

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!



It's Fabulous Friday once again!

Today we celebrated a wonderful group of children who have truly impressed their teachers. Their achievements ranged from putting in extra effort, showing enthusiasm and deep knowledge in music, and making an excellent start at a new school.

One child even made their teacher's day with their fantastic writing, while another completed their homework independently. Two pupils took it upon themselves to research an inspirational person and then confidently presented their findings to the class.

We also celebrated successes in **gymnastics, swimming, and football**, with several very proud children sharing their accomplishments.

The **Dazzling Dotties trophy** was awarded to **4LM**, who were *VERY* excited to receive it!

A huge well done to all of you: we are incredibly proud.

News and Highlights this Week

Another fabulous week at Dothill and we're waving goodbye to January already!

We are stepping into February with an exciting, action-packed start.

Our **Year 6 children** are heading off to **Arthog** for a full week of outdoor adventure. Those staying in school will be just as busy, with their own programme of fun and enriching activities.

Next week is bursting with experiences across the school:

- **Reception and Rainbow Room** will enjoy a visit from the **Fire Service**,

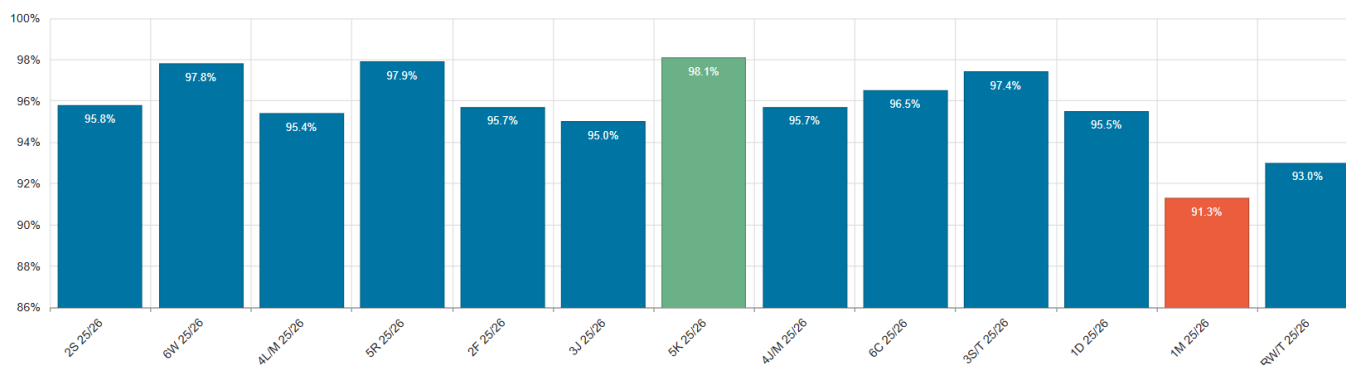
- **Year 2** are off on an adventure to **Twycross Zoo**,
- And **Year 3** will be heading out to **Telford Town Park**

We are also looking forward to welcoming our **governors** for one of their regular visits. We cannot wait to showcase the fantastic progress happening throughout the school, and the dedication, effort, and hard work of our pupils and staff who make it all possible.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. 😊

Attendance

A huge well done to 5K for achieving a fantastic 98.1% attendance this week! 😊 Congratulations also to all the classes who reached **over 96%** - a brilliant effort from everyone. Let's keep it up! Keep coming to school, enjoying your learning, and supporting one another. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could reach **100% attendance** next week? **Great work, everyone: let's go for it!** 🦁



Warnings and Sanctions

Our school will make use of the full range of potential sanctions – including, but not limited to, those listed below – to tackle poor attendance. Decisions will be made on an individual, case-by-case basis.

Notices to Improve

If the national threshold has been met and support is appropriate, but parents do not engage with offers of support, the school may offer a notice to improve to give parents a final chance to engage with support.

Notices to improve will be issued in line with processes set out in the local code of conduct for the local authority area in which the pupil attends school.

They will include:

- Details of the pupil's attendance record and of the offences
- The benefits of regular attendance and the duty of parents under [section 7 of the Education Act 1996](#)
- Details of the support provided so far
- Opportunities for further support, or to access previously provided support that was not engaged with
- A clear warning that a penalty notice may be issued if attendance doesn't improve within the improvement period, along with details of what sufficient improvement looks like, which will be decided on a case-by-case
- A clear timeframe of between 3 and 6 weeks for the improvement period

The grounds on which a penalty notice may be issued before the end of the improvement period.

Mental Health and Wellbeing

Kindness, Friendship & Social Skill

★ What parents can try at home

- **Kindness Challenge:** Encourage one small act of kindness each day.
- **Talk about friendships:** Ask “What made you feel happy with friends today?”
- **Role-play tricky moments:** Practise sharing, turn-taking, and using kind words.



📍 Local support

- **NHS Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin** — guidance for families concerned about their child's emotional or social wellbeing.

SEND

“Meet the LSAT” Coffee Morning



Our Learning Support Advisory Teacher, Ceri, will be visiting school on **Tuesday 9th February from 9am** to support this half-term's SEND coffee morning. This will be a friendly, informal gathering that brings parents, carers, and professionals together to share ideas and support.

What We Offer at Coffee Mornings:

Expert Advice: LSAT specialists are available to answer questions, share strategies, explain the SEND system and provide practical guidance on supporting children with SEND.

Resources and Workshops: From language development and phonics to transition planning, we tailor sessions to address the topics that matter most to families.

Collaboration and Community: These events create a safe space for parents to share experiences, build networks, and feel supported.

Why It Matters

SEND coffee mornings are more than just a chat over coffee—they're an opportunity to strengthen partnerships between schools and families and promote inclusive practices.

Why not come and enjoy a cuppa – we'll make sure we have some good biscuits, too!

EYFS

Eating a Rainbow!

In the EYFS framework, children learn about looking after themselves, developing independence, and making choices that help them stay healthy. Talking about “eating a rainbow” is a fun way to help them notice how different fruits and vegetables help their bodies in different ways.



You might like to chat with your child at home about the colourful foods they enjoy. Can they spot something red, something green, something yellow on their plate? Even small conversations help build their understanding of health and self-care.

We'd love to celebrate healthy choices together. If you'd like to take part, have a go at creating a colourful “rainbow snack” at home with your child. It could be as simple as arranging different fruits or vegetables in a rainbow pattern.

If you'd like to share, please send in a photo of your child's rainbow creation to

DothillPhaseLeaderEYFS@taw.org.uk we'll display a selection to show how the children are exploring this element of their development.

Please could we also remind parents and carers to chop up any grapes, tomatoes or similar items in lunchboxes.

Thank you 😊

Internet Safety

Talking about internet safety is crucial in ensuring your child can talk to you about things they might be exposed to online. The following links, which are aimed at ages 4 to 7 & 8 to 10 years, might help to get those conversations started and are a fun way for your child to learn about online safety.

[4-7s | CEOP Education](#)

[8-10s | CEOP Education](#)



Dates for your diary

Spring Term 2026

Year 6 Residential to Arthog (Monday to Friday)	2.2.26
Year 2 visit to Twycross Zoo	5.2.26
Year 3 visit to Telford Town Centre	5.2.26
SEND Coffee Morning 9am – 11am	9.2.26
Year 5 to watch Legally Blonde at Charlton	10.2.26
Year 5 visit to Think Tank	11.2.26
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 9:30am	24.2.26
Parent Consultations Week	w/b 2.3.26
Family Hubs Coffee Afternoon 2:00 – 3:15	4.3.26
Year 1 visit to Ironbridge	11.3.26
EYFS height and weight checks	19.3.26
Year 3 visit to Cosford	19.3.26
Choir at Telford Sings event	25.3.26
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
Year 4 visit to Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre	20.4.26
EYFS visit to Home Farm	22.4.26
Year 3 Egyptian Workshop	27.4.26
Fund 'Raisin' (Friends Event)	Month of May
Bank Holiday	4.5.26
Year 1 Exotic Zoo Workshop	11.5.26
Year 6 visit Telford Town Park	19.5.26
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
Year 5 visit British Ironworks Centre	24.6.26
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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Respectful
Safe**

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Please see below regarding a footballing opportunity at half term



FEB26

FEBRUARY SOCCER SCHOOL

Monday 16th to Friday 20th February 2026

Times: 9am to 3pm	Telford College Haybridge Road, Wellington, Telford, TF1 2NP	Ages: Years 1 to 5
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 **WOLVES FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT**

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