

DEBDEN PRIMARY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Friday 23rd October 2026

Dear Parents,

We have reached the end of an incredibly busy half term! The children and staff have been working hard, both in the classroom and through a wide range of exciting extracurricular activities. Everyone has put in a tremendous amount of effort, and we are incredibly proud of all that has been achieved- now it's time for a well-deserved rest over the half-term break!

Cross Country

A huge well done to all the children who took part in the cross-country competition at Chrishall last week. Everyone showed fantastic resilience and determination, and we are incredibly proud of their efforts. Special congratulations go to our Year 4 girls' team and Year 6 girls' team, who have qualified for the next round. Well done also to Isaac (Year 3), Erin (Year 5) and Dexter (Year 5), who have also secured their places in the next round. We wish them all the very best of luck!

Mini Medics

Children in Years 2–6 enjoyed learning about First Aid with Mini Medics. They learnt important skills to help them understand how to respond in an emergency, how to keep themselves and others safe, and how they might help someone who is hurt or unwell.



Dragonflies

This week, Dragonflies enjoyed an exciting visit from Living Things, where they had the opportunity to meet some amazing animals up close! The children showed great curiosity and enthusiasm throughout the experience. Well done, Dragonflies, for being so brave!



Parents evening

This year, we had a number of families who did not attend their appointments. Please let the school know as soon as possible if you are unable to attend, as another parent may appreciate the opportunity to use that time slot. We appreciate that plans can change but kindly ask that everyone respects the teachers' time. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Dogs on site

A reminder that dogs are not permitted on school premises. We have some children who have allergies or may feel frightened around dogs. Thank you for your understanding and for helping us keep everyone safe and comfortable.

Art Competition

Please see details of the art competition being run by Mrs Barden. Entries in after half term.

Key Dates for this Term

Friday 23rd October – Final Day of Autumn Half Term 1
Monday 2nd November – First Day of Autumn Half Term 2
Wednesday 4th November- Open Day
Wednesday 11th November- Remembrance Service
Friday 13th November- Children in Need
Wednesday 18th November – Flu Immunisations
Friday 27th November- INSET day
Tuesday 8th December – Key Stage 1 Nativity (1.15 pm)
Wednesday 9th December – Key Stage 1 Nativity (1.15 pm)
Thursday 10th December – Christmas Lunch/Elfridges
Friday 18th December – Christmas service 9.15 am
Friday 18th December – Final Day of Autumn Term

Have a wonderful half term break.

Kind Regards,

Sarah Bailey

Headteacher

