



DELVES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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DLPS News

Newsletter 2 – 20th December 2024

We can't believe that we have come to the end of the Autumn term already!

It has been a busy time, particularly this month and the children have been a credit to DLPS! They have taken part in lots of Christmas events, including nativities, sing-a-longs, parties as well as a visit to the pantomime.

We are very proud of all they have achieved this half term!

Of course, all these fantastic events would not be possible without a dedicated team of staff, and I would like to thank them all for their hard work!

I would also like to thank all our Governors for all their help and support, we really appreciate it.

Finally, I would like to thank all our Parents & Carers, who have supported us with all our events this half term, we are very grateful for all that you do for our School. We are very lucky to have such a kind and generous school community. 😊

Christmas Fair

Once again, we have had a very successful Christmas Fair this month. We were completely overwhelmed with all the generous donations we received from our school community. Thank you very much! The fair would not go ahead without a dedicated team behind the scenes! We would like to thank Mrs Teneur, Mrs Saunders, Miss Hill and all of our staff for their help in organising the school fair. We all think our children did a wonderful job of designing and making products for the school fair, well done!

We managed to raise an enormous **£1367.40** which will go towards lots of school events and help to purchase more OPAL resources in 2025.

We continue to be amazed by the generous Delves Lane community and would like to thank you for your continued support.

Our raffle prize winners were:

Prize	Winner	Class
Wine & Chocolates	Christine	Friend of DLPS
Mulled Wine	Harrison	Pine
Marmalade Gin	Sydney	Maple
Apple & Spice Gin	Isaac	Elm
Mionetra Gift Set	Mary	Kitchen
Cup & Chocolates	Layla	Ash
Cup & Biscuits	Thea	Oak

Chocolates	Thea	Oak
Sweets	Millie	Birch
Chocolates	Harry	Maple
Creative Kitchen Voucher	Thomas	Maple
Tea Room Voucher	Mrs Bell	DLPS
Crazy Kingdom Voucher	Thea	Oak
Hamper	Sam	Birch
Hamper	Nico	Pine
Hamper	Thea	Oak
Hamper	Lewis	Ash
Rum	Sky	Beech
Giant Prosecco	Robyn	Maple
Stich Teddy	Sophie	Beech
Bath Bombs	Thea	Oak
Teddy	JJ	Pine
Budweiser	Brianna	Oak
Prosecco & Chocolates	Renea	Birch
Gold Prosecco	Thea	Oak
Malibu	Michael	Pine
Gift Bag	Mason	Elm
Bum Bag	Harper-Grace	Juniper
Divine Gift Set	Martin	Oak
Bag of Sweets	Darcy	Birch
Mini Prosecco & Glass	Evie	Elm
Palma Violet Gin	Jenson	Hazel
Gin	Christine	Friend of DLPS
Gift Bag Mini Prosecco & Chocolates	Daniel	Pine
Stitch Crafts	Nico	Pine
Reindeer Chocolates	Brooke	Oak
Passion Fruit Gin	Thomas	Birch
Prosecco & Chocolates	Harrison	Pine
Prosecco & Chocolates	Jonjo	Hazel

Cup	Thea	Oak
Guess the Sweets Jar	Skander	Poplar
Guess the Chocolates Jar	Kayelisha	Elm

Christmas Sponsor Event



Thank you for everyone's participation in our Christmas sponsor event we were overwhelmed with everyone's effort. All Children and Staff looked Christmas crazy. We have so far raised an exceptional **£736.52** and sponsor money is still coming in. If you still have sponsor money to pay this can be done via your Arbor Parent Portal under school shop or via the school office after Christmas. Thank you again for everyone's participation this is greatly appreciated and the children had a blast Christmas Style.

Uniform Reminder

All children should come to school in our school uniform.

- Navy blue or black trousers
- Pale blue or white polo shirt or blouse
- Navy blue jumper/cardigan
- Suitable black shoes (not sandals, Ugg style boots or crocs)
- Blue checked dresses and grey shorts are suitable for the summer.



As an OPAL school, we promote being outdoors as much as possible, in all weathers. We would like to see our children in warm coats and wearing wellies or old trainers at this time of the year, this will mean they can access our school field and enjoy all of our provision!

If anyone is able to help us with any wheelchairs, walking frames, suitcases, pallets or bread crates, we would really appreciate them.

Thank you 😊



Celebration Assembly Weekly Awards

Please see our super Stars and Readers for this half term. We are very proud of all our children, well done!

Stars of the Week

SOTW	8.11.24	22.11.24	20.12.24
Cherry	Antoni	Emily	Emily & Reggie
Hazel	Olivia-Jill	Mason	Jonjo
Juniper	Tommy-Joe	Rose	Jaxon Mc
Maple	Jayden	Thomas B	Harleen
Poplar	Luna	Nicol	Nelson
Birch	Charlie	Renea	Renea
Elm	Chanelle	Maddison	Evie
Ash	Emmy	Paula Louise	Teddy
Pine	Ella	John-James	Layla
Beech	Silver	Myelee	Lana
Oak	Nieve	Martin	Brooke

Congratulations to all our STARS! 😊



Readers of the Week

ROTW	8.11.24	22.11.24	20.12.24
Cherry	Arthur	Anaiya	Danny & Anaiya
Hazel	Max	Kai B	Jenson
Juniper	Kendal	Jaxon	Poppy
Maple	Harry	Rio	Sydney
Poplar	Oscar	Emilee	Aicha
Birch	Byran	Rudy	Charlie
Elm	Maddison	Brooke	Harry
Ash	Imogen	Tahlia	Lainee
Pine	Ava	Franky	Scarlett
Beech	Jack	Sky	Emmie
Oak	Thea	Nieve	Kaiden

Well done to all our READERS! 😊



Weekly Class Attendance winners

Class	8.11.24	22.11.24	20.12.24
Cherry	93.1%	95.7%	85.4%
Hazel	86.8%	89.9%	90.4%
Juniper	80.0%	97.0%	90.5%
Maple	89.6%	92.9%	93.2%
Poplar	93.3%	94.7%	93.3%
Birch	94.9%	95.5%	94.9%
Elm	91.1%	96.6%	84.5%

Ash	87.9%	98.9%	94.9%
Pine	94.3%	90.3%	99.4%
Beech	97.8%	100.0%	96.3%
Oak	95.5%	88.7%	31.7%

We hope you all enjoyed our popular Attendance cakes! 😊







Golden Welly Winners!

Name & Class	Date
Rose – Juniper and JJ & Michael Pine	22.11.24

We hope you and your class enjoyed your EXTRA OPAL Time! 😊

House Points!

Date:	Griffin 	Unicorn 	Minotaur 	Phoenix 
8.11.24	427	457	499	530
22.11.24	1015	1095	1051	1012
20.12.24	1552	1410	1624	1504

Well done to all of our winning teams!



Birthdays for November & December

Birthday Month	Name
November Birthdays 😊	Rudy Reagan Renea Mia Imogen Myelee Cody Oliver Paula-Louise Daniel Jayden Lilly-Rose Poppy Jacob

	<p>Jaxon Harry Bobby Ava James Heidi George Holly Chanelle Kaiden Millie Arthur</p>
<p>December Birthdays 😊</p>	<p>Ava Cory-Wil Jace Lilly Casey Eve Elise Chloe Layla Leah Toby Kendal Andrew-Jorge Nicol Thea Caiden Andreea Aria Noah Octavia Mckenzie Ollie Robyn Jack Cammie-Lee Antoni Mia Darcey</p>

After School Clubs – January 2025

Please see After School Club Timetable for next half term. All clubs begin again on Monday 13th January

Afterschool Club Timetable 2024-25

	Club	Age Group	Club Time	Club Size	Club Staff	Collect From	Start date
Mon	Mindfulness Colouring In this club children will be able to relax and unwind whilst chatting with their peers and colouring in wonderful pictures.	Y1- Y6	3:15 - 4:00	20 Children	Miss Smith	Maple Class Door	13.1.25 - 10.2.25
	Cheerleading/Dance Club In this club children will have the opportunity to develop cheerleading skills such as dancing, stunting, gymnastics and jumps. We will develop our skills and put them together to create a small cheer routine.	Y1-Y6	3:15 - 4:00	20 Children	Miss Kirkbride	Junior Entrance	13.1.25 - 10.2.25
	Construction Club In this club children will be able to play creatively with Lego, K'Nex and Playdough alongside many other exciting resources to build anything they can imagine.	Y1- Y6	3:15 - 4:00	20 Children	Miss Forbes	Juniper Class Door	13.1.25 - 10.2.25
Tues	Film club In this club children will get the chance to unwind after a busy week. They will be able to recommend different films they would like to watch and share their opinions with others.	Y1 - Y6	3:15 - 4:00	20 Children	Miss Johnson-Kean/ Miss Burnett	Junior Entrance	16.1.25 - 13.2.25
	Girl's Football Club In this club children will be introduced to football through a wide variety of fun activities and games which are designed for everyone to enjoy.	Y4 - Y6 (Girls only)	3:15 - 4:00	20 Children	Mr Poole (CONSETT APC)	Junior Entrance	14.1.25 - 11.2.25
	Reception Fun Club In this club children in reception will be able to experience all of our clubs. They will enjoy playing different sporting games, singing, creative tasks and much more.	Reception children only	3:15 - 4:00	20 Children	Miss Anderson	Hawthorn Class door	14.1.25 - 11.2.25
	Mini Sports Club In this club children will take part in a wide range of physical activities aimed at developing fundamental movement skills through various sport related games.	Reception, Y1 and Y2	3:15 - 4:00	20 Children	Miss McCabe	Infant Entrance	14.1.25 - 11.2.25
Wed	Boys Football Club In this club children will be introduced to football through a wide variety of fun activities and games which are designed for everyone to enjoy.	Y3 - Y6	3:15 - 4:00	20 Children	Mr Allison	Junior Entrance	15.1.25 - 12.2.25
	School Choir Club In this club children will develop their confidence in performing in front of others. Learning a range of songs, children will have the opportunity over the year to perform in a range of different settings.	Y1 - Y6	3:15 - 4:00	20 Children	Mrs Clark and Mrs Tenneur	Infant Entrance	15.1.25 - 12.2.25
Thurs	Dodgeball Club In this club children will learn to play many different exciting versions of the classic game dodgeball whilst energetically testing their ducking, dipping, diving and dodging skills.	Y3 - Y6	3:15 - 4:00	20 Children	Mr McMeiken	Junior Entrance	16.1.25 - 13.2.25
	Outdoor/ Indoor games Club In this club you will have the opportunity to play a wide variety of outdoor and indoor games . You can build team work skills and have lots of fun.	Y1 - Y6	3:15 - 4:00	20 Children	Mrs Gordon and Miss Metcalfe	Infant Entrance	16.1.25 - 13.2.25
	Drawing Club In this club children will have the opportunity to develop their drawing skills, learning new techniques whilst they create masterpieces.	Y1 - Y6	3:15 - 4:00	20 Children	Mrs Randell	Junior Entrance	14.1.25 - 11.2.25

PINE CLASS - Year 5 Swimming Lessons start in January

Wednesday 8th January to Wednesday 5th March 2025

From Wednesday 8th January, your child's class will begin their curriculum swimming lessons.

Swimming lessons will take place every Wednesday afternoon at the Swim Excellence Academy, Consett and are led by highly qualified swimming coaches. Swim Excellence Academy is a purpose built learn to swim center.

To ensure the very best opportunities for our pupils, the children will be transported to the venue via mini bus and will swim in small groups at different stages throughout the afternoon. This will allow us to provide the very best personalised tuition and maximise their time in the water. Some pupils may have an earlier or later lunch than usual to facilitate this. However, this will not affect their usual packed lunch/ school dinner arrangements.

Your child should attend school in their normal uniform but will need to bring the following items with them on the days they have swimming:

- Swimming Bag
- Swimming Trunks/ Costume (Bikinis not allowed)
- Swimming Goggles (Optional - helps with children's water confidence)
- Swimming Cap (Optional - helps with children's water confidence)
- A Towel

A letter has also been sent out to parents and carers of Pine Class.

PE Timetable for January 2025

Please see our Spring Timetable for PE. Please could children come to school in their PE kit on the following days.

Day	Class
Monday	Maple Juniper Birch Elm

Tuesday	Hazel Cherry Sycamore
Wednesday	Poplar
Thursday	Cherry Ash Pine
Friday	Seedlings Saplings Roots

PE Kit

Children should wear their school PE kit on the days they have PE. Our PE kit is as follows:

- White t-shirt
- Navy blue/black shorts, leggings or trousers
- Navy blue school jumper/ cardigan (where required for cold weather)
- Appropriate sports footwear



Calendar of Events

We have created a calendar of events for the academic year. Please remember some dates may be subject to change. [DLPS Calendar of Events 2023 to 2024](#)

Key Dates coming up in January and February 2025

Monday 6th January 2025	School re-opens for pupils SPRING TERM	
Wednesday 8 th January 2025	Year 5 Swimming Every Wednesday Afternoon	In school event – please ensure children bring their swimming kit
Monday 27 th to Wednesday 29 th January 2025	Individual & Sibling Photographs with Unscripted Photography	More details to follow
Friday 31 st January 2025	Chinese New Year Activities	In school event
Week Commencing 3 rd February 2025	Children's Mental Health Week	In school event
Friday 7 th February 2025	Nursery Stay and Play MORNING	Parents of children in Roots and Saplings 8.45am - 10.00am
Friday 7 th February 2025	Nursery Stay and Play AFTERNOON	Parents of children in Roots and Seedlings 12.20pm - 1.30pm
Wednesday 12 th February 2025	Y4 to visit Arbeia museum Birch & Elm Classes	Further information to follow
Friday 14 th February 2025	Internet Safety Day/Event Nursery – Year 6	In school event
Monday 17 th February 2025	Come Dance festival Year 2 – 9am Year 6 - 1pm	Information to follow
Tuesday 18 th February 2025	Year 3 Trip to Great North Museum (Hancock) Poplar Class	Further information to follow
Wednesday 19 th to Friday 21 st February 2025	Year 6 Residential visit to Marrick Priory	Letters sent to all parents/carers of children attending residential trip.
Friday 21st February 2025	Break up for Spring half term	
Monday 3rd March 2025	School re-opens for teaching	

Pupil News



Harry in Maple class went along to Glenroyd House and donated a collection of toys. This is a lovely act of Kindness Harry well done.

Welcome Back – Mrs Crompton

We would like to welcome back Mrs Crompton to Elm Class following her maternity leave. Mrs Crompton will be Elm's Class Teacher from 6th January 2025.

Goodbye and Good Luck

We have three teachers leaving us today and would like to wish them all the best in their next adventures.

- Mr Pickup has been teaching in Oak Class for the last few weeks, we would like to thank him for all his help and wish him all the best.
- Miss Armstrong has been with us since April 2024, covering Mrs Crompton's maternity leave. She has been a very hardworking and dedicated team member and we would like to thank her for everything. We wish Miss Armstrong all the best for the future!
- Miss Jones is also leaving us today. She has been at DLPS for the last six years and has been a hardworking, dedicated and amazing teacher. Miss Jones has been an absolute pleasure to work with and will be a big miss. We wish her all the very best as she starts a new adventure after Christmas. Good luck Miss Jones!

Happy Retirement

We are also saying goodbye to Mrs Lynn Skidmore who has worked at our school previously as a lunchtime supervisor and for many years as our fabulous school cleaner. Lynn has been a committed, hardworking and kind member of our staff team. She always comes into school with a smile on her face, so positive and happy! She has been simply wonderful and will be a huge miss! We know that Lynn has many plans for her retirement, and we hope she will embrace her next chapter with the same enthusiasm she has shown us at DLPS! Happy Retirement Lynn!

Finally, we would like to say a big thank you for your continued support. We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and send all the very best wishes for the New Year! **We will see you all again when school opens on Monday 6th January 2025!**



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