



Newsletter 20th February



We have already reached the end of the first half term of 2026, and what a wet half-term it has been. School is closed from Monday 23rd February and re-opens on Monday 2nd March. Have a lovely week.

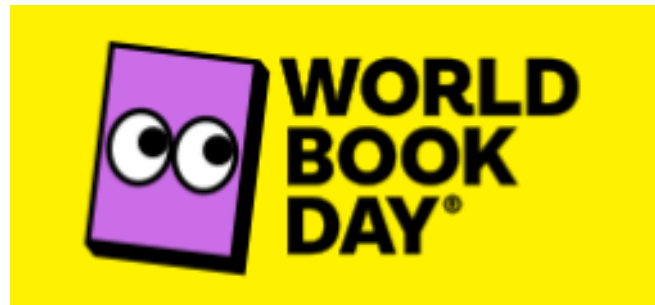
As I have come to the end of my time at Dame Dorothy Primary School, I would like to say that every single member of staff and all the children are truly amazing. You have made my time here so full of happiness and wonderful memories.

I wish everybody all the very best for the future and would like to thank you all for everything.

I will always look back on my time at Dame Dorothy with a smile.

Mrs Wheatman

WORLD BOOK DAY – THURSDAY 5TH MARCH



For World Book Day this year, we will be taking a whole-school approach, with all children from Nursery to Year 6 sharing the same book and celebrating reading together.

Children are invited to come to school wearing pyjamas to help them feel calm, cosy and comfortable when reading. They may also bring a teddy or an item linked to a favourite book or bedtime story to share and talk about with their class.

We kindly ask that children do not wear character costumes this year. Our aim is for everyone to feel the same and to keep the focus on reading and enjoying books together.

Thank you for your support!

SWIMMING – YEAR 5

On our return after the break, it is the turn of year 5 to go swimming at the Aquatic Centre. They will need to bring a bag with a towel and swimming costume/shorts. A contribution of £10 is payable via the Arbor app and school subsidises the remaining cost.

YEAR 1 TEDDY BEAR HOSPITAL

Y1 had the most wonderful time on Wednesday afternoon. A number of medical students, who are training to be doctors, came to visit from the University of Sunderland. They set up six different stations where the children learned about lots of different aspects of being a doctor and working in healthcare.

This included:

- Body organs and where they are in our bodies
- How to report an emergency and what constitutes an emergency
- How x-rays work
- How to apply bandages and plasters
- How to check pulse rates and temperatures
- Which food is healthy/unhealthy
- How to look after our teeth

The session was so engaging and the children even got to wear their own scrubs, with different jobs written on them, teaching the children all about the wide variety of careers within the health sector. A huge thank you goes to everyone involved!



98% ATTENDANCE CLUB

We currently have **74** children
in the **98% Club!**

Attendance	
Reception	94.1%
Year 1	91.7%
Year 2	95.6%
Year 3	96.2%
Year 4	95.2%
Year 5	96.8%
Year 6	94.1%



**Congratulations
to Year 5 on
having the best
attendance this
half term.**



**Congratulations
to Year 3 on
having the best
punctuality this
half term.**

Punctuality	
Reception	98.6%
Year 1	98.4%
Year 2	99.1%
Year 3	99.7%
Year 4	98.2%
Year 5	99.4%
Year 6	98.9%

All parents and guardians will receive an email summary of their child's attendance. This aims to keep families informed and engaged in monitoring their child's attendance in School.

YEAR 5 & 6 FOOTBALL

Last night, our Year 5 and 6 football team played another three games in the league against Thorney Close, Grangetown and Hylton Castle. The team performed brilliantly in all three games, finishing the night with a 2-0 win against Thorney Close, a 6-0 win against Grangetown and an 6-1 win against Hylton Castle. Goals from Isaac, Levi, Hope and Charlie capped off three brilliant displays to maintain our 100% record in the league.



DIARY DATES

- 23 - 27th Feb - Half Term – School re-opens on Monday 2nd March
- 5th Mar - World Book Day
- 9 - 11th Mar - Y4 Moor House Residential
- 18th Mar - Y5 Harehope Quarry
- 19th Mar - Y3 Broomhouse Farm
- 19th Mar - Choir @ Globe
- 20th Mar - Red Nose Day
- 23 - 27th Mar - Derwent Hill
- 3 - 17th Apr - Easter Holidays – School re-opens on Monday 20th April

Year 2 Newsletter Special!

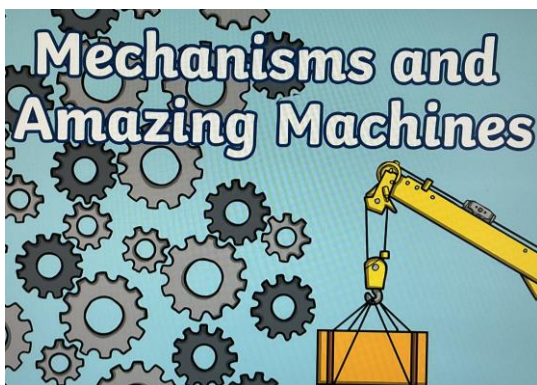
Literacy

Year two have been working incredibly hard in Literacy this half term, using a story called 'Beegu' by Alexis Deacon to inspire their writing. They have been applying their SPAG targets with growing confidence, using expanded noun phrases to add detail to their writing. We have created setting descriptions linked to the story and we are now writing non-chronological reports.



Design Technology

As part of our topic work this term we have been finding out about how winding mechanisms work. We looked at and explored how they move things up and down. We designed a mechanism to help pull a workers hut out of the stormy sea linked to a story about Katie Morag and the new pier. We are currently constructing our designs, and we will be evaluating how they look and how well they work.



NumBots

School has acquired a math's game for the key stage one children to provide them with motivational mental math's practice to use at home and at school. NumBots equips each pupil with the set of core math's skills they require by building their knowledge from the ground up - starting at the very beginning with subitising. It also helps with instant recall of key number facts must be built on a secure and genuine mathematical understanding for pupils to move forward and solve increasingly complex problems.



Art

Year two have been busy exploring art and weaving this term! The children learned how to weave using paper, fabric, and natural materials, carefully threading over and under to create colourful patterns. They experimented with different textures and designs and talked about how weaving has been used in art and everyday life for a long time. Everyone showed great concentration, creativity, and pride in their finished pieces, and the classroom was full of bright, beautiful woven artwork.

