

Newsletter

Deansbrook Infant School

NEWSLETTER NO.1

'Learn, Grow, Achieve Together'

11th September 2026



Value of the month:

Friendship

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



Message from Mrs Catley

Welcome back everyone!

We have been delighted to welcome back our Year 1 and Year 2 children and meet our new Reception children starting school this week. Welcome to the new school year!

Attendance and punctuality

It is so important that your child attends school every day, on time.

When children are absent from school they miss essential learning and can quickly fall behind their peers. Children should only be away from school if they are unwell.

It is also important that children arrive on time as lessons start punctually every morning.

If you are 5 minutes late it soon adds up to a lot of school missed:

Minutes late PER DAY during the school year	Days of learning lost in a YEAR
5 mins	4
10 mins	7
15 mins	11
20 mins	14
25 mins	21

The Golden Rules

We are gentle
We are kind and helpful
We listen
We are honest
We work hard
We look after property

The children are expected to follow the Golden Rules everyday.

Nut Free School

Please remember that we are a nut free school. This means that we do not allow any nuts on site.

This is to protect children who may have life threatening allergies.

Please ensure that your child's packed lunch does not contain any products containing nuts such as peanut butter, Nutella, cereal bars etc.



Can I also remind you that grapes in packed lunches must be cut lengthways as they can be a choking hazard. Your child will not be allowed to eat grapes that have not been sliced properly.

Meet the Teacher meetings

Our meet the teacher meetings are next week. These are a great opportunity to meet the class teacher and find out all about the next year at school for your child.

The meetings will be on the following dates:

Year 1 – Tuesday 15th September
Reception – Wednesday 16th September
Year 2 – Thursday 17th September

The reception meeting will take place in the school hall.

Year 1 and Year 2 meetings take place in your child's classroom.

All meetings start at 9am

Dates for your diary

Autumn Term 2024

Monday 14th September – First day for new Nursery children

Tuesday 15th September – Year 1 Meet the Teacher Meeting at 9am in Year 1 classrooms

Wednesday 16th September – Reception Meet the Teacher Meeting at 9am in the hall

Thursday 17th September – Year 2 Meet the Teacher Meeting at 9am in Year 2 classrooms

Friday 25th September – Thank a Teaching Assistant / Nursery Officer Day

Friday 25th September – Tour of school for prospective parents 9.30am

Thursday 1st October – Teddy Bear's Lunch (bring your teddy to school)

Thursday 1st October – Individual photographs (sibling photos available from 8am)

Monday 5th October – Electric Umbrella Assembly for KS1

Tuesday 6th October – Nursery Meet the Teacher Meeting at 9am in the hall

Friday 9th October – Tour of School for prospective parents 9.30am

Friday 16th October – Just One Tree (children wear green and/or brown and bring £1 to plant a tree)

Monday 19th October – Thank a Cleaner Day

Tuesday 20th October – Year 2 Harvest Assembly at 9am in the hall

Tuesday 20th October – Parent Consultations 3.30pm – 6.00pm

Wednesday 21st October – Year 1 Harvest Assembly at 9am in the hall

Thursday 22nd October – Parents Consultations 4.30pm – 7.00pm

Friday 23rd October – End of half term

HALF TERM BREAK – October 26th – October 30th

Monday 2nd November – 2nd half of Autumn Term starts

Tuesday 3rd November – Flu Vaccines (am)

Friday 6th November – Diwali Assembly

Friday 13th November – Children in Need

Wednesday 18th November – Phonics workshops for parent/carers of Blue Class

Thursday 19th November – Year 1 educational visit to the RAF museum

Thursday 19th November – Phonics workshops for parents/carers of Red Class

Tuesday 1st December – Rocksteady Concert at 9am (parents of rocksteady students can attend the concert)

Friday 4th December – Christmas Fun Day

Tuesday 8th December – Reception visit to the Finchley Arts Depot

Thursday 17th December – End of term for am and pm nursery

Friday 18th December – 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	97%
Silver Class	94%
Green Class	95%
Purple Class	98%
Red Class	95.5%
Blue Class	92%

Well done Purple Class!



Birthdays

Happy Birthday to these children who celebrated their birthday so far this term:

Jessica in Blue Class

Ali in Red Class

Hena, Sahar and Inaaya in Green Class

Leo and Jared in Purple Class

Aaliyah in Silver Class

We hope you all had a lovely day.

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 on the following link:

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