

DEBDEN PRIMARY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Friday 17th July 2026

Dear Parents,

As we reach the end of another busy and successful school year, I would like to say a huge thank you to all our families for your continued support.

As my first year as Headteacher, I am incredibly grateful for the encouragement, kindness and support I have received from the school community. It has been a privilege to lead our wonderful school, and I am so proud of everything our children have achieved.

I would also like to say a very special thank you to all our amazing staff. Their hard work, dedication and commitment throughout the year have made such a difference, and I truly appreciate everything they do every day to support our children.

Staffing Appointments

Senior Teachers: I'm sure you will join me to congratulate both Mrs Caparelli and Mrs Barden in their new roles as Senior Teachers- this is thoroughly deserved.

-LSAs: Joining us in September will be Mrs Ahmed, Mrs Hodgson and Miss Baum. We look forward to welcoming them to our school community.

Staffing farewells:

We are sad to say goodbye to Mrs Dey (catering assistant), Mrs Cornwell and Mr Huxter who leave us at the end of the year. We wish them all the best and good luck to Mr Huxter who is going on to do his teacher training. We are still sad that he has chosen secondary school, but we are sure he will back here one day!

Class Structure 2025 - The following class structure/ teaching team will be in place for September:

Class Name	Year Group/s	Teaching Staff	Main class LSA/s
Ducklings	Reception	Mrs Caparelli Mrs Auty	Mrs Cameron
Minnows	Year 1	Mrs Hatch: Mon-Wed Mrs Hopkinson: Wed-Fri	Mrs Cox Mrs Day
Dragonflies	Year 2	Miss Douglas	Mrs Adams Mrs Hodgson
Frogs	Years 3-4	Mrs Barden	Miss Gardner Mrs Dixon
Newts	Years 4-5	Miss Rowe	Mrs Adams Mrs Clark
Kingfishers	Year 5-6	Ms Bacon	Mrs Blackaby

Ongoing Recruitment

We have an advert out over the summer, looking for a Catering manager and Catering assistant. Please pass this on if you know anyone who is interested.

School Uniform focus

School uniform plays an important role in creating a sense of belonging, pride and togetherness within our school community. It helps our children feel part of a team, encourages a positive attitude towards school, and ensures everyone can start the day feeling confident and ready to learn.

Next year, we will be placing a renewed focus on our uniform expectations, working together with families to ensure our children look smart, feel proud and represent our school in the best possible way. We have noticed that recently these standards have slipped and children are wearing items that are not school uniform or even colours.

Reminder:

Tops: White or red polo top with a red jumper/fleece.

Bottoms: Grey/black trousers or skirt.

White, grey, red or black socks/tights and black shoes.

PE kit: Children need to be wearing black or grey joggers, leggings or shorts with a white or red t shirt. Children can also wear a red jumper/hoodie. They should not be wearing branded black hoodies or tracksuits in different colours.

If children are not wearing correct uniform, they will be bringing a uniform reminder slip home to make parents aware. We have lots of spare uniform at school so if you need any help please speak to the office.

Key Dates for the Start of Next Academic Year

- Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September – Inset Days
- Thursday 3rd September – First Day of Autumn Term

I hope you all have a wonderful summer break filled with fun, laughter and happy memories. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September!

Kind Regards

Mrs Bailey