



## DELVES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## DLPS News

### Newsletter 3 – 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025

As we head towards February half-term, we realise that we are almost halfway through the academic year. Moving forward, our Year 6 will soon receive details of their secondary school places. We will work with our oldest children during their transition. We work very closely with all secondary schools, allowing our children to have a smooth transition.

We hope all our children and families have a fantastic holiday next week. We would like to thank our children and staff for all their hard work this half-term! THANK YOU 😊



### World Book Day Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March

On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March, children will be invited to come dressed in their pyjamas for World Book Day! They can bring a book from home and teddy bears. During the day the children will enjoy listening to and reading their stories during a cosy reading session where they will have flavoured milk and biscuits. Children are also invited to bring in any unwanted books from home for a book -swap. If everyone brings a book or books, that they want to get rid of, they will have an opportunity to mingle and pick out new-to-them books to take home. The left-over books will be donated to our class libraries. Thank you 😊

We will also be launching our sponsored read on World Book Day!

### Girls Football News!

We are really excited to share that our girls football team WON this year's Derwentside Girls Football League! A huge special congratulations to all the girls who represented our school tonight. They should all be extremely proud of this achievement and have shown such team spirit and determination throughout. They finished the entire season with an unbeaten record and it has been fantastic to watch the team develop and progress as the season has gone on - well done girls! Go Team Delves!!



# Parent & Carer Survey

Please follow the link [Parent/Carer Survey 2025](#) to our annual parent and carer survey. Please take the time to respond as your feedback is very important to us. For every questionnaire completed electronically, both the parent and child/children will be entered into a prize draw. The winning questionnaire, chosen at random, will receive a prize for both parent and pupil/s. This year the prize is a £15 shopping voucher for both parent and child/children. **PLEASE CAN YOU COMPLETE THIS SURVEY BY FRIDAY 7th March 2025** Thank you for your feedback



## Coming Soon!! - Friends of the School

DLPS are in the planning stage of setting up a Friends of the school. We intend to set up a small, friendly group of staff, parents, carers, grandparents and governors. We hope to organise and run events and fundraising activities throughout the year in order to provide additional activities for our families and their children. We aim to hold regular, informal meetings to discuss and organise fundraising opportunities. You can help by volunteering to organise or in the preparation of events or be involved in running an activity. We appreciate all contributions however large or small and welcome any new members or ideas to enhance our group. If you are interested in being involved with DLPS Friends of the School please let us know by dropping us an email to [delveslaneprimary@durhamlearning.net](mailto:delveslaneprimary@durhamlearning.net) and we will be in touch in the next half term.

## 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.



## OPAL

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, 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	17.1.25	24.1.25	31.1.25	7.2.25	14.2.25	21.2.25
Cherry	Daniella	Mac	Carter	Alby	Arthur	Joel
Hazel	Dexter	Hank	Grace	Jaxon	Lucas	Ella
Juniper	Jack	Bonnie	Ella-Mae	Kaique	Kendal	Jaxon
Maple	Adam	Evie	Adam	Alec	James	Poppy
Poplar	Lily-Mae	Oscar	Lexi	Alfie	Zuzanna	Mia
Birch	Charlotte	Renea	Ellie-Mai	Darcy	George	Jorgie
Elm	Harry	Abby	George	Lucas	Oliver	Isaac
Ash	Oliver	Miles	Lily	Lilly D	Miles	Aaron
Pine	Nico-Leigh	Callie	Michael	Franky	Aria	Harrison
Sycamore	Eve	Jack	Amar	George	Mia	

**Congratulations to all our STARS!** 😊



## Readers of the Week

ROTW	17.1.25	24.1.25	31.1.25	7.2.25	14.2.25	21.2.25
Cherry	Nolan	Teddy	Alby	Austin	Layton	Harper
Hazel	Reuben	Heidi	Esmae	Octavia	Jacob	Rylee
Juniper	Jay-J	Lilly-Rose	Jaxon	Carter	Jay-J	Amaya
Maple	Andrew-Jorge	Zac	Isla	Chloe	Thomas W	Lochlaan
Poplar	Riley	Lucas	Nelson	Harvey	Dean-McKenzie	Annalise
Birch	Sam	Daniel	Rudy	George	Finley	Connor
Elm	Kaia	Mason	Oliver	Andrew	Emily J	Riley
Ash	Layla	Lilly-Rose	Ryan	Cody	Oliver	Zac
Pine	Alisha	Harrison	Leah	Ella	Daniel	Callie
Sycamore	Charlie	George	Silver	Eve	Luke	

**Well done to all our READERS!** 😊







## Weekly Class Attendance winners

Class	17.1.25	24.1.25	31.1.25	7.2.25	14.2.25	21.2.25
Cherry	92.3%	91.2%	<b>98.9%</b>	97.3%	95.1%	<b>96.2%</b>
Hazel	95.4%	94.9%	89.8%	<b>99.1%</b>	93.5%	95.3%
Juniper	<b>98.0%</b>	96.0%	93.8%	94.0%	<b>98.0%</b>	88.5%
Maple	95.5%	<b>96.6%</b>	96.6%	96.6%	95.5%	96.0%
Poplar	93.8%	92.6%	92.0%	<b>96.3%</b>	97.8%	88.4%
Birch	<b>94.9%</b>	<b>94.3%</b>	86.9%	90.3%	98.9%	90.2%
Elm	86.6%	85.6%	<b>96.1%</b>	94.8%	<b>99.4%</b>	<b>98.7%</b>
Ash	<b>97.7%</b>	96.2%	97.7%	<b>100.0%</b>	94.9%	97.7%
Pine	96.2%	<b>98.9%</b>	<b>98.9%</b>	97.8%	<b>97.8%</b>	95.7%

Sycamore	96.6%	97.4%	90.7%	94.4%	93.2%	
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We hope you all enjoyed our popular Attendance cakes! 😊

## House Points!

Date:	Griffin 	Unicorn 	Minotaur 	Phoenix 
17.1.25	1086	1017	<b>1208</b>	1132
24.1.25	637	627	708	<b>714</b>
31.1.25	<b>982</b>	755	828	894
7.2.25	685	<b>814</b>	721	737
14.2.25	668	654	684	<b>689</b>
21.2.25	806	809	<b>895</b>	875

Well done to all of our winning teams!



## Birthdays for January and February -

Birthday Month	Name
January Birthdays 😊	Silver Miles Nova Emmie Lilly-Rose Michael Rylee Aicha Leo Martin Harvey Charlie Skander Brooke Emmie David Grace Judah David Noah Rio Mia Abby Jo Kieran-Thomas

## February Birthdays 😊

Lily  
 Kaia  
 Faith  
 Carter  
 Callie  
 Scarlett  
 Ryan  
 Thomas  
 Thomas  
 Tommy-Joe  
 Niamh  
 Bonnie  
 Brooklyn  
 Austin  
 Elliott  
 Jonjo  
 Lesley  
 Dana  
 Ellie  
 Harry  
 Luke

## After School Clubs – January 2025

Please see After School Club Timetable for next half term, this can also be found on our website. All clubs begin again on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March:

**Afterschool Club Timetable 2024-25**

	Club	Age Group	Club Time	Club Size	Club Staff	Collect From	Start date
Mon	<b>Mindfulness Colouring</b> 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	Infant Entrance	10.03.25-31.3.25
	<b>Cheerleading/Dance Club</b> 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	10.03.25-31.3.25
	<b>Construction Club</b> 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	Infant Entrance	10.03.25-31.3.25
Tues	<b>Film club</b> 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	11.03.25-1.04.25
	<b>Girl's Football Club</b> 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 AFC)	Junior Entrance	11.03.25-1.04.25
	<b>Reception Fun Club</b> 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	Infant Entrance	11.03.25-1.04.25
	<b>Mini Sports Club</b> 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	11.03.25-1.04.25
Wed	<b>Boys Football Club</b> 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	12.03.25-2.04.25
	<b>Mini Arts &amp; Crafts Club</b> In this club children will have the opportunity to develop their own artistic style through colours, crafts, arts and music.	Y1-Y3	3:15 - 4:00	20 Children	Mrs Winskill	Infant Entrance	12.03.25-2.04.25
	<b>Arts &amp; Crafts Club</b> In this club children will have the opportunity to develop their own artistic style through colours, crafts, arts and music.	Y4-Y6	3:15 - 4:00	20 Children	Mrs Clark & Mrs Teneur	Junior Entrance	12.03.25-2.04.25
Thurs	<b>Dodgeball Club</b> 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	13.3.25-3.4.25
	<b>Outdoor/ Indoor games Club</b> 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	Infant Entrance	13.3.25-3.4.25
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	<b>Drawing Club</b> 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	13.3.25-3.4.25
	<b>Times Table Rockstars Club</b> In this club children will have the opportunity to develop their times table skills and play on TTRS.	Y3 - Y6	3:15 - 4:00	20 Children	Miss Hedge	Junior Entrance	13.3.25-3.4.25

# Year 5 Swimming Lesson

**PINE Class will have their last Swimming session on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March.**

**From Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March, ASH 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 Ash Class.

## PE Timetable

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](#)

### Key Dates coming up in January and February 2025

Date	Event	Information
<b>Spring Term 2025</b>		

<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025</b>	<b>School re-opens for teaching</b>	
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Year 5 Swimming PINE CLASS <b>Every Wednesday Afternoon</b>	In school event – please ensure children bring their swimming kit
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	World Book Day Wear PJ's – non-uniform	In school event
Week commencing 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Key Stage 2 Science Week	In school event
Week commencing 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Assessment Period	Please make sure children are on time for school and have eaten a good breakfast!
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Year 5 Swimming ASH CLASS <b>Every Wednesday Afternoon</b>	In school event – please ensure children bring their swimming kit
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Express Yourself – Festival of Languages Key Stage 2	In school event
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Reception – Special person's event Cherry Class & Reception children in Hazel Class	PM Session (from 2pm) Parents & Carers welcome to attend
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Nursery Stay and Play MORNING	Parents of children in Roots and Saplings 8.45am - 10.00am
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Nursery Stay and Play AFTERNOON	Parents of children in Roots and Seedlings 12.20pm - 1.30pm



Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	House Reward Event	In school event More information to follow
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Parents Evening Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & 2 – Infant Hall Years 3, 4, 6 – Junior Hall	Further information to follow Infant & Junior Halls Parents & Carers welcome to attend
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Individual & Sibling Photographs with Unscripted Photography	Registration is now open
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Interfaith/Easter Event	In School Event
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2025</b>	<b>Last day of Spring Term School closes for Easter Holidays</b>	

## School Holidays 2025/26

Please follow the link to our school holidays for the next academic year [School Holidays 2025/26](#)



## Happy Retirement Mrs Shaw

We can't believe the time has come to say goodbye to our beloved Mrs Shaw. She has worked here for more than 21 years! It was a very emotional day on Wednesday this week, when she left our school. Ann has been a fantastic teacher, colleague and friend to so many at DLPS and will be a huge miss! She is one in a million and we know her heart will always belong to our school. She will always be a Delves Lane girl! Thank you, Ann, for being you!





Our beloved Mrs Shaw will always be a very special friend to DLPS. We know that Ann will enjoy many adventures ahead! Happy Retirement Ann!

Finally, we would like to say a big thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support. We hope you all enjoy the half term holiday. School opens again on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025!

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Mrs B Woods  
**Head Teacher**