

DELVES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have come to the end of the academic year and what a year it has been! As always, I would like to begin by saying a huge thank you to you and your incredible children for all the support and hard work you have given us this year. I am very grateful for this.

I would also like to sing the praises of the amazing staff who work here at DLPS. They are a superb team who give 100% every single day. Every act large or small supports the children greatly and working together as a team gives the children a wonderful journey through our school. Thank you to our parents and carers for the kindness in your words, cards and gifts that you have given to the staff, it really is very generous.

Finally, I would also like to thank our fantastic governing body who have supported our school throughout the year, in so many ways.

There have been so many wonderful events taking place over this half term which have brought smiles, laughter and pride to so many people. From the English and Maths Cafes, to Sports Days, school trips, and OPAL afternoon, class assemblies, our Year 6 Leaver's Production and yesterday's School Fair, it's been a busy one! We are so grateful for all your support. Thank you!

Fond Farewell to Year 6

We say a fond farewell to all our year 6 pupils who leave us to start the next stage of their school journey in senior school. They take will them lots of happy memories. We wish them great success and happiness. It has been a sheer delight having each and every one of the children as members of our school family. We are delighted we have been able to give the children some lovely celebrations, gifts to mark the end of their primary education. What superstars they all are!



A poem for our fabulous Year 6! Poem - Let No One Steal Your Dreams by Paul Cookson

Let no-one steal your dreams Let no-one tear apart That burning of ambition That fires the drive inside your heart."

"Let no-one steal your dreams Let no-one tell you that you can't Let no-one hold you back Let no-one tell you that you won't."

"Let no-one steal your dreams Follow your heart



Follow your soul For only when you follow them Will you feel truly whole."

"Set your sights and keep them fixed Set your sights on high Let no-one steal your dreams Your only limit is the sky."

Thank you, Care Bears!

Our Year 6 Care Bears have been such a great help throughout the year, always helping our younger children with any issues they have had. They have run Care Bear clubs every week and helped children to develop friendship skills. What a wonderful asset they have been to us at DLPS. Thank you, Care Bears, for being such a wonderful group of pupils, we will miss you!

Summer Fun Day

We would like to thank you for all your support yesterday. It was so well attended we appreciate all of your support! We managed to raise a fabulous £2188.42. The money raised will help towards buying some new sheds and bike storage.

We are very lucky to serve such a kind and generous community.

Raffle Winners

Prize	Winner
Jolly Drovers Voucher	Jacob - Juniper
Creative Kitchen Voucher	Thea - Sycamore
Krazy Kingdom Voucher	Mia - Poplar
Believ & Be Voucher	Esmae - Cherry
Travellers Voucher	Miss Hill
Sweet Hamper	Leah - Pine
Food Hamper	Bonnie - Juniper
Drinks Hamper	Miss Forbes
Tub of Sweets	Ava - Pine
Tub of Sweets	Evie - Elm
Swing Ball	Elsie - Cherry
Mini Bowling Set	Pale Blue- 911 - 915
Pets Alive	Mrs Bell
Summer Basket	Malik - Birch
Gin Set	T Douglas - 16-20 (blue & white)
Vodka Set	Mrs Clark
Scentsy Set	Malik - Birch
Bud Set	Jayne D
Hotel Chocolat - Chocolates	Cody - Ash
M & S Set	Lola - Pine
Prosecco	Leah - Pine
Jack Daniels	Elsie - Cherry
Southern Comfort	Lana - Sycamore
Smirnoff Vodka	Charlie -Birch
Gordons Gin	Emmie - Pine
Pink Berries Gin	Thea - Sycamore
Inflatable Summer Games	Daniel - Pine

Inflatable Summer Games	George - Elm
Inflatable Summer Games	Kaia - Elm
Summer Game	Kai H - Sycamore
Archery Set	Lola - Pine
Ultimate Scrapbook	Elsie - Cherry
Giant Bounce Set	Elsie - Cherry
Bayliss & Harding Set	Mrs Clark
Gin House	Emily - Sycamore
Commando Joes Hamper	Hank - Hazel
Disney Canisters	Sam - Birch

Sponsored Summer Madness

Our children have had great fun with our Summer Madness day and we have raised £467.32. We really do appreciate all of the support from our families. The money raised will help towards buying some new sheds and bike storage.

New Website for DLPS

We have been busy developing a new website for DLPS. This is still not completed, but we wanted to share it. You will notice lots of information being added over the coming weeks and months. Please have a look here: <u>https://delveslaneprimary.durham.sch.uk/</u>

September News – Reminder of School Day Times

Our main school gates open from 8.30am. Morning registration begins at 8.40am. Lunchtime is from 12.00 – 1.00pm End of Day for Reception & Key Stage 1 (Infants) 3.10pm End of Day for Key Stage 2 (Juniors) will be 3.15pm Nursery Arrangements

- Nursery Saplings 8.30 11.30am
- Nursery Seedlings 12.15 3.15pm
- Nursery Roots (30 Hour Places) 8.30 3.15, including lunch (children bring a packed lunch)

September News - Wraparound Care

Breakfast Club opens from 7.40am to 8.30am every day. This will start again on Wednesday 3rd September. Tea Time Club (Childcare) will open from 3.10/3.15pm to 5.30pm. We are reviewing the Tea Time provision and will write out to parents and carers in the Autumn term.



End of Year Class Attendance Awards

Well done to Hazel, Willow and Ash Classes! We hope you enjoyed the lovely cakes!

Class	Year Group	Attendance	
		92.8%	
Cherry	Reception		

Hazel	Reception & Year 1	92.2%
Juniper	Year 1 & Year 2	93.1%
Maple	Year 2	95.0%
Poplar	Year 3	94.6%
Birch	Year 4	92.6%
Elm	Year 4	93.1%
Ash	Year 5	95.9%
Pine	Year 5	95.0%
Sycamore	Year 6	94.0%

Celebration Assembly End of the Year Awards

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

Class	Star	Reader
Saplings	Avery-Mae	
Seedlings	Мауа	
Roots	Noah R	
Cherry	Noah B	Elliott
Hazel	Jacob	Dexter
Juniper	Sophie	Mia
Maple	Andrew-Jorge	Harry
Poplar	Jaime-Leigh	lvy
Willow	Maddison	Ava
Elm	Connor	Darcy
Birch	Leah	Aria
Pine	Teddy	Imogen
Sycamore	Natalia	Sophie

2025/2026 School Holidays

Please follow the link to see DLPS holidays for next academic year <u>https://delveslaneprimary.durham.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/2025-2026-Holidays-with-PD-Days.pdf</u>

Online Safety

With the school summer holidays starting, many parents and carers will already be planning outings and activities to keep their young ones entertained. In between those special summer moments.

As young people's screen time almost inevitably increases over the holidays, parents like to feel confident that their child will stay safe while they're exploring the digital world.

Along with this newsletter is a poster with some simple solutions to help children avoid frequent online pitfalls and enjoy a more positive experience when they go online this summer. Thank you.

Holiday Activities

We have lots of information about various holiday clubs which are being held throughout the area during the summer holidays. Please keep checking our Facebook page and Website as there are lots of exciting activities running through the holidays. On Facebook, all of the community events are featured at the top of the page.

Wedding News

Congratulations to our lovely Miss Smith who is getting married in August and will return as Mrs Iveson (she would love to be known as Miss Ivy) in September. We are thrilled for you! We wish both her and her new husband a lifetime of love and happiness together.

Fond Farewells

As you all know, we have an incredible group of people working at DLPS. Sadly, we have some special staff leaving us today. We would like to say goodbye to:

- Mrs Moody who as you know left us on Wednesday this week. What a superb teacher and friend she has been to everyone at DLPS! We will miss her dearly and wish her all the very best in her new teaching role (closer to home) next term. Good luck Karen
- We will also be saying goodbye to Miss Burnett today. She has been such a fantastic teaching assistant at DLPS, so kind and dedicated, and we wish her every success as she moves to a teaching role in September! Good luck Vicky C
- We would also like to say farewell to Mrs Gordon who has been such a great Teaching Assistant in Nursery. She has been a very dedicated member of the team, and always has a smile! We wish her all the very best on her next adventure as a Driving Examiner, she will be fab! All the very best Stephanie, we will miss you [©]
- We are also very sad to say goodbye to Mr Almond, our hardworking caretaker, who is leaving us in August. Steven has been a very helpful and dedicated member of the team, and we wish him all the best as he moves on to a new job, helping at a local theatre

We can't thank all of you enough for what you've done for the children of DLPS. It's very sad to see you leave, but we wish you all the very best as you begin the next chapter in your life. Don't be strangers, please keep in touch!

Finally, we would like to once again thank all our families for all your support this year, you continue to amaze us by being so generous, kind and caring. Thank you so much! We will be in touch before September, to update you on some new policies and procedures. We hope you all have a wonderful Summer! We will see you all again on Wednesday 3rd September.



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