

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 have all been learning about diversity this week and have had visitors from different cultures, from a teacher of Makaton sign language, an assistance dog in training and his handler, lots of activities and different foods and all our children have been interested and respectful. Some stood out above others and were chosen by their teachers for certificates, and we heard about things such as showing empathy towards everyone, helping others, taking a real interest in their chosen person and learning more, for being respectful to all, for kindness to all around. They have shown wonderful understanding of the wealth of diversity we have in our school, in our community and beyond.

Out of school achievements were once more celebrated: we had 'players of the match' in football, a runner, a swimmer and a dancer.

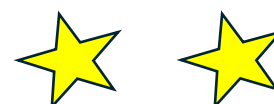


Miss Brotherton chose the whole of year six for our Dazzling Dotties trophy for the incredible respectfulness shown to our visitor, Ellie, who brought Rowan the dog into school. They asked intelligent questions and thought about ways in which independence could be kept when someone has additional needs.

Two pupils received certificates for supporting Ellie and Roman around school throughout the day of their visit.



Well done to all of you, we are so very proud of you. ★



News and Highlights this Week

Enrichment in School: Diversity Week

What a fantastic Diversity Week we have enjoyed across the school! Throughout the week, we celebrated the many cultures, abilities, identities and experiences that make our community so special.



The children explored traditions from around the world, tasted international foods, learned about inspirational Black Britons, and learned how to use Makaton. We met Rowan, an assistance dog in training, and learning how assistance dogs help people live more independently. This was Rowan's first visit to a school, so we are proud of how the children supported him and his owner throughout the day.

Some year groups took time during their PE lessons to design and test inclusive sporting activities for a range of needs, while others tried to navigate an obstacle course while unable to see, hear or speak. In Year 5, children met a parent who taught them words and phrases in their native language.

From creative activities to thought-provoking discussions, the children approached every experience with enthusiasm, curiosity and respect. We are incredibly proud of how they embraced the week and celebrated the message that everyone belongs and everyone has something valuable to contribute to our school community.



Spooky Spectacular

Next week, the Friends of Dothill will be hosting our annual **Spooky Spectacular**! Children are welcome to come to school in their normal uniform and bring a costume to change into during the afternoon. We kindly ask that costumes are **not worn all day**. Please note that **face paints are not permitted**.

The cost of the event is **£2 per child**, payable in cash. We look forward to a spooktacular afternoon of fun! 🎃 👻

Governor Visit: Safeguarding

We were delighted to welcome governors into school last week to review our safeguarding arrangements and speak to pupils about how safe they feel in school.

Governors met with school leaders to discuss our safeguarding systems, including attendance, behaviour, pastoral support and the processes we use to monitor and support vulnerable pupils. They also learned more about how safeguarding information is recorded, monitored and reviewed to ensure children receive the support they need.



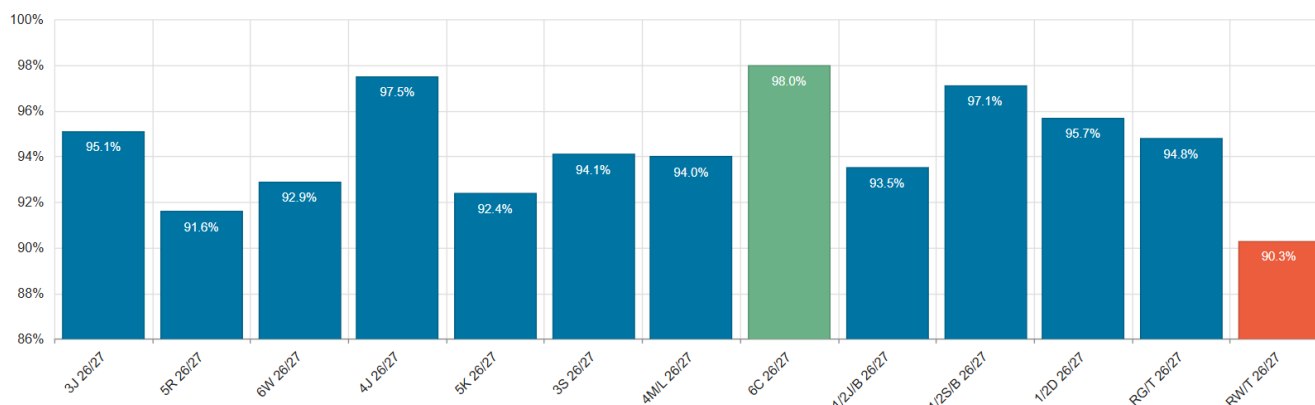
Governors then met with members of our **Safeguarding Squad**, who spoke confidently about how school helps to keep them safe. Pupils shared that they feel safe in school, know who they can turn to if they have a worry, and could explain how they would seek help for themselves or a friend. Governors were pleased to hear such positive feedback and to see pupils demonstrating a good understanding of safeguarding and wellbeing messages taught across our school.

One more week before we break up for half term... but no less busy! We look forward to seeing you all then. Have a lovely weekend 😊

Attendance

Attendance Celebration!

A huge well done to 6C, who achieved our highest attendance this week with a fantastic 98%! A special mention also goes to 4J with 97.5% and 1/2GB with 97.1%. It is wonderful to see so many children coming to school every day, ready to learn and make the most of all the opportunities available. Thank you to all our families for continuing to support good attendance. Every day really does count!



What Difference Does One Day Make?

Imagine a child misses:

- One day in September
- One day in October
- One day in November
- One day in December



That's already four days of learning missed before Christmas.

When absences occur regularly throughout the year, they can quickly add up and create gaps in learning.

Mental Health and Wellbeing

Friendship Matters

Positive friendships play an important role in children's emotional wellbeing.

Healthy friendships help children: • Feel valued and included • Develop confidence • Learn cooperation and empathy • Enjoy school experiences

You can support your child by talking about:

👉 Being kind 👉 Listening to others 👉 Respecting differences 👉 Resolving disagreements calmly

Remember, friendships can change as children grow and develop. Helping children understand this can make transitions easier.

Family Discussion: What qualities make a good friend?

Reception

Little Hands, Big Skills!

Every day, children use their hands and fingers to explore, create, solve problems, write and become more independent. Activities that strengthen little hands help children to:

- Fasten buttons and zips independently
- Use knives, forks and other tools safely
- Build and create with construction toys
- Draw, paint and express their ideas creatively
- Manipulate small objects and solve problems
- Develop the control needed for mark making and writing



The best part is that these skills develop naturally through play and everyday experiences!

Fun Activities to Try at Home

- Helping with pegs and laundry
- Squashing, rolling and pinching play dough
- Threading pasta or beads
- Building with LEGO, Duplo or blocks
- Stirring, mixing and helping in the kitchen
- Using tweezers or tongs during play
- Cutting, sticking and craft activities
- Drawing, colouring and painting

Remember... Every squeeze, pinch, twist, build and create helps children develop stronger hands, greater independence and growing confidence.

Internet Safety



Help and Advice

Screen Time & Healthy Balance

Without doubt, the internet is an important part of everyday life and research shows that screen time has increased in recent years. The link below gives advice about healthy screen times and even has a 'family agreement' to limit the amount of time we're spending in front of a screen.

[Screen Time & Healthy Balance | Childnet](#)

Dates for your diary

Autumn 2026

Open Afternoon for Prospective EYFS 2pm	19.10.26
Year 4 Pond Dipping	19.10.26
Year 3 Stone Age Day	21.10.26
Year 4 French Café Experience	21.10.26
Friends event: Spooky Spectacular	23.10.26
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
Odd Socks Day – wear odd socks to school	16.11.26
Open Evening for Prospective EYFS 5pm	17.11.26
Year 3 Gurdwara Visit	23.11.26
Friends event: Christmas Film Night	30.11.26
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
Friends event: Festive YES Day	18.12.26
End of Autumn Term	18.12.26
Spring Term Begins	5.1.27



**Ready
Respectful
Safe
BE YOUR BEST**

Other Notices

With half-term quickly approaching, there are various activities taking place at Telford Bike Hub in the Town Park over October Half Term, including:

- Group and 121 Learn 2 Ride sessions
- A FREE Halloween Glow Ride – suitable for all the family, enjoy a led bike ride around Telford Town Park, adaptive cycles and standard bikes available to hire for just £3 per person. Thursday 29th October, 6pm
- Glow Ropes - £10 per person – are you brave enough to take on the high ropes in the dark? Thursday 29th October 6pm onwards.



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LEARN 2 RIDE A BIKE

OCTOBER HALF TERM

Monday 26th October –
Thursday 29th October 26

Group Learn 2 Ride and
1-2-1 sessions
available

Book online at Tickets
Telford



Children aged 4+ can
learn to ride a bike with
Telford Bike Hub



Bike and helmet hire
is included in the
price



Book your child's
place online via
Tickets Telford



Everyone is different
but we recommend 3
sessions



Any enquires please email:
thebikehub@telford.gov.uk



TELFORD BIKE HUB
HALLOWEEN
FAMILY GLOW RIDE

FREE EVENT!

LIGHT UP THE NIGHT THIS HALLOWEEN!
Bring the whole family along for a spooky and spectacular evening ride around Telford Town Park.

THURSDAY 29th OCTOBER | **6:00pm - 7:00pm** | Suitable for all the family | Decorate your bike with lights and glow accessories!

Bike Hire Available | Adaptive Cycle Hire Available | Wear your Halloween costumes (optional)

BOOK YOUR PLACE TODAY!
Book online at
Tickets Telford

Telford Bike Hub
Halloween Glow Ride



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TELFORD AERIAL ADVENTURE
GLOW ROPES
TAKE ON THE HIGH ROPES IN THE DARK!

ARE YOU BRAVE ENOUGH?

Experience Telford Aerial Adventure like never before as the high ropes course lights up for a thrilling Halloween evening adventure.

FAMILY FRIENDLY | GLOW-THEMED COURSE | HIGH ROPES ADVENTURE AFTER DARK

THURSDAY 29 OCTOBER | **6:00PM START** | **£10 PER PERSON**

BOOK ONLINE AT TICKET TELFORD

LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE – BOOK EARLY!

TELFORD AERIAL ADVENTURE • FUN • ADVENTURE • HALLOWEEN THRILLS



OFFICIAL WOLVES FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT



OCTOBER '26
SOCCER
SCHOOLS

YEARS 1-7

MONDAY 26TH TO
FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER 2026
9AM TO 3PM

PRICES START FROM £25

Pre-book via www.wolves.co.uk/coaching

Pond Dipping

**Year 4 are going Pond Dipping on
Monday 19th October!**

Please make sure your child has:

- Suitable clothing (Joggers, Jumper, Coat)
Children **DO NOT** need to wear school uniform.
- Wellies (Please bring a change of shoes/socks)
- Water Bottle
- Snack



Everyone
welcome!
= ♥ =

The Friends of
Dothill



AGM

Annual General Meeting

Find out what we've been up to,
share your ideas and help shape
our plans for the year ahead!



Monday
19th October



8pm



Virtually
on Teams



Your voice matters!

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