

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!



We all met together this afternoon to hear more wonderful things about our wonderful pupils.

They were chosen by their teachers for working hard, for being responsible, for extra reading at home, being able to use helpful strategies and so much more.

Children shared achievements in swimming, brownies, football and gymnastics.

Mr Furey's class were our Dazzling Dotties class of the week and have taken charge of the trophy. They were very excited! 😊

Well done everyone, we are very proud of you.

News and Highlights this Week

Welcome back to everyone for this summer term! Already we have been busy this week and assembly was full of proud teachers and children.

Lost Property

We have another red bin full of unclaimed items today after just one week in school! In today's assembly our Year 5 monitors talked to the children about how much time they spend tidying up after everyone. We also discussed how frustrating it is for you, the parents, when items are not looked after properly!

On Monday we will put out all of the items which have no names on for you to come and check if you know you are missing things, and if they remain unclaimed, we will donate them to charity.



New Garden Planters

I am sure many of you will have seen our fantastic new planters around the Year 2 classrooms. I am sure you will agree they have brightened up this corner. We were so lucky to have support from Lovells with this project – over the holidays they came to dig down, top with weed suppressant and provide the five planters. Our own Friends of Dothill have supported with the purchase of the plants themselves, and Year 2 have had a wonderful time gardening!

This term, a gardening club will be taking place at lunchtimes – more details to come out to the children very soon.

Wishing you all a very lovely weekend 😊

Attendance



Good attendance really matters. Every school day builds on the one before, helping children feel confident, secure and ready to learn. Even a few missed days can make learning harder, especially in reading, writing and maths. Thank you for helping your child make the most of every opportunity.

Mental Health and Wellbeing

What Is Mental Health?

Mental health is about how we think, feel, and act. Just like we look after our bodies, we also need to look after our minds. Everyone has mental health, and it's normal to have good days and hard days.

Try at home:

- Talk about feelings openly.
- Spend a few minutes each day doing something calming such as colouring or reading.
- Practice “3 Good Things” before bed to end the day on a positive note.

Support available:

- School Pastoral Team
- Local GP



SEND



The latest SEND Family Newsletter is available on the Local Offer

In the latest issue, you can find the most up-to-date information on SEND reforms, including details of upcoming PODS information sessions designed to help families better understand the changes and what they could mean in practice. You'll also find links to key partner newsletters, updates on the improved CAMHS model across Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin, and information about local support available to parent carers.

The SEND Family newsletter can be accessed on The SEND Local Offer, in [SEND News](#), where you can also find our most recent SEND newsletters, including Short Breaks, Sensory Inclusion Service (SIS) and ELSEC. To read the SEND Family Newsletter, click here: [SEND News - SEND - Local offer](#)

New CAMHS service in Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin

PODS will be holding a CAMHS coffee morning. Please note that this is not being held at school. For more information visit [CAMHS Coffee Morning - Together We Can Make a Difference](#) and book your place.

SEND Reforms: PODS

Are you keen to know what the SEND White Paper reforms mean for your child? PODS have some sessions available to help demystify the latest proposed changes to SEND.

Book 28th April session: [SEND REFORMS - WHITE PAPER SESSION - Together We Can Make a Difference](#)

Book 30th April session: [SEND REFORMS - WHITE PAPER SESSION - Together We Can Make a Difference](#)

EYFS

It has been wonderful to welcome children back into class following the Easter break for our last term in Reception! We have been so impressed with the children's efforts in class this week. We have seen some great sentence writing, artwork around patterns and some superb storytelling in our 'land of far away'. If you have been up to anything fun, interesting or if there is anything at all your child is proud of or would like to share, we would love to see some photos in class. Please send photos to

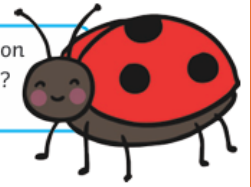
DothillPhaseLeaderEYFS@taw.org.uk so that we can share them on our home learning display – this is looking a little sad at the moment!

Some examples of things you could send:

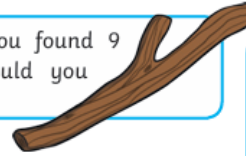
- finding treasures or noticing signs of spring on a walk through the woods
- noticing how many of something you have without counting them out (subitising)
- Writing sentences about anything at all! Have a look out of your window, what can you see? Use your sounds to write your ideas down.
- If you build something with blocks
- Learning a new dance – lets see those moves!

Next week we will be learning lots about 'Doubling'. Here are some questions to ask your child to warm their brains up for next week's maths sessions 😊

If a ladybird has 4 spots on one side and 4 spots on the other side, how many does she have in total?
Double 4.



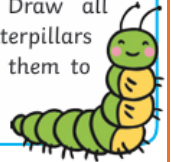
Collect 9 sticks. If you found 9 more, how many would you have altogether?



Collect 3 leaves outside. Collect 3 more. How many do you have altogether?

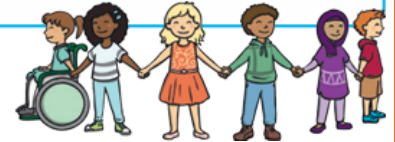


Draw 7 caterpillars on a large leaf. Double the amount. How many caterpillars are there in total? Draw all the caterpillars and count them to check.



Jordan made 6 cupcakes for her class, but she needs to make more. There are double that number of children in her class. How many cupcakes does she need in total? Can you make that many cupcakes?

Some preschool children visit your class for an afternoon. There are usually 10 children in your class but today there are double that amount. How many children are there altogether?



Internet Safety

Despite the 13+ age restriction for social media, a recent study has found 51% of children under 13 use them (34% of children aged 3-7). Here are some top tips for safe social media use.

[Place2Be: Parenting Smart: Safe social media for primary aged children](#)



Facebook



Whatsapp



Email

Dates for your diary

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 Party 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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