



DYMCHURCH PRIMARY NEWSLETTER



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Dear Families

This week has been wonderful.

First, a big well done to our boys' football team, who began their Herald Cup journey with a game against St Nicholas Primary School in New Romney. The boys played well despite the loss. As a new team, they are continuing to learn teamwork and develop their skills. Onwards to the next game!

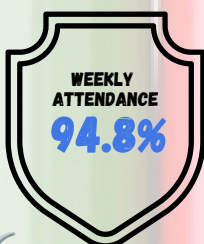
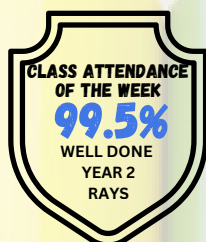
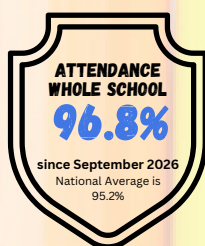
On Thursday, we celebrated National Poetry Day with an OCMAT Trust-wide poetry-reading session via Teams. All of the Trust schools joined in, with individual pupils from each school reading their amazing poems. A big well done to them for representing their school and creating such wonderful poetry. In the afternoon, some members of Year 6 visited The Old Rectory Residential Home to share their poems with the residents, who thoroughly enjoyed their visit and also got to have a cheeky biscuit! We look forward to doing more activities with The Old Rectory in the future.

As part of Young Minds, the whole school celebrated World Mental Health Day focusing on children's and young adults' mental health by wearing yellow to raise awareness and show young people that they are not alone.

Next week is looking busy, with school trips, a travelling theatre company popping in and our whole school Harvest Festival. Watch this space in next week's newsletter and on our social pages!

Please send in tinned/packet donations on Thursday 15th October and Friday 16th October morning. Families are welcome at the assembly at 9.15 am in the school hall; please arrive via the school office.

Thank you for your continued support
Miss Simmonds and The Dymchurch Team



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We are proud to be part of the Our Community Multi Academy Trust. Ten schools, one family, united in nurturing, inspiring, and supporting every child and member of staff.

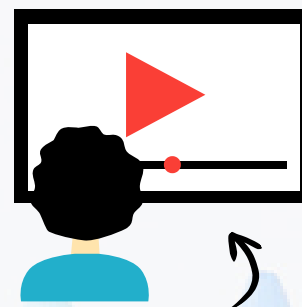
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REMINDERS

- ✓ 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.



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Dymchurch School!**



Click us to find out about
our school dinners and
latest menu

DATES AT A GLANCE

15th October

Treasure Island Production to school

16th October

Harvest Festival at 9.15am to families

Donations to be received on Thursday 15th 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

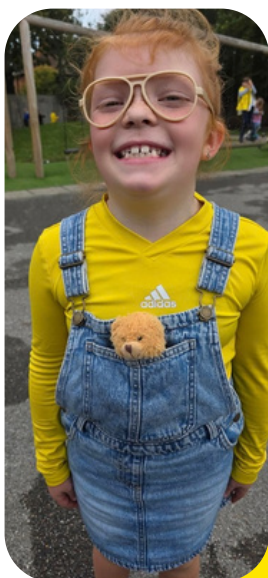
Term 4 - 22 nd February to 25 th March 2027		
February	22 nd	Term 4 begins
March		British Science Week (5 th – 14 th March)
	3 rd	Mother's Day Gift Sale (FoDS)
	4 th	World Book Day – dress up as your favourite book character. Reading with parents event in the hall at 2.30pm
	19 th	Comic Relief Red Nose 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

YOUNGMINDS

Dymchurch wearing yellow and saying hello as we celebrate 10 years of standing out, starting conversations and raising awareness – so no young person feels alone with their mental health.



Whatever you're facing this World Mental Health Day, remember, you don't have to face it alone.

Call Samaritans for free any time on

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A parent/Carers
guide.



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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.

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

Dr Syn
in
Pantoland

Dymchurch Village Hall
JANUARY 2027
TICKET ALERT

Buy from Dymchurch Village Hall:
11am till 2pm on 7th November.
Also every Sunday between 6pm & 7pm.

Buy online:
Dymchurchplayers.com
after 12pm on the 8th November.

Show dates	Type	Price
Friday 22nd & 29th Jan @ 7:30pm	Table seating	£12 each
Saturday 23rd & 30th Jan @ 2:30pm	Theatre style	£10 each
Sunday 24th Jan @ 2:30pm	Theatre style	£10 each
Sunday 31st Jan @ 2:30pm	Charity Cream Tea	£18 each

Family tickets available for
23rd, 24th & 30th Jan shows. £36

**LIGHT UP
NEW ROMNEY
2026**

QUIZ NIGHT
FRIDAY 16th OCTOBER

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

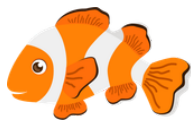
Doors open 6.30 / Quiz starts 7.00
£5 per person - pay on entry

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.
For more information visit our facebook page: [lightupnewromney](#)

Thank you so much for your support!



It has been a busy and enjoyable week in Clownfish class. The children have loved exploring our text, The Little Red Hen, and have joined in enthusiastically with the story and its characters.

We have been learning about how bread starts off as grains of wheat. The children explored the growing and milling process, discovering how wheat is turned into flour and then into delicious bread. They came up with some fantastic ideas for disgusting sandwiches, using their imaginations to think of unusual ingredients and combinations. We also enjoyed developing our fine motor skills by carefully spreading butter onto toast.

In maths, the children have been investigating 'more than' and 'fewer than'. They have been brilliant at using stem sentences to explain their thinking and explore who has more or fewer. We have encouraged them to look carefully, compare groups and use mathematical language when sharing their ideas.

The children have also been making fantastic progress in phonics with their blending skills. They have enjoyed learning our new sounds and putting them into action as they read and build words. Please continue to practise blending at home, encouraging your child to say each sound and then push the sounds together to read the whole word.

It has been lovely to see the children taking part so confidently in their learning and sharing their ideas with one another.

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



Star of the Week: **Robyn** for continually being engaged in learning and sharing her fantastic ideas
Wonderful Work: **Hani** for her lovely descriptive illustration of a talking pencil.



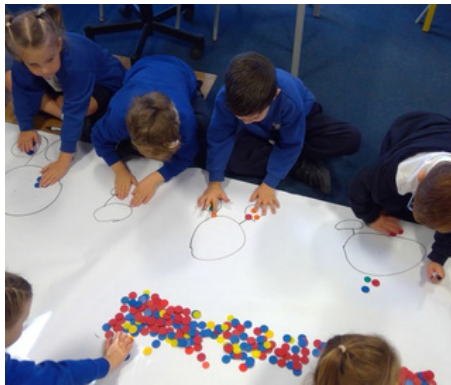
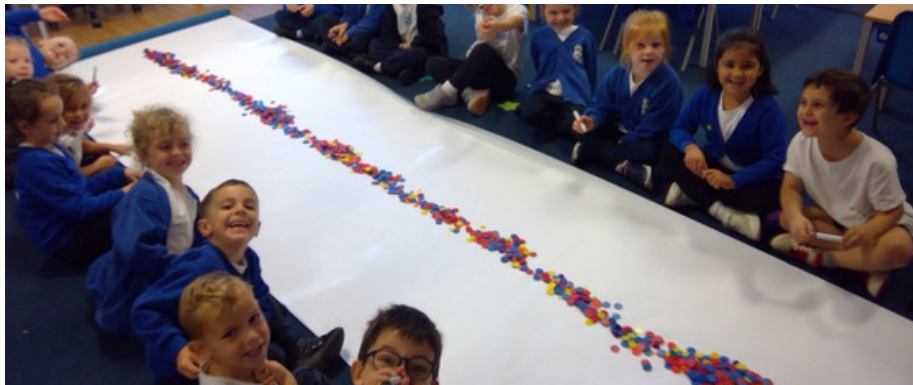
We have had another wonderful week in Year 1!

In Maths, we have been focusing on parts and wholes, exploring how to use the part-whole model. This has been very hands-on, and the children have had a fantastic time exploring different ways to make a whole! In English, we have been learning how to write instructions using bossy sentences. The children have done exceptionally well at recognising and using bossy verbs in their writing!

In Art, we created some fantastic shape portraits of our faces, carefully looking at the different shapes we could see.

In Science, we have been exploring absorbent and non-absorbent materials. The children loved investigating which materials soak up water and which do not!

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



Star of the Week: **Ayzal** for showing a fantastic attitude towards learning and always trying their best.
Wonderful Work: **Toby** for showing brilliant understanding of bossy verbs and using them confidently to write fantastic instructions

Year 2

Ray Class



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What a brilliant week Year 2 have had! We have been busy learning, creating and sharing our ideas.

English: We carried on with our non-fiction learning about how castles were attacked and defended. The children's recall of facts and vocabulary has been fantastic! This week, we learnt how to write command sentences and practised using conjunctions, exclamations and question marks in our writing.

Maths: We finished our place value unit by counting in 3s and completed a hot task to show off our understanding. We then started our addition and subtraction unit, recapping our bonds to 10 and practising our bonds to 20. Knowing these facts quickly will help us with trickier sums. We also wrote fact families within 20.

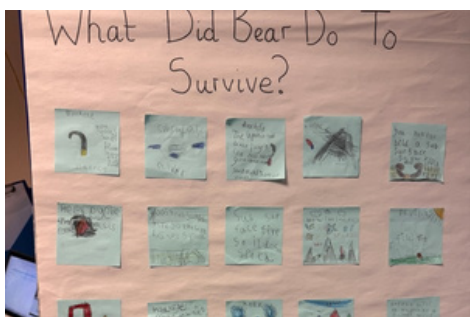
Topic: We learnt what life was like in medieval castles, including banquets and what people did for fun, such as jousting and hunting.

Science: We learnt about the adventurer and explorer Bear Grylls and how he survived in challenging conditions. We then created posters with some of his top tips for surviving in the rainforest, desert, Arctic or on a desert island.

Art: We created beautiful dream garden pictures using what we have learnt about colour mixing.

We can't wait for our school trip to Dover Castle on Monday. Please remember warm/waterproof clothing (it is often windy on the cliffs), pack lunches, water bottles and spending money (no more than £5).

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



Star of the Week: **Oliver** for consistently showing great enthusiasm for his learning and eagerly contributing to class discussions.

Wonderful Work: **Maddison** for writing lots of fantastic questions about castles and using question marks correctly.

In English, we have been busy planning and writing our non-chronological reports about smuggling. We began the week with a fact hunt, gathering interesting information to help us develop our factual sentences. By the end of the week, the children had written two fantastic paragraphs explaining what smuggling was and why people chose to become smugglers. We have been so impressed with their growing confidence and independence as writers!

In History, we were introduced to the notorious Aldington Gang! We explored how smuggling became increasingly dangerous during the early 1800s, particularly as gangs began carrying weapons. The children considered how this changed smuggling and the dangers faced by both smugglers and the authorities. The highlight of our week was undoubtedly our first Dance lesson! The children transformed into monsters as we began creating choreography to The Monster Mash. We explored different levels, shapes and pathways, experimenting with how our bodies can move through space to create short, monster-themed dance sequences. There were some wonderfully imaginative moves and plenty of laughter!

Another brilliant week of hard work, creativity and enthusiasm. Well done, Sharks!

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

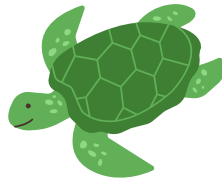


Star of the Week: **Lylah** for her wonderful attitude towards learning and the enthusiasm and effort she brings to everything she does.

Wonderful Work: **Arthur** for showing fantastic determination in his writing and working hard to put the writing skills and strategies we have learnt into practice.

Year 4

Turtle Class



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This week, we have had great fun starting our new English topic. We started off by being historians and investigating what Dymchurch was like as tourist destinations throughout the decades. The children loved looking at all the pictures and postcards to find out what their local area was like long ago. We then looked at a travel brochure for Dymchurch and found the features of it as a non-chronological report. The children are very excited to create their own travel brochures by the end of the unit.

In maths, we have begun our new topic of addition and subtraction. We have begun by using place value charts to add ones, tens and hundreds, using place value counters, ensuring we partition our numbers to help us cross tens and hundreds boundaries.

In topic this week, we looked at how transport uses the land around us. We then researched the Light Railway and found out about when it was built, why it was built and how it is still used today.

In Science, the children enjoyed recreating the digestive system using a model consisting of a bag (for the stomach), one leg of a pair of tights (for the small intestine), a tea towel (for the large intestine) and a bowl to collect the undigested food through an opening which they created in the foot of the tights to represent the end of the digestive process! They really enjoyed it and could explain how our food is digested afterwards. Some appear to have gone off biscuits and bananas now though!

Have a lovely weekend
Miss Barrett and Miss McGlone



Star of the Week: **Vienna** for always being kind and helpful.
Wonderful Work: **Harry** for fantastic research skills in topic this week.

We've had a great week in Penguin class.

In English, the children have created some fantastic pieces of poetry. We have been writing poems based on *The River* by Valerie Bloom. We created first drafts of our poems during the week and published them on Friday. We have been focusing on using figurative language, including similes, metaphors and personification. In maths, we have been learning about multiples and factors. We have been using our times table knowledge to help us identify multiples, factors and common factors. The children have been working hard on their arithmetic skills and have shown a good understanding of adding and subtracting fractions with different denominators.

In topic, we've been looking at endangered species. The children were tasked with researching endangered species and creating a profile on an animal of their choosing. We looked at what threats these species face and some of the ways that they can be supported.

We had lots of fun in Science testing and improving our designs. The children have been tasked to make a parachute to protect an egg that is dropped from height. We look at air resistance and examined which materials were best to reduce the fall speed of our parachutes.

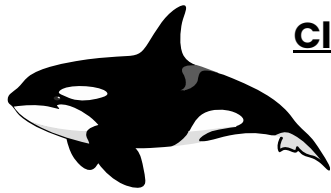
We hope you have a great weekend,
Mr Marsh and Miss Reynolds



Star of the Week: **Billy** and **Joe** for excellent teamwork when drafting a poem.
Wonderful Work: **Barkley** for showing great engagement and making excellent observations during maths lessons.

Year 6

Orca Class



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It has been another busy and enjoyable week in Year 6.

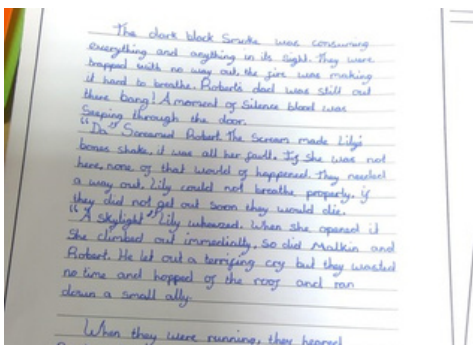
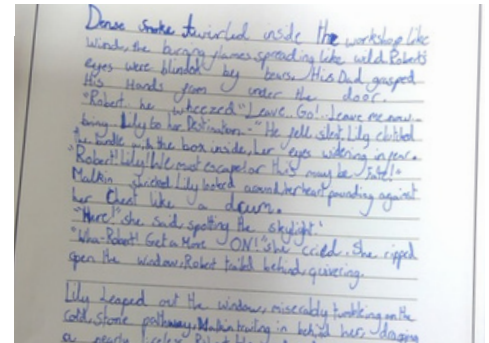
In English, we have been writing our own steampunk-themed stories based on our class book, Cogheart. The children have been developing imaginative ideas and using descriptive language to bring their stories to life. In maths, we have been practising long multiplication and long division. We have also been using these methods to solve a range of problems, explaining our reasoning and checking our answers carefully.

In history, we analysed secondary sources of Victorian artefacts to learn about important inventions from the period. This helped us to consider what historical objects can tell us about the past.

In science, we looked at how plants have to adapt to their environment. We discussed the different conditions plants may experience and how their features help them to survive.

In art, we looked at how our seas are being polluted and created posters to support what we can do to change this. The children shared thoughtful ideas about protecting our oceans and encouraging others to take action. Some of our children also visited the Old Rectory to share their poems from last week. It was a lovely opportunity for them to read aloud and connect with members of the local community.

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



Star of the Week: **Lexi H** for having a great attitude to all learning, all week.
Wonderful Work: **Marie** for great narrative writing based on the story of Cogheart.