

DOTHILL NEWS



11th September 2026

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

This Week's Dazzling Dotties!



Here are this week's brilliant pupils. We heard about fantastic efforts in handwriting, an inquiring mind and never being afraid to ask questions, being a great role model, and a new member of the school who is already living our values. We talked about how it's okay to make mistakes and how they help us to learn; one of our pupils has been especially good at that this week and it was recognised and celebrated. The Dazzling Dotties trophy went to 6C this week for such a great start to the year. Well done, we are very proud of all of you 😊

News and Highlights this Week

We have had such a lovely second week back in school. The atmosphere around school feels incredibly positive and purposeful, and it has been wonderful to see how settled and enthusiastic the children are. They have returned with a real eagerness to learn, challenge themselves and make progress in all that they do.

Across the week, the children have approached their learning with curiosity, confidence and determination. They have worked hard in lessons, shown kindness towards one another and continued to build positive routines and relationships. We are already seeing growing independence and resilience, and we are very proud of the effort and attitude they are bringing to school each day.

Thank you to all who were able to attend our **Meet the Teacher** meeting this week. If you were unable to make it, we have put the information that was discussed onto your child's [Class Pages | Dothill Primary School](#) on the school website. These will be found under the 'Important Information' section within your child's year group.

Secondary Applications

Year 6 parents, please remember to apply for your child's secondary school place by 31st October 2026. This link will take you directly to the webpage: [Telford & Wrekin Council | Secondary School Admissions](#).

Items from Home Reminder

We have had a couple of questions about smart watches – please ensure these are not brought into school for safeguarding reasons.

School Photo Day

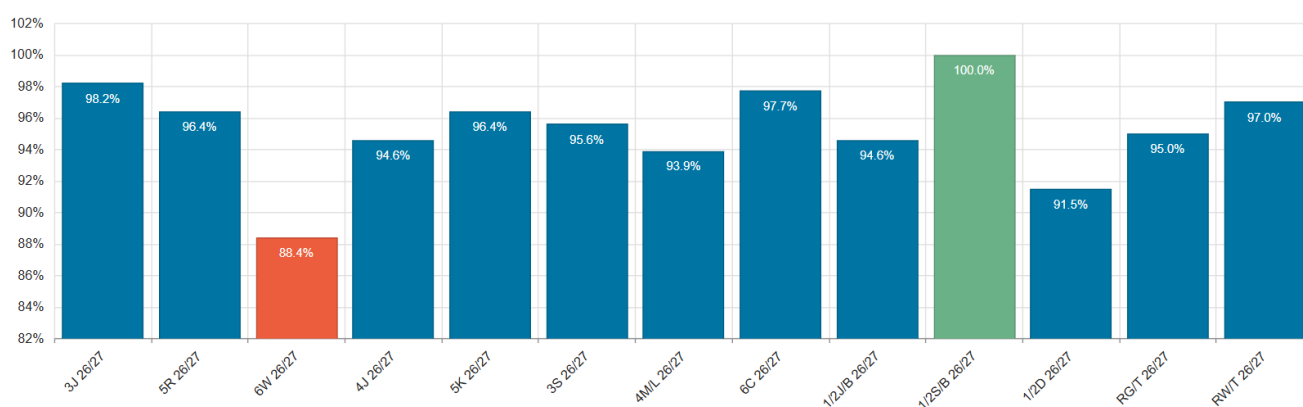
Next Tuesday (15th September) is our individual, sibling and family group photo day for all year groups. We look forward to seeing all our smart children ready to smile for the camera!

Thank you for your continued support. We are looking forward to another exciting week ahead as we continue our learning journey together. Until then we wish you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs Thomas 😊

Attendance

A huge well done to all our pupils and families for supporting attendance this week. Our whole-school attendance was **95.3%**, which is a fantastic start to the term. Special congratulations go to **1/2SB**, who achieved an outstanding **100% attendance**, meaning every child was in school every day this week. We would also like to celebrate **3J** with **98.2% attendance** and **6C** with **97.7% attendance**, both of which are excellent achievements. Every day in school counts, and strong attendance helps children build friendships, develop confidence and make the most of every learning opportunity. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring children arrive at school every day, on time and ready to learn. Let's see if we can push our whole-school attendance even higher next week! 🌟📚🏆



Did You Know?

- 📅 95% attendance means a child misses approximately 10 school days each year
- 📅 90% attendance means a child misses approximately 19 school days each year
- 📅 85% attendance means a child misses approximately 29 school days each year

Small amounts of absence quickly add up and can significantly impact learning and friendships. Every day really does count!

Mental Health and Wellbeing

The Power of Sleep

Did you know that sleep has a huge impact on children's behaviour, learning and emotional wellbeing? After a busy summer, many children benefit from returning to consistent bedtime routines. Good sleep helps children:

- Concentrate in class
- Manage their emotions
- Build resilience
- Feel happier and calmer

Top sleep tips: 🌙 Keep bedtimes and wake-up times consistent.

📺 Avoid screens for at least one hour before bed.

📖 Enjoy a calming bedtime story.

🧸 Create a relaxing bedtime routine.

Many families find that spending ten minutes talking about the day can help children process worries before sleep. Adults need good sleep too! Looking after your own wellbeing helps you support your children.

Need Support?

- [The Sleep Charity](#)
- <https://www.nhs.uk>

Reception

Play is an important part of learning in Reception. Through play, children develop their communication, problem-solving, social and creative skills while exploring the world around them. Whether they are building, role-playing, creating or investigating, they are learning all the time. Asking your child about what they have been playing and discovering can be a lovely way to start conversations about their learning.

As your child begins their school journey, you might like to try some simple school-themed play at home. Take turns playing teachers and pupils, acting out familiar routines such as taking the register, sharing stories or singing favourite songs. You could also enjoy drawing pictures of favourite school activities and talking together about what they have been learning and exploring.

Remember, learning through play does not need lots of equipment or planning. Spending a few minutes each day chatting, playing and exploring together can help build confidence, strengthen relationships and support your child's learning as they settle into Reception.

Thank you so much for all your support during this transitional time. We are really excited for the year ahead!

The EYFS Team



Internet Safety

Whilst the internet is a fantastic tool, there are clear dangers for adults and children alike. Do you know where to report online harmful or illegal content that you or your child might see online?

If you:

- are suspicious about someone's communication with a child, report to [CEOP](#)
- see online child sexual abuse images or videos, you should report to the [Internet Watch Foundation](#)
- see content that incites hatred, you should report to [True Vision](#)
- are under the age of 18 and want to report a nude image of you that's been shared online, you can do so through [Childline's Report Remove tool](#) or [Take It Down](#).

Source: [How to make a report | Childnet](#)

Dates for your diary Autumn 2026

School Photos	15.9.26
Year 6 SATs Meeting 3:15pm	18.9.26
Year 5 Anglo Saxon Workshop	22.9.26
Year 4 Multiplication check meeting 3:15pm	22.9.26
EYFS Phonic Workshop 3:15pm	23.12.26
Year 1/ 2 Great Fire of London Workshop	25.9.26
SEND Coffee Morning 8:30am -9:30am	29.9.26
Grandparent Tea Party 2pm	5.10.26
Flu Vaccinations	14.10.26
Open Afternoon for Prospective EYFS 2pm	19.10.26
Year 3 Stone Age Day (organised by staff in school)	21.10.26
Break up for October half term	23.10.26
Return to school (PD Day 2 nd November)	3.11.26
Autumn Term Parents Consultations	9.11.26/10.11.26
Year 6 Telford Town Park /Library	10.11.26
Year 4 Roman Discovery Centre – Chester	12.11.26
Open Evening for Prospective EYFS 5pm	17.11.26
Year 5 Christmas Event 2pm	1.12.26
Open Morning for Prospective EYFS 10am	2.12.26
Year 4 Christmas Event 2pm	2.12.26
Year 3 Christmas Event 2pm	3.12.26
EYFS Stay and Play (RWT) 2:15pm	4.12.26
EYFS Nativity 9:30am	8.12.26
Year 6 Christmas Event 2pm	8.12.26
KS1 Christmas Performance 2pm	9.12.26
KS1 Christmas Performance 9:15am	10.12.26
EYFS Stay and Play (RGT) 2:15pm	11.12.26
Christmas Dinner/ Wear a Christmas Jumper	16.12.26
Meadow Stay and Play	17.12.26
End of Autumn Term	18.12.26
Spring Term Begins	5.1.27



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Respectful
Safe**

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Other Notices



The poster features a central image of a girls' rugby team in yellow and black kits, with one player in the foreground holding the ball. The background is a dark, textured green. The text is in various fonts and colors, including white, yellow, and black. The RFU logo is in the top right corner. The bottom section includes icons for activities and contact information.

TELFORD HORNETS GIRLS

RFU Accredited Club

GIVE IT A TRY!

FRIENDS ✓
FITNESS ✓
FUN ✓
TEAMWORK ✓
CONFIDENCE ✓

Rock UP AND RUCK

GIRLS' RUGBY OPEN DAY

SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

13:30 – 17:00 | TELFORD HORNETS RFC

OPEN TO GIRLS AGED 10–18 YEARS
ALL ABILITIES WELCOME – NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!

NEW PLAYERS WELCOME

QUESTIONS? GET IN TOUCH!

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FUN RUGBY GAMES

MEET THE TEAM

SKILLS SESSIONS

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE