

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!



The final assembly of 2025 was a wonderful celebration of Key Stage Two achievements, honoring our hardest workers, our kindest classmates, and even a super singer! Meanwhile, Key Stage One enjoyed their own special celebration this afternoon: after their amazing performance earlier this week, their teachers simply couldn't choose just one winner.

We also applauded incredible successes beyond the classroom, including cheerleading, gymnastics, and motocross. It's fantastic to see our pupils shining both in

school and in their passions outside of it!

Our Dazzling Dothill Cup winners are the Rainbow Room. Miss Coomber nominated them for their exceptional growing confidence, embracing new routines and challenges with enthusiasm. From smooth transitions and independent lining up to engaging in learning, cooking, singing, and PE, they consistently demonstrate teamwork, resilience, and excellent manners. Their adaptability and positive attitude shine through every activity—truly deserving of recognition!

We also said goodbye and thank you to Miss Jones and wished her well in her new school. We will miss her very much.

Have a wonderful Christmas ★



News and Highlights this Week

Last week's Christmas craft afternoons were a fantastic success! Thank you to all the parents and adults who were able to come and support the events.

We hope that you all enjoyed the afternoons as much as we did and are pleased with the results of your crafting!

A few photos from the different events below... (more on the class pages!)



Dojo Afternoon was another highlight this week – we had films, colouring, sewing, crafts, rugby, gymnastics and even blanket forts!

A huge thank you to Donna and her wonderful kitchen staff for putting on such a delicious feast on Christmas dinner day – we also enjoyed a super visit from the big man himself... he visited all the children throughout the morning while his reindeer waited patiently on the school roof!



We were treated to a fantastic Year 1 and 2 Performance of **A Christmas Counts**. We could not believe how fabulously the children sang and danced; and they delivered their lines so clearly too! A huge thanks to all who helped put on such a spectacle. They made school staff and their families so proud.



Staffing Update

Huge thanks from us all to the fabulous Miss Jones who leaves us today for pastures new. She will be very much missed by us all as she has made such a great impression and worked so hard to support her class; we know she will continue to be an inspirational teacher in her new school.

This means we welcome back Mrs Swindells after Christmas who is returning from maternity leave.

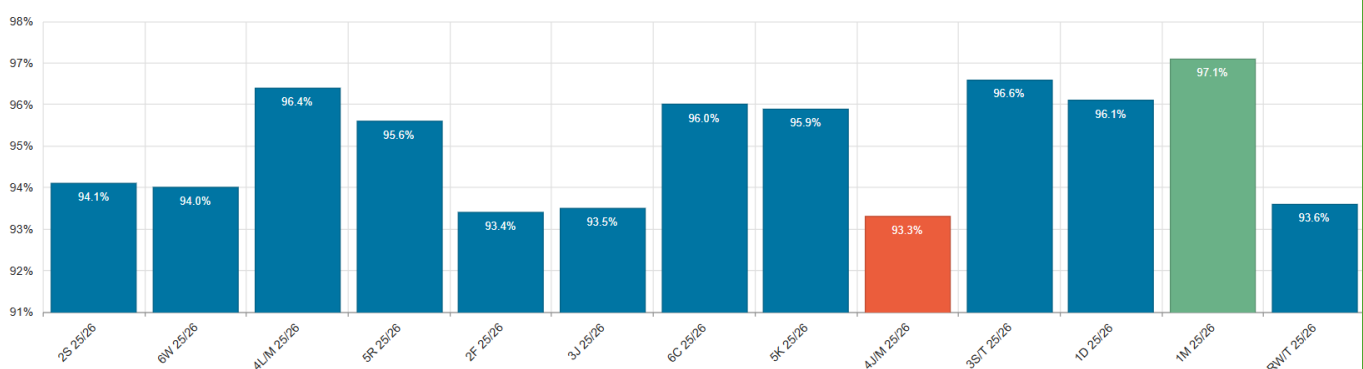
I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Tuesday 6th January 2026**.

All my very best, Mrs. Thomas 😊

Attendance

Here is our attendance for the Autumn Term. It is not a surprise that 1M are the overall attendance winners for the Autumn term. Well done keep being amazing and enjoying learning.

Overall, School Attendance for Autumn 2026 is 95% which is higher than the current national average of 93.17% - well done everyone! Our school target is 96% - let's keep attending to beat the target.





Approval for term-time absence

The headteacher will allow pupils to be absent from the school site for certain educational activities, or to attend other schools or settings.

The headteacher will only grant a **leave of absence** to a pupil during term time if the request meets the specific circumstances set out in the 2024 school attendance regulations. These circumstances are:

- Taking part in a regulated performance, or regulated employment abroad
- Attending an interview
- Study leave
- A temporary, time-limited part-time timetable
- Exceptional circumstances

A leave of absence is granted at the headteacher's discretion, including the length of time the pupil is authorised to be absent for.

Leave of absence will not be granted for a pupil to take part in protest activity during school hours.

As a leave of absence will only be granted in exceptional circumstances, it is unlikely a leave of absence will be granted for the purposes of a family holiday.

The school considers each application for term-time absence individually, taking into account the specific facts, circumstances and relevant background context behind the request.

Mental Health and Wellbeing

Beating the Winter Blues

Shorter days can affect mood. Try:

- **Get Outside When Possible:** Even a short walk helps.
- **Keep Routines:** Regular sleep and meals support wellbeing.
- **Plan Fun Indoor Activities:** Baking, crafts, or storytelling make winter cosy.



☒ Wellbeing Challenge:

Plan one fun indoor activity for the weekend and invite your family to join in.

SEND

PODS New Year Activities

PODS New Year Fun Crafts

PODS is holding a Calendar Making Crafts session for the children and young people; there will be light refreshments and snacks available. Each child / young person attending must have a ticket. Parent carers must accompany their child/young person but do not require a ticket. Please note tickets are non-refundable.

Please do not purchase tickets if you are already booked onto the HHAH Christmas Craft sessions or Putt Putt Noodle session to allow as many families as possible to enjoy the Christmas activities on offer.

To book, please click here: [PODS New Year Fun Crafts](#)

PODS Crazy Golf Sessions

PODS is holding an indoor crazy golf session for the children and young people. Parent carers will also need a ticket, please select from a participating ticket enabling you to play (maximum of 1 adult player per booking) or a spectating ticket for non-players only.

Each person attending must have a ticket. Parent carers must accompany their child / young person at all times. Please note tickets are non-refundable.

Please do not purchase tickets if you are already booked onto the PODS Christmas HHAH Crafts Session or New Year Crafts.

To book, please click here: [PODS Crazy Golf Sessions](#)

EYFS

What an incredible term it has been in Reception! Our children have explored all areas of the EYFS curriculum with curiosity and enthusiasm—from developing early reading and writing skills to investigating numbers, shapes, and the world around them. We've loved seeing their creativity shine through art, music, and imaginative play, and their confidence grow in building friendships and sharing ideas.

A big thank you to all parents and carers who joined our recent Stay and Play session and our Class Nativity—We are so proud of the children for performing so beautifully and we hope you enjoyed seeing your child's learning in action!



We hope you have a magical Christmas and make some wonderful memories with your nearest and dearest.

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](#)
- 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

Last day of Autumn term (Christmas Holidays)	19.12.25
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Spring Term 2026

PD Day (No children in school)	5.1.26
Return to school (Spring Term)	6.1.26
Young Voices	13.1.26
Wear what you love day (Friends Event)	13.2.26
Last day of Term (half term)	13.2.26
Return to School (Spring 2)	23.2.26
PODS Coffee Morning 9:30	24.2.26
Easter Raffle Draw (Friends Event)	27.3.26
Last Day of Spring Term (Easter Holidays)	27.3.26

Summer Term 2026

Return to school (Summer Term)	13.4.26
Fund 'Raisin' (Friends Event)	Month of May
Bank Holiday	4.5.26
Last day of term (half term)	22.5.26
PD Day (No children in school)	1.6.26
Return to school (Summer 2)	2.6.26
Class Group Photos	11.6.26
Non-uniform for Summer Fair (Friends Event)	26.6.26
Summer Fair (Friends Event)	3.7.26
End of Term (Summer Holidays)	17.7.26

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