

DEBDEN PRIMARY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER



Friday 14th November 2025

'That they may have life in all its fullness'

Dear Parents,

Welcome Back!

I hope everyone had a well-deserved half-term break and has come back feeling refreshed and ready to tackle another busy half term! This is always one of the most exciting times of the school year, with lots of wonderful learning opportunities, seasonal activities, and Christmas festivities planned for the children. We're looking forward to a fun and productive few weeks as we make the most of this special time in the school calendar.

International Day

Last week, the whole school enjoyed International Day, which gave the children an opportunity to learn about and celebrate the diverse cultures, traditions, and languages that make up our school community and the wider world- helping to develop respect, curiosity, and empathy whilst valuing similarities and differences.



Anti-bullying Week

This week, the school came together to mark Anti-Bullying Day, by wearing odd socks and focusing on the importance of kindness, respect, and inclusion. Pupils took part in a range of activities designed to help them understand what bullying is, how it affects others, and the ways we can all make our school a safe and supportive place. The Wellbeing and Worship ambassadors led an very informative assembly alongside Miss Rowe.



Children in Need

Today we raised money and awareness for Children in Need. The children came in wearing their pyjamas and chose a 25-minute challenge to participate in. Activities ranged from a 25-minute fitness session, singing, dancing, mindfulness colouring, lego building, times tables challenge and many more!



Remembrance Day

On Tuesday, we joined people across the country in marking Remembrance Day. By taking part, our children learnt about respect, gratitude, and the importance of peace. Through activities such as creating poppies, writing reflections, and observing a moment of silence, children were encouraged to think about the sacrifices made for the freedoms we enjoy today. Our Year 5 and 6 children took part in the village service and planted crosses in remembrance of military personnel from Debden. The children read out the names of each of the fallen on the war memorial and planted wooden crosses in their memory.



Young Carers Assembly

This week we welcomed Danielle from Young Carers, who led an assembly to recognise and celebrate the contribution of young carers. Pupils learned about the important role that young carers play in supporting family members and the challenges they may face. The assembly encouraged empathy, understanding, and support for young carers within our school community, reminding everyone that it's important to look out for one another and offer help when needed.

Key Dates for this Term

Wednesday 19th November – FODS Clothing Collection
Thursday 20th November – Tag Rugby Finals year 5/6 team
Thursday 20th November- KS1 Author visit
Friday 28th November – Newts Cake Sale
Thursday 4th November – FODS Wreath Making Evening
Saturday 6th December- Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 9th December- KS1 Nativity 1.30pm
Wednesday 10th December- KS1 Santa Dash
Thursday 11th December- Elfridges, Christmas jumper day and Christmas dinner!
Friday 12th December -KS1 Nativity 1.30pm
Friday 19th December- Church Service and last day of Autumn Term.
Tuesday 6th January- First day of Spring 1.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards,

Sarah Bailey

Headteacher