



Week beginning 20th July 2026

Whole school reminders

Well done to all pupils and staff for a very successful Sports Day event this week. Thank you to everyone who was able to join us. There was a wonderful atmosphere showing how our school community pulls together at events such as this, and the children certainly enjoyed every minute.

We bid farewell to our lovely Y6 children and wish them well as they continue their educational journey. Thank you for all the memories and prayers shared at the recent Leavers' Service on Wednesday.

We hope that you all have a wonderful summer and thank you for your continued support.

Attendance: Whole school attendance: 96%.

Reading: Please continue to read with your child regularly over the summer holidays. We have introduced the children to several inspiring launch events for the library Summer Reading Challenge, so please do embrace the motivation and interest that the children have demonstrated for this initiative.

Dates to remember:

Tuesday 1st September – Staff INSET Day

Wednesday 2nd September – Staff INSET Day

Thursday 3rd September – Children return to school

Spirituality: As we reach the end of another school year, we take a moment to pause, reflect and give thanks for all that we have shared together. Throughout the year, we have seen our school values of **friendship, trust, courage and respect** lived out in countless ways - through acts of kindness, perseverance in learning, support for one another, and moments of joy and celebration.

Beech Class Reception

Wow! What a fantastic year we have had in Preschool and Reception! As we approach the final week of the school year, it's wonderful to reflect on the progress that every child has made. It has been a privilege to see them learn to read, write and blossom in confidence. Thank you also for your support at Sports Day this week.

Curriculum

Phonics: Please continue with reading over the summer holidays by finding reading books matched to their reading level as often as possible. The 'summer slide' can have a big impact on progress, and children who continue to read over the holiday will be at a great advantage in September.

Maths: We have been recapping the core criteria to meet the Early Learning Goal this week, by recapping doubling, halving, odd and even numbers and the composition of numbers to 10.

Things to remember: Have a wonderful summer holiday when we get there! Thank you for your support and fantastic partnership this year to give your child the very best start.

Oak Class Years 1 and 2

Thank you for an incredible year – the children have bloomed into independent, successful learners and I have really enjoyed watching their progress. This week the children blew me away at Sports Day, especially when cheering for team-mates, and they enjoyed designing posters in Geography to encourage people to 'Eat Local'.

Phonics/Reading: Year 1 have learnt "aw" and "are" while Year 2 have been reading, annotating and discussing the non-fiction text 'Type of Dogs' and the poem 'Mein Dashund'. Please send back any phonics/library books before the end of term and don't forget to ready with them over the summer!

Writing: We are ready to write poems about the colours of the rainbow, using rhymes and adjectives.

Maths: Year 2 are cementing their learning from across the year while Year 1 are using directional language (left/right and forwards/backwards) to create maps and guide their friends to find the treasure.

Things to remember: There will be no P.E. next Wednesday, instead we will be having a class party to celebrate the end of a fantastic year together. On Tuesday, we will be creating healthy party-food in D.T. for a picnic, during our final Forest School session – please send your child in appropriate clothing on **Tuesday**.

I wish all of Oak every success going forwards and can't wait for all the updates and celebrations! I will miss you all and hope you have a wonderful summer holiday!

Cherry Class Year 3

What a fun-filled week Cherry have had. Sports Day fun, getting up close and personal to exotic creatures with Zoolab, a picnic in the sunshine and listening to a beautiful harp performance from a parent (she is offering lessons).

PHSE: This week we are looking at relationships and what married partnerships can look like.

Reading: We are continuing with 'The Witches', learning why REAL witches are so dangerous and understanding their motives.

Writing: The children have continued to base their writing on 'The Lighthouse Keeper', now we have written a plan about our own version.

Maths: We have enjoyed revisiting how to tell the time (analogue) - If you want to practise at home, Topmarks is a good website to check out.

Things to remember: PE will be on Monday next week.

Elm Class Year 4

Elm class blew me away at Sports Day, their encouragement of each other and their tips for success were lovely to hear.

PHSE: This week we are looking at relationships and what married partnerships can look like.

Reading: We have started reading 'The Witches' this week, looking at the language within the text and understanding the characters.

Writing: We wrote about our trip to Leeson House and have also learnt about reported clauses.

Maths: We are doing division with remainders.

PE is on MONDAY. Our class email address is elm@dunbury.dsat.org.uk

Golden Willow Class Year 5

What an amazing penultimate week we've had in Year 5! The children should be so proud of themselves for their hard work and effort they put into Sports Day. Then we had our Wildlife Day where we went on a 'bug hunt'; did some pond dipping; had a picnic together and even received a visit from ZooLab (where we got to touch snails, cockroaches and a snake!). This was all followed by an intriguing Careers Day, where we had key speakers visit to explain about their work life (giving children lots of ideas about what career path they may wish to pursue in the future).

Reading: We are continuing to read our text, 'The Wind in the Willows'.

Writing: We explored linking opposing views using a range of appropriate adverbials and conjunctions.

Maths: We have revised place value, in particular focussing on 1000s, 10,000s & 1000,000s.

Things to remember: Please continue to encourage your children to read. Pie Corbett makes some excellent suggestions of high-quality texts [here](#). Homework has not been set this week, as we enter the final few days of Year 5.

PE will be Monday so please send children in PE kit on this day. If you need anything, do not hesitate to get in touch at goldenwillow@dunbury.dsat.org.uk

Scots Pine Class Year 6

Wow! A brilliant last full week at Dunbury for Year 6. Sports Day was a great success and huge congratulations to the blue team for their win! Our Leavers' Service was a wonderful opportunity to share some special memories with all their loved-ones and we've finished off with Careers Day, which has been a fantastic day filled with lots of different visitors talking about career options and ideas for the future.

Maths: We have started looking at checkpoints for Year 7, to prepare ourselves for our next step in Maths.

Writing: The class have written their own versions of 'A Boy, a Mole, a Fox and a Horse'.

Things to remember: Thank you all to those who joined us for Sports Day and the Leavers' Service. Please can children bring in a carrier bag on Tuesday 21st July, ready to take pack all of their books to go home on Wednesday.

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