

Weekly News

1st – 5th June 2026

Happy Half Term!



Non Uniform Day Friday 5th June
is **World Environment Day** and our **Eco-Council** are excited to bring **Wear It Wild Day** to Dorridge again. Follow the link to learn more about how you can make a difference with WWF <https://support.wwf.org.uk>



Mr Coley KS2 Morning Sports Club

We hope your child has enjoyed attending Mr Coley's morning sports club in recent weeks. It has proved popular and the children seem to have enjoyed the opportunity to have some early morning fun and movement.

After the half term break, we go into Summer 2 which is one of the busiest terms of our academic calendar with lots of extra curricular activities and events for the children. On that basis, Mr Coley will have to end the sessions after this week.

TTRS for this week – Happy Half Term!

Class	End of the week
2D	63%
2P	57%
2S	53%
3D	91%
3P	75%
3S	59%
4D	94%
4P	59%
4S	76%
5D	49%
5P	36%
5S	25%
6D	23%
6P	16%
6S	16%



Solihull Cultural Education Partnership are hosting an art exhibition in the Courtyard Gallery in Solihull Library until Monday 8th June. Dorridge is proud to have contributed an amazing collection of artwork – pop along during half term and take a look.

Endeavour

Reception: Chester, Otto, Florence

Year 1: Kira, Malachi, Max

Year 2: Pierce, Nivah, Theo

Year 3: Harper, Leo, Ted

Year 4: Monty, Elliott, Idrees

Year 5: Iliia, Arthur, Grace

Year 6: All of Year 6 – you are amazing!



Last week our netballers won their first friendly match against St George and Teresa.

Weekly Celebration

This week we are celebrating people who: Understand that everyone is unique and special

Nursery

We have really enjoyed our final week together before half-term. The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning all about *The Little Red Hen*. After half-term, we will continue exploring *The Little Red Hen* story and will be taking part in lots of exciting learning activities linked to the story. We will also begin our transition activities, including visits to the Reception classrooms, which is always a very exciting time for the children. We will be spending lots of time talking about change, moving on, and reflecting on how much we have all changed and grown since starting Nursery.

Important reminders for after half-term:

- **ND** will be starting PE sessions again on **Thursday mornings**. Please ensure your child has their pump bag in school with pumps that fit comfortably.
- **NP** will continue with **Footy Bugs on Tuesday mornings**. Again, please make sure pumps are in school.

Welly Wednesdays will also continue. As the weather becomes warmer, children may need fewer layers or thinner puddle suits, but please continue to send spare clothes into school as we enjoy lots of water play, especially during the warmer months.

As we are well and truly into Summer term, please also remember (weather dependent):

- Sun hats
- Apply sun cream before school
- Ensure all items are clearly named

We hope you all have a wonderful half-term break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back to school in June.

Year 1

What a great week we've had in Year 1! In English, the children wrote fantastic descriptions of their dragon with lots of wonderful adjectives and conjunctions. It has been fantastic to see them really engaging with this unit and letting their imaginations run wild!

In maths, the children have been working on positional and directional language. They have been using vocabulary such as above/below, left/right, quarter/half and full turns. In geography, we completed our unit 'What is it like to live in Shanghai?' by making comparisons between the human and physical features of Shanghai and Dorridge. The children even had a go at writing some Mandarin characters.

In art, we have now completed our 'Woven Wonders' unit of work. The children practised their threading skills and learned how to make their own paper beads. They were then able to apply these skills to create their own jewellery, and all showed great enthusiasm for this task.

Have a wonderful half term and we will see you in a week!

Year 3

As we wrap up another fantastic half term, it's hard to believe we only have one half term left of Year 3!

Time really does fly.

We've certainly kept ourselves busy this week and have been getting wonderfully creative across the curriculum. After carefully observing Ancient Egyptian artwork, the children designed their own Egyptian-inspired story pieces before creating their final masterpieces on 'papyrus' paper. This proved trickier than expected, with many children discovering that sketching on the bumpy surface was far more challenging than using our usual smooth paper! It certainly gave us a greater appreciation of the materials the

Reception

When we return to school, we have our final week with the books: Jack and the Beanstalk in RD, Goldilocks and the Three Bears in RP and The Three Little Pigs in RS.

In phonics, we will begin to slowly introduce the Phase 5 sounds, starting with the digraphs: ay, ou, ie and ea. Please look out for the pronunciation video, which will be added to Dojo shortly.

In handwriting, we have now completed our Curly Caterpillar letter family (c, a, d, o, s, g, q, e and f) and have begun learning the Zig Zag Monster family, which includes the letters: z, v, w and x. We will upload a poster and worksheet to Dojo if you would like to practise a little at home.

RD will begin their Forest School sessions, RP will start their PE sessions, and RS will participate in Footiebugs. Please ensure that PE kits are in school for both RP and RS. Thank you.

Finally, as mentioned in our recent email, on Tuesday 14th July we will be hosting a Reception Circus Day! The children will take part in a circus workshop where they will learn lots of exciting new skills, before enjoying an amazing performance by the very talented Steve Arnold. For this event, children may come to school wearing their own sports kit. The cost of Circus Day is £5.34, which can be paid via ParentPay. We would be very grateful if contributions could be made before Wednesday 8th July. Thank you for your support.

Have a lovely half term! 🌟

Year 2

Year 2 have had a wonderful week this week!

In English, we have completed our next writing assessment and the children have written postcards to Aunt Lucy. They have used all the features we have been focusing on such as adjectives, conjunctions and emotions.

This week we have also completed our next Design and Technology project and the children have made a chair for Baby Bear. We have tested the strength and structure of different materials before making our final project!

Thank you for all of the offers of help on our zoo trip - we have now told everyone who will be coming along with us! Have a lovely half term!

The Year 2 Team.

Year 4

We have reached the end of another busy half term, and the children have worked incredibly hard across all areas of the curriculum. We are very proud of the effort and enthusiasm they have shown.

After half term, we will begin some exciting new topics across the curriculum.

In English, we will be starting a new narrative writing unit based on the text *The Boy at the Back of the Class*. This is a fantastic and thought-provoking story, and we are looking forward to seeing the children develop their narrative writing skills through the text.

Ancient Egyptians had to work with. Despite the challenge, the finished artwork looks absolutely stunning and has made a beautiful decorative addition to our classrooms. We also turned our attention to pneumatics and explored how pneumatic systems can create movement. Using this knowledge, the children designed and created their own Twits-inspired moving heads! Their creativity and enthusiasm were fantastic to see, and we know they will be VERY excited to share their finished creations with you once they are fully dried.

In maths, we have started our new unit on time, which we will continue after the break. So far, the children have been focusing on reading analogue clocks to the nearest minute. While they are making good progress, there is definitely still more work to do, with digital time, durations and further problem solving also still to cover. Please do keep encouraging the children to practise reading the time when out and about during half term — every little bit of real-life practice really helps build confidence.

We look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and ready for summer 2 — an especially exciting half term as the children become buddies to the Year 2 pupils preparing for their move into KS2. What a difference a year makes, especially when we remember that this was them only last year! 😊

Have a lovely half term break, with the much-anticipated sunshine hopefully here to stay!
The Year 3 Team.

Year 5

Here we are again at the end of another superb half term. Your children have worked incredibly hard in the last six weeks and are more than ready for a rest.

We have had a fantastic week of learning and creativity in Year 5. In English, we completed our unit on *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. The children demonstrated a brilliant understanding of Shakespeare's language and themes, culminating in their own playscript writing for the scene "The Lifting of the Fog." We were particularly impressed with their use of stage directions and dialogue.

In maths, we have continued developing our understanding of decimals. The children worked hard on adding and subtracting decimals, including crossing whole numbers. We also explored real-life applications of decimals, such as money and measurements, helping the children see how important these skills are beyond the classroom.

Our art lessons have focused on portraits, experimenting with continuous line drawing techniques. The children then combined their drawings with written words, creating powerful pieces that reflect both visual and emotional expression.

We were also pleased to welcome Pam Shelton from Salesforce, who delivered an engaging and informative presentation on Artificial Intelligence. The children were fascinated to learn how AI is used in the real world and asked insightful questions—thank you, Pam, for sharing your expertise.

We will be sharing further information, after half term, about our cricket festival and Professor McGinty Ancient Greeks day. Please can you check and restock pencil cases over half term, we are running short on the essentials.

Wishing you all a restful and restorative half term. We will see you all back for Summer 2, our final half term together!

In Geography, we will begin our new topic, "*Rivers: What are they and how are they used?*" The children will explore human and physical features of rivers, different river uses, and some of the problems and environmental issues linked to rivers.

In Science, we will begin our new topic on States of Matter, where the children will learn about solids, liquids and gases, and explore how materials can change state.

The start of next half term also sees the beginning of the Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC). The children will complete the check on a 1:1 basis with their maths teacher during the first two weeks back. The children have worked extremely hard in preparation for this, and we are very proud of the progress they have made.

Please continue to encourage lots of practice, practice, practice over the half term break, as quick recall of multiplication facts really helps build the children's confidence. Below is a link to a great simulator MTC game, which the children are very familiar with.

<https://play.edshed.com/en-gb/mtc>

We hope you all have a lovely and restful half term break and look forward to welcoming the children back soon.

Year 6

It has been another busy week in Y6!

We were entertained all morning yesterday with auditions for our play; we were blown away by both the number of children who auditioned and by their performances. In addition to acting auditions, we were treated to both singing and dancing auditions too - we have a really talented year group.

Our aim is to ensure that children finish the term knowing their part and having a copy of their part of the script. We know that some children will be delighted with their part while some will be disappointed, as we had a really strong field for auditions. Our message to the pupils will be that whatever their role, they should do it to the best of their ability - even smaller parts can steal the show! We'd be grateful if you would repeat this message. Some parts also develop as we rehearse, so your child's role may be organically extended as we work. Homework will be to start learning lines and song words in the first week - we will send you a QR code to access the songs from home.

We have also had two workshops this week - one with the police and one with an AI specialist. The police officer talked to the children about the transition to secondary school, how to stay safe whilst travelling and then patiently answered many 'have you ever' questions! In the AI workshop we learnt about the uses and limits of AI, and discussed which bits of AI we would trust, e.g. would you be happy to go in a driverless car?

Additionally, we have been working hard on our writing portfolios. This will also continue in the next couple of weeks after the holiday.

And finally, we have continued to work on our D&T cars project, which they have been very excited about.

Year 5 and Year 6 Athletics Club – Tuesdays and Thursdays

The Tuesday club will resume after half term; on 2nd June for three more weeks, finishing on Tuesday 16th June.

It remains open to anyone in Year 5 and 6. Starting from this week, **Thursday 21st May**, the Thursday athletics club will become exclusively for the Borough Sports Squad who are training for the event on 22nd June.

Those who have been selected have been informed via Dojo.