



Newsletter

Positive Ambitious Nurturing

Friday 16th May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Next week is the last week of half term and what a busy one it has been! I'm happy to bring you the latest updates and highlights from Donisthorpe. their

End of Key Stage SATS

This week has been dominated by the national Year 6 SATs tests. Our Year 6 children have been amazing and have taken the tests in their stride! The buzz of excitement each morning was lovely as the children approached the tests with confidence and resilience. Our Year 6 children are talented mathematicians, future authors, amazing sportspeople and awe-inspiring artists. We have young filmmakers, computer code whizz-kids, hilarious entertainers and commanding public speakers. We have film buffs, animal experts, awesome chefs and fantastic dancers. Most importantly, we have happy young people who know the importance of being kind to each other, working hard, staying positive and looking out for their friends. The tests are just a small part of school life and our children have once again done us - and you - proud. They have enjoyed their well-earned Forest School day today as a reward for their hard work. Well done Year 6!

READ, READ, READ

As always, families play a key role in helping children develop and make progress, especially when it comes to reading. Please do encourage your child to read at home. Reading is the one thing that has the biggest impact on children's outcomes as they grow! The more you read with your child or listen to them read, the more their minds will grow!

Reading with your child

Sharing a book with your child is fun! It's a time for closeness and talking together.



- Read yourself! It doesn't matter what it is- pick up a newspaper or a magazine, take a look at a cookery book, read an instruction manual, enjoy some poetry or dive into a detective novel. Get your children to join in- if you are cooking, could they read the recipe? If you are watching TV, can they read the listings?
- Give books as presents and encourage your children and their friends to swap books with each other. It will give them a chance to read new stories, and get them to talk about their reading.
- Visit the local library together (there is one in Ashby!) It's always fun choosing new books to read- keep an eye out for special events like visiting authors/poets!
- Encourage your child to carry a book at all times. That way, they'll never be bored!
- Have a family bookshelf, if possible have book shelves in your child's bedroom too.
- Keep reading together, just because your children are older, it doesn't mean you have to stop sharing a book together!

- Don't panic if your child reads the same book over and over- they are developing their fluency!

Scooters and Bikes

It's great to see lots of children coming to school on scooters and bikes. Please remember that they should be **pushed on the school grounds and not ridden**. This is for everyone's safety.



Sports Day

Weather permitting, we are hoping to hold Sports Day on **Friday 13th June at 1.30pm** on the school field.

Sports Day really is a lovely event. Parents are welcome to join us on the field from 1.00pm; bring a picnic rug or deck chair! We hold a variety of traditional races involving all of the children and this year's Parents Race will involve balancing a bean bag on top of your head! Let's hope that the sun is shining!

Children will be divided into teams by Miss Morton and we would like the children to come to school ready for the day wearing;

- **A t-shirt in their team colours: red, green, blue, yellow**
- **Shorts/Joggers**
- **Trainers**



Please also bring a sun hat and an extra drink if the weather is warm! Apply plenty of sun cream in the morning before school.

We will let you know asap which t-shirt the children will need! **If your child would like to wear their house colours but you are having trouble finding/borrowing a coloured t-shirt, please see the school office. We have some spare red, green and yellow t-shirts in school that can be borrowed, washed and returned. If your child is in blue team they can wear their normal PE kit.**

Colour Dash Fundraiser!

The Colour Dash is next week, on Friday 23rd May, here at school. We are hoping to raise a lot of money for the LCH charity! We are all looking forward to it!

- ✚ To learn more about the work of LCH, please visit their website: <https://lchcharity.co.uk/>
- ✚ You can also watch a short video from another school's Colour Dash here: [Watch on YouTube](#)

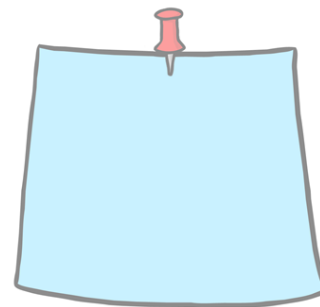
If you have any questions, please telephone school 01530 270371 or email office@donisthorpe.leics.sch.uk.

Regards,

Sylvie Newman
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2024-2025 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please find below dates for this academic year- we have tried to include as much information as possible here! This information will be added to the biweekly newsletter and will also be available on the school website. **New dates will be added in red!**



20 May	Class Photographs	AM
21 May	Forest School Year 4 on site	All day
23 May	LCH Charity Colour Run	PM
23 May	School closes for half term	3.15pm
May Half term		
2 June	School reopens for children	8.30am
2 June	Year 4 Multiplication check window	
3 June	Year 5 The National Arboretum	All day
6 June	Forest School Year 3 on site	All day
9 June	Forest School Year 2 on site	All day
9 June	Year 1 phonics check week begins	
11 June	Saffron Lane NWLSSP sporting event, selected KS2 children TBC	
12 June	Forest School Year 1 on site	All day
13 June	Sports Day- School field refreshments provided by the PTFA / Father's Day Krispy Kreme doughnuts	1.00pm
16 June	Forest School EYFS on site	All day
23 June	Reserve Date for Sports Day- in case of wet weather	1.00pm
25 June	Yr5 Solar Farm Visit – am Workshop in School	12.30pm to 2.30pm
27 June	Years 3 and 4 Thinktank Birmingham Science Museum	All day
27 June	EYFS / Year 1 Forest School on site	
1 July	End of Year Reports out to parents	
1 July	Open Evening to look at books and discuss reports	3.15pm-4.15pm
3 July	In school move up morning EYFS to Year 5	am
3 July	Ashby School / Ivanhoe move up day	All day
4 July	EYFS / Year 1 Forest School on site	
4 July	Year 6 Drayton Manor	5.00 pm return
7 July	Year 6 Leavers performance	1.30 pm
8 July	Last day of the school year	
Summer Break- have a wonderful Summer!		
26 August	School reopens for children	8.30am