

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!



Our fantastic Friday group made us all proud of them this afternoon and their teachers loved telling everyone why they are proud too. This week, certificates were presented for helping others, working hard in maths lessons, making a huge improvement in attendance, going above and beyond at home and some amazing writing. Two were chosen for trying hard in everything and another was described as being a joy to have in their class!

Out of school achievements in gymnastics and swimming were celebrated. We love getting to know what the children get up to when they are not at school, and this is a great way to share that.

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

News and Highlights this Week

Diversity Week begins on Monday. Please remember children can come dressed as themselves! A donation of £1 would be greatly appreciated to support the additional activities we have managed to organise.

I am aware that while we advertised the exciting menu our kitchen staff have devised, the posters did not include the vegetarian option. Please see the options as below:

MONDAY (British) Sausage, mash & onion gravy, peas, and carrots

Vegetarian option: Quorn sausage (v)

Assortment of biscuits

TUESDAY Italian bolognese, spaghetti, green beans, broccoli, garlic bread

Vegetarian option: Vegetable bolognese (v)

Szarlotka (polish apple cake)

WEDNESDAY Mexican tacos, lightly spiced wedges, sweetcorn, mixed bean in a tomato sauce

Vegetarian option: Vegan dippers (v)

Caribbean coconut cake

THURSDAY Chinese chicken curry, rice, stir fry noodle/vegetables

Vegetarian option: Vegetable curry (v)

Prawn crackers

Orange jelly

FRIDAY American chicken burgers, fries, beans, sweetcorn

Vegetarian option: Maccaroni cheese(v)

Chocolate brownie

Fresh fruit, cheese and crackers, yoghurt & salad bar available daily

Parent Governors

We are pleased to share that three parents have expressed an interest in the current Parent Governor vacancy. As the number of nominations exceeds the number of available positions, a ballot will now be required. Further information about the voting process and timescales will be shared with all parents shortly.

🏃 Cross Country Event 🏃

A huge well done to all our children who took part in this week's cross country event! The children were fantastic and showed great effort, determination, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the event. We are incredibly proud of everyone who took part and gave it their best.

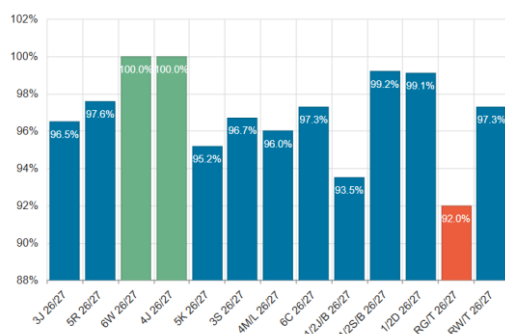
A big thank you to the parents who came along to support. Well done, everyone! You should all be very proud of yourselves! 🏆

More pictures on our Facebook page!



As ever, wishing you all a fabulous weekend from the whole team 😊

Attendance



☀ Attendance Celebration ☀

A fantastic week for attendance at Dothill, with our whole-school attendance reaching 96.9%! 🎉

A huge congratulations to 6W and 4J, who achieved an amazing 100% attendance this week! 🏆👏 We also had some brilliant results from 1/2SB at 99.2% and 1/2D at 99.1%, both very close to a perfect week.

Well done also to 5R with 97.6%, and 6C and RWT with 97.3%. Every day in school makes a difference, so thank you to all our children and families for supporting good attendance.

Let's keep up the fantastic work next week! ⭐

Children who attend school regularly:

- ★ Build stronger friendships
- ★ Develop greater confidence
- ★ Access more learning opportunities
- ★ Are more likely to achieve their full potential



Attendance is not just about academic success; it supports children's wellbeing too.

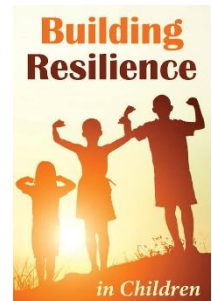
Mental Health and Wellbeing

Building Resilience

Resilience is the ability to keep going when things are difficult. It helps children cope with challenges, recover from setbacks and develop confidence in their own abilities.

Children build resilience when they:

- Try new things
- Learn from mistakes
- Solve problems independently
- Receive encouragement from trusted adults



Helpful phrases to use: ★ "You worked really hard on that." ★ "What could you try differently next time?" ★ "It's okay to make mistakes. That's how we learn."

When children see adults handling challenges calmly, they learn important coping skills too.

Family Challenge: Share a time when you found something difficult but kept going.

Reception

Sharing a story with your child each day is one of the most valuable things you can do to support their learning. Reading together helps children develop their vocabulary, understanding of the world and imagination, while also building the foundations for future success in reading and writing.

Just as importantly, story time provides a calm and comforting opportunity to slow down and connect. In our busy lives, a few minutes spent snuggled up with a book can help children feel relaxed, secure and valued. These shared moments create positive associations with books and help foster a lifelong love of reading.

When reading together, there is no need to rush through the story. Take time to talk about the pictures, wonder what might happen next, discuss how characters are feeling, or relate parts of the story to your own experiences. These conversations help develop children's language skills, comprehension and confidence, while making reading an enjoyable experience for everyone.



SEND

Don't forget that next week is our Diversity Week!

During the week we will be learning new ways to communicate, including using Makaton, British Sign Language and Braille.

We will also have a visit from Rowan the assistance dog, who is training with Seeing Dogs Alliance. The children will learn about the valuable work these fabulous dogs do for humans with disabilities.

Over the weekend, it would be great if you could go over some ground rules for approaching dogs in general. Here are some tips to help you.



Meeting an Assistance Dog

Be kind • Be respectful • Keep them working

Assistance dogs help people with disabilities. They have an important job, and we can all help by knowing the do's and don'ts!



DO's

These things are safe and helpful!



1. Be calm and friendly
Smile, use a gentle voice, and keep your movements slow and quiet.



2. Give them space
Let the dog do their job. It's best to stay a little bit back and not block their path.



3. Ask before you pet
If the handler says it's OK, then you can gently pet the dog (usually on the back or side).



4. Be polite to the handler
You can say hello, but always include the person with the dog. They're the one in charge.



5. Learn and spread kindness
Remember: assistance dogs are working, not pets. Your kindness makes their day!



DON'Ts

These can be upsetting or get in the way!



Don't touch without permission
Even if the dog looks friendly, not all assistance dogs like to be petted.



Don't call, chase or make loud noises
It can distract the dog and break their focus.



Don't give food or treats
It can make the dog sick, create bad habits, or interfere with their training.



Don't distract or interfere with the dog
Don't pull on the leash, grab the vest, or try to get the dog to do tricks.



Don't take photos without permission
The handler may not want photos for privacy or safety reasons.





Same dog.
Different job.
Big impact.

Assistance dogs are heroes –
let's help them do their job!



Show respect



Give space



Spread kindness

Internet Safety



Online gaming was a popular reason for most children using the internet. Here are 4 quick tips to help keep your child safe when online gaming.

[Gaming - parents and carers.mp4 on Vimeo](#)

Dates for your diary

Autumn 2026

'Wear something that shows who you are' for Diversity Week. £1 donation	12.10.26
Flu Vaccinations	14.10.26
Open Afternoon for Prospective EYFS 2pm	19.10.26
Year 3 Stone Age Day	21.10.26
Friends: Spooky Spectacular Event	23.10.26
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
Friends: Christmas Film Night	30.11.26
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
Friends: Festive YES Day	18.12.26
End of Autumn Term	18.12.26
Spring Term Begins	5.1.27



**Ready
Respectful
Safe
BE YOUR BEST**