

Weekly News

6th July – 10th July 2026

**Weekly
Celebration:**
Embracing
Change



Transition

We have lots more exciting things planned for the children next week to aid their transition.



Summer Term After School Clubs

This is the last week for After School Clubs,
no clubs in the final week of term.

Autumn Term

After School Sports and Activity Clubs will **start w/b 7th September 2026.**
Club flyers and information on how to book has been sent to all by email and is attached to this Weekly News.
See separate email for more information about Teacher Led Clubs next week.

Preloved Uniform Sale Monday 6th July

Weather permitting,
main path.
3pm – 3.45pm.
Please bring cash for donations.
Or email the preloved team
s22preloveduniform@dorridge.solihull.sch.uk

Thank you to the PTA and Parent Council

As we reach the end of another busy year, we are grateful for the fabulous support we have from the PTA and Parent Council. Emma Richards will continue into the new academic year in her role as PC Chair supported by Lucy Stanley.
Lisa Ferriday, current chair for the PTA, and her team will also lead the parent body with more events to raise vital funds and make a difference for our children.

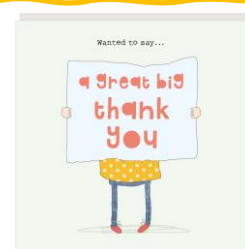
Although both groups are small and mighty, more assistance is much needed. The PTA and PC will be joining forces in the new academic year in recruiting for either a role as a class representative in the Parent Council or as a volunteer to assist with PTA events. If you would like to get involved please contact the school office and we can talk you through the process and ways in which you can help, however small, your input will be appreciated. Thank you in advance for your continued support. Next year, we will be raising money for air conditioning to be fitted in school. More info to follow!

Class Photos

We have received confirmation from Astracolour to say the Class Photo proofs are on their way to you! If you have any queries please contact admin@astracolour.com to ensure free delivery to school, please order before 11th July.

Diary Dates – When can you help?

Funfest Friday has been rescheduled for Friday 11th September,
the **PTA AGM** will take place on Monday 21st September
KS2 PTA Disco Friday 9th October and
Christmas Fair is Friday 4th December
ALL WELCOME!



SPORTS DAY

Tuesday 7th July
KS1 9.00-10.15am **KS2** field
Reception 10.30-11am **KS1** field
Gates will open at 10.15am
Tuesday 14th July
Year 5&6 9.00-10.30am **KS2** field

School Book Amnesty

Please can all parents and children check at home this weekend for any stage books and library books, not currently being read, and return them to school. This will give us time to clean and organise them ready for all our keen readers next year.

Mr Root's SEND Multisports After School Club

KS2 children on the SEND register are invited to come along to a Multisports Club on Friday night, 3.30-4.30pm on the KS2 playground. Mr Williams, our resident Sports Coach, is always willing to take suggestions, create games and teach sports skills.
Whatever the weather, inside or out.
Please follow the link to register your child and encourage them to come along and get involved. We have been in touch with Mr Root and he assures us there are still spaces.

<https://mr-root-s-sport-s-club.classforkids.io>

Please note this club is strictly for children on the SEND register and there is no fee.

Nursery

With the weather forecast looking much hotter next week, please ensure your child brings a sun hat and a named water bottle to nursery every day. We also kindly ask that sun cream is applied before arriving at nursery each morning so that children can stay safe and comfortable while enjoying outdoor play. We are very excited that our Nursery Graduation will be taking place on Friday. We are really looking forward to celebrating this special milestone with you all. The ceremony will be held in the Key Stage 1 Hall. Afterwards, we will return to the nursery classroom for a stay-and-play session until 11:30. As we approach the end of the school year, please could you send in a named plastic bag for your child. This will help us prepare for children to take their wellies home. Welly Wednesday will still be taking place next week. We are planning to use the Key Stage 2 site, so please send your child with their puddle suit, just in case we need it. We know it is set to be a warm week, but we'd like to be prepared for all eventualities! Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We really appreciate it and look forward to seeing you at Graduation on Friday. Have a lovely weekend!

Year 1

What a super week it's been in Year 1 this week! In English, we have started our final unit of work on the story 'Quest' by Aaron Becker. This follows on from our previous work on the story 'Journey'. The children have been very excited to revisit the vivid and mysterious settings in these books and have done some wonderful writing based on the story. In maths, we have been looking at place value of numbers to 100. The children have been partitioning numbers into their tens and ones as well as exploring numbers in digits and words. In D&T we have been working on our final project – designing and making our own hand puppets. This has linked brilliantly to our history work about toys from the past and the children have thoroughly engaged with this project. They persevered with tricky joining skills and evaluated the pros and cons of the various techniques before deciding on which one they wanted to use for their own puppet design. What a talented and creative bunch we have! Next Tuesday is the KS1 sports day and we look forward to seeing many of you join to cheer the children on. Please ensure that your child has a named water bottle and hat in school with them on the day. Have a wonderful weekend and we will see you next week.

Reception

Next week, we will rotate our three topics for the final time: RP: Julia Donaldson and rhyme, RS: People That Help Us and RD: Fairy Tales. In phonics, we will also be completing our next phonics assessment next week, which will include phase 5 words and sounds, as well as the tricky words the children have learned so far. As always, we will send home any focus words that children may need extra support with at the end of the term. Please take a moment to watch the pronunciation video on Dojo to help support your child's learning at home. Thank you for your continued support. In maths, we will be exploring measure. Through a range of practical and hands-on activities, they will learn how to compare and describe different lengths, heights, weights, and capacities using everyday language such as *longer*, *shorter*, *taller*, *heavier*, *lighter*, *full*, and *empty*. We will encourage the children to investigate, compare, and talk about what they notice. This week's homework will be on Numbots, so homework folders will not be sent home. As you know, it is our Reception Sports Day on Tuesday, 7th July, starting at 10.30-11am on the KS1 field. We would like the children to come into school dressed in their own sports clothes (t-shirt, shorts and trainers). They will also need a named sun hat and a water bottle as the weather is due to be hot. Staff will greet you in the KS1 playground where you will be signed in. This is to ensure we know who is on school grounds at all times. You will then be directed to an area opposite your child's class. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Year 2

Year 2 have had a wonderful week this week! In English we have completed our final writing assessment, the children have showcased all of their fantastic writing skills and written a description of Farley Towers from our story. They have shown us just how confident they are with using expanded noun phrases(2A sentences) and conjunctions to extend their ideas. In maths we have continued with our work on statistics, and we have been looking at tally charts and block diagrams. In science we have finished our unit on plants and went on our summer walk around the school grounds this week to spot all the signs that summer is here!

Next week:

- Sports day is on Tuesday 7th July 9-10:15. Please send your child in wearing their PE kit.
- We will be going to Arden on Friday 10th July for the children kick rounders festival. Please send your child into school in PE kit on this day. Thank you to all the parent volunteers we have offered to help us on this trip, you should now have been told if your coming.
- We will be continuing with our transition activities and the children will be spending time with their buddy and experiencing some playtimes on the KS1 playground. We will also be dismissing the children from their year

	3 classrooms on Wednesday and Thursday so please remember to head over there at pick up. To confirm, PE kit is needed on Monday, Tuesday and Friday. Apologies we know that's a lot of washing in one week but unfortunately, it's how all the dates have fallen! Have a lovely weekend! The Year 2 Team
Year 3 And with that, we have just two weeks of Year 3 left! In English this week, the children have been thoughtfully completing their leaflets all about Year 3. These will be shared with their Year 2 buddies before the summer break. What a difference a year makes! Some of the children still had the leaflet they were given just before leaving Year 2 and, within just one year, they have become the enthusiastic experts. They demonstrated this brilliantly on Thursday during our buddy Q&A session before taking their Year 2 buddies into lunch and guiding them through the lunchtime routine. Their confidence, kindness and care truly shone through and made us incredibly proud. Our maths unit on mass and capacity is now complete, and we will begin our final unit of the year, statistics, next week. Please continue to encourage practical applications of maths at home, whether that's telling the time, measuring ingredients while cooking, weighing items on kitchen or bathroom scales, measuring around the house with a tape measure, using money when shopping, or simply practising arithmetic. Seeing maths in everyday life helps children become more confident and fluent learners. In geography, we have begun our final unit on settlements. This week, the children focused on accurately describing where they live by identifying the correct sequence of place, street, village, town, county, country and continent, as well as developing their understanding of the different land uses found within settlements. Can they remember the five main land uses? Next week, we will be taking a short local walk to identify these human and physical features in our own community. There's still plenty to do before we say goodbye to Year 3. Have a wonderful weekend. The Year 3 Team.	Year 4 What a super week we have had in Year 4! It was lovely to see so many of you at Sports Day. The children did brilliantly, showing great determination, teamwork and enthusiasm throughout the morning. We were incredibly proud of them all. Thank you also for coming to our Guitar Concert. The children loved showcasing the musical skills they have developed this year, and we hope you enjoyed listening to their wonderful performances. Next Friday, we will finally be able to complete the Golf Enrichment Day that was postponed earlier in the term. The children will have the opportunity to be coached by an expert from Ignite Golf, and we are sure they will have a fantastic time. Please ensure that children come to school in their PE kit on this day. We would also like to kindly ask that children do not bring Legami pens into school. Unfortunately, they have been causing a number of issues, with pens becoming mixed up, accidentally ending up in the wrong pencil cases, and children becoming upset when they cannot find their own. We want to avoid any unnecessary worry or disagreements. Please could all Legami pens be kept at home and not brought into school. We greatly appreciate your support with this. Thank you, as always, for your continued support. The Year 4 Team.
Year 5 It has been another busy and exciting week in Y5! In English, we have begun reading our new class text, Night of the Gargoyles. We have also been learning about personification and how authors use it to bring settings and objects to life in their writing. In maths, we have continued our work on converting units of measurement. The children have been applying their knowledge to solve a range of practical problems involving length, mass and capacity,	Year 6 It has certainly been a varied week in y6! Monday and Tuesday were of course dedicated to play performances - and didn't they keep us entertained? I am sure you will have seen why rehearsals with this year group have been so enjoyable for us. They kept us laughing from start until finish; we hope you enjoyed seeing your child and their friends, whatever their part. After that, we moved on to spending time with our English groups reading more of Kensuke's Kingdom

Y4&5 Golf Engagement Day

Friday 10th July

We will be welcoming PGA Golf Coach, Aaron, from Ignite Golf to deliver a Golf Skills Workshop to Year 4 and Year 5 children. Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit, with water bottle, sunhat and suncream if necessary.

showing increasing confidence with these important skills.

One of the highlights of the week was our fantastic visit from Professor McGinty, who helped bring our Ancient Greece topic to life. The children had a brilliant day taking part in a variety of engaging activities. They learnt about life in Ancient Greece, discovered how to write using the Greek alphabet, and even designed and created their own Greek coins.

Looking ahead to next week:

- Our rearranged Cricket Festival will now take place on Monday. Please check Class Dojo for full details and timings.
 - The Golf Enrichment Day has been rearranged for Friday.
 - All children will need their PE kit on Monday, Thursday and Friday.
 - Pupils who are helping with the KS1 Sports Day will also need to wear their PE kit on Tuesday.
- Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We hope you all have a lovely weekend!
The Year 5 Team.

Monday – Cricket Festival

The children will be attending the Cricket Festival at Knowle and Dorridge Cricket Club. Please ensure that they bring:

- A packed lunch
- Plenty of water
- A sun hat
- Sun cream applied before school (and a named bottle if they are able to apply it independently).

and beginning an art project - Friday afternoon will be spent making clay sculptures of themselves, posed as one of their favourite DPS memories, for example, reading a book or kicking a football. We have also found some time for our D&T projects and for a sports day practice.

Next week, most pupils will be off to PGL with us for the week. Please refer to your email about this for details about departure arrangements and kit lists. PGL have asked us to make sure pupils have a refillable bottle with them for the hot weather, and suggested pupils wear light, short pyjamas as the cabins are likely to be warm at night. During the day, we are less concerned about the weather as most activities take place indoor, in the cooler forest or on the water. During the week, we will use class dojo to communicate to you but please be aware that this will not be daily - we will advise of our safe arrival, update you mid-week and then give you an up-to-date arrival time once we have left. This is partly because mobile signal across the PGL site is limited - there are areas from where we can send messages, but we will of course prioritise supervising your children and ensuring they have a good time over this. The old adage of 'no news is good news' applies! We also take photos throughout the week as your children will not have cameras with them; these will be distributed to you by the end of term so that you will have photos of your child's activity group. We are also aiming to put together a slideshow of their time at PGL to show you at their awards evening in the final week. We hope you enjoy a peaceful, relaxing week in their absence!

Endeavour

Reception: Henry, Niko, Miley, Miss Coughlan

Year 1: Mia, Maisie, Georgie

Year 2: Amelia, Aiden, Cali,

Year 3: Edward, Daisy, Sebastian

Year 4: Harry, Sebastian, Orlagh

Year 5: Quinn, Lawson

6D: William, Sebastian, Max, Jake, Olivia, Ishaq, Amelia

6P: Harry, Olivia, Isabella, Dora, Owen, Amira, Kai, Bobbi

6S: Emily, Zak, Callum, Callum, Matty, Asal, Persia, Elin, Leia

6+: Elliot

Class	End of the week
2D	23%
2P	47%
2S	27%
3D	84%
3P	84%
3S	91%
4D	31%
4P	31%
4S	30%
5D	34%
5P	33%
5S	28%
6D	16%
6P	9%
6S	6%

TTRS

Let's keep pushing and end the year on high % next week!