

DOTHILL NEWS



6th March 2026

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www.dothillprimaryschool.co.uk

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

This Week's Dazzling Dotties!



Mrs Willoughby has organised another fantastic World Book Day for our children – huge thanks for this on behalf of all our children and staff. A special thank you to the Friends volunteers who gave their time to plan and prepare for the Book Swap – we are always grateful for your kindness and energy. It is such a wonderful opportunity for pupils to choose from a wide range of books in our very own free bookshop!

Thank you also to all parents and carers for your support with costumes, donations and enthusiasm. It's one of those special days in the school year that everyone truly loves, and your support helps make it such a success.



News and Highlights this Week

New Term, New Adventures: Join Our After-School Clubs!

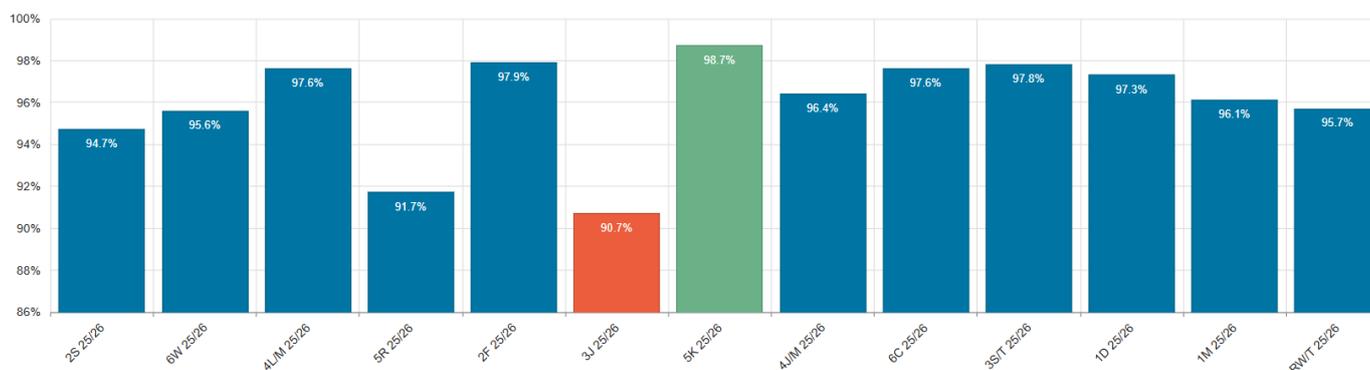
After-school clubs starting after Easter are a fantastic opportunity for children to learn new skills, build confidence, and have fun in a safe and supportive environment. Next term, we're excited to offer a great range of clubs including **Lego, Forest School, Football, Multisport, Street Dance, and Basketball**. These clubs encourage creativity, teamwork, physical activity, and problem-solving -benefits that support your child's wellbeing and development beyond the school day.



To secure a place, please sign up via ParentPay. Spaces are limited, so we encourage families to book early. Give your child the chance to explore new interests and make lasting memories!

Attendance

Our whole school attendance for this week is 95.9%. Well done to all of those that have managed to attend school every day!! We know that children are ill time to time but please bring them to school if they are well enough. A huge well done to 5K with the highest attendance again this week 😊



Working Together

As a school we have an attendance team – Mrs Harvey (attendance lead), Leanne (EWO), Mrs Love (pastoral support) and Mrs Melish (Attendance Admin). As a team we work closely together. We meet regularly to discuss all children with attendance below 92%. We will then decide next steps and best ways to support – this will vary for families depending on the reasons for absence.

If you have any questions or queries, then please speak with one of the members of our fabulous attendance team.



Mental Health and Wellbeing

The sun has been shining a little more recently – get out and enjoy 😊

Week 2 – Move and Play Outside

1. After-School Nature Walk

Choose a short route and notice what has changed since winter.

👉 **Wellbeing Impact:** Regular movement improves mood and sleep, while noticing nature builds gratitude and positive thinking.

2. Back garden or Park “Obstacle Trail”

Use chalk, sticks, cones, or stones to make a mini obstacle course.

👉 **Wellbeing Impact:** Physical play releases energy and frustration, helping children regulate emotions.



Mindful March 2026

SUNDAY

1 Set an intention to live with awareness and kindness

MONDAY

2 Notice three things you find beautiful in the outside world

TUESDAY

3 Start today by appreciating your body and that you're alive

WEDNESDAY

4 Notice how you speak to yourself and choose to use kind words

THURSDAY

5 Bring to mind people you care about and send love to them

FRIDAY

6 If you find yourself rushing, make an effort to slow down

SATURDAY

7 Take three calm breaths at regular intervals during your day

8 Eat mindfully. Appreciate the taste, texture and smell of your food

9 Take a full breath in and out before you reply to others

10 Get outside and notice how the weather feels on your face

11 Stay fully present while drinking your cup of tea or coffee

12 Listen deeply to someone and really hear what they are saying

13 Pause to watch the sky or clouds for a few minutes today

14 Find ways to enjoy any chores or tasks that you do

15 Stop. Breathe. Notice. Repeat regularly

16 Get really absorbed with an interesting or creative activity

17 Look around and spot three things you find unusual or pleasant

18 Have a 'no plans' day and notice how that feels

19 Cultivate a feeling of loving-kindness towards others today

20 Focus on what makes you and others happy today

21 Listen to a piece of music without doing anything else

22 Notice something that is going well, even if today feels difficult

23 Tune into your feelings, without judging or trying to change them

24 Appreciate your hands and all the things they enable you to do

25 Focus your attention on the good things you take for granted

26 Choose to spend less time looking at screens today

27 Appreciate nature around you, wherever you are

28 Notice when you're tired and take a break as soon as possible

29 Choose a different route today and see what you notice

30 Mentally scan your body and notice what it is feeling

31 Discover the joy in the simple things of life



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Family Hubs Coffee Afternoon



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FAMILY HUBS

Thank you so much to those of you who attended our Family Hubs coffee afternoon this week. The event was well attended and a great opportunity for families to share their lived experiences with the Family Hubs team. As part of the event, we also met with Lizzie from Health Education, who discussed vaccination for diseases such as measles and who shared her own experiences with us.

We will keep you informed about any further events. If you missed the coffee afternoon but would like to know more about what Family Hubs can do to support you, go to the Family Hubs [HomePage](#).

PODS Calendar of Events



With the Easter break approaching, it's good to know about local events and activities available during the holiday. As always, Telford PODS (Parents Opening Doors) has a wealth of events taking place. Here is a direct link to the PODS calendar: [Calendar of Events - Together We Can Make a Difference](#)

If you are not a member of PODS, you can join the group by clicking this link: [Sign Up - Together We Can Make a Difference](#)

Why join PODS?

PODS is a peer-led charity supporting families of children and young adults with additional needs or disabilities in Telford & Wrekin. They offer activities, social opportunities, support services, training, information and signposting for the whole family. Their Parent Carer Forum works with health,

education, social care and voluntary sector partners locally, regionally and nationally, and is part of the National Network of Parent Carer Forums. PODS is funded through small grants, including a Department for Education Participation Grant, as well as self-generated income and fundraising.

SEND Local Offer link

SEND Local Offer: <https://www.telfordsend.org.uk/>

EYFS

We love to celebrate the wonderful learning that takes place both in school and at home.

If your child achieves something special, makes a new discovery, or shows a skill that deserves to be celebrated, we would be delighted to hear about it!

We are particularly keen to see the skills they have been developing in school being used at home — whether that's artwork, counting, subitising, early writing, adding, or any other 'little moments of learning' that make you proud.

Please feel free to email these to us at DothillPhaseLeaderEYFS@taw.org.uk and we will proudly add them to our class display, which is ready and waiting for your children's achievements to shine.



To stay up to date with what we are learning in EYFS each week, you can also visit our class pages on the school website.

Thank you 😊

Family Health Information

During our upcoming EYFS parent's evening, we will have a vaccine educator available to offer informal, friendly support for families who may have questions about childhood vaccinations. This professional will be on hand to help myth-bust common misconceptions, share up-to-date health information, and discuss any worries or barriers you may be facing. With measles cases on the rise nationally and local uptake of the MMRV (Measles, Mumps, Rubella and Varicella) vaccine currently lower than expected, this is a valuable opportunity to gain accurate information and feel confident in making the right decisions for your family's health.



Dates for your diary

Spring Term 2026

Year 1 visit to Ironbridge	11.3.26
Rainbow Room visit to the Nature Reserve	13.3.26
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



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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
Grandparents Tea Part 2pm -details to follow	15.6.26
Sports Day 9am Yr 5/6 10am EYFS/1/2 11am 3/4	22.6.26
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 Year Reports	10.7.26
Family Picnic (12-1pm) More information to follow	13.7.26
End of Term (Summer Holidays)	17.7.26



Ercall Wood Academy



Easter Biscuit Competition

Have you got what it takes to be crowned the
Ercall Wood Easter Biscuit Winner?

Do you want to create your own biscuit
designs?



If the answer to the questions is yes, then all you need to do is design your own unique Easter Biscuit on a sheet of A4 paper and return to Ercall Wood Academy by the 13th March, along with your name and school.

For more details email joy.taylor@ltc.education

