



Mr Kirby's Weekly News

Dear Dover Park Family,

It has been another great week at Dover Park. The atmosphere across the school has been one of high focus and productivity, with children in every year group showing a real dedication to their learning.

I had the absolute pleasure of teaching Year 6 PE this week. It was fantastic to see the children engage so enthusiastically with the session. While my role often keeps me in the office, I make a point of teaching regularly; it is the best part of my job and ensures I really get to know every child in our school community.

Sunshine and Outdoor Play

As the sun has decided to make an appearance and dried out the grass at school, we have begun transitioning the children onto the school field during breaktimes. While this inevitably means some children may come home with slightly dirtier clothes, the trade-off is well worth it. The field provides so many more opportunities for creative play, exercise, and fun with their friends.

Confirmed Development Days

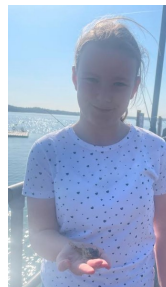
We have now confirmed our final staff development days with the Local Authority. Please note that school will be closed to children on Monday, 22nd June, Friday, 24th July and Monday, 27th July.

Consequently, the final day of the summer term for all pupils will be Thursday, 23rd July.



Clubs:

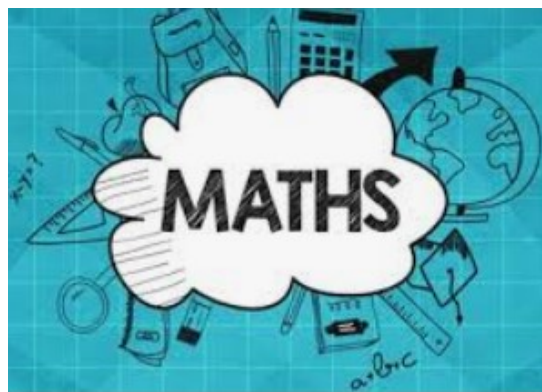
Children enjoy a wide range of after school clubs from puzzle club to fishing and we try to provide a good selection linked to children's interests. Our fishing club has been really successful and the children were thrilled to be making their first catches. .



Excellence in Maths

This week, we welcomed a **Local Authority Maths Adviser** to Dover Park to review our current provision. I am delighted to share that they were extremely impressed with the quality of teaching across the school.

Our Maths Leader, **Mr. Rowson**, continues to do an expert job in guiding our curriculum and supporting our teachers and children. We have a dedicated team here who work tirelessly to provide a fantastic education and it is wonderful to see their hard work recognised with such high praise from the local authority.



Community Support:

SENDIAs have sent updates on support they can give parents—see flyer attached and video link

Adult Community Learning are delighted to share their new programme of workshops and courses, for adults 19+ years. Whether it is ICT, art, craft, health and well-being or careers advice, we have something for everyone. Check out what's on offer and book at www.iow.gov.uk/aclcourses , or call us on 817280. Come and learn something new in a relaxed and informal setting, at The Learning Centre, Westridge, Ryde.

Please find below a link to resources and support around online safety for children and **what parents / carers can do**, which are being shared as part of the government's 'You Won't Know Until You Ask' campaign.

This will be really valuable to educate parents about online harm, so please share with parents of children you are working with (regardless of whether there is any online concern or not as it's about educating them)

[Help your child stay safe online - Kids Online Safety](#)

Please share far and wide to your communities, we have just added another helpful guide on our You Tube channel [Polaris SENDIASS - YouTube](#) to help support the understanding of the difference between Ordinarily Available Provision also referred to as 'Quality First Teaching' and SEN Support.



School Disco

Children should get their dancing shoes ready! The Dover Park Disco will be on 21st May and it promises to be a fun-filled evening for the whole school. Tickets are now available for £2 each on School money.

There will be a number of items on sale at the disco if you wish to provide your child with some pocket money. Please ensure this is provided in an envelope, purse or wallet with your child's name on it. Unfortunately, we cannot be responsible for the money children have with them at the disco, but we will of course remind children to look after any money they may have.

Reception class and Years 1 & 2 Disco - 3:20pm-4:30pm:

Reception class will be joining Key Stage 1 for their first full disco this year! Children attending the school disco will need to bring their party clothes and any spending money into school with them in the morning. They will get changed at the end of the school day and be taken into the hall by their class teacher. At the end of the school disco the children will return to their classrooms and be dismissed via their classroom doors. (Reception class will be dismissed from the Art Room, which is opposite reception class) Parents and carers should please use the Park Road gate to access school.

Years 3,4,5 & 6 Disco 4:40pm-5.45pm:

Children attending the school disco will need to enter the school through the PARK ROAD GATE. At the end of the school disco, ALL children will need to be collected by an adult. Year 3 will be dismissed from their classroom and all other children will be dismissed via the hall doors.

Please note that no mobile phones or backpacks will be allowed in the disco hall. Children should not bring in their own snacks from home unless prearranged with staff due to a medical condition.

As a reminder, all funds raised at our school events go directly back to the children. Current fundraising efforts are being dedicated to purchasing a range of **sensory equipment** to support our pupils' wellbeing and learning needs.

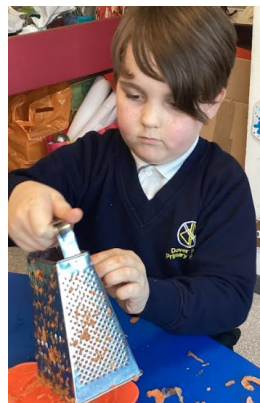


LEARNING

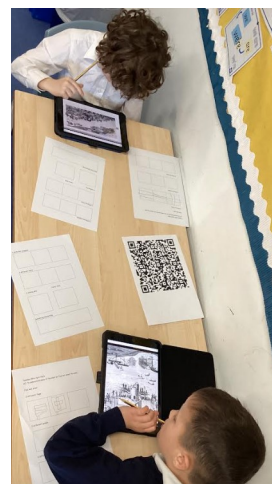
Reception had their first Gardening Club. This week tidying up the vegetable and flower beds. They then collected natural objects from the garden to make pictures.



Year 1 have started investigating some existing fruits and vegetables. First the children practiced their good hygiene skills we have been learning previously before touching and cutting the foods. Then they used appropriate utensils to practice their cutting, peelings and grating skills. They will move on to evaluate what fruits (or vegetables) they would like to include in their fruit salads!



This week Year 2 have been applying their skills as historians. They used an interactive image of an engraving depicting the Battle of the Solent in 1545. They looked closely to find and sketch different flags, people, weapons, buildings as well as searching for Henry VIII and a sinking ship. Could it be the Mary Rose?



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Year 3 have thoroughly enjoyed exploring the artist Frank Bowling. This week we took half of one of his paintings and used our creativity to complete the other side before painting it. I was very impressed with their low water ratio technique!



This week in PSHE Year 4 created brochures for a hotel that has something for everyone. Making sure all feel welcome and all needs are catered for.



This week began with a visit from five new, yellow-feathered classmates, and it's fair to say they completely stole the show with their clumsy charm and undeniable cuteness! You can also see images of the children carving soap for their practice pieces in art, using it as a sculpting material, ready to move on to their final creations next week. They are designing large bugs, so started with a simple head and body shape that looks rather like a snow-man! The children thoroughly enjoyed working with this medium, and even better, it is a very affordable one too.



On Tuesday, Year 6 started preparing for writing their formal recount about the disappearance of Salim from the London Eye Mystery. Nothing concentrates the mind more than a bit of drama! It's amazing how costumes and a few props make all the difference.

Hot Chocolate Friday

Year 1— Emily

Year 2— Magnus

Year 3— Jessie

Year 4— Reona

Year 5— Sophia S

Year 6— Toby



Reader of the Week

Year 1— Hurricane

Year 2— Louis

Year 3— Olivia

Year 4— Olivia J

Year 5— Maddie

Year 6— Gabriel



Olivia has been working hard in her swimming lessons and has gained two certificates and badges.

Well done Olivia!



Cloakroom Award

Year 4

11th-14th May—Year 6 SATS

14th May — Year 4 Assembly

20th May — Year 1 Music Workshop

21st May — School Disco

22nd May — Reception Music Workshop (please note change of date)

22nd May—Sing Up

22nd May—Last day before May Half Term

1st June Children return to school

5th June — Year 3 Parent Workshop

8th June—Year 5 Music Workshop (please note change of date)

17th-19th June— Year 6 residential

19th June— Whole School Teddy Bear Picnic 12:15-1:00

22nd June—School Development Day (School closed to children)

24th June—KS2 Sports Day (parents will be welcome in the afternoon, details to follow)

25th June—Reception & KS1 Sports Day (parents will be welcome in the afternoon, details to follow)

23rd July—Last day of term for children



- Free impartial advice relating to SEND for 0-25 years.
- Confidential sessions not recorded.
- Peer support, talking to others experiencing a similar journey.
- A dedicated session with an experienced support worker

**6
MAY**
12:30

Alternative Provision
What constitutes as a suitable education in relation to section 19 of the education act

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13:00

Responding to a draft EHCP
If you are in that critical time frame having received your draft

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Appeals to SEND Tribunal
A step-by-step guide through the appeals process

**18
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12:00

Considering an EHC Plan?
Independent and impartial information to guide you through the process

**19
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10:00

Ordinarily Available Provision and SEN Support
Looking at support available for those who do not have an EHCP

**28
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10:30

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The NHS Occupational Therapy Team will be running monthly parent advice sessions. These sessions are open to any families which don't have an existing referral.

The sessions will be with an Occupational Therapist and an Assistant.

The team will be able to give advice, signpost to other services / charities and support with completing a full referral to Occupational Therapy if it is felt the needs discussed require a full assessment.

The team will be able to support with advice around:

- Self Care tasks - e.g. washing, dressing, using cutlery, toileting
- Fine motor skill development
- Play skills
- Preschool / school readiness



Session Dates for 2026

(more dates and locations may be added if required):

15 Jan, 19 Feb, 19 March, 16 April, 21 May and 18 June.

Slots will be available at 9am, 10am and 11am.

Appointments will last for 45mins.

To book, contact the department on **01983 534520** or via email to **iownt.paediatric-ot-mailbox@nhs.net**

Sessions will take place at the Childrens Therapies Department,
St Mary's Hospital, Newport, Isle of Wight

Superbowl



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Whatever your age and however you're celebrating, we've got the ideal package to make it a party to remember. **PLUS** with 20% off all parties in **May and June**, its never been better value!

From action-packed Laser Quest battles to epic bowling showdowns, we've got the perfect mix of excitement, laughs, and good vibes. Add in tasty food and drink packages, and you've got a ready-made party you'll be talking about long after the final score.

A red banner with a white brushstroke effect. On the left, it says 'Save 20%' in green. On the right, it says 'On all online party bookings for May and June!' and 'Use code PARTY20 when booking.' in white.

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NHS Foundation Trust

Helping to keep your child healthy

The Isle of Wight 0-19 Team is made up of Health Visitors, School Nurses, Community Nurses, Associate Practitioners and Administrators.

We use our skill mix team to ensure that all families are offered mandated health contacts for needs assessment, advice and support.

Please see Family Assist for additional support information.



If you have any questions or would like to speak to a Health Visitor or School Nurse, please ring the 0-19 duty desk on **0300 123 5224**





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