

Newsletter

Deansbrook Infant School

NEWSLETTER NO.31

'Learn, Grow, Achieve Together'

16th May 2025



Value of the month:

Honesty

Link to the British Value of Mutual respect and tolerance of others



Message from Mrs Catley

Our photographer came into school this week and took class photographs. We hope to have the proofs very soon and will send them home in your child's book bag.

Year 2 visit to St. Paul's Cathedral

Gold and Silver classes had a lovely visit to St. Paul's cathedral this week. They travelled into London on a bus and train and then had a wonderful workshop about the changes to the cathedral over the years. They then learnt more about the Great Fire of London and were able to use their knowledge of the Fire to re-enact some of the events. The visit also included a climb to the Stone Gallery where the children could see a view across London including many of the famous landmarks.

After St. Paul's the children went to Pudding Lane and saw the monument to the Great Fire and the spot where the fire started all those years ago in 1666. What a wonderful day!



Summer fair

Don't forget that after half term we will be collecting jolly jars for the summer fair. Please start collecting your empty jars now so that you can decorate them and fill them with goodies in time for our collection week on June 3rd.

A jolly jar is a decorated jar filled with treats such as sweets, small toys, hair accessories, stickers, crayons and anything else you think a child might like.



We have noticed that many of our young children are struggling to hold a pencil.

Research shows that excessive screen time can negatively impact children's dexterity, potentially leading to weaker hand and wrist muscles, reduced grip strength, and difficulty with fine motor skills.

This is because screen-based activities often involve repetitive movements, like tapping and swiping, that don't engage the hands in the diverse and complex ways needed to build fine motor skills.

This is having a direct impact on children's learning and it is very concerning.

Please encourage your child to draw and colour and write at home, as well as enjoying their on-screen games



Dates for your diary



Summer Term 2025

Tuesday 20th May – Reception visit to London Zoo

Tuesday 20th May – Writing workshops for parents/carers and children in Green Class

Wednesday 21st May – Writing workshops for parents/carers and children in Purple Class

Thursday 22nd May – Year 1 visit to Windsor Castle

Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May – Half Term

Monday 2nd June – Inset Day (school closed to children)

Tuesday June 3rd – Friday June 6th – Jolly jar collection for the summer fair

Monday June 9th – Friday June 13th – Bring a Bear

Wednesday 11th June – Year 2 visit to the London Transport Museum

Monday June 16th – Friday June 20th – Tombola Prizes

Wednesday 18th June – Year 2 visit to the London Transport Museum

Monday June 23rd – Friday 27th June – Toys, Games and Books

Wednesday 25th June – Year 1 visit to Southend

Wednesday 2nd July – Nursery visit to Aldenham Country Park

Wednesday July 2nd – Plants

Friday July 4th - Cakes

Saturday 5th July – Summer Fair 1pm – 5pm

Thursday 10th – Open Evening 3.45pm – 5.15pm

Tuesday 15th July – RockSteady Concert (parents/carers of Rocksteady children are welcome to attend)

Tuesday 22nd July – Last day of summer term

***All dates in bold type can be attended by parents/carers**

Parent/ Carer Survey

The London Borough of Barnet would like to hear from parents and carers about their childcare needs. Your views are important in helping us decide how to shape services that will be useful for families and support our understanding about childcare sufficiency. This is particularly important during the final phase of the expansion of Government funded early education. In September 2025, eligible working parents will be able to access 30 hours of childcare from the term after their child turns 9 months, until they reach school age.

Please take a few moments to complete the survey using the QR Code below:



For further information and support please contact the Early Years Team

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earlyyears@barnet.gov.uk

Attendance

This week the attendance in each class has been...

Class	Attendance %
Gold Class	96%
Silver Class	98.5%
Green Class	97%
Purple Class	97%
Red Class	98%
Blue Class	96%

Well done Silver Class!



Birthdays

Happy Birthday to these children who celebrated their birthday this week:

Casiana and Scarlett in Green Class

We hope you have a lovely day!

Summer Fair Poster Competition

Please bring all your posters for the summer fair to the office by Friday 23rd May (next Friday).

Remember to add:

Date of the fair: July 5th, Opening times: 1pm – 5pm and Venue: Deansbrook Infant School.

Thank you

Do you need to hire a space?

Our school hall is available to hire through Sharesy. The hall is suitable for a regular booking for a class or club or for one off family occasions, such as a children's party. Please click on the following link:

<https://www.sharesy.com/s/deansbrook-infant-school-main-hall>