

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!



We had a wonderful, happy time in assembly today. It really is great to hear all the great things that teachers are seeing throughout the week. We heard about a wonderful attitude towards learning, trying hard, amazing handwriting and imaginative writing using creative ideas. Pupils were described as mature, polite and cheery, confident, resilient, always listening and always being ready. As well as all that, they are polite, kind and hardworking with a can do attitude, listening and staying on task, keen, positive and enthusiastic. Fabulous role models for our whole school!

There was a lot of competition between teachers for the Dazzling Dotties trophy this week – wonderful writing, being fabulous role models, showing respect and upping their game with homework were all cited as reasons their class should win. However, 4M were this week's winners and they were very excited to hear that!

Well done all of you, we are very proud of you 😊

News and Highlights this Week

Grandparents' Tea Party 🍰 🍰

Following the great success of our Grandparents' Tea Party in the summer term, we are delighted to be hosting another special afternoon for our families.

Grandparents are welcome to join us on **Monday 5th October at 2:00pm** for a wonderful opportunity to spend time with their grandchildren in school. Visitors will have the chance to spend time in the classroom, see the children's learning and then enjoy tea, coffee and delicious cake together. The previous event was thoroughly enjoyed by both the children and their grandparents, and it was lovely to

welcome family members into school and celebrate the special relationships that play such an important part in our children's lives.

Booking for this event will be available through **ParentPay** and will **close on Friday 25th September**. Grandparents will be signed in on arrival at school (maximum of 4 per family) due to space. To help cover refreshments and support school activities, we kindly ask for a contribution of £2 per grandparent. We respectfully ask that only grandparents attend this event.

Full details regarding booking, and arrangements for the afternoon, can be found in the information letter sent to parents and available on the school website. We encourage families to share this information with grandparents before they attend.

We look forward to welcoming grandparents back to Dothill for another memorable afternoon 😊

Tree Safety Reminder

We have received concerns regarding children climbing the large oak tree near the nature reserve after school. Please remember that while climbing trees can seem exciting for children, they can pose a safety risk, particularly following prolonged periods of drought when branches may be more susceptible to fall. Thank you for helping to keep everyone safe and protect our local environment.

10 by 10 Challenge

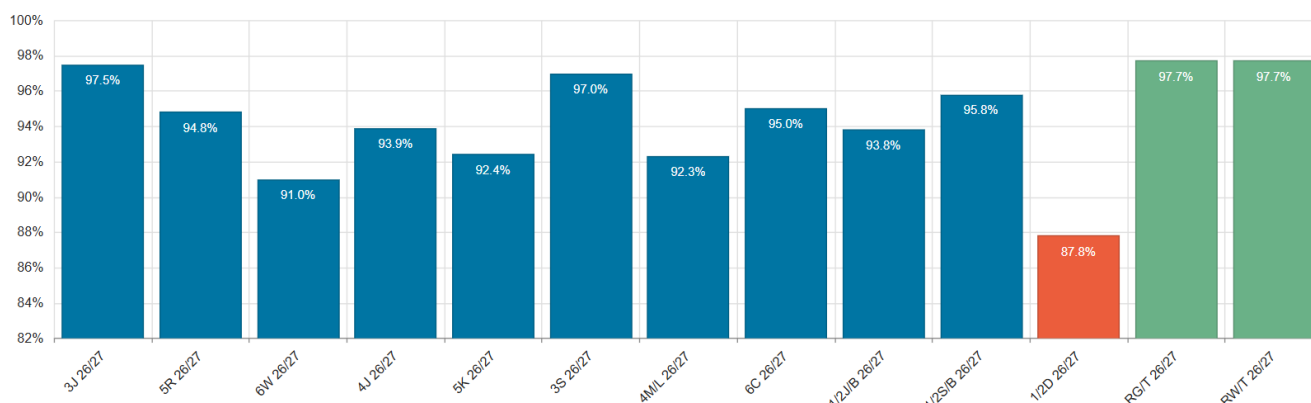
We're excited to support 10 by 10, a Telford & Wrekin initiative encouraging children to complete 10 exciting experiences before their 10th birthday. From learning to swim, to visiting local museums, the challenge helps children build confidence, develop new skills and have fun. Please see the letter sent home for details on how to register and start your family's adventure. 🌟 [10x10-parent-letter.pdf](#)

Dates to note next week are the **Year 4 Multiplication Check** parent meeting on Tuesday at 3:15, and the **Reception Phonics Workshop** on Wednesday, also at 3:15. For both events, please collect children as normal and then enter the hall via the library.

We wish you all a lovely weekend and look forward to another exciting week beginning on Monday. 😊

Attendance

A huge well done to everyone for another strong week of attendance. Our highest-attending classes this week were **RGT** and **RWT**, both achieving an impressive **97.7%**, closely followed by **3J** with **97.5%** and **3S** with **97.0%**. Thank you to all of our families for supporting regular attendance and ensuring children arrive at school on time each day. Every school day counts, and strong attendance helps children build friendships, develop confidence and make the most of their learning opportunities. Let's see if we can beat this week's fantastic attendance figures next week! 🎉🏆



Attendance Myth Buster

✗ **Myth:** Missing a day here and there doesn't really matter.

✓ **Reality:** Missing one day every fortnight adds up to almost four weeks of lost learning over an academic year.

Children who attend school regularly are more likely to feel confident, achieve well and develop strong friendships.

Mental Health and Wellbeing

Growing Gratitude - Mental Health Matters

Research shows that noticing positive moments can improve our wellbeing and help us develop resilience.

This autumn, why not try a family gratitude challenge?

Each evening, invite every family member to share: ★ One thing they enjoyed today ★ One thing they are proud of ★ One person they are thankful for

These do not need to be big things. Sometimes the smallest moments bring the greatest happiness.

Examples might include:

- Playing with friends
- A kind word from someone
- Enjoying a favourite meal
- Learning something new



Helping children focus on positives does not mean ignoring difficulties. Instead, it helps them build balanced thinking and emotional strength.

Family Challenge: See if you can fill a jar with positive moments throughout the term.

Reception

Building Independence Together

We are always encouraging the children to become more independent in their daily routines. Simple tasks such as putting on their own coat, changing their shoes, organising their belongings and tidying away resources help children to develop confidence and a sense of responsibility. At home, giving children opportunities to practise these skills for themselves can make a big difference and helps them feel proud of their achievements. If your child finds shoelaces a little tricky at the moment, Velcro-fastening shoes can be a great way to support their growing independence.

We also encourage children to use the toilet independently, including managing their clothing and washing their hands afterwards. We understand that every child develops these skills at their own pace, and by working together, we can help them become increasingly confident and capable. Thank you for your support as we help your child develop the independence, they need to thrive both in Reception and beyond.



SEND

Miss Brotherton will be available at the school gate to answer any questions and offer support regarding SEND on **Monday afternoons, Tuesday mornings, and Thursday mornings**. Please feel free to speak with her if you have any SEND-related queries or concerns.

We are also delighted to invite parents and carers to our **SEND Coffee Morning on Tuesday 29th September**. This will be a great opportunity to meet with Miss Brotherton and other staff, ask questions, and connect with other families. We look forward to seeing you there.

Internet Safety

Improve your child's awareness of cyber security with this short, top-tips video on cyber security.

[Cyber security - parents and carers on Vimeo](#)

After watching it, consider the following conversation starters to get you and your child talking about cyber security:

- What is personal information and why is it a good idea to keep it private? How might you protect your personal information online?
- Why do you think passwords are important? How could you create a password that nobody would guess?
- Have you ever seen a pop-up on screen or been sent a message asking you to click a link? What do you think could happen if you clicked the link?

Dates for your diary

Autumn 2026

Year 5 Anglo Saxon Workshop	22.9.26
Year 4 Multiplication check meeting 3:15pm	22.9.26
EYFS Phonic Workshop 3:15pm	23.9.26
Year 1/ 2 Great Fire of London Workshop	25.9.26
SEND Coffee Morning 8:30am -9:30am	29.9.26
Year 3 Fire Service visit	2.10.26
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	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



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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

