



Your
half-termly
Scoop on
All Things
DPS

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HEAD'S WELCOME

This half-termly newsletter is your window into all things DPS — a chance to celebrate the amazing events, achievements, and stories that make our school community so special, with contributions from various members of our school community. Inside, you'll find highlights from recent happenings, a peek behind the scenes at exciting developments, and practical advice and support around inclusion and wellbeing. We'll also share key updates and reminders to help you stay connected with everything going on across our community.

We hope you enjoy reading and feel inspired by all the wonderful things taking place here at DPS!

SCHOOL EVENTS

We started the year with a very special visitor — the one and only **Michael Rosen**! Mr. Rosen is famous worldwide for his much-loved children's books and poems, including *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* and *Chocolate Cake*. The children were captivated by his lively, funny talks and were thrilled to meet him in person — an inspiring start to the year!

Our Year 5/6 Girl's football team took part in the School Games 7-a-side football tournament in Daventry. They all showed fantastic teamwork, determination and skills throughout the day! Special shoutout to Poppy who was our star striker and Lyla for her non-stop running and defending.

INCLUSION SPOTLIGHT

Supporting Our SEND Pupils

One of the areas we've focused on is improving communication around SEND. All IEP meetings have now been arranged, and we're really grateful for the positive engagement from families. We hope you've felt the benefits of our focus on openness and working together.

For families looking for additional support or activities, the **West Northamptonshire Local Offer** is a fantastic resource. It lists local clubs, short-breaks, and holiday activities for children with SEND. You can find the full details here: [Holiday Clubs for Young People with SEND](#).

WELLBEING AND SUPPORT

Fostering Wellbeing

Mental health and wellbeing are a key priority for our school community. As we look ahead to **Men's Mental Health Awareness Month** in November, we want to remind families that support is available for everyone — pupils and parents alike. We encourage open conversations, small acts of kindness, and checking in with each other regularly.

For parents seeking guidance or support, helpful UK-based resources include:

Mind – Parents and Carers: [Use our tools and get help for your mental health](#) | [Mind](#)

Hub of Hope : [Mental Health Support Network provided by Chasing the Stigma](#) | [Hub of hope](#)





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BEHIND THE SCENES

Our Revamped School Values: We're excited to share our refreshed school values: **Effort, Focus, and Kindness**. These simple yet powerful principles are easy for children to remember — and they truly come to life every day across our school community. You'll see them in classrooms, on the playground, and in how our pupils support one another.

Celebration Assemblies and awards: Our celebration assemblies have had a refresh too! They're a wonderful opportunity to highlight and celebrate the fantastic things happening throughout DPS. Each week, we recognise achievements such as TT Rockstars awards, sports awards, Dojo points awards, the Golden Broom award, and our very special Deanshanger Dazzlers award — given to one child per class for consistently demonstrating our school values of effort, focus, and kindness.

Class and Phase Assemblies Each week, classes will also take part in class or phase assemblies, giving pupils the chance to celebrate their achievements both in and out of school. If your child has earned a certificate, award, or recognition outside of school, please send it in on Wednesdays, so they can share their success with their classmates — we love celebrating their hard work!

Teacher Development: Our wonderful teachers are continuing their professional growth through a new project based on the WalkThrus coaching model. This initiative allows staff to share and develop a range of effective teaching strategies, ensuring every lesson at DPS is engaging, purposeful, and designed to help our pupils thrive.

Phone Calls – Monitoring and Training Purposes: You may have already received a letter explaining that our school phone system now records calls for monitoring, training, and safeguarding purposes. This measure helps us maintain clear communication and uphold the highest standards of care and professionalism.



Our revamped DPS awards:





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PTA UPDATES

The PTA Team are looking forward to another year of arranging events for the children to enjoy and raising funds for the DPS. A huge thank you to all who supported our £20.25 initiative over the summer. We hope that the children enjoyed taking part in their sponsored activities which collectively raised £448.

The team met for our AGM in September and are busy planning some events for this term including our Break the Rules day and some festive themed events next half term.

If you are interested in getting involved with the PTA, we'd love to hear from you via the Chairofpta@deanshanger.northants.sch.uk email. There is no obligation to help at every event; any time you can offer would be gratefully received. Our volunteers support with a wide range of activities, organising and attending our events, creating posters, shopping, contributing creative ideas for fundraising etc, so please do reach out if you'd like to hear more.

Another way to support our fundraising is to sign up to Your School Lottery. Tickets cost £1.00 per week, with 40p per ticket being donated to the school and you may even win a prize yourself...

For more information please visit: [Support Deanshanger Primary School when you play Your School Lottery - Your School Lottery](#)

We really do appreciate your fantastic support!

Your PTA Team

STAFF UPDATE

It's with a heavy heart that we share that Mr Ward and Miss Brooks will be leaving DPS at Christmas. They have been valued members of our team over the years and will be greatly missed by both children and staff. We thank them for their dedication and wish them every happiness for the future. Families with children in these classes will be kept updated on future staffing plans in due course.

IMPORTANT DATES AND REMINDERS

Communication reminder: To help us ensure that important information reaches the right people promptly, we ask that all messages to staff be sent via email to the school office, clearly labelled FAO [Staff member's name]. This will help us direct messages efficiently and ensure you receive a timely response through the school office email. If you have any issues or concerns, please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance — either by speaking to them at the start or end of the school day, or by sending an email through the office. Thank you for helping us keep communication clear and consistent!

Important whole school dates:

Start of term: 3.11.25

Christmas Fair 11.12.25 (4.00 - 7.00pm)

PTA Elfridges 17-18.12.25

Break up for Christmas 19.12.25

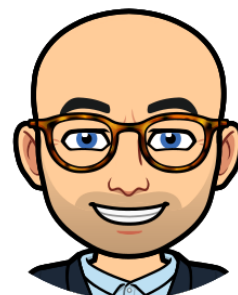
PTA Non-uniform day – tombola donations 5.12.25

Christmas cracker week — WC 15.12.25 (more details soon)

Carols on the playground 18.12.25

THANK YOU

I'd like to finish by saying a heartfelt thank you for your continued support. The children here at DPS have made such a calm, positive, and focused start to the year—they truly are a credit to you and your families. On a personal note, I'm so grateful for the warm welcome I've received since joining the school community. It's been a real pleasure meeting so many wonderful people. We have such an exciting journey ahead at DPS, and I'm really looking forward to all that this year—and the future—has in store for us.



Mr Bolton—Head of School