



Dunsford Community Academy

Nurturing brilliance to catch our dreams

Thursday 27th March 2025

DUNSFORD PTFA EASTER FUN DAY - Wed 2nd April, 3.30 pm

The PTFA is excited to invite everyone—students, parents/carers and teachers—to our **Easter Fun Day!**

When? Wednesday, April 2nd at 3:30 PM (right after pick-up)

Where? The school field

We've got a whole bunch of fun competitions lined up, including **Easter Bonnet (with a parade!), Miniature Garden, Decorated Egg.**

Kids can enter as many categories as they'd like for just £1 per entry. We'll separate the entries by class (Robins, Kingfishers, Magpies, Barn Owls), so everyone gets a chance to shine!

For those keen to enter, the idea is for the bonnets, gardens or eggs to be **made at home** and brought in to school on the day of the event.

In addition to the competitions, we'll have: **Tea & Coffee** ☕, **Yummy Cake Sale** 🍰, **Egg & Spoon Race** (get ready for some giggles!).

It's the perfect chance to come together, celebrate this lovely time of year, and have some fun as a school community. We'd love for you to join us!

Important Note: If your child is in a club or can't stay after school on Wednesdays, don't worry! They can still participate in the competition, even if they can't make it on the day.

We can't wait to see you there 🤗

Post-Easter In-school Swimming

KS2 will be enjoying the use of our swimming pool after Easter on Mondays. We ask that children come with named swimming clothes, goggles and swimming hats along with a towel. In order to help our children feel as safe as possible during this activity, we ask that children have a wearable towel that can go with them to the poolside with some form of footwear, crocs or flip-flops.





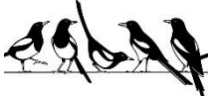
Nits

There were some cases of nits again. Remember: check your child, wear hair up and treat as necessary.

Breakfast club

I will be conducting the next stage of preparations for our Early Adopter Programme tomorrow. Please ensure you have filled in our poll if you are likely to take up the offer (the letter containing

the link is attached). This will give us the knowledge we need to set the club up appropriately. More information will follow next week.

Robins What a fantastic week it has been in Robins! The Reception children have made tremendous progress in their phonics learning, showing growing confidence and enthusiasm as they tackle new sounds and words. It's wonderful to see them building strong foundations for their reading and writing skills. Looking ahead, the children who are ready to start school in September will begin to learn their set 1 sounds after Easter, marking the start of their exciting phonics journey. In Maths, the class has been fully immersed in the world of numbers, practising counting forwards and backwards to 10. This fundamental skill is not only fun to practice but also critical for their understanding of number patterns and sequences. The children have approached these challenges with great focus and determination, and their hard work is paying off. Well done to everyone for your excellent efforts this week!	 PE is on Mondays & Wednesdays. Forest School is on Tuesdays.
Kingfishers This week, we've had a wonderful time exploring new topics and engaging in creative activities! In English, the children have finished describing a terrifying dragon and have now planned their own animals to describe. Our classroom is buzzing with imaginative descriptions of foxes, seals, and mice, filled with adjectives, similes, and adverbs. It's been fantastic to see their creativity and language skills shine as they bring these animals to life through their writing. In Maths, we've been reading tables and creating tally charts. The children have enjoyed learning how to organise and interpret data, and it's sparked curiosity about what they can create tally charts about at home. In Computing, the students have been busy creating maps and mazes for their robots to explore. This activity has been a great way to develop their problem-solving skills and understanding of algorithms. It's been a week full of learning, creativity, and fun!	 PE is on Mondays & Thursdays.
Magpies In English, we have been watching the animation 'The Blue Umbrella' and writing narratives to retell the story. We have enjoyed incorporating different sentences structures and word classes. During Whole Class Reading we have been reading 'The Jungle Book' together, exploring its rich language and themes.	 PE is on Mondays & Wednesdays.

The pupils have enjoyed discussing the adventures of Mowgli and his friends.

Our focus in Spelling has been consolidating the use of suffixes such as -ment, -ful, -less, and -ness. The children have been practicing using these suffixes in sentences to improve their spelling and vocabulary.

In Maths, we have been working on adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator. This foundational skill is crucial for their understanding of more complex mathematical concepts.

We have been exploring shadows in Science, learning about how they are formed and how they change with different light sources. We have been conducting experiments with small world animals and torches to observe these changes firsthand.

We are really looking forward to the first steps in making our illuminated signs – thank you for the boxes! This project combines creativity with practical skills, we are excited to see their designs come to life.

Barn Owls

In Barn Owls this week, we have been writing our speeches on different topics. We have used our knowledge of speeches, which we have gathered during our initiation and sentence stacking lessons, to make our speeches as persuasive as we could.

In Maths, we have been moving onto the world of algebra. We have explored different expressions and substituting numbers for letters or symbols. This is a complicated idea to understand but everyone has been trying really hard.

In Science, we continued to explore our unit on Forces. We designed and made parachutes to safely lower an object to the floor. We had a think about air resistance and how we can create the best parachute to do this. Everyone worked well within their teams and the scientific conversations that I could hear while they were crafting their parachutes was amazing.

SATs breakfast will be resuming again this Friday 28th March and continue each week until SATs week. After Easter there will be two final breakfast clubs in the lead up to SATs (25th April and 2nd May). During SATs week all children will be invited in



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Dates for your diary:

Friday 28th March – Pond Dipping (Y1,2 & 3)

Tuesday 1st April – Thursday 3rd April – Meetings with Miss Cleverly

Wednesday 2nd April – Easter Fun Afternoon from 3.30pm

Friday 4th April pm - Easter Celebrations at St. Mary's Church

Friday 4th April – Last Day of Term

Wednesday 23rd April – First Day of Term