



DEBDEN PRIMARY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Friday 20th June 2025

Dear Parents,

We hope that you are all well and enjoying the beautiful weather at the moment!

Whilst the handover of Headteacher responsibilities is taking place, the final two newsletters of this academic year will be written by both of us. It is action-packed in the second half of the summer term, and so there is lots for us to report on from the past few weeks, in addition to lots of exciting activities and events to look forward to!

New Deputy Headteacher Appointment

We would like to formally announce the appointment of our new Deputy Headteacher, Ms Julia Bacon. Julia is a highly-skilled and experienced practitioner, who previously been teaching at Terling Church of England Primary School. Julia has a wealth of subject knowledge and leadership experience in mathematics and religious education, and has built strong links with the church in her current role. She is also an excellent key stage 2 teacher who excelled in all stages of the recruitment process. We are really looking forward to welcoming her to our team.

Class Structure 2025-26

Here is the class structure, teaching team and rooms for next academic year.

Class	Year Groups	Teacher/s	Classroom
Ducklings	Reception	Mrs Auty and Mrs Lawrence (maternity cover for Mrs Caparelli).	Current Ducklings Classroom
Minnows	Year 1	Mrs Hatch/ Mrs Hopkinson	Current Minnows Classroom
Dragonflies	Year 2	Miss Douglas	Current Frogs Classroom
Frogs	Years 3-4	Mrs Barden	Current Newts Classroom
Newts	Years 4-5	Miss Rowe	Current Kingfishers Classroom
Kingfishers	Years 5-6	Mrs Bacon	Current Dragonflies Classroom

Class Allocation 2025-26

Following this newsletter email (at some point today) parents of KS2 children will receive your child's class allocation for 2025-26. (for Key Stage 1 children - Reception to Year 2 - your child's class will simply be the class that corresponds with their age).

For children in Key Stage 2, we have mixed age classes, and so our guiding principle in assigning children to a class is always what we feel is best for the child. We use three main factors in our decision (in this order):

- 1.The child's current attainment level
- 2.The child's age
- 3.Relationships with other children

Science Week

What a brilliant Science Week we have had. Children have really enjoyed visiting the Aerozone Centre, where they have learnt more about flight, engaged in some really fun and informative activities, and watched some real planes taking off and landing! We have also been absolutely blown away by the wonderful science projects that they have created for our Science Fair. Not only were they highly methodical and beautifully presented, but the children were so knowledgeable and articulate in talking through their experiments and findings. A huge well done to all of the children, and many thanks to the parents for your support. Please look out for the assembly slides and Facebook page, where you will see lots of great pictures from the Science Week events.

Sports Days

We are really looking forward to the Sports Day next week, with our young athletes primed and ready to go. A reminder that the timings for the Sports Days are:

-Key Stage 1: 9.00am-10.30am

-Key Stage 2: 10.45am-12.30pm

Children will be taking part in a carousel of different sporting events, aiming to win points for their houses. We have already sent out some preliminary information about the days, however please do take note of the additional information below:

-The FODs will be serving refreshments in the wooden gazebo throughout the morning.

-The forecast looks as though it will be a bit cooler next week. We have also put the events in the morning and shortened the timings to reduce time in the sun. Additionally, all children should bring their water bottles and wear suncream. In case it is still very hot/sunny, we have enough gazebos to provide some shade for the school children. However, we do not have enough to shade the parents/ spectators too. If you feel you will require this shade, please feel free to bring along your own parasols etc. Thank you.

-Please note that for Safeguarding reasons, we will need to close the external gates when the Sports Day events begin. Any late parents should go to the school office, where they will be brought through the school to the event by the admin team. Any parents who need to leave during the event will need to contact the nearest staff member to open the gates. Any parents who are attending both the Key Stage 1 and the Key Stage 2 event are welcome to stay in the demarcated parent viewing area in between events, or alternatively may leave the school site and return at the start of the second event.

-Toilets will be provided for parents and toddlers if required – these will be in the Dragonflies classroom (furthest demountable) during the KS1 event and the Kingfishers classroom (nearest demountable) during the KS2 event. School children will be using toilets within the main school building.

Assessments

There have been lots of statutory assessments going on at the moment! Well done to all of the children who have completed their assessments this term – we are very proud of you. We hope to be able to release our results to the parents (including KS1/KS2 SATs, phonics check, multiplication check, and EYFS data) within the next newsletter.

Reports

It is report-writing season! Please note that you will receive your child's full written report for the academic year in the final week of term.

Upcoming Key Dates

Monday 23rd June – Minnows Saffron Walden Trip

Wednesday 25th June – Sports Day

Wednesday 25th June – FODs Clothing Collection

Thursday 26th June – Key Stage 2 Athletics Carver Barracks

Friday 27th June – Moving Up Day/ Reception Stay and Play

Thursday 3rd July – Year 3/4 Rapid Cricket tournament

Tuesday 8th July – Kingfishers Production – Matinee Performance (1.30pm)

Wednesday 9th July – Key Stage 1 athletics tournament – JFAN

Wednesday 9th July – Year 5/6 to JFAN to watch Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Thursday 10th July – Year 3/4 to Saffron Hall

Thursday 10th July – Kingfishers Production – Evening Performance (6pm)

Sunday 13th July – Kingfishers Residential Begins

Wednesday 16th July – Kingfishers Residential Returns

Friday 18th July – Kingfishers Leavers Service (9.00am)

Friday 18th July – Last Day of Term

Kind Regards

Matt Hawley

Headteacher

Mrs Bailey

Deputy Headteacher