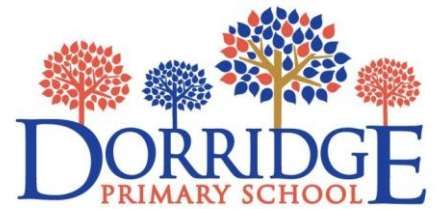
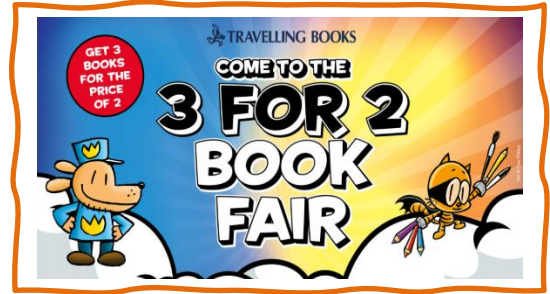


# Weekly News

11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026



Please see attached the Walk to School Week flyer. Children will attend assemblies to learn about this year's theme and walking and scooting initiatives.



## Endeavour

Reception: Haya, Bethany, Teddy  
 Year 1: Jem, Poppy, Fergus  
 Year 2: Elliot, Finley, William  
 Year 3: Emma, Arielle, Lola  
 Year 4: Marcus, Ruby, Poppy  
 Year 5: Molly, Jessica, Florence  
 Year 6: Lily, Charlie, Rory, 6+

**TTRS** Well done 3D for winning last week's battle against 6D! The scores were 428 - 373.

There were some great high percentages this week, but also some very low ones.

Let's boost those percentages next week!

Class	End of the week
2D	37%
2P	50%
2S	30%
3D	100%
3P	75%
3S	78%
4D	94%
4P	53%
4S	73%
5D	63%
5P	39%
5S	34%
6D	48%
6P	22%
6S	16%

## Sport News

We took two netball teams from Dorridge Primary to the Solihull Netball Tournament. Both teams represented the school admirably with great enthusiasm and sportsmanship. The first team did incredibly well, winning all their group matches and reaching the semi-final to play St Augustine. Thanks must go to all the parents who came and supported, Miss Rodriguez who umpired throughout the tournament and Mrs Barker and Miss Thornton for coaching the players.



## The Book Fair is coming and it's 3 for 2!

All purchases made raise money for our school, which can be used to replenish both of our school libraries as well as classroom reading corners.

You can browse in person on:

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May: 3.20 - 4.15pm

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May: 3.20 - 4.15pm

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May: 3.20 - 4.15pm

KS1 Library

Payments in person can be made by card

**\*WE HAVE NOW GONE CASHLESS FOR THESE EVENTS\***

## A BIG THANK YOU from the Admin Team

This week we have seen our communication systems really work for us and would like to say thank you for your continued support and contribution, it really makes a difference.

We currently have 707 children on roll and ensuring all are accounted for as we start our day is a big task.

By reporting illness via Arbor, completing Leave of Absence forms, choosing EYFS & KS1 lunches in advance and generally keeping in touch you make a big difference to the speed and accuracy of this information.

## Weekly Celebration

Understand that everyone is unique and special

### Nursery

We've had a very exciting week in nursery! The children were thrilled to receive a visit from some police officers, who brought along their police car and motorbike. We got to see the flashing lights and hear the sirens, which caused lots of excitement. The officers also talked to the children about how they help people and what they do in their jobs. The children asked some fantastic questions and really engaged with the visit - it was a lovely experience for everyone. Next week, we will be continuing with our topic *Superworm*, with lots more fun activities planned around the story. In maths, we will be exploring length, and in phonics, we will be focusing on the letter **H**. Our rhyme will be *Herbert the Hungry Heron*.

A few reminders for next week:

- **PE** with NP will continue on Thursday mornings
- **Footy Bugs** with ND will continue on Tuesday mornings
- **Welly Wednesday** will also continue—please make sure children arrive in their kit.

Thank you for your continued support.

### Year 1

In English, we have completed our unit on 'Journey' by Aaron Becker. The children enjoyed seeing all of the different settings that the little girl visited during her travels and wrote some lovely descriptions about each part of her journey. They are steadily increasing the amount of adjectives that they include in their work and are beginning to use synonyms of more common words to make their sentences even better. Next week, we will be moving onto a short unit about dragons. In maths, we have been looking at division through sharing and grouping into 2s, 5s and 10s. The children are improving their recall of their 2s, 5s and 10s but would benefit from continued practise of this skill at home. We have also been continuing to practise our reasoning and problem-solving skills using our multiplication skills.

### Reception

This week, we will continue exploring our class topics through our much-loved traditional tales. RP will be learning about The Three Little Pigs, RS will be looking at Jack and the Beanstalk, and RD will be enjoying Goldilocks and the Three Bears.

In phonics, we are focusing on CCCVC words such as *scrap*, *string* and *street*, while also learning how to add the *-ed* ending to these words. We will continue completing our phonics assessments next week, which will include words ending in *-ed* as well as the tricky words the children have learned so far. Please note that we have now collected the yellow Phase 2 sound cards and the orange Phase 2 tricky word cards from the children's book bags.

In maths, the children will be developing their understanding of ordinality by exploring how numbers to 10 relate to one another. Using linear number tracks and practical games, they will compare numbers that are close together and far apart, while developing an understanding of rank order. The children will learn that each number is 1 more than the number before it and 1 less than the number after it. Through counting on from different starting points and playing number track games, they will also strengthen numeral recognition and begin building their own 'mental number lines'.

RS will continue their Forest School sessions every Thursday, RP will take part in Footiebugs on Tuesdays, and RD will continue developing their skills during PE lessons on Fridays.

Please see Dojo for photos from our exciting morning spent with two amazing police officers, who kindly brought along a police car, motorbike and police uniforms for the children to explore and play with. A huge thank you to Ayla's mum for organising and running the session for us — the children absolutely loved it!

Thank you for your continued support.

### Year 2

## HEAD LICE IN YEAR 2

We have had repeated outbreaks of **head lice** in Year 2, specifically in 2P. Please check every member of your family for head lice (adults and children) **today** and if necessary treat their hair accordingly before your child returns to school.

Then we will be a **Nit-Free Zone!!!**

Please be very responsible about this itchy issue, which affects all of our community.



In Science, we have been monitoring the growth of our sunflowers. We now have roots and seedlings and things are starting to get a little bit of a squash and a squeeze in their pots. The children have been keen to take them home to plant them so will be bringing them home with them this evening. We have also begun our own investigation to see how plants grow under different conditions (such as with and without water or light).  
Have a wonderful weekend and we will see you on Monday.

### Year 3

This week, we stepped into character as Mr or Mrs Twit while writing recounts about the infamous “shrinks” trick from *The Twits*. It seems that ghastly Mr Twit may have got the better of his wife — or did he? Judging by the diary entries we’ve read, the many Mrs Twits among us are convinced she will have the last laugh! This has been a fantastic opportunity for the children to develop their creative writing skills and think carefully about how to make their work even better. They will have the chance to put these new skills into practice next week as they step into the shoes of the unfortunate boys stuck in the Big Dead Tree for our Summer 1 target write.

In maths, our shape unit has focused on turns and angles. The children have been learning to identify right angles, acute angles and obtuse angles — perhaps they can explain these to you at home. As mentioned on ClassDojo, this unit has also highlighted that many children are not yet fully secure in telling the time to the nearest quarter of an hour. In preparation for our Year 3 time unit, where children will learn to tell the time to the nearest minute in both 12- and 24-hour formats, as well as calculate durations of time, any extra practice at home would be greatly appreciated. We also began our final history unit of the year on the Ancient Egyptians. The children started by recapping what they already know about ancient civilisations and thinking like historians as they explored a range of primary sources. Next week, we will begin investigating why the River Nile was so important to Egyptian life. As part of Deaf Awareness Week, we spent time learning how to say hello and introduce ourselves using sign language. The children also watched the famous dance by Rose Ayling-Ellis and Giovanni Pernice from *Strictly Come Dancing* — a wonderful opportunity to see how challenges can be overcome with determination and positivity.

Year 2 continued...

We have had a wonderful week this week!

In English we have begun looking at non-chronological reports in anticipation for the children creating their own all about London next week. This week we have explored the features and began gathering information for our reports.

In maths we have moved on to length and height and the children have been exploring, comparing and ordering different measures in cm and ms.

In science we have continued looking at plants and the children have checked in on their beans from last week.

In history we have been looking at Norman castles and the children have looked at the difference between motte and bailey castles and stone keep castles

Have a lovely weekend! The Year 2 Team

### Year 4

We hope you have all enjoyed the bank holiday weekend and the shorter working week.

The children have worked incredibly hard on their writing TAFF this week and have produced some fantastic persuasive letters about zoos.

Next week in English, we will be looking at writing instructional texts linked to our shared reading book, *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. The children will be writing instructions on how to defeat the White Witch. As part of this, we will be focusing on using subordinating conjunctions and imperative verbs effectively in their writing.

Over the remaining few weeks of this half term, the children will be placing a real focus on their multiplication facts and quick recall. We will be practising for the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) using the government website and practice logins. This will give the children the opportunity to understand exactly what is required of them and help them feel confident and prepared for the assessment. Please can we ask that children continue to practise their times tables as often as possible over the next few weeks in the lead-up to the check.

In science, we will be planning an experiment to investigate how different pitches can be created using elastic bands. The children will be discussing fair testing and exploring which variables should stay the same and which should be changed.

The Year 4 Team.

We rounded off the week with the Arden Bench Ball Festival this afternoon. They all represented the school brilliantly. We certainly had the most teams there, and it was fantastic to see such wonderful team spirit (along with a healthy competitive edge!). Well done to all the teams, and a huge thank you to the parents who were able to support us at the event. We hope you all have a lovely weekend — sadly not a long one this time!  
The Year 3 Team

### Year 5

In English, we have been exploring the world of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. The children learnt how to write in iambic pentameter and enjoyed experimenting with rhythm and syllables in their own writing. They also wrote persuasive letters from Puck to Oberon, advising him not to trick Titania, using thoughtful arguments and persuasive language techniques. To finish the week, we explored the humorous insults exchanged between Hermia and Helena, discussing how Shakespeare used language to create tension and comedy.

In maths, we focused on translation and symmetry. The children practised translating shapes on a grid and using coordinates to describe movements accurately. We also developed our understanding of vertical, horizontal and diagonal symmetry, identifying lines of symmetry in a range of shapes and patterns.

In geography, we learnt about the fascinating physical features found in desert environments. The children explored how features such as salt flats, mesas, mushroom rocks, sand dunes and natural arches are formed and why deserts are such unique landscapes. Looking ahead, next Friday we are excited to welcome Dr Claire Lunham for a day of workshops titled '*Me and My Screen*'. Each class will have the opportunity to work with Dr Lunham. The sessions will encourage children to think carefully about healthy screen use, online wellbeing and maintaining balance in their daily lives.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Enjoy the weekend, the Year 5 Team.

### Year 6

It might only have been a 4 day week, but we've done 5 days of work! We hope your children will be able to have a good rest and some fun before the busy week ahead. We have spent our mornings revising skills and practising tests, then in the afternoons we have learnt more about electricity, RE and PSHE.

Next week is both SATs week and a D&T week. Just a reminder to make sure your child arrives on time each day, with a non-erasable pen for the tests. If your child is ill, please contact school at your earliest opportunity. To balance out tests in the mornings, we will be doing D&T each afternoon apart from Tuesday, beginning our car project. This will be a nice creative balance for our pupils.

On Thursday next week, we will be heading to Hanbury Road park after our SATs at around 10am. We will be staying there until our lunch break at 12.30 - please come along around 11/ 11.30 if you would like to join us. Pupils can bring with them a mid-morning snack, or the usual tuck from our kitchen. They do not need to bring anything else with them.

Our usual borough sports training will be on as usual on Tuesday and Thursday; we will let you know before the end of term if your child has been selected for this event in June.

And finally, our message to pupils for next week is to do your best, but remember that your best is good enough.

## 2km Junior Parkrun

After seeing the incredible running efforts during Charity Fortnight, we wanted to share with you a free junior parkrun, which takes place every Sunday at 9am in Malvern Park.

If you wish to join in the fun, register here:

[home | Malvern Park junior parkrun | Malvern Park junior parkrun](#)