



Dover Park Primary School



Mr Kirby's Weekly News

5th Sept
2026

Dear Dover Park Family

A very warm welcome back to all of our returning children and families and a special hello to the new families joining us in Reception and across the school.

It has been a fantastic first week and I am delighted to report that Dover Park is now completely full in every single year group! This is fantastic news for us, as school funding is based upon pupil numbers.

The children have all settled back into their routines remarkably well in all year groups and this is testament to the hard work of our fabulous staff, who have worked hard to plan and prepare for the year ahead. This week, I had the absolute pleasure of teaching Year 4 for a morning and it was lovely to be back in class with such a fabulous group of children!

We really do have an amazing school family of children, parents, staff and governors and I look forward to seeing all the adventures ahead of us this year.

Warm regards,

Mr Kirby

WELCOME
BACK!

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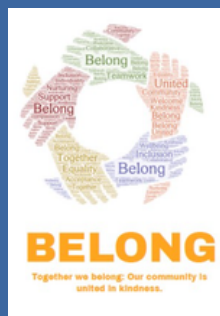


Enjoy! Belong! Believe!



As we begin this new academic year, I think it's worth reminding all of our three school values: Enjoy, Belong, Believe.

These values underpin everything we do at Dover Park. They were selected together as a whole school community of staff, pupils and parents. We believe that children must enjoy their time at school to foster a lifelong love of learning, feel a deep sense of belonging within our inclusive community and be supported to believe in their own unlimited potential. When these three elements come together, our children truly thrive.



Sports Coach

We are thrilled to welcome Mr Chapman to the Dover Park staff team as our new Sports Coach. He brings a wealth of coaching experience and enthusiasm to the role.

Mr Chapman has already been out on the MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) during lunchtimes, getting to know the children and putting their energy to good use. PE lessons across all year groups will begin next week, so please do ensure your child has the correct kit ready.



✦ School Uniform Reminder ✦

Our children look exceptionally smart this week and we appreciate your support in maintaining our high standards. A few gentle reminders as we settle into the routine:

- Footwear: Children must wear black school shoes or completely black trainers in class (without bright logos or coloured soles).
- Ties: Pupils in Year 3 and above are required to wear their school ties every day.
- Jewellery: For health and safety reasons, only small, flat studs are permitted. Hoops or dangling earrings pose a significant safety risk during active play, outdoor breaks and PE, as they can easily catch and cause painful injuries.
- Make-up: Children should not wear make up to school.



SEND/IEP Meetings

At Dover Park, we firmly believe that educating a child is a partnership. Working closely alongside parents and carers (and involving the children themselves) is essential when setting targets and celebrating every success, big or small.

Mrs Roberts, our SENCO, will be holding Individual Education Plan (IEP) meetings with families of children on our SEND register every half term.

Please mark the following dates in your diaries:

14th September 2026, 9th November 2026, 11th January 2027,
1st March 2027, 19th April 2027, 14th June 2027

✦ Pupil Voice and Responsibilities ✦

Listening to our pupils and giving them real responsibility is a cornerstone of our school ethos. Yesterday, our School Council held their very first meeting to discuss and select the breaktime sports and activities they would like to see on the playground this term.

Over the coming weeks, we will also be selecting students for a variety of leadership roles across the school, including Anti-Bullying Ambassadors, Equality and Rights Advocates, Librarians, Junious Travel Ambassadors and Playtime Leaders. We look forward to seeing our young leaders step into these roles.



School Community Open Session

As detailed recently on ClassDojo, we are hosting a Dover Park School Community Open Morning this Monday at 9:00 AM. This session is a dedicated space to offer support for you and your family. We will have information, advice and a friendly ear available to help with, Mental Health & Wellbeing (support for child and parents), Sleep Routines & Health Needs, SEND Support & Guidance, Pupil Premium Form Completion (we can help you fill these out to check if your child is eligible for extra school funding and free school meals!)

Whether you have a specific question, need some advice or just want to connect over a cuppa, we'd love to see you there.

In the Classrooms

Reception Class

Reception class completed their first week. They are settling in well and following the class expectations. Looking forward to next week for more fun.



Year 1

This week, Year 1 started looking at structures as part of their Design Technology unit. They talked about what a structure is and what needed to be strong and stable. The class walked around the school grounds and investigated the structures they could find. They are looking forward to designing and making their own purposeful structures!



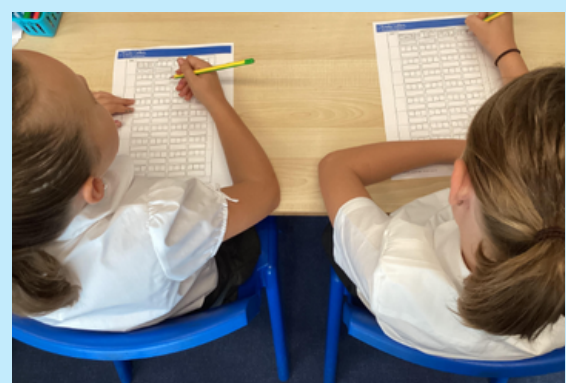
Year 2

Year 2 have been learning and practising classroom responsibilities this week - making sure their tables are tidy and every child has a classroom job. This will help them to make sure they are following our school values of enjoy, belong, believe.



Year 3

The children have had a lot of fun this week learning the new animal positions that will help us with our handwriting.



Year 4

During PSHE, Year 4 showed how well they can work within in pairs and teams, demonstrating their communication, negotiation and co-operation skills.



Year 5

Year 5 have been getting creative with artist Peter Thorpe, reimagining his space-inspired artwork using paint and oil pastels, while in Maths they were representing numbers in all sorts of different ways. In Literacy, they became clue detectives, using torches to hunt for hidden clues in images, and they've even been learning their handwriting animal positions - ask them to show you their Stone Leopards, Strong Bears and Meerkats among others!



Year 6

This week Year 6 have already started their art unit. They have started looking at Cubist art and particularly the work of Paul Klee. They will be working towards producing a self-portrait in the cubist style.



✦ Hot Chocolate Friday ✦

This week's Hot Chocolate Disco Friday award winners were:

Year 1: Penelope

Year 2: Jasmine

Year 3: Holly

Year 4: Kesisha

Year 5: Hannah

Year 6: Vaishnav



Dates for the Diary

Dates for the diary will be confirmed in next week's newsletter. Staff will be meeting in the coming week to discuss and agree dates for all the exciting events and activities for the year ahead.



DOVER PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN SESSION

Join Us for Coffee & Cake!  



WE'RE HERE
TO HELP WITH:

1



SUPPORT FOR
ANXIETY &
MENTAL HEALTH

2



SLEEP &
HEALTH NEEDS

3



SEND SUPPORT
& GUIDANCE

4



PUPIL PREMIUM
FORM COMPLETION

MONDAY 7th SEPTEMBER



IN SCHOOL

