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Summer Newsletter 2025

Dear Parents

Lots to share and celebrate that has been happening in school recently starting with Sports Day. Thank you everyone for attending the fantastically well organised day (well done Mr Banham) – it was such a fun sporting event and the children had a wonderful time. Hopefully you all did too!



FODS

Our incredibly proactive and supportive PTFA – FODS have been hard at work this year providing Film Nights; Bingo; Discos and Fairs to name a few. This week culminates with the much anticipated Summer Sizzle. The weather looks perfect and I'm sure all the team's hardwork will pay off. Expect live music, lovely food and lots of fun.

FODS have supported the school in many ways this year with donations that have provided much need enrichment and help.

This has included support for IT equipment, books, courtyard shelters; play equipment; authors and poets; the chickens that were born in school and many other much needed resources. This week sees another FODS 'sponsored' event with the visit of FAB Falconry.

<https://www.fabfalconry.co.uk/>



This will provide a wonderful, up close experience of some incredible wildlife in the form of birds of prey. There will be workshops for each class in the school where the children will have a (safe) closer look at these incredible creatures. They will learn about adaptations, food chains, flight paths, habitats, camouflage and the history of falconry.



Spring Dig Day



Although it was a little while ago, it is still worth sharing the endeavours of a glorious April Dig Day.

The hard working crew of volunteers achieved everything on the list! Amazing work. We weeded, pruned, planted, mulched and painted all day!

New spring / summer plants added into the grounds and three new apple trees.



We also created a soak away alleviating flooding issues we have on the playground. A massive thank you to Mr Jamie Bailey for his help with this.

Not only is it a lovely community spirited, connected day but it also great to catch up with people and chat whilst supporting the children and this school.

The grounds continue to look incredible – great for wildlife and the children.

Big thank you lots of supplies donated to the school to help with grounds work mentioned above.



We also received some freebies and donations from the Hedge End B&Q store in the form of six big tarpaulins. A big thank you to Maria (manager) of the store for her kind support.

Enrichment

Just after the Easter holidays our Year 4 children and our Year 3/4 teachers went to Runway's End residential centre, in Farnborough. They had a wonderful time building camp fires; abseiling; climbing; caving; orienteering; shooting; low ropes and archery through the tutelage of the great instructors from the centre and our school staff.

For many of these children this was the first time they had been away from home for more than one night – although they did have the benefit of doing the Year 3 camp last year. They used all their school Values and Skills for Learning and were a real credit to themselves and the school.

A big thank you to Mrs Smith for leading this trip and all the staff that attended as well.



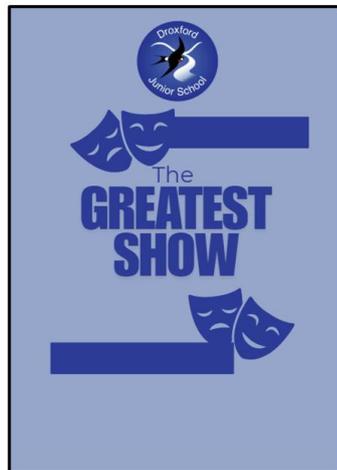
Year 5 – Sailing residential ...and our Year 5s went sailing in Portsmouth for their three day residential between Easter and Year 6 SATs (it only seemed like yesterday I was writing about their Year 4 residential!)

This group of children overcame many challenges and proved to themselves they can do it!



Cricket

Once again we competed in all competitions possible and although we didn't reach the heady heights of previous years our girls reached the final of their competition after never playing as a team before. Our boys were very competitive in the U11s, U10s and County Cup and gained lots of experience for next year. Thank you Mr Banham and Jo Quickenden for being ever present again.



End of Year production

With the matinee already their belts, the Year 5/6 team will be performing 'The Greatest Show' on Monday & Tuesday evening – 14/15 July. The first performance was a big success and there is great excitement for the last two performances. Tickets still available from the school office.

Well done all concerned – especially the Year 5/6 teaching / TA team and of course all the children.

The Year 6 final ever performance will be at the Leaver's Service at St Mary and All Saints Church – Tuesday 22nd July at 10:30 am. This is a chance for families of Year 6 to celebrate and say goodbye.

Staffing

There aren't too many changes this year – teaching teams have been organised, classes have had their transition days and the Year 2 children have had a great time with us. Miss Madwick (school office / clerk to governors) leaves on maternity leave and is temporarily replaced by Mrs Stewart. Mrs White (TA) leaves to begin training as a teacher – we wish her all the best.

Finally two TAs who have been with us for many years are retiring. The creative Mrs Hilary Kuiper has been here nearly 20 years and the wonderful, longest standing and loyal TA Mrs Vicky Barnett is also leaving us. Both have seen many changes over the years and dedicated their working careers with us. Mrs Barnett has been with us over 25 years which shows remarkable fortitude to a difficult yet rewarding job. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!



Year 6 end of Key Stage 2 tests - SATs

SATs were held in school for Year 6 recently. These tests show how hard the children have worked the last four years as well as being a progress measure for the school. Secondary schools use the data in different ways and they also act as a progress measure for GCSEs.

The results came in last week and we have shared them with the children. Although not a definer of a child they do show how far these children have come through lots of hard work, tenacity, collaboration and concentration. Pass them or not – all made exceptional progress!

The results are fantastic again. See the table below. We are way above National averages.

Incredible testament to the teachers and TAs who have worked with these children over the last four years, especially Miss Jones, Miss Barker and Mr Lowndes plus the 5/6 TA team (including Mrs Barnett, Mrs Fowler, Mrs Kiuper and Mrs White) – we are all delighted with the whole school effort. [Biggest round of applause to all the children and to you for your support.](#)

		End of KS 2 Year 6 SATs results Summer 2025									
		Grammar		Reading		Maths		Writing		R.W.M	
DJS 2025	APS	ARE 78%	GDS 29%	ARE 85%	GDS 49%	ARE 81%	GDS 21%	ARE 80%	GDS 24%	ARE 68%	GDS 17%
	APS	105		108		106					
DJS 2024		78%	45%	90%	33%	88%	21%	77%	27%	75%	17%
	APS	107		107		106					
Hampshire 2025		71%	29%	75%	34%	74%	22%	72%	14%	61%	8%
	APS	105		106		104					
National 2025		73%	32%	75%	33%	74%	24%	72%	13%	62%	8%
	APS	105		106		105					

(ARE = age related expectations for a child at this age; GDS – greater depth score meaning a lot higher than ARE. APS stands for average point score the school accumulates – 100 is the pass mark and 110+ equates to GDS with 120 being the highest you can get.)

Thank you to everyone who works at our amazing school. It is a team effort that makes it this way. All the best to our children moving on to Year 7 and those who are moving to new schools and we look forward to welcoming our new Year 3s.

Until then – have a much deserved and restful Summer holiday.



Matthew Dampier
Headteacher

Vision: 'Equipping our children with the knowledge and skills to navigate life successfully'

