



DYMCHURCH PRIMARY NEWSLETTER



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Dear Families

TERM DATES

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What an amazing week we've had at Dymchurch. The school is such a happy environment, and it makes it so lovely to hear the children laughing, see them smiling and creating such wonderful work.

This week we've seen lots of exciting things in the classrooms, and you can read just how much they're doing in the pages below!

We want to say a big well done to the children who sat the Kent Test this week, and good luck to those sitting the Shepway Test at their chosen Grammar School tomorrow. We are very proud of the effort and focus shown by all of the children taking part.

Looking ahead, Monday we will be having our individual and sibling photos, so please make sure your children are wearing the correct uniform for their class on Monday, along with their normal school jumper or cardigan. Also, KS2, don't forget your ties!

We are also welcoming a photographer to our school on Tuesday who will be taking some amazing photos of our lovely school grounds using a drone - that's going to be really exciting to see!

Don't forget to sign your child up to clubs which start next week. Please also see below our diary dates for this academic year.

Wishing you a lovely weekend
Miss Simmonds and The Dymchurch Team

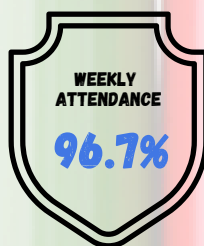
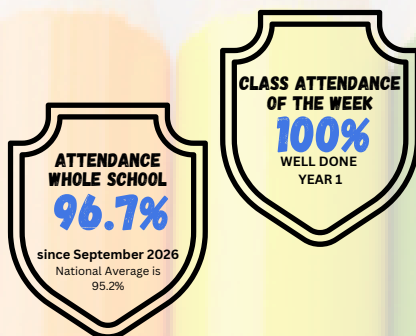
REMINDERS

- ✓ You can join our FoDS Team - please enquire at the school office
- ✓ You can collect a car park permit from the school office to park in the village car park
- ✓ School Dinner's should be paid for on Arbor on the day or in advance. These are priced at £3.10 per day from September 2026
- ✗ Please do not park or drop off your child on the zig zags outside of school. It is not a stopping zone.

EVENTS

Please see full diary dates at the bottom of the newsletter.

See posters below for full dates



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DATES FOR 2026-2027

TERM DATES 2026 - 2027	
TERM 1	
Start:	Tuesday 1 st September (INSET)
Children begin school on	Wednesday 2 nd September
Children finish school on	Tuesday 20 th October (Wed 21 st , Thurs 22 nd , Fri 23 rd INSET DAYS)
End of Term 1:	Friday 23 rd October
October Holiday:	Monday 26 th October – Friday 30 th October
TERM 2	
Start:	Monday 2 nd November
Finish:	Friday 18 th December
Christmas Holiday:	Monday 21 st December – Friday 1 st January 2027
TERM 3	
Start:	Monday 4 th January 2027
Finish:	Friday 12 th February
February Holiday:	Monday 15 th February – Friday 19 th February
TERM 4	
Start:	Monday 22 nd February
Finish:	Thursday 25 th March
Easter Holiday:	Tuesday 30 th March – Friday 9 th April
TERM 5	
Start:	Monday 12 th April
Bank Holiday:	Monday 3 rd May
Children finish school on	Thursday 27 th May
Finish:	Friday 28 th May (INSET)
May Holiday:	Tuesday 1 st June – Friday 4 th June
TERM 6	
Start:	Monday 7 th June
Finish:	Wednesday 21 st July
School Closed for Bank Holidays:	
Friday 26 th March	
Monday 29 th March	
Monday 3 rd May	
Monday 31 st May	
School Closed for Development Days:	
Monday 1 st September 2026	
Wednesday 21 st October 2026	
Thursday 22 nd October 2026	
Friday 23 rd October 2026	
Friday 28 th May 2027	



DYMCHURCH DIARY DATES – 2026-2027

Term 1 - 1 st September to 23 rd October 2026		
September	1 st	INSET DAY (no children in school)
	2 nd	Children return to school
	14 th	School photos – individual and siblings
October		Black History Month
	9 th	Young Minds Mental Health Day (10 th) - Wear Yellow
	14 th	Flu Vaccinations YR-Y6
	16 th	Harvest Festival
	20 th	End of Term 1
	21 st - 23 rd	INSET DAYS (no children in school)

Term 2 - 2 nd November to 18 th December 2026		
November	2 nd	Term 2 Begins
		Secondary School applications closes Y6 pupils (midnight)
	5 th	Own Clothes Day – Dress in firework colours (bottle donation)
	9 th	Book Look for Parents – 3.15pm – 3.45pm
	12 th	Parents Evening
		Anti Bullying Week (16 th – 20 th)
	20 th	Own Clothes Day (Sweet donations for Fayre)
December	4 th	Christmas Fayre – 3.15pm - 4.15pm
	16 th	Christmas Jumper Day (normal school uniform) and Christmas Dinner Day
	14 th	KS1 dress rehearsal to school (no families on this day)
	15 th	KS1 performance to families – 2pm
	16 th	KS2 Visit to St Peter and St Pauls Church – 2pm
	17 th	Dymchurch Disco (whole school) 3.10pm – 4.15pm
	18 th	End of Term 2

Term 3 - 4 th January 2027 to 12 th February 2027		
January	4 th	Term 3 begins
	5 th	NSPCC Number Day – dress up as anything numerical £1 donation to charity
	19 th	Young Voices Concert at O2 Arena (school choir)
February	9 th	Safer Internet Day
	12 th	Own Clothes Day – Be Yourself, Love yourself (donation of chocolate for Easter Raffle)
	12 th	End of Term 3

Term 4 - 22 nd February to 25 th March 2027		
February	22 nd	Term 4 begins
March		British Science Week (5 th – 14 th March)
	3 rd	Mother's Day Gift Sale (FoDS)
	4 th	World Book Day – dress up as your favourite book character. Reading with parents event in the hall at 2.30pm
	19 th	Comic Relief Red Nose Day - Wear red to school (£1)
	25 th	Easter Assembly and Bonnet Parade – Wear Easter Bonnets (normal uniform applies)
	25 th	End of Term Term 4

Term 5 - 12 th April to 27 th May 2027		
April	12 th	Term 5 begins
May		SATS for Year 2 throughout month of May
		Year 6 SATS week beginning 10 th – 13 th May
	6 th	Parents Evening
	TBC	Year 6 to Windmill Hill
	27 th	End of Term 5
	28 th	INSET DAY (no children in school)

Term 6 - 7 th June to 21 st July 2027		
June	1 st	Term 6 begins
		Multiplication Times Table Check for Year 4 from 3 rd June
		Phonics screening for Year 1 until 12 th June
	11 th	Sports Day
	14 th	Sports Day (Reserve)
	18 th	Fathers Day Gift Sale (FoDS)
	21 st	World Music Day – Dress as your favourite music icon (bottle donations for Fayre)
July	3 rd	Non-Uniform Day (sweet donations for Fayre)
	TBC	Summer Fayre 3.15pm – 4.15pm
	14 th	Bastille Day – Wear red white and blue
	15 th	Year 6 End of Year Production to families – 4.30pm
	20 th	Celebrations Afternoon 'Dymchurch Has Talent'
	21 st	Year 6 Leavers Assembly and School End of Year Awards – 9.15am school hall
	21 st	DymFest (Festival in the afternoon for whole school 1.30-3pm) Wear Festival Clothes
	21 st	End of Term 6



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
FRIENDS OF DYMCHURCH SCHOOL
(FODS) PTA AGM

FODS

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, 30th SEPTEMBER

TIME: 6:00 PM

WHERE: DYMCHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOL
IN THE MAIN SCHOOL HALL

YOU ARE INVITED!
Join Us for Our Annual General Meeting

FIND OUT about what we did last year!
VOTE for the new FODS Committee!
LEARN how you can get involved and make a difference!
SHARE your ideas for future events & fundraising!
ALL PARENTS & CARERS WELCOME!

WE NEED YOU!

Refreshments (Tea, Coffee & Biscuits provided)

Community Opportunity

Come along and support your child's school community!

FODS PTA

FREE
PRIMARY SCHOOL
BREAKFAST
CLUB

STARTS FROM
8:15

A GREAT START TO THE SCHOOL DAY!

HEALTHY BREAKFAST
TIME TO CONNECT
READY TO LEARN
POSITIVE START, HAPPY DAY!

DYMCHURCH
PRIMARY SCHOOL

BEGINS SEP 2ND 2026

EVERY CHILD. EVERY MORNING.
EVERY OPPORTUNITY.

Dymchurch Primary School
Open Days

Is your child starting Reception Class in September 2027 or do you have a child in a different year group and thinking of changing school?

Dymchurch Primary School – a seaside gem where children achieve, succeed and grow in every way.

Quality of Education:	Good
Behaviour and Attitudes:	Outstanding
Personal Development:	Outstanding
Leadership and Management:	Good
Early Years Provision:	Good

Open tours begin at the timings below and are available on the following dates. No need to book an appointment.
All families welcome.

Tuesday 8th September 9.30am-10am and 2.00pm-2.30pm
Thursday 15th October 9.30am-10am and 2.00pm-2.30pm
Wednesday 4th November 9.30am-10am and 2.00pm-2.30pm
Friday 4th December 9.30am-10am and 2.00pm-2.30pm

If you are unable to make the above dates, please contact the office to arrange an alternative day: 01303 872377 or office@dymchurch.kent.sch.uk

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YEAR R

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What a fantastic first week in full time the Clownfish have had. We have been so pleased to see how well the children have settled into our school routines and how confidently they have embraced the rhythm of the day. It has also been lovely to begin experiencing the afternoons together, and the children have already shown themselves to be curious, enthusiastic and ready to take part.

This week, our story book of the week has been *The Gruffalo*, and the children have absolutely enjoyed exploring the tale. It has provided us with lots of opportunities for discussion, imagination and creative activities. The children have been busy with some lovely colouring, creating a new friend for the lonely Gruffalo with some super creative attributes, and making their very own Gruffalo masks. Their ideas have been thoughtful and imaginative, and it has been a joy to see them bring the story to life in different ways.

We have also been developing our understanding of the deep dark woods. The children created homes for the deep dark woods, and even came up with some friendly traps for the fairies. This has sparked lots of wonderful conversation and storytelling, as the children thought carefully about where different characters might live and how they might use the space around them.

In Maths, the children have been doing fantastic as we explore numbers. We have been learning to identify (subitise) numbers 1-3 and show this using their fingers. We have also been creating patterns, which has helped the children to notice what comes next and talk about what they can see. It has been brilliant to see them growing in confidence as they join in with these activities.

The children have also been exploring their drawing skills further as they drew a wonderful self-portrait. This gave everyone a chance to think carefully about facial features, shape and detail. Their portraits showed great effort and attention, and each one was full of personality.

We also had our first visit to the library, which was a very exciting milestone for the Clownfish. The children chose a book to take home and read with their adult, and we hope you enjoy sharing these stories together. These will be swapped every Thursday so please remember to return them. :)

We wish you all a lovely weekend
Miss O'Neill and Miss Harding



Star of the Week: **Josie** for having a fantastic attitude about starting school and being a positive role-model to the other children

Wonderful Work: **Mackenzie** for his fantastic work with subitising in Maths and his enthusiasm for learning about numbers.

YEAR 1

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What another lovely week we have had in Seahorse Class! The children have continued to settle brilliantly into Year 1, and it has been wonderful to see their confidence growing already. We have been very busy with lots of fantastic learning!

In English, we have been really focusing on sentence writing and sentence structure. The children have been working hard to remember all the important things that make a super sentence. At home, see if your child can tell you all about Miss Maxwell's Special 6! Hopefully they can remember the six important things we need to think about when writing our sentences!

In Maths, we have begun our new unit on Place Value to 10. The children have been practising counting accurately and representing numbers in different ways using a range of resources.

They have done so well and have really impressed us with their number knowledge!

In Science, we have continued our learning about Everyday Materials. This week, we looked more closely at objects that are made from more than one material and discussed the different materials we could spot.

In Art, we have started exploring line drawing, with a particular focus on pressure and control. The children really enjoyed experimenting with the different types of lines and marks they could create.

We have had another really lovely week in Seahorse Class, and the children have worked incredibly hard. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Have a wonderful weekend!
Miss Maxwell and Mrs Stone



Star of the Week: **Aimon** for making a fantastic start to Year 1 and showing willingness to learn

Wonderful Work: **Blake** for trying exceptionally hard in all Phonics lessons.

YEAR 2

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What a brilliant first full week in Year 2! We are definitely getting into the swing of things, and it has been lovely to see the children settling so well. It was also brilliant to see so many of you at our Meet the Teacher session.

In English, we learnt about the features of fairy tales and had a go at making our own mixed up fairy tales. We then recapped what a sentence needs and built simple sentences. We also learnt about common nouns and proper nouns, and fixed sentences missing capital letters and full stops. A highlight of the week was joining a live event with Julia Donaldson, who shared her new story, Gruffalo Granny.

We also had our first reading comprehension lesson. We read a text about castles together and answered retrieval questions. The children practised looking for key words in the question and skimming and scanning to find the answer in the text.

In maths, we consolidated writing numbers to 20 in numerals and words, then started exploring 2-digit numbers. We learnt to count the tens and then the ones.

In science, we began our topic on animals including humans. We recapped animal groups from Year 1 and matched animal offspring to their adults. We noticed that most baby mammals look like their adults.

In topic, we created timelines to show how castles changed, and in ICT we explored 2Go on Purple Mash.

Have a lovely, relaxing weekend!
Miss Lavender and Mrs Miller



Star of the Week: **Giorgio** for always listening beautifully and being so helpful when tidying up!
Wonderful Work: **Hugo** for writing fantastic sentences using capital letters and full stops!

YEAR 3

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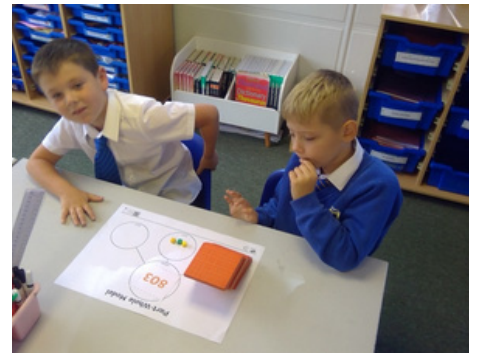
What a busy and brilliant week we have had in Shark Class! The children have continued to settle wonderfully into Year 3 and have approached their learning with such enthusiasm.

In Maths, we have been developing our understanding of place value. We have explored hundreds and used Base 10 to represent and partition three-digit numbers, thinking carefully about the value of each digit.

Our History learning has taken us back to the 1700s as we investigated the different goods that were smuggled and why people were willing to take such enormous risks. The children became historical investigators, exploring goods including tea, coffee, silk, brandy, chocolate and lace before considering which would have been most worthwhile to smuggle.

We have also been incredibly impressed with the children's reading this week. They have listened carefully, contributed thoughtful ideas and shown a real enthusiasm for our class reading. It has been lovely to see their confidence already beginning to grow

Wishing you all a lovely weekend
Miss Rawlin and Mrs Storti-Gates



Star of the Week: **Henry** for being a kind and welcoming classmate towards new members of the class.

Wonderful Work: **Sam** for challenging himself in English by using fantastic expanded noun phrases and exploring different ways to use time adverbials in his writing.

YEAR 4

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This week, the children have continued their learning about place value. They have been learning how to find numbers on a number line up to 1,000 and counting in 1,000s. In English this week, the children have been learning about conjunctions and prepositions. They have been learning about how to use these to expand sentences and how they can be applied to their adventure stories later in the unit.

In Art, the children have begun to learn about shading and making colours lighter and darker. They had great fun mixing the paints and showing the gradings of the colours.

Last week, Turtle class learned how to play Buzz Whizz and achieved a score of 37. The champion was Greyson and this week the champion was Axel. To play you need to say Buzz when a number is in the 3x table and Whizz when a number is in the 5x table. If it's in both, we say Buzz Whizz. So keep practising your tables at home and you too could be a champion!

Have a lovely weekend
Miss Barrett and Miss McGlone



Star of the Week: **Roman** for an improved effort towards his learning.
Wonderful Work: **Esme** for fantastic use of conjunctions to expand sentences.

YEAR 5

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We've had a great week in Penguin class.

In maths we have been learning about place value. We have been: reading and writing numbers to 1,000,000, finding $10/100/1,000/10,000/100,000$ more or less and partitioning numbers.

In English, we've had lots of fun reading our class text. We are reading *Floodland*, which is a story set in a world where England has been flooded. It follows the adventures of a young girl named Zoe who is trying to survive in an apocalyptic world. We have been writing setting descriptions of Norwich during the flood and we will start writing diary entries next week.

In topic, we have been learning about environmental protection and pollution. We looked at the different types of pollution and who and where they might impact. We discussed the causes of pollution and what we can do to protect our local area.

In Science, we used some of our play equipment to investigate levers. We used the see-saw to investigate what happens when weight is moved further away from a fulcrum. We found out that the further you are from the fulcrum, the easier it is to lift something.

We hope you have a great weekend,
Mr Marsh and Miss Reynolds



Star of the Week: **Elijah** for having excellent standards of presentation in all his work.
Wonderful Work: **Valentino** for excellent work when identifying key points in a story.

YEAR 6

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What a fantastic week we've had in Year 6!

Throughout the week, the children have been completing assessments on Maths, Reading and SPAG. They have approached these with real maturity and should be pleased with their efforts

In English, we have been recapping expanded noun phrases and planning a setting description using these. The class have thought carefully about how to make their writing more vivid and precise, and it has been lovely to see them applying this in their planning.

In maths, we have been multiplying to multiples of 10 and rounding numbers up to a million. The children have worked hard to apply their understanding confidently, and we have continued to practise explaining our reasoning clearly.

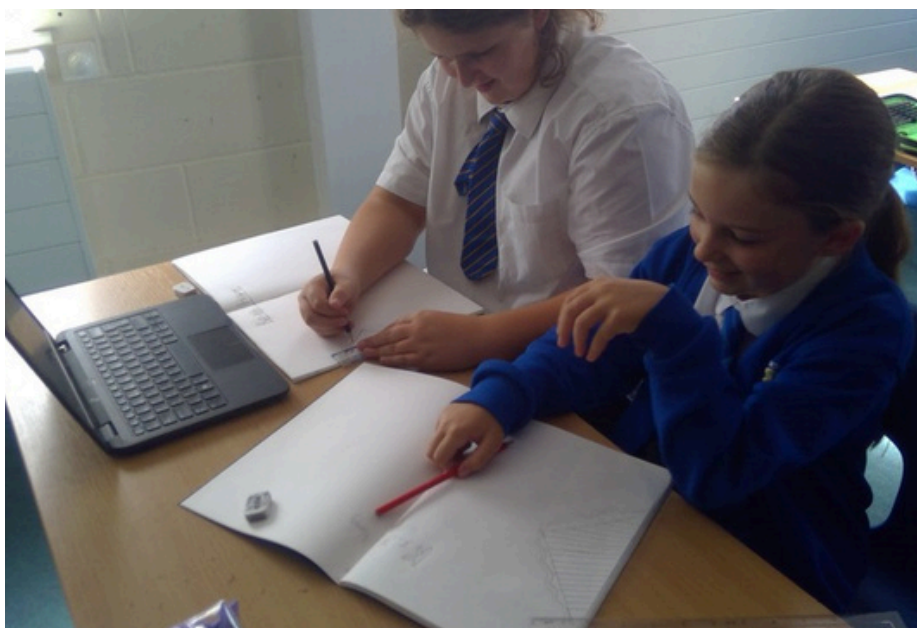
In topic, we recapped Victorian chronology and represented this in a timeline. This helped the children to place key events in order and deepen their understanding of the period in a clear and visual way.

In PE, we learnt about how to do a chest pass and a bounce pass and used these in games of endball. The children showed good teamwork and were keen to put their skills into practice during the games.

In computing, we looked at blogging and talked about what we thought would make a good blog. It was interesting to hear the children's ideas about what makes writing engaging for an audience.

Finally, a huge well done to the children who completed the Kent Test this week, we know you all did your best!

Wishing you a lovely weekend,
Mr Plummer and Mrs Williams



Star of the Week: **Alyssa** for having such an amazing attitude to learning all week.
Wonderful Work: **Lexi & Atlanta** for working extra hard to build up their understanding of place value in maths.