

Newsletter 10th July

Stars of the Week	
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Reception	Isaac
Year 1	Fatima
Year 2	Luke
Year 3	Eva
Year 4	Osayuwamen
Year 5	Victor
Year 6	Jacob

Head of School Update

As we head into the penultimate newsletter of the school year, it has certainly been a busy and very warm week in school! It has been lovely to see the children back in their current classes, continuing their learning and making the most of every opportunity as we approach the end of term.

Our Carnival Day was a real highlight of the week, filled with fun, colour and plenty of smiles. It was wonderful to see children, families and staff coming together to enjoy the festivities and celebrate our school community. Events like these remind us of the strong sense of belonging that makes Dame Dorothy's such a special place for children to learn, thrive and flourish.

The next two weeks are packed with exciting events, including Sports Day, Beach Day and our Year 6 Leavers' Celebrations. Please take a moment to check the dates section of the newsletter carefully to ensure you don't miss out on any of these important occasions.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone.

Laura Tullock
Head of School

Supporting St Benedict's Hospice – Go Yellow Day

St Benedict's Hospice in Sunderland is launching a *Go Yellow Day* fundraising campaign. This wonderful charity has provided support to families within our school community, and we would like to give something back by holding our own Yellow Day in school on **Tuesday 21st July**.

Children are invited to come to school wearing yellow, and parents and carers will be invited to join their child for a fun obstacle course challenge. Together, we hope to raise money for this very special local charity while enjoying an event that brings our school community together.

Further details will be shared soon – we look forward to seeing a sea of yellow!

Happy Birthday Northern Lights!

We kicked off our celebrations on Monday with a special assembly featuring Dame Dorothy's very own version of "Are You Smarter Than a 10-Year-Old?" Mr Robinson bravely put his knowledge to the test against two of our Year 5 pupils... but who came out on top? You'll have to ask the children for the answer!

The fun continued throughout the day, with pupils enjoying the chance to capture memories in our fantastic Northern Lights selfie frame.



Carnival Day







Bernicia

Our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils enjoyed a fantastic Anti-Social Behaviour Awareness Week event, delivered in partnership with Bernicia Group and local community organisations.

The children took part in a creative Lego Community Building Challenge, working together to design their ideal community while exploring the importance of respect, inclusion and the role we all play in making our neighbourhoods safe and welcoming places to live.

The fun continued with a World Cup-style Penalty Shootout, where pupils demonstrated excellent teamwork, determination and sportsmanship. Medals and prizes helped make the event even more special and created plenty of memorable moments throughout the morning.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to Gemma Alderson, the Bernicia team and all partner organisations for providing such an engaging and inspiring experience. Activities like these help our children develop a greater understanding of community responsibility, positive citizenship and respect for others, all while having lots of fun.



Wimbledon

Eight of our pupils enjoyed an incredible trip to Wimbledon 2026, experiencing the excitement of world-class tennis on Court No. 1 in the beautiful sunshine. The day was a wonderful opportunity to raise aspirations, create lasting memories and inspire our children through a once-in-a-lifetime sporting experience. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed watching some of the world's best tennis players in action and embraced every moment of the day.

We are incredibly proud of all eight children, who were a real credit to Dame Dorothy Primary School. Their excellent behaviour, enthusiasm and respect throughout the visit were exemplary and reflected our school values brilliantly.

A huge thank you to our parents and carers for their continued support, which helps make opportunities like this possible.

It was truly an unforgettable experience and one that our children will remember for many years to come.



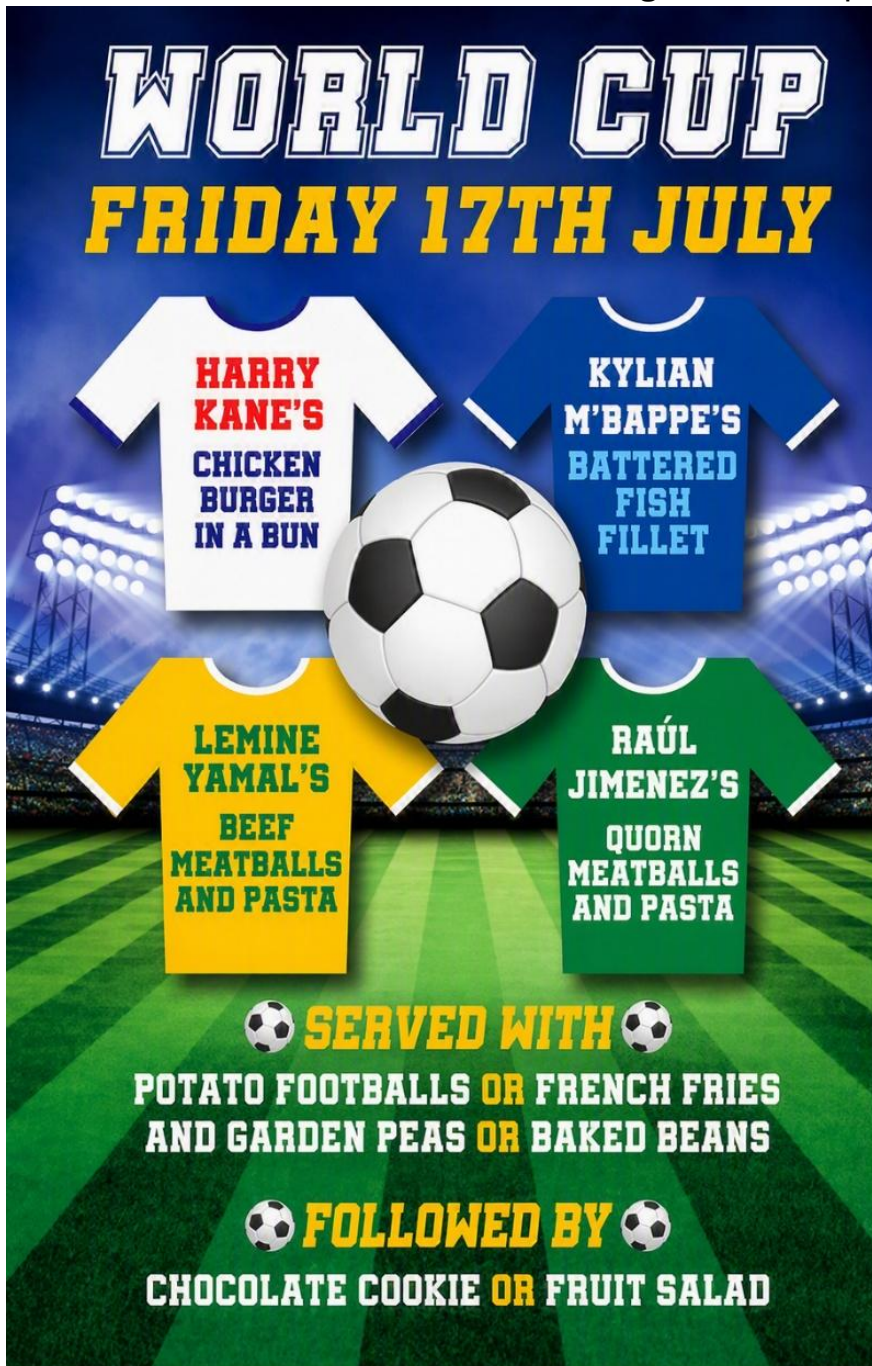
School Meals Update

Please note that from September, the cost of a school meal will increase from £2.40 to £2.50 per day.

We remain committed to providing healthy, nutritious meals for our children, and this small increase will help us continue to maintain the quality of our school food provision. Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

School Meals Menu – World Cup!

The school meals service is holding a World Cup theme day on Friday 17th July.

A promotional poster for a World Cup theme day. It features a central soccer ball on a green field with stadium lights in the background. Four soccer jerseys are displayed around the ball, each with a player's name and a meal option. At the bottom, there are two lines of text flanked by soccer balls, indicating the side dishes and dessert for the meal.

WORLD CUP
FRIDAY 17TH JULY

HARRY KANE'S
CHICKEN BURGER IN A BUN

KYLIAN M'BAPPE'S
BATTERED FISH FILLET

LEMINE YAMAL'S
BEEF MEATBALLS AND PASTA

RAÚL JIMENEZ'S
QUORN MEATBALLS AND PASTA

SERVED WITH
POTATO FOOTBALLS OR FRENCH FRIES
AND GARDEN PEAS OR BAKED BEANS

FOLLOWED BY
CHOCOLATE COOKIE OR FRUIT SALAD

We would encourage all children to have a school meal on the day. If your child does not normally have school dinners, then please let the school office know in advance if they want to be part of the promotional day so that the kitchen can plan to feed them.

Safeguarding

This week in assembly, we explored the importance of staying safe in the sun. We discussed why it is important to wear sunscreen with an SPF of 30 or higher, seek shade during the hottest parts of the day, and stay well hydrated by drinking plenty of water. With the warm weather forecast for the weekend, we hope our children will be able to put these important sun safety messages into practice while enjoying time outdoors with family and friends.



SUN SAFETY TIPS



Let's protect our skin together!

Follow these 7 simple steps to stay safer in the sun:



Wear protective clothing

Clothing acts as a protective layer against the sun.



Wear a hat

Hats keep the sun off your face.



Avoid sun tanning

Harmful rays of the sun can damage your skin!



Drink water

Make sure to drink lots of water to stay hydrated.



Wear sunglasses

Protect your eyes from the sun by wearing sunglasses.



Seek shade

Avoid the sun at midday.



Put on sunscreen

Suncream protects your skin from the sun.

Thank Crunchie It's Friday!

Celebrating Our Staff

A special thank you this week for Mrs Ho and Mrs Lee from one of our parents: As our daughter prepares to leave the school and begin her journey at a new school, we wanted to take a moment to express our sincere gratitude to everyone who has been part of her time here. We cannot thank you enough for all the care, support, kindness, and encouragement you have given her throughout the years. If you or your child have a staff member you would like to nominate, please contact us via Arbor!

Book Recommendations

'Today a reader, tomorrow a leader.'

Margaret Fuller

This week's book recommendations are sure to keep you busy throughout the summer holidays!

The Summer Reading Challenge 2026, *Read to the Beat*, celebrates all things music, rhythm and creativity. This year's challenge features books about musicians, characters discovering a love of music, the science of sound, cultural traditions, storytelling through music, breaking down barriers to participation, creative expression and following your dreams.

Best of all, every book on the reading list is available to borrow free of charge from your local library. Taking part is a fantastic way to keep reading skills sharp over the summer while discovering exciting new stories and authors.

You can find out more about the challenge and how to get involved here: [Summer Reading Challenge](#)



Diary Dates

13 th July	100% attendance treat	Parents of children who have had 100% attendance will be contacted by the school with details of this treat.
14 th July	Sports Day	Parents are invited to join us for Sports Day. Timings are below. EYFS: 9:15am Y1 & Y2: 10:30am Y3 & Y4: 1pm Y5 & Y6: 2pm
16 th July	Beach Day	Our annual beach day returns! As a school, we will have a community day out! Children should come to school at usual time, suitably dressed for the beach. Please make sure they have a hat and have suncream applied, suncream in their bag and water to drink. We will all leave school at 10.30am, if parents wish to join us, please be at school at 10.15am. Parents of our Early Years will be contacted separately about supporting children walking to the beach. Our 2-year-olds and Nursery can be collected from the beach at 11.45am. The rest of the school will leave the beach at 2.30pm to return to school.
17 th July	Y6 Leavers Assembly	The Y6 leavers assembly will take place at 2pm . It will be a reflection on their time and experiences from here and a chance for us to say goodbye to a wonderful group of children. Hankies recommended!
22 nd July	Guard of Honor	We will be staging our leavers' Guard of Honour at 3pm where we say our final farewell in front of all the children, staff and parents. Not to be missed!
22ND JULY– LAST DAY OF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 3:15PM		
2ND SEPTEMBER – CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL		

School Calendar

Dame Dorothy Primary School 2026-2027



August 2026							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
31						1	2
32	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
33	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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36	31						

September 2026							
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October 2026							
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November 2026							
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December 2026							
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January 2027							
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February 2027							
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March 2027							
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April 2027							
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May 2027							
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June 2027							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
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July 2027							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
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Bank holidays 2026/27 UK



Inset days

31 August '26	August Bank Holiday	28 December '26		1 January '27	New Year's Day	3 May '27	Early May Bank Holiday
25 December '26	Christmas Day			26 March '27	Good Friday	31 May '27	Spring Bank Holiday
26 December '26	Boxing Day			29 March '27	Easter Monday		