

DOTHILL NEWS



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

This Week's Dazzling Dotties!



It's Friday again and that means celebrating success!

Teachers chose their star pupils for many reasons, such as always working hard, never forgetting Times Tables Rock Stars (in fact this child does it for twenty minutes every day!), fabulous progress and choosing not to do something that their friends were doing because they knew it was the wrong thing to do. It's brilliant to hear about the different ways in which our pupils do so well.

We had children celebrating success in dancing, football and judo this week and the Dazzling Dotties trophy went to 4LM this week for being such a welcoming class to a new member of staff.

We are very, very proud of all of you. Well done!

News and Highlights this Week

School is looking festive with decorations and Christmas trees everywhere and beautiful singing practice!

3J's Visit to Telford Gurdwara

This week, 3J enjoyed an inspiring visit to the Telford Gurdwara, where they learned about Sikhism and its rich traditions. The children explored the Gurdwara, discovered the values of equality, kindness, and community, and found out why sharing food in the Langar is such an important part of Sikh life. It was a wonderful experience that helped them appreciate the beliefs and values of this vibrant faith.



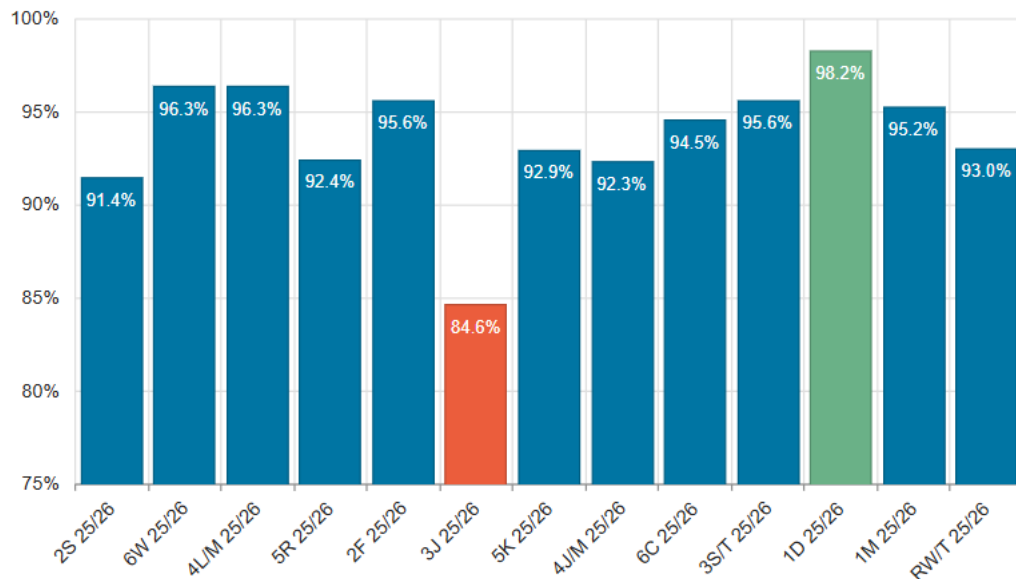
Next week we look forward to the start of our festive celebrations and sharing this time with you all as our family events begin. Dates are at the end of the newsletter.

For all KS2 craft events, please arrive at 2pm and remember to **bring your own mugs** for you and your child's hot chocolate!

We wish you all a restful weekend and look forward to seeing you next week 😊

Attendance

Year One do it again!! Well done to 1D for having the highest attendance this week.



Lateness and Punctuality

A pupil who arrives after 8:45 but before the register has closed will be marked as **late**, using the appropriate code.

A pupil who arrives after the register has closed will be marked as **absent**, using the appropriate code.

Punctuality is monitored regularly to enable school to identify those who have a regular pattern of lateness. As a school team, we seek to support families to ensure their children can attend on time.

If we have concerns about the number of times your child has been late, we may call to discuss and offer support, send a letter outlining our concerns or invite you in for a meeting.



Mental Health and Wellbeing

Managing Christmas Excitement



The festive season can feel overwhelming. Try:

- **Countdown Calendar:** Helps manage expectations.
- **Quiet Time Activities:** Colouring, puzzles, or reading.
- **Talk About Feelings:** Share what makes you happy or worried.

Wellbeing Challenge:

Draw a picture of what makes you feel calm and keep it somewhere special.

SEND



PODS Christmas Sessions:

Our contacts at PODS (Parents Opening Doors) have asked us to pass on details of their Christmas and New Year activities. This post contains links to help you book a place onto their activities.

Christmas HHAH Sessions, Monday 22nd December: Festive crafts and yule log decorating for children/young people. Includes lunch and a £20 food hamper voucher for families. Tickets required for each child; parents/carers attend free. Non-refundable.

Morning Session

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/Parents-Opening-Doors-PODS/t-zogndre>

Afternoon Session

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/Parents-Opening-Doors-PODS/t-vxenkn>

PODS New Year Fun Crafts

PODS is also holding a Calendar Making Crafts session for the children and young people: there will be light refreshments and snacks available. Each child /young person attending must have a ticket. Parent carers must accompany their child/young person but do not require a ticket. Please note tickets are non-refundable.

Please do not purchase tickets if you are already booked onto the HHAH Christmas Craft sessions or Putt Putt Noodle session to allow as many families as possible to enjoy the Christmas activities on offer. To book, please click here: [PODS New Year Fun Crafts](#)

Other PODS events include:

- **Minecraft Club:** Tuesdays, term-time, 4pm–5pm.
- **Lego Club:** Wednesdays, term-time, 4:30pm–5:30pm.
- **Christmas Tea Party:** Dec 9, 5:30pm–6:30pm.
- **Blists Hill Social Group:** Dec 11, 10am–12pm.
- **SEND Ice Skating:** Dec 12, 5pm–6pm.
- **Quiet Santa Visit:** Dec 14, 11am–1pm.

Other events and services at PODS:

- Monthly drop-in sessions at Cherry Blossom Family Hub.
- Stay & Play groups for premature babies and SEND children.
- Nurture & Grow PA support applications open.
- Surveys: Parent Carer Forum Annual Experience & Antenatal Screening.
- Upcoming Men's Mental Health Support Group and Sensory Snips haircuts.

For more information about PODS Christmas events, check out their calendar at [Calendar of Events - Together We Can Make a Difference](#)

EYFS

Developing mathematical understanding in Reception is essential for building strong foundations for future learning. Early maths skills such as counting, comparing quantities, recognising patterns, and exploring shapes help children make sense of the world around them. These experiences support problem-solving, logical thinking, and confidence with numbers, which are key to achieving a 'Good Level of Development' by the end of their time in Reception. When children engage in playful, hands-on maths activities, they develop curiosity and a positive attitude towards learning that lasts well beyond the early years.

Maths Activities to Try at Home:

- Count everyday objects (e.g., stairs, fruit pieces) together.
- Sort toys by size, colour, or shape.
- Make repeating patterns with blocks or beads.
- Spot shapes in the environment (e.g., circles on wheels, rectangles in doors).
- Compare quantities when sharing snacks ("Who has more/fewer?").
- Sing counting songs and rhymes.



Simple steps like these make maths fun and meaningful for young children, we thank you for your continued support with this 😊

Internet Safety

NSPCC's Keeping Children Safe Online workshop provides parents and carers with information about how to support their child in their online world. The 40 minute pre-recorded presentation covers topics such as online bullying, mental health, and social media, as well as signposting to resources and organisations for help and support.

[Free online safety virtual workshop | NSPCC](#)

Dates for your diary



Year 4 Family Event: Christmas Crafts 2pm	8.12.25
Year 3 Family Event: Christmas Crafts 2pm	9.12.25
Year 5 Family Event: Christmas Crafts 2pm	10.12.25
*EYFS Christmas Nativity Performance 9:30am	11.12.25
Rainbow and Woodland Christmas Crafts 2pm	12.12.25
Years 1-6 visit to All Saints Church	15.12.25
Year 6 Family Event: Christmas Crafts 2pm	16.12.25
Whole School Christmas Lunch	17.12.25
*KS1 Christmas Performance 2:15pm	17.12.25
*KS1 Christmas Performance 9:30am	18.12.25
EYFS Christmas Stay and Play 2:15pm	18.12.25
Festive Yes Day (Friends Event)	19.12.25
Last day of Autumn term (Christmas Holidays)	19.12.25

***Parents will need to book tickets via ParentPay in due course**

Spring Term 2026

PD Day (No children in school)	5.1.26
Return to school (Spring Term)	6.1.26
Young Voices	8.1.26
Wear what you love day (Friends Event)	13.2.26
Last day of Term (half term)	13.2.26
Return to School (Spring 2)	23.2.26
PODS Coffee Morning 9:30	24.2.26
Easter Raffle Draw (Friends Event)	27.3.26
Last Day of Spring Term (Easter Holidays)	27.3.26

Summer Term 2026

Return to school (Summer Term)	13.4.26
Fund 'Raisin' (Friends Event)	Month of May
Bank Holiday	4.5.26
Last day of term (half term)	22.5.26
PD Day (No children in school)	1.6.26
Return to school (Summer 2)	2.6.26
Class Group Photos	11.6.26
Non-uniform for Summer Fair (Friends Event)	26.6.26
Summer Fair (Friends Event)	3.7.26
End of Term (Summer Holidays)	17.7.26

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Haberdashers' **ADAMS**



Year 5 Open Days

19th January 9am

19th January 2pm

20th January 9am

21st January 9am

Current Year 5 pupils and families are warmly invited to visit Haberdashers' Adams to discover the opportunities that we offer.

Enjoy a tour of the school, hear from current pupils and meet the headteacher.

Book your visit at <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FPIK>



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