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Autumn 1 2026 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Families

Welcome back to a new academic year at Droxford Junior School. We would like to offer a special welcome to all the families who are new to our school community.

Strong partnerships are essential; we have an 'open door' policy so that issues are resolved quickly and the children are settled, happy and successful. We always encourage children to speak to adults in school so we can help immediately. Please contact the school office if you have any queries or wish to contact your child's teacher.

Our 'Skills for Learning' and School Values are integral to our learning and positive behaviours in school. I am sure, if you are not aware of them already, that you will be during this term – either through your child's work and successes or subsequent visits to the school which include...



Year 3 parents morning



As you are aware, Year 3 parents have been invited in to school on Friday 11th September to meet school staff and work with their children on the final task of the book they have been enjoying, 'Scaredy Squirrel'. This is great book for discussing new challenges and adventures – brilliant for transition work. Parents can stay for lunch – have a school dinner or bring in your own.

Please let the school office know of your intentions. I will meet you all first in the school hall at 10:45.

SAVE THE DATE: Autumn Dig Day – Saturday October 3rd (Join us anytime between 9 – 3)

As you know we have been developing the grounds for wildlife, learning and play. This dig day we are planning to plant more plants including spring bulbs and to maintain the wildlife areas by coppicing / lopping / trimming and chopping. We also wish to plant more 'dead hedges'; repair and make new bug hotels; repair some wooden sleeper / benches and paint some outdoor sheds.



If you are able to join us (and you will be fed and watered for your troubles) please let me know via the school office.

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Meon Green & Wildlife Day - Celebrating our countryside and helping nature thrive. Saturday 14th November.

This will be a friendly, practical, family-focused Green & Wildlife Day at Droxford Village Hall; bringing residents, children and community groups together to celebrate our local environment and explore simple ways to protect it. All welcome to drop in and learn about nature and wildlife: There is even space for children to run their own information stand if they wish. Please contact me at school to discuss this further.



Messages from FODS: Very important – please help if you can 😊

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FODS AGM

Tuesday
15th September 2026

3.45pm

Droxford Junior School

⇒All FODS supporters welcome

Come along and be part of our school community

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HELP! WE NEED YOU!

Not every school memory is on the timetable...
...it takes people to make them happen.

Surprise treats, author visits, plays, film nights, discos, Christmas shopping, fairs and the Summer Sizzle — these moments happen because parents give their time.

This year, Laura Jehan (Maggie, Year 4) and Natalie Chennell (Lucy, Year 5, and Lottie, Year 3) are hoping to co-chair FODS for the first time, and we have lots of ideas!

We want to put the money already raised to good use, bring back favourites like Elfbridges and the Christmas Fair, and create more brilliant experiences for our children. We've already helped organise this month's Clay Tile workshops, with more planned - But we can't do it alone.

For FODS to continue, we need to fill two official roles:

SECRETARY **TREASURER**

Without a Secretary and Treasurer, FODS will have to close.

If you'd like to help keep these moments happening for our children, we'd love to hear from you.

Chat to Natalie at drop-off or pick-up, or email friendsofdroxfordschool@gmail.com.

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Open Morning for Year 2 parents

The school will be showcasing itself in the form of an Open Morning for potential new Year 3 starters in September 2027.

I will give a short presentation on **Thursday 8th October**, before FODS, the Governors and finally a wonderful presentation and tour of the school, led by the children themselves. This is a great opportunity for parents to see the school before making applications to join us.

Please share with anyone you think may be interested.

That is all for now. A huge thank you and well done to all for the great start to the new school year.

Best wishes

Matthew Dampier

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Headteacher

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OPEN MORNING
Thursday 9th October, 10am

To find out more and see us in action, please contact our school office

Together we can offer an outstanding education for your child

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(N.B. This is last year's flyer)

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