

DOTHILL NEWS



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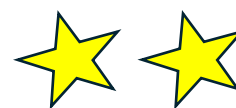
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Dazzling Dotties **Weekly Update** **Attendance** **Important Dates** **Reminders** **Mental Health** **SEND** **EYFS** **Internet Safety**

This Week's Dazzling Dotties!



Our fabulous Friday bunch are a wonderful lot this week, as usual. They were chosen for things such as a great listening, being well-engaged, fabulous effort, lovely creative writing with interesting vocabulary, enthusiasm, generosity, kindness, care and so much more. Well done, we are so proud of you.



What have we been up to...?

The summer term has arrived, and it's been such a beautiful week full of outdoor fun and learning!

Please see our Facebook page for some photos of the lovely things that have been going on this week, including Forest School Club, a visit from the Deputy Mayor and year 2 making the most of the lovely weather to take their learning outside!

Even though this half term is just four weeks, it will be very busy. At the bottom of this week's newsletter, we have updated the confirmed dates so far right up to the end of term to try and give you as much notice as possible. Please keep an eye out for further details of events we have planned in due course.

A few reminders about uniform:

- Please ensure your child maintains the smart appearance we are so proud of at Dothill, even in summer wear: children's skirts, dresses, and shorts should be knee-length or longer.
- Children should wear appropriate footwear that is safe and suitable for school activities. Flip-flops and overly casual shoes are not permitted.
- No jewellery or smart watches please. The only earrings permitted are studs; sleepers are not allowed for safety reasons.

Please remember we have a lot of spare uniform in school if you need any items – please ask or visit the uniform shop on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays after school.

Please remember that Monday is a bank holiday, so enjoy the long weekend and we will see you all again on Tuesday 6th May.

Attendance

Here are a few reminders at for ensuring good attendance for the summer term 😊

Establish a Routine: Set a consistent bedtime and wake-up time to help your child get enough rest and be ready for school on time each day.

Prepare the Night Before: Lay out school uniforms, pack school bags, and prepare lunches the night before to avoid the morning rush.

Healthy Breakfast: Ensure your child has a nutritious breakfast to start the day with energy and focus.

Check the School Calendar: Be aware of any special events and holidays that are taking place.

Communicate with the School: Inform the school promptly if your child will be absent due to illness or other reasons.

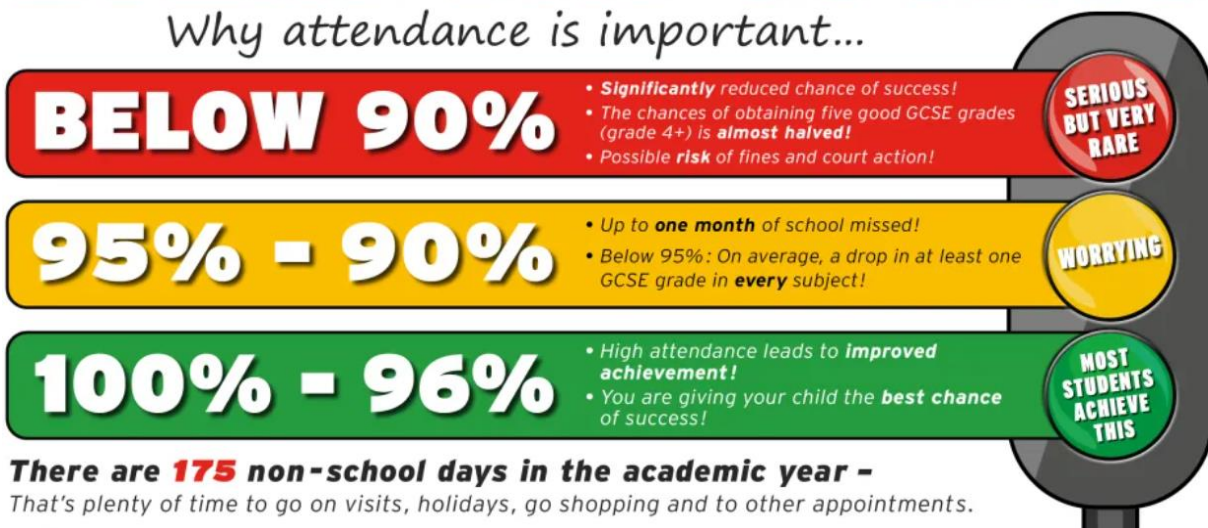
Encourage Punctuality: Aim to arrive at school for 8:30am to avoid missing important morning activities.

Stay Involved: Engage with your child's learning by discussing their day and helping with homework.

Monitor Health: Keep an eye on your child's health and address any issues that might affect their attendance.

EVERY DAY COUNTS

Why attendance is important...



GCSEs are a few years away for our pupils here at Dothill but it is important to understand the long-term impact of absence from school. Research shows those pupils with poor attendance at Primary often go on to have poor attendance at Secondary. Break the pattern and think about your child's future!

Reminders

Sun Safety Tips

Apply Sunscreen: Use a broad-spectrum sunscreen with at least SPF 30. Apply it generously 15-30 minutes before going outside and reapply every two hours, especially after swimming or sweating. We are happy for children to bring suncream into school in a labelled bottle (please read sun safety policy and sign before sending into school)

Wear Protective Clothing: Encourage children to wear hats with wide brims, sunglasses with UV protection, and long-sleeved shirts to shield their skin from the sun.

Seek Shade: Try to stay in the shade during peak sun hours (10 AM to 4 PM). We have areas in the outside area where children can seek shade.

Stay Hydrated: Drink plenty of water to stay hydrated, especially on hot days. All children should have a water bottle in school. They are encouraged to drink throughout the day.

Be Mindful of Skin Sensitivity: Some children may have sensitive skin, so it's important to monitor for any reactions to sunscreen or prolonged sun exposure. We do not allow children to share sunscreen in school. If your child is bringing their own into school, please talk to them about not sharing with their friends.



Mental Health and Wellbeing

Meaningful May 2025

MONDAY



5 Let someone know how much they mean to you and why

12 Listen to a favourite piece of music and remember what it means to you

19 Reflect on what makes you feel valued and purposeful

26 Remember an event in your life that was really meaningful

TUESDAY



6 Look for people doing good and reasons to be cheerful

13 Find out about the values or traditions of another culture

20 Share photos of 3 things you find meaningful or memorable

27 Focus on how your actions make a difference for others

WEDNESDAY



7 Make a list of what matters most to you and why

14 Get outside and notice the beauty in nature

21 Look up at the sky. Remember we are all part of something bigger

28 Do something special and revisit it in your memory tonight

THURSDAY

1 Do something kind for someone you really care about

8 Set yourself a kindness mission to help others today

15 Do something to contribute to your local community

22 Find a way to help a project or charity you care about

29 Today do something to care for the natural world

FRIDAY

2 Focus on what you can do rather than what you can't do

9 What values are important to you? Find ways to use them today

16 Show your gratitude to people who are helping to make things better

23 Recall three things you've done that you are proud of

30 Share a quote you find inspiring to give others a boost

SATURDAY

3 Take a step towards an important goal, however small

10 Be grateful for the little things, even in difficult times

17 Find a way to make what you do today meaningful

24 Make choices that have a positive impact for others today

31 Find three reasons to be hopeful about the future

SUNDAY

4 Send your friend a photo from a time you enjoyed together

11 Look around for things that bring you a sense of awe and wonder

18 Send a hand-written note to someone you care about

25 Ask someone else what matters most to them and why



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

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Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)



In Reception we love to spend time outdoors! This has so many benefits and supports children in their learning in all sorts of ways

- Improved focus and attention
- Boosts self esteem
- Supports children in building relationships with others
- Improved communication skills
- Boosts physical and mental wellbeing
- Develops curiosity and creativity
- Helps in developing a lifelong appreciation of nature and a sense of adventure!

Please could you ensure your child has a sun hat in school so that they can enjoy their time outdoors.

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

May

5.5.25	May Bank Holiday (school closed)
6.5.25	Y2 trip (2J) to Wightwick Manor
7.5.25	Bayley Mile, Wellington (selected children)
8.5.25	Y2 trip (2S) Wightwick Manor
8.5.25	VE Day Themed Lunch and Celebration
12.5.25	KS2 SATs week
13.5.25	Healthy Families Workshop (families will be invited)



16.5.25 Year 3/4 Egypt Workshop

15&16.5.25 Year 3/4 Bikeability

21.5.25 EYFS trip to Home Farm

21.5.25 Y6 trip to Telford Town Park

22.5.25 Year 5 Botanical Gardens

23.5.25 Break up for May half term

June

2.6.25 PD Day (children not in school)

3.6.25 Children to return to school

3.6.25 Year 4 Multiplication Check (over the next two weeks)

4.6.25 Governor Working Party

4.6.25 EYFS Height and Weight Check

9.6.25 Year 1 Phonic Screening Check Week

9.6.25 SEND Coffee Afternoon (2pm-3:30pm)

10.6.25 SEND Coffee Morning (8:30am- 10am)

11.6.25 Governor Working Party

12.6.25 School Photo Day (Class photos and Year 6)

20.6.25 Year 3/4 Sport Day (9:30am Start)

20.6.25 Year 5/6 Sports Day (1:30pm start)

25.6.25 EYFS Sport Day (9:30am start)

26.6.25 Year 1/2 Sports Day (9:30am start)

July

27.7.25 Friends Non-uniform day (donations for summer fair)

4.7.25 Summer Fair (2:30pm – 4pm)

7&8.7.25 Secondary Transition Day

8.7.25 Whole School Transition Day

8.7.25 New Reception 1st Transition Morning (9:30-12:00)

11.7.25 End of Year Reports to be sent out to parents

16.7.25 New Reception 2nd Transition Morning (9:30-12:00)

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

**Ready
Respectful
Safe**

BE YOUR BEST