



DYMCHURCH PRIMARY NEWSLETTER



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Dear Families

TERM DATES

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What a Lovely week of Learning and Creativity we've had!

On Monday and Tuesday, we welcomed back Ian from KiC Theatre, who provided every class with a fantastic theatre workshop based on their current topic. The children thoroughly enjoyed bringing their learning to life through drama, role play and teamwork.

Year R explored All About Me, while Year 1 learnt about medieval castles. Year 2 had fun learning about the Family Tree, and Year 3 learnt new things and reenacted Smugglers. Year 4 learnt all about Dymchurch, Year 5 learnt about protecting the environment, and Year 6 travelled back in time to learn about the Victorians.

These workshops are so beneficial for the children's learning, confidence and team-building skills. They also encourage the children to think creatively and use their minds in new ways. Thank you, Ian, for always being fantastic!

A big thank you to everyone who had a school dinner on Thursday for our Census lunch. It was very well received and will truly help towards our school funding. Your support makes a real difference, and we are grateful to everyone who took part.

We also celebrated National Poetry Day on Thursday. The children got creative with their writing and produced some beautiful pieces. It was lovely to see them experimenting with language, sharing their ideas and expressing themselves through poetry.

Don't forget we are raising awareness for Young Minds mental Health and wearing yellow to school on Friday 9th October. We are also looking forward to welcoming your donations for the harvest festival, and also inviting you all to our Harvest Festival on Friday 16th October.

Thank you for your continued support
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.

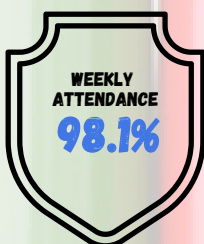
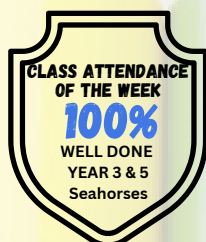
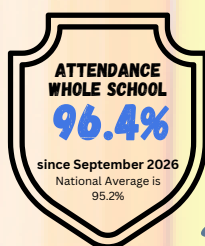
EVENTS

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

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DATES AT A GLANCE

9th October	Wear Yellow - No Donation. To support Young Minds Mental Health
16th October	Harvest Festival at 9.15am to families Donations to be received on Thursday 15 th or Friday 16th
5th November	Non Uniform Day - Dress in bright firework colours - Donation of a bottle
9th November	Book Look - Parents welcome to classrooms to look at books from 3.15pm - 3.45pm
12th November	Parents Evening -Appointments available in near future - look out for email to confirm
20th November	Non Uniform Day - Donation of sweets
4th December	Christmas Fayre - 3.15pm - 4.15pm
15th December	KS1 Christmas Performance to families - 2pm
16th December	Christmas Jumper Day (Normal School Uniform applies) and Christmas Dinner Day

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 (FoDS)
	14 th	KS1 dress rehearsal to school (no families on this day)
	15 th	KS1 performance to families – 2pm
	16 th	Christmas Jumper Day (normal school uniform) and Christmas Dinner Day
	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
	19 th	Young Voices Concert at O2 Arena (school choir)
February	5 th	NSPCC Number Day – dress up as anything numerical £1 donation to charity
	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 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	2 nd	Non-Uniform Day (sweet donations for Fayre)
	TBC	Summer Fayre 3.15pm – 4.15pm (FoDS)
	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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Wear Yellow to School

**NO UNIFORM.
NO DONATION.
JUST RAISING AWARENESS**

In support of

YOUNGMINDS

**FRIDAY
9TH OCTOBER**

YOUNG MINDS PROVIDE YOUNG PEOPLE WITH THE TOOLS TO LOOK AFTER THEIR MENTAL HEALTH, EMPOWER ADULTS TO BE THE BEST SUPPORT THEY CAN BE TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE IN THEIR LIVES, AND GIVE YOUNG PEOPLE THE SPACE AND CONFIDENCE TO GET THEIR VOICES HEARD AND CHANGE THE WORLD WE LIVE IN.

CELEBRATE WITH US

HARVEST FESTIVAL

16 OCTOBER 2026

PLEASE ARRIVE VIA THE SCHOOL OFFICE

9:15AM

DONATIONS FOR FESTIVAL TO BE BROUGHT IN ON THURSDAY 15TH OCTOBER OR FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER PLEASE

ALL DONATIONS WILL BE COLLECTED BY THE RAINBOW CENTRE TO SUPPORT LOCAL FOOD BANKS

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.

LIGHT UP NEW ROMNEY 2026

QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY 16th OCTOBER

NEW ROMNEY SCOUT HQ
CHURCH LANE - NEW ROMNEY - TN28 8ER

Doors open 6.30 / Quiz starts 7.00
£5 per person - pay on entry

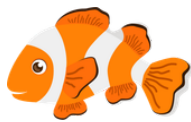
Call Tracy on 01797 721204 to book a table for your team (Teams of up to 6 people)

Bring your own nibbles, drinks and money for the raffle

All monies raised will help fund
Light Up New Romney 2026 celebrations & community workshops.
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We have had a very busy week full of adventures in Clownfish Class!

The children had a fantastic afternoon on Monday with KiC Theatre. They used expressive dance and movement to explore 'all about me'. This included talking about daily routines and thinking about how we grow from being a baby to joining Reception. It was lovely to see the children expressing their ideas through their bodies and enjoying the opportunity to move creatively.

On Tuesday, the children were invited by nursery to take part in an afternoon with the fire service. They had a fantastic time learning all about the service, exploring what is on board a fire engine and discovering how powerful the water hose is. There was plenty of excitement as the children found out more about the important work firefighters do.

In Maths, the children have been further exploring subitising and are becoming real whizzes! We have explored the number 4 and investigated all the different shapes its composition can have. The children have enjoyed sharing their ideas and noticing different ways to make 4.

We have also been enjoying the story of The Gigantic Turnip. The children have reimagined and expanded on the story through creative drawing and their own ideas. They also recreated the most gigantic turnip! Next week, we will be exploring the text The Little Red Hen and finding out how bread is made.

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



Star of the Week: **Billy** for always choosing to be engaged and listening and always having a smile on his face!
Wonderful Work: **Natalie** for the care and effort she puts into her beautiful handwriting



We have had another lovely week in Year 1!

In English, we have started to explore instructions and have been thinking carefully about how to give clear, detailed instructions for making a sandwich. The children have had lots of fun learning why it is so important to make our instructions precise!

In maths, we have been comparing and ordering numbers, using our number knowledge to decide which numbers are greater and smaller.

In science, we focused on our key scientist, Charles Macintosh, and learnt about his creation of the waterproof coat. We then became scientists ourselves and carried out an experiment to investigate which materials are waterproof!

In art, we used pictures of ourselves to identify the different shapes we could see within our faces and features. We will be using this learning to help us with our artwork next week.

We were also very lucky to have lovely Ian from KIC Theatre visit us! The children had a brilliant session linked to our topic of Family Trees and thoroughly enjoyed getting involved.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support!
Miss Maxwell and Mrs Stone



Star of the Week: **Arpad** for always being a fantastic role model and having a brilliant attitude to learning.
Wonderful Work: **Mason** for brilliant maths work when comparing numbers.

Year 2

Ray Class



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We have had a very busy and exciting week of learning! In English, we finished our Prince Cinders stories by carefully editing our writing in green pen. We then launched our new non-fiction unit all about castle attack and defence. The children loved visiting 'Dymchurch Castle', where we used our knowledge to role-play an exciting castle battle! We explored the features of non-chronological reports and used the facts we had gathered to write clear statement sentences.

In Maths, we have been ordering numbers to 100 and practising counting forwards and backwards in 5s and 10s.

On Monday, we enjoyed a brilliant KIC Theatre session, using our drama skills to bring our learning about castles to life.

In Science, we investigated what animals need to survive before hunting around the school grounds for places animals could find food, water and shelter. In History, we discovered the different people who lived and worked in medieval castles.

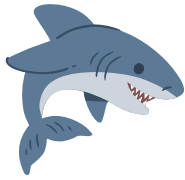
Finally, we celebrated National Poetry Day by performing a class poem with expression, sound effects and actions! Watch our fantastic performance on Class Dojo!

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



Star of the Week: **Rex** for for sharing brilliant ideas during our Science learning and confidently explaining what animals need to survive.

Wonderful Work: **Arthur** for fantastic Maths work counting forwards and backwards in 2s and 5s from 100.



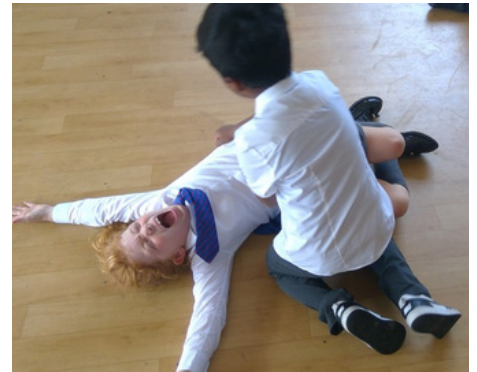
In History, we had a fantastic visit from Ian at KiC Theatre! The children stepped into the shoes of smugglers, working together to transport their contraband across the marshes. There was lots of teamwork, imagination and laughter as we brought our topic to life!

We also enjoyed a special poetry morning, where we explored poetry through our smuggling theme. The children became word smugglers, collecting exciting words and phrases before using them to create their own smuggling-inspired poems. We were so impressed by their creativity and the adventurous vocabulary they chose!

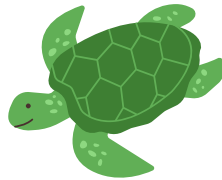
In Science, we investigated which materials are attracted to magnets. After making predictions and carrying out our tests, we discovered that just because something is made from metal, it does not necessarily mean it is magnetic!

In Art, we experimented with different ways of joining cardboard, using slots, tabs and folds to create 3D structures.

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



Star of the Week: **Olivia** for having great perseverance with all of her learning.
Wonderful Work: **Bella** for her great joining techniques in her Art lesson.



This week, we have been continuing to write our adventure stories in English. The children have done a great job to write exciting problems in their stories and resolve them in the ending.

In Maths this week, the children have been amazing at rounding to the nearest hundred and thousand. They have grasped a good understanding of when to round back to the nearest hundred or thousand and when to round forward.

This week we were very lucky to have Ian from KIC theatre to help us with our topic learning! We acted out what it is like to be part of the Dymchurch community, including what it would have been like to be living in Dymchurch throughout the ages.

The Turtles have embraced National Poetry Day with real enthusiasm. After enjoying listening to Michael Rosen's Chocolate Cake, we then listened to Christian Foley's The Great Big Clean Up and spent time in groups investigating ways to write our own versions, by considering topics close to our hearts, such as clearing the sewage in the sea, looking after our trees and saving endangered animals. We also explored poetry by Donna Ashworth and wrote our own version of 'What is happy?' by thinking about other emotions such as relaxed, calm, sad and angry.

Have a lovely weekend
Miss Barrett and Miss McGlone



Star of the Week: **Greyson** for a much-improved attitude towards his learning.
Wonderful Work: **Abigaile** for excellent understanding of a text and why an author has chosen certain elements to engage a reader.



We've had a great week in Penguin class.

In English, we've been reading and analysing poetry. We read a selection of poems and discussed what we liked/didn't like about the poems. We learnt about figurative language and used similes, metaphors and personification.

In maths, we have been learning about column addition and subtraction. We looked at the process for solving addition and subtraction questions. Later in the week, we started solving multi-step word problems. We discussed key words and underlining important information in the question.

In Science, we had lots of fun creating and testing our parachute designs. The children used a range of materials and showed great teamwork when creating their models. We made changes and adapted as we went through the session.

We had great fun during our KiC theatre session. We were learning about protecting the environment. We learnt about endangered species, pollution and what we can do to make Earth a better place for everyone.

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



Star of the Week: **Fliss** for great acting skills during KiC theatre.
Wonderful Work: **Rupert** for creating a detailed plan to support his poetry writing.

Year 6

Orca Class

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It has been a busy and enjoyable week in Year 6, with lots of interesting learning and creative activities.

It has been another busy and engaging week in Year 6. The children have worked hard across all areas of the curriculum and have enjoyed developing their knowledge and skills.

In maths, we have been learning about long multiplication and solving problems using this method. The children have been practising setting out their calculations carefully and applying their understanding to a range of different problems.

In English, we have been planning and writing our own predictions about what we think will happen next in our class text. We have been using a range of narrative features, including adverbials, noun phrases and figurative language, to make our writing engaging and descriptive.

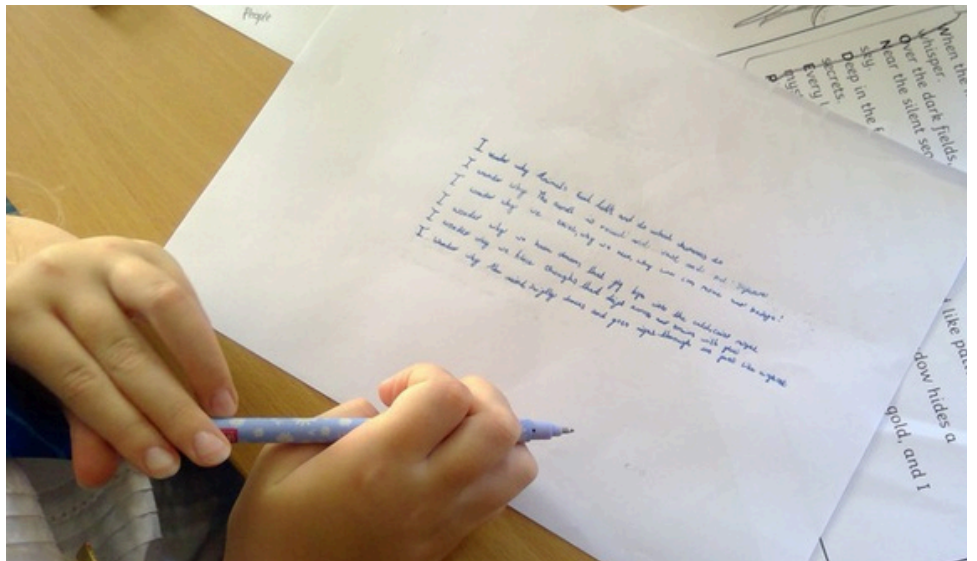
We also celebrated World Poetry Day on Thursday. The children wrote a range of poems based on the theme Wonder, exploring their ideas through imaginative vocabulary and different poetic styles. In topic, we looked at the Industrial Revolution and the impact it has had on Britain, both positively and negatively. We also took part in our KIC theatre workshop, where we learnt about child labour in Victorian times and how children had to work in factories. This helped us to understand more about what life was like for children during this period.

In science, we have been looking at how animals and plants have adapted to live in certain surroundings. We explored examples such as polar bears living in the Arctic and cacti growing in the desert.

In music, we have been learning how to play songs on the recorder. The children have been developing their musical skills by practising notes, rhythm and playing together.

In RE, we have been looking at how Buddhists live a good life and considering the beliefs and choices that guide their actions

Thank you for your continued support. Have a wonderful weekend!
Mr Plummer and Mrs Williams



Star of the Week: **Alex** for having a great attitude towards helping others.
Wonderful Work: **Noella** for a great poem based around the theme of wonder.