

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!



Friday has come around really quickly again!

This week, our fabulous children were recognised for a wonderful range of achievements and positive behaviours. Awards were given to children who consistently listen carefully and demonstrate our STAR values, show excellent effort in all that they do, and display resilience, particularly in their writing. We also celebrated children who showed kindness without being asked, demonstrated a conscientious attitude and always tried their very best, and those who are consistently helpful and supportive of others.

We were also delighted to celebrate one of our pupils who came first place in a dance competition and proudly brought in her medal to share with the school. What a fantastic achievement!

The **Dazzling Dotties Trophy** was awarded to **Woodland Class**, who have absolutely impressed their teachers, Mrs Loveitt and Mrs Smith, and Mrs Thomas with the incredible start they have made to the new school year. Their enthusiasm, effort and positive attitudes have been wonderful to see.

Well done to all our award winners and achievers. We are incredibly proud of each one of you!



News and Highlights this Week

We have had a wonderful week in school, full of enthusiasm, creativity and memorable learning experiences. Year 5 enjoyed an Anglo-Saxon workshop on Tuesday this week. More details to follow!



Our Year 1 and Year 2 children have today enjoyed a fabulous **Great Fire of London workshop**, which brought their history learning to life. They were visited by 'Samuel Pepys', who shared his experiences of the Great Fire and helped the children develop a deeper understanding of this significant event in British history. The workshop was engaging, interactive and thoroughly enjoyed by all.



Throughout the day, the children explored a range of artefacts from the period, created beautiful artwork using pastels, and had the opportunity to dress up in costume to immerse themselves in life in 1666.

We would like to thank the staff and workshop leaders for providing such a rich learning experience, and we are incredibly proud of the curiosity, participation and excellent behaviour shown by our children throughout the day.



Final Reminder: Grandparents' Tea Party

A final reminder that booking for our Grandparents' Tea Party will **close on ParentPay at the end of today**.

We are looking forward to welcoming grandparents into school on Monday 5th October at 2:00pm for a special afternoon with their grandchildren. Visitors will have the opportunity to spend time in classrooms, see the children's learning and enjoy tea, coffee and cake together.

Our last Grandparents' Tea Party was a huge success, and it was wonderful to see children proudly sharing their school experience with such important members of their families.

Please remember:

- Booking closes **at the end of today** via ParentPay.
- A maximum of **4 grandparents per family** may attend.
- We kindly ask for a **£2 contribution per grandparent** to help cover refreshments.
- Due to space and the nature of the event, we respectfully ask that **only grandparents attend**.

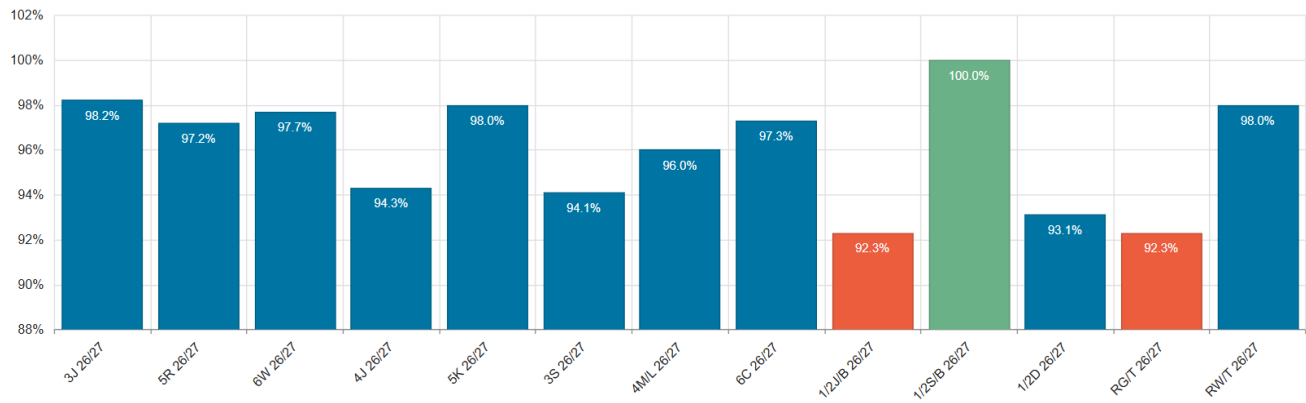
If you have not yet booked and would like grandparents to attend, please do so before ParentPay closes this evening.

We look forward to another memorable afternoon together! 🍵 🍰 😊

As always, we wish you a lovely weekend, Mrs Thomas 😊

Attendance

Our whole-school attendance this week is **96%**. Thank you to all our families for continuing to support good attendance and helping children to be in school, on time and ready to learn each day. A special **well-done to 1/2SB**, who achieved an amazing **100% attendance this week!** 🎉 We also had several classes achieving **97% or above**, which is fantastic. Every day in school really does make a difference, so let's keep working together to make every school day count!



Attendance Champion's Top Tip

A successful school day often starts the night before.

Try:

- ✓ Laying out uniform before bed
- ✓ Packing school bags the evening before
- ✓ Keeping a consistent bedtime routine
- ✓ Leaving plenty of time for the school run

Small routines can make a big difference to attendance and punctuality.



Mental Health and Wellbeing

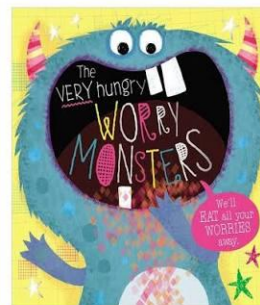
Managing Worries

Helping Children Handle Anxiety

All children worry from time to time. Worries often increase when children are facing something new, challenging or uncertain.

You may notice:

- Tummy aches
- Difficulty sleeping
- Becoming clingy
- Irritability
- Avoiding activities



One of the most helpful things adults can do is listen calmly and acknowledge feelings.

Try saying: *"I can see this is making you worried."* Instead of: *"Don't worry."*

Children feel heard when adults recognise their emotions.

A useful technique is to sort worries into: 🍌 Things we can control 🍌 Things we cannot control

This helps children focus their energy on practical solutions.

If worries are beginning to affect daily life, please speak to a member of the school team.

Further Support

[Young Minds Parent Helpline](#) / [Mind](#)

Reception

Making Friends

Developing positive relationships is a key part of life in Reception, and we have loved watching the children get to know one another over the last few weeks. We have seen lots of examples of children playing together, sharing resources, taking turns and including others in their games. As their confidence grows, so does their ability to work cooperatively and build new friendships.

Learning how to be a good friend is an important part of children's development. In school, we encourage the children to listen to one another, use kind words and think about how their actions can help those around them feel happy and included. We are incredibly proud of the caring attitudes that many of the children are already showing.

You can support this at home by talking about kindness and consideration in everyday situations. Simple questions such as, "How could you help someone today?" or "What could you do to make someone feel welcome?" help children develop empathy and awareness of others. Encouraging children to share, take turns during games and notice when someone may need help are all wonderful ways to reinforce these important social skills.

Together, we can help children develop the confidence, kindness and respect that form the foundation of strong friendships and a happy school community.

Thank you for your continued support

The EYFS Team



Internet Safety

Social media has grown rapidly in popularity over the last few years and, despite the age restriction being 13 years for most platforms, it continues to be used by under-age children. Here are four, quick and simple tips for using social media safely and responsibly:

[Social media - parents and carers on Vimeo](#)

From Spring 2027, certain social media platforms will be banned for children under 16. In the meantime, further information about keeping safe online can be found here:

[Help your child stay safe online - Kids Online Safety](#)

SEND

On Tuesday we look forward to welcoming parents to our SEND coffee morning which will take place between 8:30 and 9:30 in the small hall.

You're Invited to our **SEND** Coffee Morning



Dothill Primary School,
Wellington



Tuesday 29th September



8:30am – 9:30am



Meet
Miss Brotherton



Share and
discuss any
concern.



Meet other
parents.



Enjoy a tea /
coffee and
a biscuit.

All parents and carers of children
with SEND are warmly welcome!



Dates for your diary

Autumn 2026

SEND Coffee Morning 8:30am -9:30am	29.9.26
Grandparent Tea Party 2pm	5.10.26
Flu Vaccinations	14.10.26
Open Afternoon for Prospective EYFS 2pm	19.10.26
Year 3 Stone Age Day	21.10.26
Break up for October half term	23.10.26
Return to school (PD Day 2 nd November)	3.11.26
Autumn Term Parents Consultations	9.11.26/10.11.26
Year 6 Telford Town Park /Library	10.11.26
Year 4 Roman Discovery Centre – Chester	12.11.26
Open Evening for Prospective EYFS 5pm	17.11.26
Year 5 Christmas Event 2pm	1.12.26
Open Morning for Prospective EYFS 10am	2.12.26
Year 4 Christmas Event 2pm	2.12.26
Year 3 Christmas Event 2pm	3.12.26
EYFS Stay and Play (RWT) 2:15pm	4.12.26
EYFS Nativity 9:30am	8.12.26
Year 6 Christmas Event 2pm	8.12.26
KS1 Christmas Performance 2pm	9.12.26
KS1 Christmas Performance 9:15am	10.12.26
EYFS Stay and Play (RGT) 2:15pm	11.12.26
Christmas Dinner/ Wear a Christmas Jumper	16.12.26
Meadow Stay and Play	17.12.26
End of Autumn Term	18.12.26
Spring Term Begins	5.1.27



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