

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!



Another fabulous week of superstars: chosen for wonderful reading, some superb creative writing in year 2, consistent maths work in school and at home, being wonderful in all areas and being a great representative of all our school values to name a few reasons.

We also celebrated two wonderful gymnasts and a swimmer who received two certificates in one lesson!

We are so proud of you all 😊

News and Highlights this Week

Friends of Dothill need your support: Summer Fair

The Friends of Dothill are looking for volunteers to help plan one of the highlights of the school year – our Summer Fair. Whether you can offer a little time or a lot, any help makes a big difference. Volunteers are needed for a range of tasks, including organising stalls and games, helping with decorations, raffle prizes, or refreshments, and no experience is needed – just enthusiasm! It's a great opportunity to meet other parents and carers, get involved in the school community, and help raise valuable funds for our children. If you'd like to get involved or find out more, please comment below or send a message. Let's make this year's Summer Fair the best one yet!



RWI Book Plea

Please could you have a quick check at home: on bookshelves, in book bags, and even under beds (!) for any *Read Write Inc.* books that may still be hiding?

We are currently missing quite a few books, particularly the Early Blending texts (light purple). Although we recently updated all of our stock, several books in all colours have not yet made their way back to school.

We really appreciate your support with this, as having the correct books available ensures every child has the opportunity to practise reading at home, which plays a key role in helping them make rapid progress.



Lovells Planter Project

Some of our lovely Year 2 champions shared the progress the new planters are making this spring with Caitlin from Lovells who organised the project and came to visit the finished product this week. They were able to name many of the plants and are particularly proud of the 'purple' carrots that are growing under the soil! Another favourite is the lemon thyme – a little squeeze of the leaves and you will see why it is so named – not just because of its colour!

Health & Safety Update

As our school is located within a nature reserve, we are regularly visited by our neighbouring wildlife. This week however, a rat ventured a little nearer to school than we would like, briefly entering a classroom! It was quickly encouraged back outside and away from the school site but must have wanted to take part in the children's lessons!

Mrs Harvey had fun creating a picture of a school mascot!

Joking aside, we acted immediately and in line with our health and safety procedures. Checks and cleaning were carried out, precautionary measures were put in place (e.g. doors remaining closed), and our professional pest control contractor was contacted the same day and took appropriate action. The areas involved were assessed as safe for continued use, and daily monitoring is currently in place as an extension of our routine site management to monitor.

The health, safety and wellbeing of our pupils and staff remains our highest priority. We were proud about how children remained calm and understanding about our local wildlife. Thank you for your continued support and understanding. If you have any questions, please contact the school directly.

Bayley Mile

Some of our super runners from school had a wonderful afternoon taking part in the Bayley Mile in Wellington. As ever, we were so proud that the children showed just how respectful and kind our pupils are.

Eight schools took part and our children did their very best. Miss Hodgkinson was so proud of them all and has made some well-deserved certificates for them to remember their participation.



The children have today watched a virtual assembly to celebrate the 100th Birthday of Sir David Attenborough – I hope we have some budding wildlife photographers and naturalists amongst our pupils! Wishing you all a lovely weekend to rest, relax and recharge all ready for another busy Dohill week! 😊



To book, please click here: [PODS Mental Health Drop In for Mental Health Awareness Week 2026](#)

PODS May Activities

Join PODS this May for a variety of activity sessions! Parents and carers would need to attend with their children and tickets would be required for all children and young people. The activities are open to children and young people, including siblings.

To book, please click on the links below:

[Sensory Sessions](#)

[PODS General & Interactive Craft Session](#)

[PODS Gardening Session](#)

[PODS Cooking Session: Fruit Crumble](#)

[Fun P.E Session with Embrace \(Sat 16th & Thurs 21st\)](#)

[Complex Needs Session](#)

Reception

We have been learning about fruits and vegetables, how to grow them and how they taste! We thought this was a good time to focus on 'Strive for 5'. We have been sharing our ideas for 'Eating a Rainbow!' We would love to see your rainbow foods. If you'd like to share some pictures of any rainbow food you have eaten (or grown!) please send them to our year group email address DothillPhaseLeaderEYFS@taw.org.uk and we can celebrate this in class.



Strive for 5!



As well as looking and tasting great, fruits and vegetables are packed with essential vitamins and minerals, phytochemicals (biologically active plant compounds) and fibre that are vital for good health.



Many of these nutrients also act as powerful antioxidants, protecting the body from harmful pollutants that can cause disease.



Getting children into the habit of eating a wide variety of fruit and vegetables could help maintain this healthy behaviour into early adulthood and beyond.



Eat a rainbow!

Different colours of fruits and vegetables contain different types of nutrients. By eating lots of different colours of fruits and vegetables we give ourselves the best variety of nutrients for good health.



Dried Fruit

Dried fruit can be high in sugar and bad for your teeth. To reduce the risk of tooth decay, dried fruit is best enjoyed as part of a meal - with a dessert, for example, not as a between meal snack.

Fruit juice and smoothies

Fresh, unsweetened fruit juices provide the body with vitamins and minerals, and water. Smoothies can also add fibre. However, the sugar naturally present in fruit juices/smoothies also adds energy to the diet and increases the risk of tooth decay.



- Stick to **ONE 150ml glass per day**
- Drink only **at mealtimes**
- Use a straw to avoid **direct contact with children's teeth**
- Brush teeth **twice a day with a fluoride toothpaste**


Further information:

- www.nhs.uk/change4life/food-facts/five-a-day
- www.bda.uk.com/foodfacts/fruit_vegetables__how_get_five-a-day

Internet Safety

This online safety guide focuses on BBFC and PEGI age ratings. It examines how ratings help to address a range of potential risks such as violence, sexual content and profanity.







At National Online Safety we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information they need to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one issue of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.



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What parents need to know about AGE RATINGS

If you have children, it is understandable to have concerns about the films and TV shows they watch, as well as the games they play. In this guide, we take a look at the two official ways you can assess if a particular title is suitable for your child. Both the BBFC and PEGI have search facilities on their websites that can be used to look up individual titles so you can check their ratings.



RATINGS FOR FILMS, TV & MUSIC VIDEOS








Since 1912, the BBFC (British Board of Film Classification) has informed UK residents of the age suitability of films, TV and music videos - providing parents with the information needed to assess whether or not it is appropriate for their child's age. This applies to cinema releases, DVDs and streaming video services such as Netflix.

RATINGS FOR GAMES

PEGI (Pan European Game Information) is a content rating system that ensures all video games are labelled with a minimum age recommendation. These age recommendations are based on the types of content featured within a game. With each game, PEGI also provide a content descriptor that indicates the potential issues and concerns, including sex, violence, bad language and drugs.

WHAT ARE THE BBFC RATINGS?






BBFC ratings are broken down into seven age categories:

 Universal, suitable for all ages	 Parental Guidance required	 Suitable for people aged 12 and over	 Suitable for people aged 12 and over, strong language, violence, sex or gambling, restricted to specialist retailers
 Suitable for people aged 15 and over	 Suitable for people aged 18 and over	 Adult content only available in specially licensed cinemas and specialist retailers	


WHAT ARE THE PEGI RATINGS?

PEGI ratings are split into age restriction and content descriptors. Additional 'content descriptors' help parents and children to understand the type of content featured within a particular game, including sex, fear, bad language, discrimination, gambling, drugs, violence, and in-game purchases. In combination, the two different ratings can provide a good level of information to help make informed decisions regarding the suitability for your child.

PEGI age ratings are broken down into five categories:

 www.pegi.info	 www.pegi.info	 www.pegi.info	 www.pegi.info	 www.pegi.info
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PEGI content descriptors are broken down into eight categories:



WHAT ELSE CAN BBFC REVEAL?

Accompanied with the age suitability rating, BBFC also provide an additional warning regarding the content and what to expect, such as swearing, sexual content, violence and anything you may consider to be inappropriate for your child. In addition to this, the content is also rated in three levels: frequent, mild or strong.

LIMITATIONS OF PEGI RATINGS

It's possible for young people to buy games online without a required proof of age, opening them up to age-inappropriate content without you knowing. We advise that you regularly monitor your child's gaming activities and maintain a honest and healthy dialogue with them about the online world.

LIMITATIONS OF BBFC RATINGS

It's important to note that there is no obligation on streaming video services to use or display BBFC ratings. Due to this, we advise that you check the rating online before your child streams the content. It may also be a good idea to watch the content first yourself or discuss it with other parents to help you decide whether or not it is suitable for your child.

PARENTAL CONTROLS

It is a good idea to put in place parental controls for all online accounts which your child may use to purchase or download online games e.g. The App Store, Google Play Store, PlayStation Store and Microsoft Xbox Store etc.

Source: www.bbfc.co.uk Source: www.pegi.info

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THE NATIONAL ONLINE SAFETY CENTRE, 100, NEWCASTLE STREET, LONDON, EC4A 3DF



Friends of Dothill

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Help Us Plan Our Summer Fayre!

We're getting ready for one of the highlights of the school year – our **Summer Fayre** – and we need your help to make it amazing!

The Friends of Dothill is looking for volunteers to join our friendly planning team. Whether you can spare a little time or a lot, every bit of help makes a big difference.

From organising stalls and games to helping with decorations, raffle prizes, or refreshments—there's something for everyone.

No experience needed—just enthusiasm!

It's a great way to:



Meet other parents and carers



Get involved in the school community



Help raise funds for the children

If you'd like to get involved or find out more, please **comment below** or send us a **message**.

Let's make this year's Summer Fayre the best one yet!



Dates for your diary

Summer Term 2026

Fund 'Raisin' (Friends Event)	Month of May
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



**Respectful
Safe**

BE YOUR BEST



FREE FUN FOOTBALL FESTIVAL



Coaching Sessions
and Fun Games

**Saturday 9th May
& Sunday 10th May**

Shrewsbury Town FC, Oteley Rd,
Shrewsbury SY2 6ST



Free Face Painting



Free Activity
Books

All-day Event!
Free Entry, Open To The Public!



Prizes and Freebies
Up for Grabs

