



DELVES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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READY RESPECTFUL SAFE

Friday 19th December

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today is the last day of the Autumn term, it has certainly flown by!

It is always a busy time of year, particularly this month and the children have been great, taking everything in their stride. 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 term. Well done 😊

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 again this year. You always support us with all our events and we are very grateful for all that you do for our School. I say this every year, but we don't know how lucky we are to have such a kind and generous school community. Thank you 😊

Christmas Fair

Thank you to all our families for your kind donations towards our Christmas Fayre on Thursday 4th December. We raised an incredible £1793.12.

This is simply amazing. Thank you so much to all of our families for coming along and supporting us for the afternoon. Our children and staff worked hard to produce some lovely novelty gifts to sell at the Fair. Our cook, Mary, made some amazing cakes, which proved very popular.

We were lucky enough to welcome a number of stallholders along, thank you so much for coming to support our school.

I would also like to thank Mrs Gallacher, Miss Hill, Mrs Teneur and Mrs Saunders for all of their hard work in organising the fair.

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
Spray Tan Voucher	Evie	Ash
Hair Dresser Voucher	Elsie	Hazel
Creative Kitchen	Bentley	Nursery
Crazy Kingdom Voucher	Thomas	Poplar
Hownsgill Voucher & Sweets	Jaimie-Leigh	Birch
Travellers Voucher	Oliver	Oak



Set of Disney Jars	Casey	Maple
Dead Mans Fingers Rum	Lexi	Hazel
Bottle Hamper	Violet	Nursery
Coffee Liqueur	Poppy	Maple
Gin Glass	Harper	Juniper
Gin Set	Aria	Beech
Bally Castle Liqueur	Skander	Birch
Sweets	Thomas	Poplar
Prosecco & Chocolates	Jayden	Poplar
Prosecco	Paula-Louise	Oak
Prosecco	Jude	Nursery
Prosecco	Aaron	Oak
Prosecco	Toby	Juniper
Melted Essence & Dairy Box Chocolates	Charlotte	Pine
Haribo	Niamh	Maple
Snowman Crafts	Harper	Juniper
Tea Hamper	Darcy	Pine
Sunderland Top	Riley	Birch
Lake Gin	Jacob	Maple
Limoncello	Evie	Ash
Bombay Sapphire	Miss Hill	School Office
Gin & Candle	Daniel	Beech
Yankee Candle wax melts	Hank	Juniper
Pets Alive	Amaya	Maple
Rhubarb Ginger Gin	Harry	Ash
Chocolates	Mrs Clark	Nursery
Chocolates	Mrs Dixon	Lunchtime Supervisor
Chocolates	Mia	Maple
Selection Box	Imogen	Oak
Selection Box	Mason	Ash
Selection Box	Riley	Birch
Selection Box	Mia	Poplar
Selection Box	Miss Hill	School Office
Sweet Treats	Mrs Turner	Cleaner
Selection Box	Miss Kerr	The Hive
Selection Box	Darcy	Pine
Selection Box	Aaron	Oak
Selection Box	Jaime-Leigh	Birch
Selection Box	Daniel	Beech
Selection Box	Antoni	Juniper
Selection Box	Casey	Maple
Selection Box	Delilah	Hazel
Selection Box	Elsie	Hazel
Selection Box M&M's	Reuben	Juniper
Passion Fruit Gin	Mrs Saunders	School Office
Randoms	Nathaniel	Maple

Mulled Wine	Lily	Oak
£50 Amazon Voucher	Alec	Poplar

Christmas Sponsor Event

Thank you for everyone's participation in our Christmas sponsored event. We have been overwhelmed with everyone's effort. All Children and Staff looked absolutely fantastic today. We have so far raised £199 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 by 31.12.2025 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.

Pantomime Trip 16th and 17th December 2025

A wonderful trip to Consett Empire today to see Sleeping Beauty. A fabulous Team DLPS Christmas tradition. The children were excellent and we all enjoyed the performance.

Christmas Dinner

We were all provided with a fantastic Christmas Dinner yesterday with all the trimmings. We would like to thank Mary, Lauren and Paula for providing our children and staff with a fantastic Christmas Dinner. Thank you 😊



Star of the Week

We are very proud of all our stars this half term. The new Star of the Week biscuits have proved very popular!

SOTW	07.11.25	21.11.25	28.11.25	12.12.25	19.12.25
Cherry	McKenzie		Leo		Emilia
Hazel	Layton	Harper	Carter	Daniella	Ava
Juniper	Max	Elliott	Kai W	Jaxon	Rylee
Maple	Jacob	Kendal	Carter	Jonjo	Mia
Poplar	Lochlaan	Isla	Harrison	AndrewJorge	Evie
Birch	Lily-Mae	Lucas-James	Oscar	Skander	Arsha
Ash	Emily	George	Brooke	Mason	Abby
Pine	Thomas	Finley	Mason	Elise	Connor
Beech	Scarlett	Roman	Ava H	Bobbi	Ella
Oak	Zac	Isla	Emmy	Imogen	Ryan

Congratulations to all of our STARS!



Reader of the Week

ROTW	<u>07.11.25</u>	<u>21.11.25</u>	<u>28.11.25</u>	<u>12.12.25</u>	<u>19.12.25</u>
Hazel	Elsie	Teddy	Esmæe	Grace	Elsi-Lu
Juniper	Harper	Olivia-Jill	Heidi	Reuben	Mason
Maple	Oliver	Jack	Kaiquie	Ella-Mae	Bonnie
Poplar	Adam	Rome	Mia	Betty	Harry
Birch	Aria	Sri	Jaime-Leigh	Dean-Mckenzie	Mia
Ash	Abby Jo	Andrew	Kaia	Emily	Evie
Pine	David	Jorgie	Rudy	Charlie	Sam
Beech	Andreea	Alister	Bobbi	Aria	Callie
Oak	Paula-Louise	Oliver	Teddy	Aiden	Lainee

Well done to all of our READERS!

Attendance Matters



Weekly Class Attendance Winners *Every Day Counts....*

	<u>07.11.25</u>	<u>21.11.25</u>	<u>28.11.25</u>	<u>12.12.25</u>	<u>19.12.25</u>
Cherry	95.85%	95.8%	77.8%	85.84%	94.1%
Hazel	97.96%	94.5%	88.8%	95.92%	96.0%
Juniper	97.40%	91.1%	92.9%	97.28%	95.2%
Maple	94.71%	92.8%	97.6%	93.63%	94.1%
Poplar	96.88%	95.8%	97.0%	93.45%	87.0%
Birch	88.36%	90.1%	94.4%	87.50%	88.8%
Ash	96.95%	95.8%	88.1%	89.26%	96.0%
Pine	94.64%	92.9%	95.2%	93.98%	95.8%
Beech	84.24%	97.8%	91.3%	93.48%	95.7%
Oak	97.02%	98.2%	96.0%	97.62%	95.2%

Fantastic news, well done!



House Points

Date	Griffin	Unicorn	Minotaur	Phoenix
07.11.25	437	487	434	415
21.11.25	354	295	342	370
28.11.25	418	361	376	348
12.12.25	334	301	352	272
19.12.25	412	283	354	286



Happy Birthday

Birthday Month	Name
November	Rudy Reagan Renea Imogen Cody Oliver Paula-Louise Daniel Jayden Lilly-Rose Poppy Jacob Jaxon Bobby Ava James Heidi Holly Chanelle Millie Arthur Cleo Leo Sri Ella
December	Ava Lilly Casey Elise Layla Leah Toby Kendal Andrew-Jorge Nicol Andreea Aria Noah-Thomas Octavia Mckenzie Ollie

	Robyn Jack Cammie-Lee Antoni Mia Darcey Elijah Skylar Violet Archie Freya Ella
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After-school Clubs

ACTIVITY CLUBS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
School Council KS1 Sports Fun Club KS2 Sports Fun Club	KS1 & KS2 Arts & Crafts Fun Club	Creative Kitchen
THURSDAY		
KS1 OPAL Fun Club KS2 OPAL Fun Club		

PE Timetable for Spring 1

	Class
Monday	Nursery, Cherry (Reception), Beech, Oak
Tuesday	Hazel, Poplar, Maple
Wednesday	Juniper, Ash, Pine
Thursday	Birch
Friday	Nursery, Cherry (Reception)

***Year 3 Children from Maple and Poplar Classes will start Swimming lessons on Wednesday 14th January.**

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

Year 3 Swimming Lessons start in January

Children who are in Year 3 from Maple and Poplar Classes will start their swimming lessons from Wednesday 14th January 2026.

From Wednesday 14th 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 Year 3 children in Maple and Poplar classes.

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.

Reception Intake for September 2026

If you have a child in Nursery who is due to move to Reception in September 2026, please remember that school places for Reception intake in September 2026 **need to be applied for by midnight on 15th January 2026**. It is extremely important that places are applied for in time so that parents request the school of their choice. Please note, children will not automatically get a place in our school if they have been in the Nursery, so it is imperative you apply for a Reception place using the link here:

<https://www.durham.gov.uk/article/2189/Apply-now-for-a-primary-school-place-deadline-15-January-2026>

Staff News

As we leave school for the Christmas holidays, we have some farewells to say to three of our teachers who have been such great colleagues to work alongside over the years.

Mrs Crompton started with us back in May 2018 and has worked mainly in the juniors at DLPS. She has been keen to develop pupil well-being and introduce My Happy Mind to DLPS. Laura has worked on activities for children's Mental Health Week and ran School council. She is leaving us to set up a new business for pre-school children. We wish her all the very best in her new adventure. Good luck Laura, we will miss you!

Mrs Schenker started her DLPS journey back in September 2015, over ten years ago. She has worked across the school in both the infants and juniors and has been an amazing ambassador for RE, as well as arranging our very successful Interfaith Days. Alison has worked closely with a number of teachers over the years in her part-time teaching role at DLPS and will be a real miss. I know Alison will come back and visit us soon. We wish her every success for her next chapter. Thank you Mrs Schenker for being a great teacher, we will miss you!

Mrs Donnelly started with us back in September of 2009 (over 16 years ago) and has never looked back. She has spent most of her time in the juniors (mostly Year 6!) and has been a fantastic teacher, mentor and friend to us all. Marion worked hard to achieve our Rights Respecting Schools Award and has been a true PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education) champion. She has worked tirelessly on Curriculum Enrichment Days, running our School Council and is known for being an extremely organised teacher, I don't know how we will manage without her! We wish her all the very best for the future, and know she will come back and visit us soon. Thank you Mrs Donnelly for everything, you are going to be a huge miss!



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 5th January 2025!



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