



Week beginning 27th April 2026

Whole school reminders

Strength in difference, together we are one, together we fly high.

In collective worship this week we have been thinking about being heard. Sometimes, as a child, it can feel like you are not listened to and your voice is not heard. We read stories from the bible about young people who used their voice for good, to speak truth to power: *"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity". — 1 Timothy 4:12*

Attendance: Whole school attendance: 96%.

Reading: What stories have you read with your child this week? Reading with your child can support them to enjoy reading. Please also read at least 3x a week with your child and record it in their reading record. Share stories with your child as well as hearing them read.

Dates to remember:

WC 11th May: Year 6 SATs week. Parent information evening **Monday 27th April 17:30.**

Wednesday 6 May: Year 4 bluebell walk (letter to follow).

Wednesday 20th May: Community learning day: Art.

Beech Class Reception

This week we have been learning the story of the Gingerbread man. The children have also been celebrating Earth Day.

Curriculum

Phonics: We have changed reading books, so please remember to enjoy 3 reads together (or more!) over the next week. We have now learnt all set 1 and 2 sounds. I have noted in your child's reading diary if there are any sounds which are not secure.

Maths: This week, we have been learning about number bonds to 6 (two numbers that make 6, i.e. 5 and 1 or 4 and 2). We have also been practising our number formation to 10.

Things to remember- **As the sun is building strength, please provide a sun hat in your child's book bag every day. It may also be a good idea to apply sun cream to your child before they come into school. Please do not send sunscreen in their bags. As our weather can be changeable, please also send your child into school with a lightweight raincoat. Sometimes, even though the sun shines in the morning, it can still get cold when overcast and when the children are at forest school, it can be very cool in the shade. Thank you and have a good weekend!**

Oak Class Year 1 and 2

In History, we handled fossils and artifacts and learnt about Mary Anning, which we used to help us create timelines of her life. In Science, we explored our new topic of 'Materials' with lots of key vocabulary and discussions around why we use certain materials for different objects. We have been very busy and active in PE with our new 'Athletics' topic, which has involved lots of moving and balancing.

From Friday, your child will bring home a 'Reading for Pleasure' book each week. This is in addition to their phonics books. They are invited to choose a book of their choice from the school library, please share this book with your child to help foster their love of reading.

Phonics: Year 1 have learnt "are" and "a-e" while Year 2 are focusing on polysyllabic word reading.

Writing: The children all wrote beautiful versions of the story 'Peter and the Wolf' with noun-phrases and exclamation sentences. We are now moving onto writing non-chronological reports about Mary Anning.

Maths: Year 2 are securing their doubles knowledge (up to 20) with comparisons to the 2 times-table while Year 1 are doing deeper investigation into what happens when we add/subtract 1 and 2 to different numbers.

Things to remember: P.E. is on Monday and Wednesday and Forest School on Friday. **Our class email address is oak@dunbury.dsat.org.uk**

Cherry Class Year 3

The children have had a brilliant week enjoying the sunshine on the field and they've been aspirational avocets in their learning behaviours. They really enjoyed their first ukulele lesson with the music teacher, hopefully they went home full of enthusiasm.

Reading: We have been carrying on with 'The Wild Robot', deep-diving into the meaning and discussing our opinions.

Writing: The children have been learning and reciting an information model text all about weather disasters. Through learning the features, they are now planning their own independent write.

Maths: We are continuing to focus on the 8 times tables. If you can practise at home that would be great.

Things to remember: Please bring in the Ukulele's in on Wednesday so they are in and ready to tune for the lesson on Thursday.

Elm Class Year 4

Elm enjoyed their first ukulele lesson this week and were very keen to bring their instruments home to start practising and to show you. I hope you have enjoyed your concerts.

Reading: We have continued with 'The Wild Robot' and have read the next couple of chapters. Again, looking at the vocabulary and considering why the characters – so far, a group of otters – behave as they are described.

Writing: We have been investigating the features of a non-chronological report and have just starting planning our own reports on weather disasters.

Maths: We have been reminding ourselves what parallel and perpendicular lines are. We have also completed all the facts now in our 'golden staircase' finishing with 4×7 so now just need to practise recalling them quickly.

Things to remember: Homework is on Century. Please keep up reading and sending in the reading record books. [PE on Monday and Wednesdays. Ukuleles back on Wednesday please.](#) Our class email address is elm@dunbury.dsat.org.uk.

Golden Willow Class Year 5

We have begun our new history unit on 'The Battle of Britain' and learnt about the events prior to this battle above Britain's sky. The children were fascinated by WW2, so please do feel free to discuss with them at home.

Reading: We have continued reading our new text, 'Resist' by Tom Palmer – an excellent WW2 text that links to our History learning over the next six weeks.

Writing: Year 5 have been analysing a model character description of the Highwayman, focussing on powerful vocabulary and effective grammar structures. We also recited and performed the text aloud in groups.

Maths: We continued learning about fractions and developed our mathematical skills at finding unit-fractions of amounts.

Things to remember: Please continue to encourage your children to read. Pie Corbett makes some excellent suggestions of high-quality texts [here](#). Homework has been set on Century and continues the focus on fractions in terms of multiplying mixed numbers and understanding spelling rules for adding –ed & –ing.

PE will be Monday and Thursday in the summer term so please send children in PE kit on these days. If you need anything, do not hesitate to get in touch at goldenwillow@dunbury.dsat.org.uk

Scots Pine Class Year 6

The class have been enjoying our writing over the last couple of weeks and have started to write up their 'books' ready to read to Oak class next week. It was also great to have such beautiful weather for our PE lesson on Thursday, playing rounders.

Reading: We have continued reading our new text, 'Resist' by Tom Palmer – an excellent WW2 text that links to our History learning over the next six weeks.

Writing: We have been planning and writing our Mr Men/Little Miss stories, including a range of punctuation, dialogue and vocabulary to describe our characters and setting.

Maths: We have been continuing with our ratio and proportion unit, focusing this week on scaling.

Things to remember: Please ensure homework is completed and brought in on Monday morning for us to go through as a class. **If you have any questions, please use the class email: scotspine@dunbury.dsat.org.uk**