



DUNSFORD
COMMUNITY ACADEMY

‘Nurturing brilliance
to catch our dreams.’



Attendance

88.5%



Clubs:

Monday 3:30 – 5pm STEM

Tuesday 3:30 – 5pm DRAMA

Wednesday 3:30 - 4:30pm FOOTBALL

Thursday 3:30 – 5pm ART

Friday 3:30 – 5:00pm SPORTS

Event	Class/Year	Date	Contact
NSPCC Number Day	All	Friday 2nd February	Class Teachers
Half Term break	All	Friday 9th February	

Attendance

83%

WILLOWS



Lex

SPORTS STAR:

Grace

STAR of the WEEK

We had a return visit from Professor Clayburn for Science this week - she showed us a rain cloud in a jar and how to make a rain gauge. So, when the rain clouds pass over Dunsford we'll be able to check how much rain falls by measuring what is in the rain gauge.

Mr Bird has been teaching us more about the beebots (Computing) as we learn to program the robots using direction instructions.

We have been learning about Judaism (RE) this Half Term - this week we talked about the way Jewish families come together to celebrate Shabbat. They light candles and eat special food together.

We've been reading Billy and the Dragon by Nadia Shireen - in the story there's a terrible mix up and Billy needs to save the day! The adorable little bunny rabbits are great characters, but they don't seem to do much to help.



Attendance

90%

CEDARS



Felicity



STAR of the WEEK

This week, the children have been planning and writing their own persuasive letter to our class glue sticks as they 'quit' at the beginning of the week. The children have been working hard on using different persuading techniques, keeping their writing neat, and focusing on their letter formation.

In Design and Technology, the children have thoroughly enjoyed making furniture for the interiors of their houses. We will upload pictures to Seesaw once they have finished decorating!

Thank you to all parents who attended Parents Evening; it was lovely, as always, to talk about the fantastic members of Cedar Class. If you could not attend, please contact the office to rearrange.

Next week in Maths, Year 2s will be learning about position and direction, while the Year 3s will be learning how to calculate the perimeter of a shape. Learning about left and right directions would be a great starting point!

In History, the children will be learning about the significance of Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King for the rights of Black people.

On Friday it is the NSPCC's Number Day - details will be sent out very soon!

Attendance

91%

OAKS



Thomas

SPORTS STARS:

Jessie, Isabella, Emily,
Tabby, Carys, Elva &
Penelope

STAR of the WEEK

It was so lovely to catch up with so many of you through the parent consultations this week. It is always wonderful to share your children's successes with you and to talk through those next steps. If you didn't manage to book an appointment, or you missed it due to illness, I will be in touch to arrange an opportunity to catch-up early next week.

The children have completed their sentence stacking for their persuasive text and have started to plan their independent write. This piece of writing will be added to their portfolio of writing that is used to assess their writing level at the end of the academic year.

In Maths, the children have continued to work with fractions and mixed numbers. This week they have been adding and subtracting using visual representations to support their understanding.

The class has been entered into the Torbay Music Festival as a ukulele band. The class they have been entered into will be taking place on Friday 1st March in the afternoon. I will get a letter out to you all with details as soon as possible, however, like last year, you will need to collect your child from school early and transport them to Paignton. If this is an issue, please let me know so that I can try to arrange separate transport for them.

Please ensure that children have appropriate clothing in school for Forest School on a Thursday. The children are very fortunate to have the whole afternoon out at Forest School, but this does mean that without suitable clothing it can be a long and uncomfortable afternoon for them. We will continue making dormouse boxes in Forest school, if your child can bring in a Philips screwdriver on Thursday again that would be very helpful. Please ensure they are named.

PE kits should be in school during the week for the children to change into when we have PE as a class.

It was a very exciting week for our year 6s! Another key milestone in their year 6 journey was completed...leavers' hoodies!

