

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 the last assembly of the spring term today and we had so much to celebrate. We heard about children who sang beautifully and represented our school at the Telford Sings at Charlton, raised money for charity by sleeping in his garden WITH NO TENT! Others were chosen for always living our Dothill values, for great money maths work, for being excellent role models, helping to keep our school clean by helping to clean up after lunch every day and so much more.

We celebrated our incredible cross country runners, who represented Dothill in Newport this week and were resilient and fabulous on a very cold day.

The Dazzling Dotties trophy went to two classes this week because Mrs Thomas just could not choose between them. Well done to Mr Jones and Mrs Melville's classes for being so wonderful with your writing work.

Achievements outside of school were for bowls, a half marathon, football, gymnastics and wonderful work at another setting. These children shared their achievements so clearly with the rest of school.

We also celebrated with children who were lucky enough to win an Easter egg, courtesy of the Friends of Dothill. They were certainly very happy! A huge thank you to the Friends for this contribution.

Have a wonderful Easter holiday, we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 13th April.



News and Highlights this Week

What a busy half term we have had! With children representing school, trips and visits and of course, dedicated hard work from our fabulous children. The promise of warmer weather is ahead of us, and we hope all our families enjoy a lovely Easter break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 13th April.

🦢 Calling all former Dothill pupils! 🦢



We are organising another **Careers Week** and we'd love to hear from anyone who came through our doors and has gone on to do something fun, exciting, or unique in their career. If you're a past pupil—or you know someone who is—we'd absolutely love to have you involved! Whether you'd be happy to come in to talk about what you do now or maybe chat to the children via teams or zoom, the children get so much out of hearing real stories from people who once sat where they sit now.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Mrs Thackray in 3ST (Wednesday) or RWT (Thursday/Friday).

Our KS2 children had a fantastic time at Cross Country this week!

They were incredible from start to finish – giving their all, supporting one another, and representing Dothill beautifully. It was wonderful to see them pushing themselves, showing great determination, and enjoying the event.

We are extremely proud of every single child who took part and we are delighted that so many finished in the top 20 too!



Telford Sings

On Wednesday evening, thirty members of our school choir joined six other schools from Telford to sing eight songs that they have learnt this term.

They sang and danced with lots of enthusiasm: our favourite songs were an interesting version of 'This



old Man', 'This is my Life' and 'Let's Go Fly a Kite'. Mrs Maltby said, 'The

children were an absolute credit to our school and made me very proud. Their behaviour and performance were described as being better than paid professionals by our conductor!' She

would like to thank the choir for being amazing, all the parents who came to watch the concert and Mrs Renshaw and Miss Brotherton for their help.



Attendance

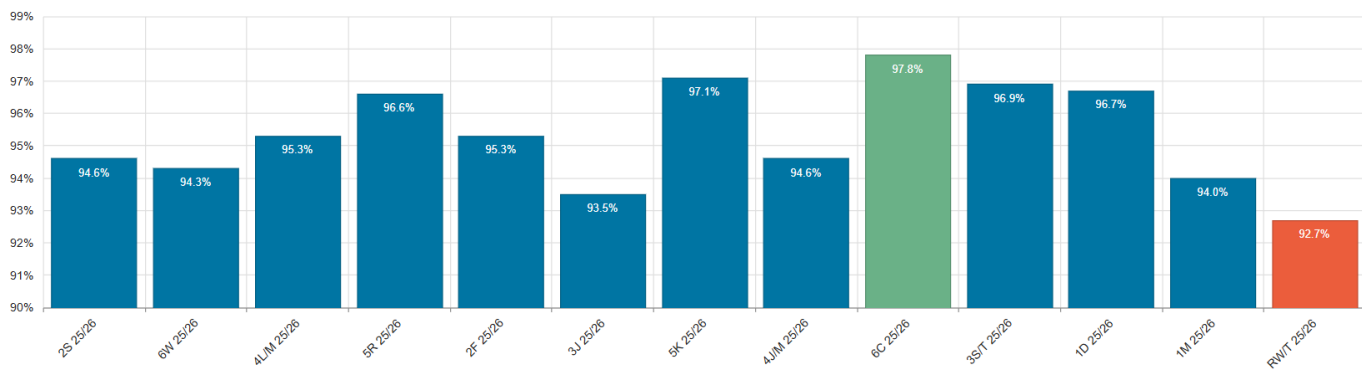
Overall attendance for the Spring term is **95.3%**.

6C have achieved a fantastic **97.8%**, which is an outstanding result.

A huge well done to all classes who exceeded our school attendance target of **96%**: **5R, 5K, 6C, 3ST and 1D**.

National attendance to date for this academic year stands at **94.82%**, with Dothill proudly sitting **above national at 95.2%**.

Well done everyone! 😊



Why is attendance in school important?

Attendance in primary school is incredibly important for several key reasons, both academically and socially. Here is a third reason why it matters:

Long-Term Impact

- **Habits for life:** Good attendance habits in primary school often carry into secondary school and beyond.
- **Reduced risk of dropout:** Children who attend regularly are less likely to fall behind and disengage from education later on.
- **Children who have poor attendance in primary** often go on to have poor attendance during their secondary school years
- **Children will poor attendance** will not achieve their full potential

Mental Health and Wellbeing

Family Time and Creativity

1. Spring Memories Scrapbook Page

Use photos, drawings, or collected leaves and petals.

👉 *Wellbeing Impact:* Creative expression improves emotional wellbeing and helps children process and celebrate positive experiences.

2. Technology-Free Evening with a Spring Theme

Bake something fruity, play a board game, or read outside before bed.

👉 *Wellbeing Impact:* Reducing screen time supports better sleep and encourages bonding, laughter, and relaxation.



SEND

Changes to CAMHS: the i-THRIVE model

Those of you awaiting BeeU appointments and assessments may have heard that the service will soon be changing. From 1st April, CAMHS will follow a model of support known as i-THRIVE. This will support

children and young people aged 0-25 in line with the Code of Practice for SEND. The aim of the change is to offer earlier help, easier access and a 'joined-up' approach to care. This will include:

- ✓ An improved digital offer for out-of-hours support
- ✓ More effective triage, allowing for quicker and more targeted help
- ✓ Shorter waiting times and increased support during the period of waiting
- ✓ Effective sharing of key information between services
- ✓ A new service to support children and young people with eating disorders

Any referrals which have already been made to BeeU will continue and re-referrals will not be needed.

As we learn more about the changes, we will of course share the details with you.

Useful support links during holiday time

[Parent Carer Support Zone](#)

[Calendar of Events - Together We Can Make a Difference](#): PODS events for March and April

[SEND News - SEND - Local offer](#): Upcoming events for children with SEND and their families

EYFS

We've had a wonderful term in EYFS this spring, filled with curiosity, creativity and lots of fantastic learning! The children have enjoyed exploring signs of the new season, investigating growing plants, taking part in exciting outdoor adventures, and developing their early reading, writing and maths skills through plenty of hands-on activities.

We have been learning about the relationships of numbers to ten, how to write in sentences and how to create masterpieces in our Art Studio. As we head into the Easter break, we wish all our families a very happy and restful holiday. We would love to share and celebrate any learning experiences that happen at home over the break—photos are brilliant, along with a short note about what your child discovered.

Some examples of this:

- "We went for a walk and noticed Daffodils blooming."
- "We counted the steps on our walk to the shops."
- "We noticed the 'ch' sound on a poster."
- "We talked about the colours we could make with red, yellow and blue."
- "We wrote a shopping list together using the sounds we know."

These moments help enrich our classroom and allow us to celebrate the children's growing understanding together.

Please send anything you would like to share to DothillPhaseLeaderEYFS@taw.org.uk.

Thank you and have a wonderful Easter.

The EYFS Team



Internet Safety

This free online safety guide focuses on hacking. Hacking is the unauthorised attempt to exploit a computer system or network. There are different types of hackers who are usually categorised by the term 'hats'. The guide takes a look at how to tackle a range of potential risks such as theft of personal data, inappropriate content and breaking the law.

At National Online Safety we believe in empowering parents, carers and educators with the information they need to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they need it. Please visit nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

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What you need to know about...

HACKING

What are they?

'Hacking'

Hacking is the unauthorised attempt to exploit a computer system or network. There are different types of hackers who are usually categorised under 'hats'. White hat hackers are known as ethical hackers and have no intent to cause harm, but rather will penetrate a system to identify weaknesses. Black hat hackers or Crackers are those who intentionally hack to gain unauthorised access to harm or steal sensitive information. Grey hat hackers act more for fun and exploit security weaknesses in computer systems to raise awareness of issues for recognition, political awareness, or financial reward.

Know the Risks

It's Illegal

Hacking is often portrayed in the media as dark, dangerous and cool. However, young people attempting to hack are often unaware that they are actually breaking the law. It is a criminal offence to access or modify data stored on a computer system without permission which is often punishable by law and could lead to a criminal record.

Theft of Personal Data

Cyber criminals collect information in a variety of ways and will try to entice children to an attractive website through offers of free media or products. They will often hide malware in downloadable content which can take over your computer, steal personal data and pass it on to third parties. This can lead to financial and reputational damage, embarrassment, blackmail or even identity theft.

Inappropriate Content

If a child is using an unsecure network, free WiFi or hasn't implemented any necessary security measures, they could leave themselves open to being hijacked by other users. This could leave them open to being sent or exposed to inappropriate images or videos, especially via social media platforms or communication apps.



Safety Tips

Talk about the risks

Encourage discussion with children about what hacking is and what the consequences of being hacked are, as well as those risks if they were to become involved in hacking themselves. Discuss the legalities and the dangers of not keeping accounts and passwords secure.

Be security aware

Talk to children about being security aware. Advise them to seek your help when filling out online forms and make sure they know what to keep private when filling in online profiles such as their date of birth, phone numbers and addresses. Make sure children know the risks of connecting to open/free Wi-Fi.

Tighten protection

Make sure that you have implemented necessary security measures across all devices and apps your child uses. Use passwords that are made-up of at least 8 characters consisting of symbols, numbers, uppercase and lowercase letters. Create different passwords for different accounts and use two-factor authentication where possible. Turn off browser pop-ups and location services in apps when not in use and make sure your anti-virus software is up to date.

Further Guidance

Provide support

Try to make sure that child know that they can feel comfortable talking to you. If a child's account has been hacked and they have suffered embarrassment or loss of private information, they may become withdrawn, secretive or emotional so it's important that they know that you will be there to help and can offer them support and advice to help rectify the situation.

Change security controls

If you suspect that a child's account has been hacked or compromised, disable it, change passwords for other accounts that may be linked to it and use a password manager to increase the level of security. If you believe a device has been hacked, update and run your anti-virus software. You might also need to wipe the device and re-install everything.

Seek further help

If you notice that a child is starting to show a deep interest in hacking activities or mentions the dark web or TOR browsers, have a conversation with them about the laws they may be breaking and the possible dangerous consequences. Seek advice from local organisations who may have more specialist knowledge and can provide further guidance.

Our Expert



Emma Davis

Emma Davis is a cyber security expert and former ICT teacher. She delivers cyber awareness training to organisations nationally and has extensive knowledge and experience of managing how children access services and apps online.



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Dates for your diary

Spring Term 2026

Last Day of Spring Term (Easter Holidays)	27.3.26
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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
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



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Safe**

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