



Week beginning 23rd March 2026

Whole school reminders

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

We are so proud of how hard the children have worked this week demonstrating that they are Aspirational Avocets and Resilient Robins. Our Learning LARRCs (Literate Larks, Aspirational Avocets, Ready Wrens, Resilient Robins and Curious Crows) support children to think about the learning behaviours which support them to achieve and thrive.

Uniform: What we do at school is important and, to show this, we all come to school dressed smartly. All of our children wear school uniform. The uniform is designed to suit all the work and play activities carried out at school. On PE days, children at Dunbury Primary should come to school in PE kit. Please [refer to our website](#) for more information.

Attendance: Whole school attendance: 96%.

Reading: Please read at least 3x a week with your child and record it in their reading record.

Monday 23rd March: Bikeability for Years 5 and 6. Please ensure your child's bike has been serviced with working brakes and pumped-up tyres. They will also need a helmet.

Week commencing 23rd March: Parent/carer and teacher meetings. If you haven't already, please book meetings through the parent portal on Arbor. If you have any problems, please call the office for help.

Wednesday 25th: Whole School Faith Day & Easter Service (Winterborne Whitechurch) 13:45 – 14:30.

Wednesday 25th March: Easter Bingo 17:30 Dunbury Primary School Hall.

Beech Class Reception

This week we have waded around some more muddy swamps in the Cretaceous period and learnt some fascinating facts about the Tyrannosaurus Rex. The children learnt about the size of T-Rex teeth and their diet. We also timed this perfectly to coincide with a visit from Alisha from The Big Brush Club who taught us about the different types of teeth we have, and what each type is used for. Thank you for signing your children up to brush their teeth in school every day – they are really enjoying this, and I'm delighted that we have every child in Reception signed up to take part.

Curriculum

Phonics: We have changed reading books, so please remember to enjoy 3 reads together (or more!) over the next week.

Maths: This week have been learning about doubles (double 1 to double 6). See if your child can recall them.

Things to remember: Please also ensure that you have booked an appointment for parents' evening. It will be an opportunity to share your child's progress with you and what your child is working on as their next steps in learning.

Oak Class Year 1 and 2

We learnt about 'The Sahara Desert' in Geography, comparing its physical features and landscapes to Antarctica, and finished role-playing the Easter Story with a big discussion around Salvation. In Forest School, we used rollers to print leaves onto cotton (after learning about William Morris in Art) and planted our Comic Relief red noses with wildflower seeds.

Phonics: Year 1 have learnt "au" "aw" and split "e-e" while Year 2 are securing their phonics knowledge.

Writing: We are planning to write our own narratives about Arctic/Antarctic animals and how they overcame their fears by being brave and courageous.

Maths: Year 2 are exploring the relationship between the 10 and 5 times-tables while Year 1 are solving addition and subtraction questions.

Things to remember: Please remember to enjoy 3 reads together (or more!) over the week and write them in your child's yellow book. **Our class email address is oak@dunbury.dsat.org.uk**

Cherry Class Year 3

Cherry have enjoyed flexing their creative muscles this week in DT, they have been Resilient Robins and created some stunning night lights. We have also learned about the features of rainforests and we even looked at some of my old pictures from the Amazon.

Reading: We have been deep diving into a poem called 'Red Fox' by Jackie Morris. They have unpicked the vocabulary and understood the imagery.

Writing: The children have put a lot of effort into their independent writes based on Pandora's Box this week. I am looking forward to reading them over the weekend.

Maths: The children are working hard learning the column subtraction strategy, making sure they exchange when needed.

Things to remember: Friday 27th March at 2.45pm for Cherry's collective worship.

Elm Class Year 4

Elm Class have been learning about the rainforest this week and what might be found there. We also started making our nightlights in DT – do ask us what our plans are. They enjoyed swimming on Wednesday.

Reading: This week we have been looking at a poem called Red Fox, written by Jackie Morris & Robert Macfarlane. There is some tricky vocabulary and description, which we've been learning about and unpicking.

Writing: We have been writing our own versions of Pandora's Box. Do ask us what we changed our box into and what came out of it. We have been learning the spelling of different homophones this week.

Maths: We have been multiplying and dividing by 100 and thinking about the rules when we multiply or divide a whole number by 100. We have continued with our times table practice too. This week, 8×9 and 3×5 have been our key facts.

Things to remember: Homework is on Century. Please keep up reading and sending in the reading record books. Our class email address is elm@dunbury.dsat.org.uk.

Golden Willow Class Year 5

This week, we have begun our new unit on 'salvation' in RE, where children explored events in the Christian Holy Week and described how they linked to sacrifice, forgiveness and hope.

Reading: We have continued reading the next two chapters of 'Song of the River' by Gill Lewis – answering comprehension questions to secure understanding.

Writing: Year 5 have written their own mysterious setting descriptions, using modal verbs and parenthesis. We also revisited using apostrophes for contractions and singular possession.

Maths: We have progressed to finding factors of numbers; reasoning about their common factors with other numbers and used multiplication and division facts to prove our thinking.

Things to remember: Please continue to encourage your children to read. Homework has been set on Century and involves solving area and perimeter problems and a punctuation focus on apostrophes for possession (contractions).

If you need anything, do not hesitate to get in touch at goldenwillow@dunbury.dsat.org.uk.

PE will be Monday and Thursday this week so please send children in PE kit on these days.

Scots Pine Class Year 6

This week we have been enjoying our science topic on circuits; building circuits with a number of cells to record the impact this has on the brightness of the bulb.

Reading: We have read the next two chapters of our text for this half-term, titled 'Song of the River' by Gill Lewis and answered a range of questions related to the text.

Writing: We have been looking at features of a persuasive formal letter and how we can use passive voice in our writing.

Maths: We have been looking at calculating the mean from a set of data.

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 address: scotspine@dunbury.dsat.org.uk