL TO SOAR TO NEW HEIGHTS

CHALLENGE - CREATIVITY - CRITICAL THINKING -  
COLLABORATION - COMPASSION



## Edition 2: 12<sup>th</sup> September 2025

It has been a fabulous week in school, with lots of wonderful learning taking place. The children have been embracing their new topics with great excitement! EYFS are exploring 'Marvellous ME!' and Year 1 are learning 'All About Me'. Years 2 and 3 are studying The Great Fire of London and The Stone Age respectively and Year 4 are finding out all about the Egyptians with their 'Tomb Raiders' topic. In Year 5, the theme is 'Tudors, Trials and Tribulations' and Year 6 will be studying the Ancient Greeks! Their 'Greece is the Word' display is already looking very exciting! You can see examples of the children's amazing work on Class Dojo and also on our brand new Social Media account on X.

The weather has been typically British this week: beautiful sunshine one minute, and rain and hailstones the next. As the seasons change, please make sure your child comes to school appropriately dressed for the unpredictable weather.

We wish you a lovely weekend.

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

## EXCITING NEWS!

We are excited that all pupils in Years 3-6 have been invited to take part in the Chelmsford AC Primary School XC League 25/26. The first event takes place on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October at Hylands Park. Please return your letters if you wish to take part, or ask Miss Bailey for more information.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

This week, we were delighted to welcome the team from Mayflower High School in to talk to pupils and parents. Please make a note of their Open Evening, on Thursday 18th September from 5-8pm.

The Headteacher's welcome talk will be at 5.15pm and repeated at 6.15pm.

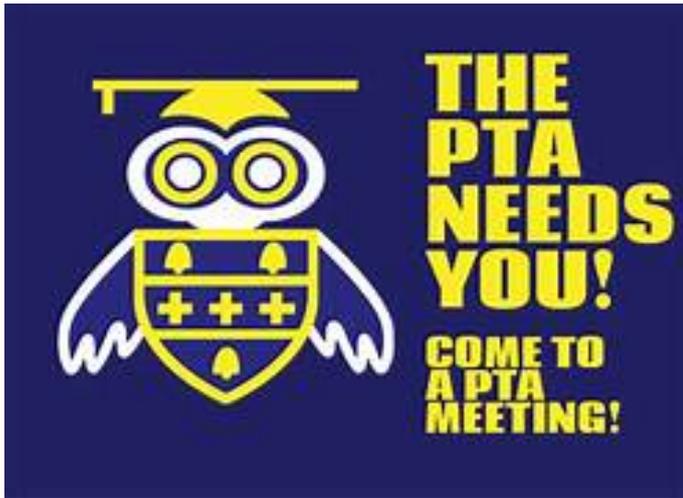
## HEALTHY SCHOOLS

At Downham, we are proud to be a healthy school. Please ensure the children are sent to school with a nutritionally balanced snack and packed lunch. The children in EYFS and KS1 will be provided with a piece of fruit for breaktime. Please make sure that no nuts or nut-based products are sent into school, as we do have some children with allergies.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

The PTA are holding a meeting at The White Horse Pub at 6.30pm on 23rd September. Please do go along and join them! They raise an incredible amount of money to make sure that our children have fantastic resources and experiences. With school budgets becoming increasingly tighter, we are very grateful to them for all they do.



## THANK YOU!

When we arrived at school on Monday morning, we were greeted by some beautiful flowering tubs. We must say a huge **THANK YOU!** to our wonderful PTA for brightening up our entrance.

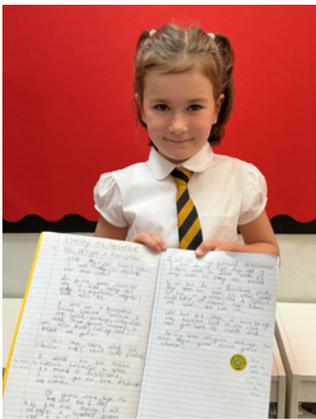


## OUR DOWNHAM 5CS AWARD WINNERS FOR THIS WEEK:

- Year 1 - Effie for Courage
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- Year 2 - Everyone for Courage
- Year 3 - Martha for Challenge
- Year 4 - Ben for Challenge
- Year 5 - Taliyah for Critical Thinking
- Year 6 - Artie for Challenge



## HEADTEACHER'S CUP:



Well done to Mya for being awarded the Headteacher's Cup this week for fantastic persuasive writing!

## DATES FOR THIS TERM:

- 16th September - Flu immunisations
- 17<sup>th</sup> September - Individual and sibling photos
- 19<sup>th</sup> September - Year 6 ECFRS Respect, knife crime and cyber safety workshops
- 22<sup>nd</sup> September - NSPCC Speak Out and Stay Safe assemblies
- 30<sup>th</sup> September - EYFS & Year 5 Road Safety workshops
- 17<sup>th</sup> October - Year 4 trip to British Museum
- 23<sup>rd</sup> October - PTA disco (EYFS & KS1 4.30-6pm, KS2: 6.15-7.15pm)
- 24<sup>th</sup> October - Year 5 parents welcome for Rise and Shine Assembly 9.15am