

# 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!



In this week's celebration assembly, we had so many fantastic reasons to recognise our pupils. Our winners were chosen for a wide range of achievements, including dedication to reading at home, taking pride in their work, consistently maintaining a high standard, and showing improved confidence in class.

We also celebrated children for their kindness towards others, their ability to work well as part of a team, and for spreading positivity and happiness throughout the school. Some pupils were recognised for creating their own positive

affirmations for their class, while others were praised for their commitment and hard work at home.

In addition, we were delighted to celebrate the many wonderful achievements taking place outside of school. These included swimming awards, gymnastics and football medals, climbing awards, a tennis medal, a creative bee house from Brownies, and even a driving licence!

The Dothill Cup went to 1D for fabulous engagement with their homework projects and excellent sitting in assembly. Message from Miss Dhariwal: *I have nominated my class because I am so proud of all the amazing homework that they have created this year! They have truly created fabulous homework. I would also like to say a big thank you to all the 1D parents for supporting their children with their learning at home.*

Well done everyone – we are super proud!



## News and Highlights this Week

### Y5/6 Kwik Cricket

Our Year 5 and 6 pupils represented the school exceptionally well at this week's Kwik Cricket event. Miss Hodgkinson shared, *"The children had a great time. We didn't win, but that didn't matter to them at all. I'm so impressed with how they represented our school."*

Their positive attitude, teamwork, and enthusiasm were wonderful to see and truly reflect our school values. We were proud to celebrate this fantastic approach in assembly today, recognising not just their effort but also their sportsmanship.

They are superb role models, showing that enjoyment, resilience, and working together are just as important as the final result—well done to all involved!

### Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)

Our Year 4 pupils have recently completed their Multiplication Tables Check, and the Year 4 team have been incredibly impressed with the hard work, determination, and resilience shown throughout.

The children approached the challenge with a fantastic mindset, striving to do their very best and supporting one another along the way. Their commitment to learning and perseverance has been wonderful to see.

We are extremely proud of each and every one of them for their effort and positive attitude—well done, Year 4!

### MP Visit to School Parliament

We were delighted to welcome our local MP, Mark Pritchard, to school today. During his visit, he spent time with our fantastic school parliamentarians, who confidently presented the issues and experiences that matter most to pupils.

The children demonstrated great curiosity and confidence, asking a wide range of thoughtful and probing questions. These included, *"What does being an MP involve on a day-to-day basis?"*, *"How does our school parliament differ from the UK Parliament?"*, and *"What do you think the government should do to improve education in a school like ours?"* Mr Pritchard was impressed by their insight, maturity, and ability to engage in meaningful discussion.

He shared valuable advice with the children, encouraging them to always believe in themselves, follow their dreams, and aim high in everything they do. His message was both inspiring and empowering for all who were present.

Following the discussion, Mr Pritchard enjoyed a tour of the school, where he was able to see learning in action and meet more of our pupils. The visit concluded on a fun note, as he joined the children on the playground for a game of basketball—although, as it turned out, the pupils' skills proved difficult to beat!

It was a memorable and inspiring visit that gave our pupils a real insight into democracy, leadership, and the importance of having a voice.

### Gardening Club News

Our wonderful gardening group has been hard at work, enjoying a particularly fruitful season! There has been an abundance of fresh lettuce, and as many of you will have noticed, everything is growing beautifully. The group meets each Friday at lunchtime, where they not only tend to their crops but are also dedicated to revitalising the courtyard area. Their aim is to bring this space back to life so it can once again be enjoyed by everyone. We look forward to sharing further updates on their progress soon!





### 📷 Class Photo Reminder

A reminder that class photographs will be taking place next **Thursday, 11th June**. Please ensure children come to school in full, smart uniform on this day. Thank you!

### 🍵 Grandparents' Tea Party Reminder

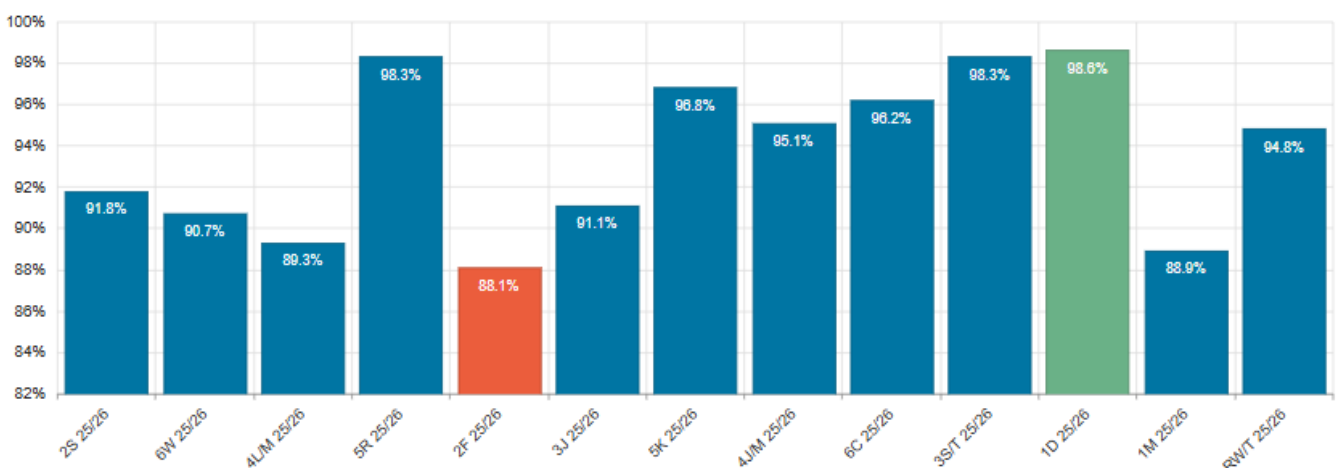
A reminder to please sign up for our upcoming Grandparents' Tea Party. Bookings can be made via ParentPay and will remain open until **15th June**. We look forward to welcoming our special guests—thank you for your support!

As ever, I wish you all a restful and enjoyable weekend, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back for another busy week on Monday. 😊

## Attendance

It has been fantastic to see such strong attendance across the school, with many classes achieving over 95%. In particular, 1D have reached an impressive 98.6%, closely followed by 5R and 3ST at 98.3%, showing excellent commitment to learning. Several other classes, including 5K (96.8%) and 6C (96.2%), are also maintaining very positive attendance levels.

Thank you to all families for supporting regular attendance – it makes such a difference to children's progress, wellbeing, and sense of belonging in school. Let's keep working together to build on this success!



### Every Minute Matters

As we move into the final half term, we would like to remind families of the importance of punctuality. The start of the school day is a vital time for children to settle, connect with their peers and begin key learning straight away. Arriving late can mean children miss important instructions, feel unsettled and start their day at a disadvantage. Over time, these missed minutes can have a real impact on both progress and confidence.

**Top tip:** Try to establish a simple morning routine-lay out uniform and pack bags the night before to help create a calm, stress-free start

## Mental Health and Wellbeing

### The Power of Nature

#### Activity 1: Nature Treasure Hunt

Go for a walk and look for items such as a feather, smooth pebble, leaf with an interesting shape, or something yellow.

**Why it helps:** Being outdoors reduces stress, increases calmness, and boosts mood. Searching for items encourages children to focus on the moment, which supports mindfulness.

#### Activity 2: Cloud Spotting

Lie on a blanket and watch the clouds pass by. Try spotting shapes or creating stories about them.

**Why it helps:** Cloud watching slows down busy minds and encourages creative thinking. It's a simple grounding activity that reduces anxiety.



## Reception

In Reception, we are working hard to build a love of reading that will last a lifetime. Reading isn't just about learning words – it's about sharing stories, talking together, and building positive, cosy routines around books.

### Reading at home – making it enjoyable

A few small moments can make a big difference:

- Find a comfortable, quiet time to read together (even 5–10 minutes is fantastic)
- Talk about the story and pictures as you go
- Encourage your child to join in – they might spot parts of the story they recognise, link events to things they've experienced in real life, repeat familiar phrases, or guess what might happen next
- Most importantly, keep it relaxed and enjoyable.

Your time and support at home really helps your child grow in confidence and enthusiasm.

### Yellow Reading Diaries

Our yellow reading diaries are a key part of this partnership.

When you read at home, we'd love you to jot a quick note or simply sign when your child has shared a book with you. This helps us:

- Celebrate their efforts
- Track how often they are reading
- Give them the encouragement they deserve at school

Thank you for everything you do to support reading – together we are creating a community where reading is something children truly enjoy.

This video captures how reading together at home can support your child's learning and enjoyment of books:

**Read Write Inc.**  
Phonics

10 things to think  
about when you read  
to your child



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## **PODS Parent Carers Early Afternoon Tea & Lots More...**

### **Parent Carers Early Afternoon Tea**

**Monday 8th June 2026 from 12pm-1.30pm at PODS Hub, 1 Hawksworth Road, Central Park, Telford, TF2 9TU**

PODS is celebrating the Parent Carers by hosting an Early Afternoon Tea.

The places are limited and need to be booked. Please note that the tickets are non-refundable.

**To book your place, please click here: [Parent Carers Early Afternoon Tea](#)**

### **PODS Open Day**

**Saturday 11th July 2026 from 11am-2pm at PODS Hub, 1 Hawksworth Road, Central Park, Telford, TF2 9TU**

Join PODS to celebrate their 18th Birthday with plenty of fun for all the family.

Meet the team and outside service providers, enjoy entertainment, food and drink (at a cost), and try your luck in the £1 raffle.

### **PODS June Activities**

Join PODS this June for a variety of activity sessions! Parents and carers must attend with their child, and tickets are required for all children and young people.

The activities are open to children and young people, including siblings.

To book, please click on the links below:

**[Fun P.E.](#)**

[Cooking Session : Cheesecake](#)

[Father's Day Craft](#)

[Complex Needs Session](#)

[Interactive Games & Puzzles](#)

[Gardening Session - Making Fairy Gardens](#)

[Sensory Room Sessions](#)

## Dates for your diary

### Summer Term 2026

Class Group Photos	11.6.26
Grandparents Tea Party 2pm	15.6.26
Sports Day: 9am Yr 5/6; 10am EYFS/1/2; 11am 3/4	22.6.26
Year 5 visit British Ironworks Centre	24.6.26
Non-uniform for Summer Fair (Friends Event)	26.6.26
Summer Fair (Friends Event)	3.7.26
Year 6 Performance: Peter Pan 4pm	6.7.26
Transition Days (most of Y6)	7 & 8.7.26
New Reception Transition visits	7.7.26
New Reception Transition visits	8.7.26
Year 6 Crucial Crew	9.7.26
End of Year Reports	10.7.26
Family Picnic (12-1pm) More information to follow	13.7.26
Year 6 leavers assembly 9:15 am	17.7.26
End of Term (Summer Holidays)	17.7.26



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