

DOTHILL NEWS



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Dazzling Dotties Weekly Update Attendance Important Dates Reminders Mental Health SEND EYFS Internet Safety

This Week's Dazzling Dotties!



Our children were chosen for a whole host of reasons, but the main the reason was kindness.

In addition to these lovely children, we also celebrate those who represented the school so brilliantly and respectfully at their Lego competition this week.

What have we been up to...?

Wow! What another busy we have had in school. We welcomed our new reception children during our transition day and just when we thought we couldn't possibly fit anything else in, with just one week to go until we break up for the summer holidays, we still have our Y6 performance to look forward to next week before they say their farewells on Friday. Some of our Y5 children are also taking part in 'Charltonbury' today, performing at the secondary school's summer festival.

We will also be opening our classroom doors to parents on the afternoon of Thursday 17th July – this is an opportunity for you to come and share your child's work with them in their classrooms, and to chat informally with their teachers if you have any questions following your receipt of end-of-year reports which come home this afternoon.

Transition

At the start of the week, our Year 6 pupils had the exciting opportunity to visit their new secondary schools. We've received lots of positive feedback about their experiences—meeting new teachers, making friends, and enjoying engaging taster sessions from the secondary curriculum.

Back at school, we held our own transition day, where children moved up to their new classrooms and met their new teachers. It was a joyful and enthusiastic day, with pupils expressing excitement about the year ahead and the new adventures awaiting them in their next year group.

Year 6 End-of-Year Picnic

As a well-earned reward for their dedication and hard work throughout the year, our Year 6 pupils enjoyed a delightful picnic on the playing field this Wednesday. Armed with a variety of PE equipment, the children spent the afternoon playing games, chatting, and sharing food in the sunshine.

The weather was perfect, the atmosphere was joyful, and the company couldn't have been better. A huge thank you to all our Year 6 students for making the day so memorable – it was a wonderful way to celebrate the end of a fantastic year!





Year 2 Visit to the Church and Mosque

Year 2 had a wonderful opportunity to visit two local places of worship: All Saints Church and the Jamia Masjid Gousia Mosque in Wellington. The children were warmly welcomed by faith leaders at both locations and learned more about the religions of Christianity and Islam. They explored the buildings, asked thoughtful questions, and even had the chance to respectfully observe afternoon prayer at the mosque.

A heartfelt thank you to the parents who joined us on the trip, and a huge well done to all the children. Despite the heat, they showed great resilience and enthusiasm, walking between locations with impressive energy and positivity.

Attendance

What happens if your child does not attend school regularly?

Your child's school is responsible by law for reporting poor attendance to the Local Authority. As a parent, you are committing an offence if you fail to make sure that your child attends school regularly.

You run the risk of being issued with a penalty notice or being taken to court. The Local Authority may decide to prosecute a parent. If this happens, **parents can be fined or imprisoned for failing to ensure that their child attends school regularly; Magistrates can also impose a Parenting Order, which means that the parent must attend a counselling and guidance programme, usually a parenting class.**

If your child is going to be absent from school, it is essential that you follow the school's absence procedures and contact school to provide a reason for their absence.

You should contact school before 9:30 am.



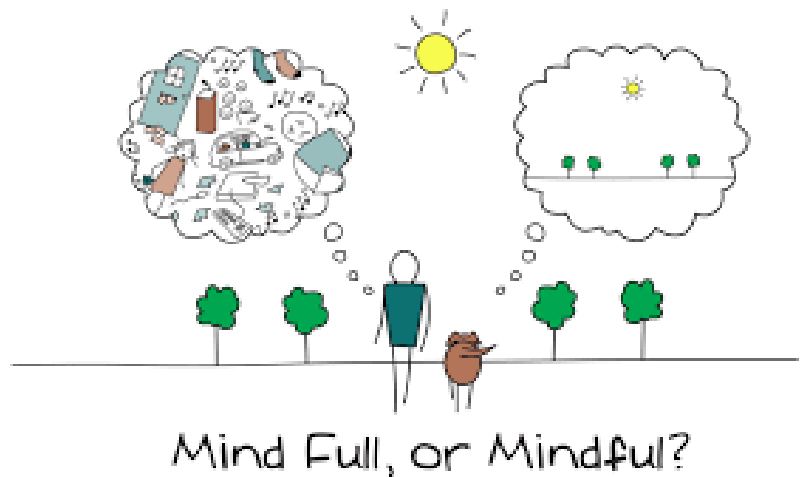
Mental Health and Wellbeing

5. Pay attention to the present moment (mindfulness)

Paying more attention to the present moment can improve your mental wellbeing. This includes your thoughts and feelings, your body and the world around you.

Some people call this awareness "mindfulness". Mindfulness can help you enjoy life more and understand yourself better. It can positively change the way you feel about life and how you approach challenges.

Read more about [mindfulness](#), including steps you can take to be more mindful in your everyday life.



SEND

🌞 Supporting Your SEND Child with Transitions Over the Summer

Transitions—whether to a new class, school, or routine—can be challenging for children with SEND. Here are some practical ways you can help ease the change over the summer holidays:

📅 1. Create a Visual Summer Schedule

Use a calendar or visual timetable to show what's happening each week. Include fun activities, quiet days, and any school-related visits or prep.

📘 2. Use Social Stories

Social stories can help explain what to expect in a new environment. These can be tailored to your child's needs and include routines, people, and expectations.

🧩 3. Practice New Routines

Start introducing elements of the new routine gradually—like waking up earlier, trying on the new uniform, or practicing the journey to school.

💬 4. Talk About Feelings

Use emotion cards or simple language to talk about how your child feels about the change. Reassure them that it's okay to feel nervous or excited.

🛒 5. Involve Them in Preparation

Let your child help choose school supplies or pack their bag. This gives them a sense of control and excitement about the new start.

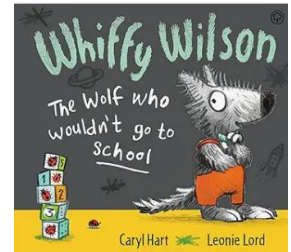
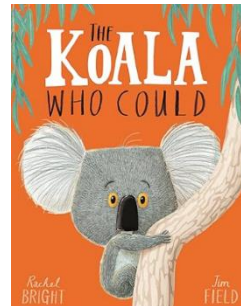
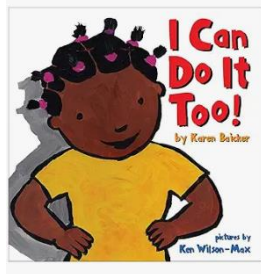
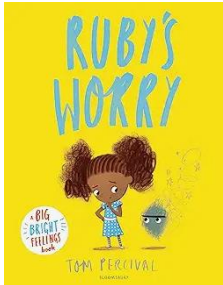
🧘 6. Keep Calm and Consistent

Children often mirror adult emotions. Keeping a calm, positive tone and maintaining consistent routines at home can help reduce anxiety.

Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

With the summer holidays fast approaching it's a good time to be discussing transition with the children and supporting them in navigating the changes that will happen as they move from EYFS into Year One.

Here are some books which you may find helpful if your child is having any big feelings during this time.



The Koala Who Could by Rachel Bright - A story about overcoming the fear of change and trying something new.

Ruby's Worry by Tom Percival - Helps children understand and talk about their worries — perfect for transitions.

I Can Do It Too! By Karen Baicker – A great book for promoting independence and self-belief.

The Colour Monster by Anna Llenas – Helps children talk about and identify their emotions.

The Wolf Who Wouldn't Go To School by Whiffy Wilson. A fun and rhyming story about a wolf that learns that school can be fun.

Please do continue to promote a love of reading anything at all over the summer holidays to keep those skills fresh in the minds of your children. Reading signs, cereal boxes, posters, magazines and of course any books which they enjoy will help to nurture your child's reading skills. We would love to hear about any new stories they have enjoyed when they return to school!

Internet Safety

As we approach the summer holidays, children will have lots more free time to use their online devices. With this in mind, this online safety guide focuses on sharing kindness. It includes suggestion like reaching out, thinking before commenting and recommending fun things.

10 Ways You Can SHARE KINDNESS ONLINE

Last year, around one in five young people aged 10–15 in England and Wales admitted experiencing online bullying: most commonly being insulted or sworn at, or having hurtful messages sent about them. To someone who's being bullied, the world can seem like a bleak, negative place – but just one kind word can be a ray of hope: a turning point that brightens their day and refreshes their perspective. That's why 'One Kind Word' is the theme of Anti-Bullying Week 2021. We're supporting this year's event by bringing you ten top tips for beating online bullying by replacing it with kindness.

1 PRAISE WHERE IT'S DUE

Sometimes a friend or relative might post online about something they're proud to have achieved: maybe an exam they've passed, a new skill they've learned or a task they've completed. Celebrate their hard work and determination by being kind enough to praise them for it publicly.

2 REACH OUT

It's not always easy to tell what kind of mood someone is in just from what they post online. Simply dropping somebody a message to say 'hi', to ask if they're OK or to tell them that you're thinking of them could totally make their day.

3 RECOMMEND FUN THINGS

If there's something you enjoy doing online – perhaps you play a particular game, or you've found a really cool site – share it with someone you think will enjoy it. Even recommending a film or TV show you think they'll like can bring a little happiness to someone who really needs it.

4 OFFER TO HELP

Sometimes you might see a friend or family member posting a question online or asking for help with something they can't do themselves. Don't just ignore it – if you can help, get in touch. Something that's difficult for them might be no trouble for you!

5 POST POSITIVELY

Lots of people seem to go online purely to complain about things or be negative. Just because you're communicating online (and not face to face) doesn't mean you can't be positive, though! Post about things that make you happy and that you're thankful for. It could brighten someone else's day.

6 SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION

If somebody that you know has done something positive or shown kindness themselves, go online and thank them with a message or a post. Expressing your gratitude costs nothing and showing someone that you appreciate them will really make them feel good.

7 BE UNDERSTANDING

Showing empathy towards others is an act of online kindness which often gets overlooked. If you notice that someone you know is upset, drop them a message. Sometimes people just need someone else to listen to them and understand their situation.

8 SHARE INSPIRATIONAL POSTS

When you see something online that inspires you or makes you feel happy, share it with people you know. A spot-on quotation, a beautiful photo or an uplifting video can lift someone's spirits and help them to feel better about life.

9 THINK BEFORE COMMENTING

Thinking before we act can be just as important as acting in the first place. Taking a second to consider what you're saying in advance could stop you from posting something negative, hurtful or offensive – even if you don't mean to. It's better to post positively or not post at all.

10 LIKE, LOVE AND ENGAGE

If somebody posts something that you like on social media, don't just scroll past – take the time to like it, love it or leave an appreciative comment! Reacting positively to other people's posts might seem like a small gesture but could mean a lot to them.

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Dates for your diary



July

16.7.25	New Reception 2 nd Transition Morning
16.7.25	Whole School Picnic Lunch (children only)
15.7.25	Year 6 Production (1:30pm start)
16.7.25	Year 6 Production (9:30am start)
18.7.25	Year 6 Leavers Assembly (1:30pm)
18.7.25	End of school year
2.9.25	Return to School for New Academic Year

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