

DEBDEN PRIMARY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Friday 9th May 2025

Dear Parents,

The summer term is now well underway, and we have an action-packed term up ahead. Please see below for a digest of important messages and information about recent events in school, in addition to a look ahead at what is coming across the rest of the term.

New Headteacher Appointment

I'd like to formally extend a huge congratulations to Mrs Bailey for her appointment as the school's new Headteacher from September onwards. Mrs Bailey has been an outstanding teacher at the school for a number of years, and more recently has proven herself to be an exceptional leader and manager as Deputy Head. I know that the school will be in really safe hands under Mrs Bailey's leadership. Well done, Mrs Bailey!

Anniversary of VE Day

This Thursday marked the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day, and children learnt about the significance of the day through a special assembly with Mrs Hatch. The children also created and planted paper poppies in the planters in our reading garden, to help remember those who fought and died in the war (see below).



We were also fortunate to be visited by Mr Richard Cawtes, who came in and read the proclamation in assembly to the children.

Year 6 SATS

SATs will be taking place for Year 6 children next week. The children have been working hard and have made great progress - we are confident that they will do themselves proud! Below is the schedule:

Date and Time	Assessment
Monday 12 th May 2025 – 9am	English spelling, punctuation and grammar (papers 1 and 2)
Tuesday 13 th May 2025 – 9am	English Reading
Wednesday 14 th May 2025 – 9am	Maths Papers 1 and 2 (break in between)
Thursday 15 th May 2025 – 9am	Maths Paper 3

The KS1 assessments will follow later in the year. The KS1 assessments are now non-statutory and so the timetable for the assessments is less rigid, and we will inform you of when these assessments are taking place for your child in due course. We opt for the children to still informally sit the KS1 assessments, as they provide a solid marker for how children are progressing against national expectations.

Assessments can affect all children differently, and we try where we can to alleviate the pressure that some children may feel. To help support the children in feeling comfortable about their SATs assessments from home, here is a link to some sound advice: <https://www.teachertoolkit.co.uk/2018/04/24/parents-sats/>

Upcoming Key Dates

Monday 12th May – SATs week starts

Friday 16th May – Kingfishers forest school

Monday 19th May – Wellbeing week starts

Thursday 22nd May – Ducklings church mice

Friday 23rd May – Last day of summer term 1

Monday 2nd June – First day of summer term 2

Wednesday 4th June – Frogs/ Newts Performance – matinee (times tbc)

Thursday 5th June – Frogs/ Newts Performance – evening (times tbc)

Thursday 5th June – Year 6 Crucial Crew

Monday 9th June – Phonics week begins

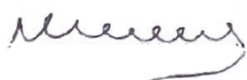
Monday 9th June – Science week begins

Wednesday 11th June to Tuesday 17th June – Trips to Aerozone

Thursday 19th June – Ducklings church mice

Friday 20th June – Class photos

Kind Regards



Matt Hawley

Headteacher