

Newsletter

Deansbrook Infant School

NEWSLETTER NO.16

'Learn, Grow, Achieve Together'

16th January 2026



Value of the month:

Determination

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



Message from Mrs Catley

Just a quick reminder that we have a breakfast club (7.45-8.45am) and afterschool club (Rainbow club: 3.15 – 6.00pm) at school everyday. Please speak to the school office if you would like your child to attend either club.



Big Garden Birdwatch is from January 23rd – January 25th and is the world's largest garden wildlife survey. Every year, hundreds of thousands of nature lovers help to build a picture of how many garden birds are in the UK.

What do I do to enter?

Click on this link below and sign up:

www.rspb.org.uk

Watch this video at:

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch>

You can watch birds in your garden, at the local park or from your balcony

This week we were very excited to hear that our school had won a laptop!

Stephen Brown has been raising money for computers in schools for several years. He has been supported by Barnet Walking Football Club and together they are providing computer equipment to schools. Recently they had 2 laptops for schools and, through a poll, we were selected to receive one of the laptops! Yesterday Stephen and one of his colleagues attended an assembly at school and presented a laptop to Mrs Catley.

Thank you so much Stephen and the Barnet Walking Football Team.



Are talking and thinking skills different in children born just after Covid lockdowns?

The University of London are looking for children born between July 19th 2021 and October 19th 2021 to take part in a study which will involve 3 visits to the school to play fun educational activities with selected children to assess their talking and thinking skills. Parents/Carers will also be asked to complete a questionnaire.

If you would be happy for your child to take part in this study please speak to your child's class teacher or to the school office.

Schools get a £100 voucher for taking part and

every family involved will get a £30 voucher of their choice!

Born In Covid Year – Core Lockdown Effects



Dates for your diary

Spring Term 2026

Friday 23rd January – Performance by Electric Umbrella for Nursery and Reception

Friday 23rd to Sunday 25th January - RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch

Tuesday 3rd February – Reading workshops for Gold Class parents/carers

Thursday 5th February - Reading workshops for Silver Class parents/carers

Monday February 9th – Children's Mental Health Week

Tuesday 10th February – Safer Internet Day

Thursday 12th February – Zoolab visit to Year 1

Friday 13th February – Chinese New Year Assembly at 9am in the School Hall

Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February: **Half Term**

Monday 23rd February – Spring Term 2nd half

Monday 9th March – Science Week

Tuesday 17th March – Rock Steady Concert at 9am (for parents/carers of children who attend Rock Steady)

Thursday 19th March – Niteowls visit to the school (children can have their photo taken with an owl!)

Friday 20th March – Red Nose Day

Tuesday 24th March – Parents Consultations: 3.30 – 6.00pm

Wednesday 25th March – Parents Consultations: 4.30 – 7.00pm

Friday 27th March – End of Term

Reception finish at 1.15pm

Full time Nursery, Year 1 and Year 2 finish at 1.30pm

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

Attendance

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

Class	Attendance %
Gold Class	86%
Silver Class	88%
Green Class	88%
Purple Class	90%
Red Class	96%
Blue Class	96%

Well done Red and Blue Classes!



Birthdays

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

Nova, Malachi and Ianis in the Nursery

Onix in Blue Class

Nathan in Purple Class

We hope you all had a lovely day.

Year 2 Comprehension Workshops

We are running workshops for parents and carers of all children in Year 2. The workshops will start with a demonstration about how to support your child with reading comprehension. The Year 2 children will then join the session for a shared activity with their parents/carers.

Tuesday 3rd February – Gold Class
Thursday 5th February – Silver Class
All workshops are at 9am

It is very important that an adult (Mum, Dad, Grandparent, Aunt, Uncle etc) is able to attend these workshops so that your child can participate. Please arrange for someone to come into school for an hour on the morning of your child's workshop. Thank you.

Contacting Councillors

Did you know that your local ward councillors hold a fortnightly surgery at Burnt Oak Library? These run from 10.30am – 12.00 noon and the next date is Saturday 17th January. Further dates are available at the library. If you have any concerns about issues in your local area please go along and meet with one of the councillors.

Do you need to hire a space?

Our school hall is now available to hire through the website 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 the link: <https://www.sharesy.com/s/deansbrook-infant-school-main-hall>