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Friday 24th October 2025

Weekly Round-up

Term Times

Message from Mrs.Heather

I am writing to let you know that Mrs Tarpey will be leaving us at the end of the Autumn term. She has made the heartfelt decision to step away from her teaching career in order to spend more time with her family and enjoy life beyond the demands of work.

Mrs Tarpey has been a valued and much-loved member of our school community for the past eleven years. Her dedication, warmth, and professionalism have made a lasting impact on both pupils and colleagues alike. She will be greatly missed, and her departure is a real loss to the teaching profession. We fully respect her decision and wish her every happiness in this next chapter. If you would like to contribute to a collection for a leaving gift you can do this at the school office. Looking ahead, Mrs Anderson will be stepping out of her classroom role at Christmas and will be Deputy Headteacher full-time. We are pleased to share that Mr Geary has been appointed as the new full-time class teacher for Wordsworth Class from January. Mr Geary is an experienced Year 5 teacher with a strong background of experience. We are confident he will bring great energy and expertise to our team.

Thank you for your continued support.

 NHS Flu Vaccination – 27th November

We're pleased to confirm that the NHS flu vaccination session will take place in school on Wednesday, 27th November.

Parents and carers should have received an email with a link to consent or decline the vaccination for their child. If you haven't yet responded, please do so as soon as possible.

[Link for consent or decline](#)



Year 6 Girls Football Festival

On Tuesday, some of our Year 6 girls attended a Girls Football Festival at St Ives Outdoor Centre. The festival was hosted by the Year 9 Sports Leaders from the Hunts School Sports Partnership. The team played a total of 6 matches, winning 4 of these, losing 1 and drawing 1. The girls showed exceptional sportsmanship throughout the morning and were a credit to the school.



BBC 500 Word Story Competition

Children in Year 1-6 will have brought home a photocopy of their 500 word story which they have been enjoying writing in class these past few weeks.

We would love it if as many of you as possible can support your child in entering the BBC 500 Word Story Competition. All the information you need can be found on the website:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words>

In previous years, we have had some children reach the second round of judging! Please let your child's class teacher know if you have entered and keep them updated as to how they get on. We are also holding our own 'in school' 500 Word Story Competition and the winning stories will be announced in assembly after half term. Good luck to all of you!

Calculation Guidance

We have finished updating our calculation guidance for maths, which is now up and running on the website under core curriculum. This guidance shows the methods your children are taught in maths for Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication, Division and Fractions. Each year group uses a range of resources from concrete (physical and objects), pictorial (pictures and drawings) and abstract (equations and numerals), which are outlined in this document. In order to support your children with their learning, please look and see what your children are being taught and how this will progress as they move through the school.

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ECO TEAM!

The Eco-team have two exciting missions, and your superpowers are needed—starting with our first challenge: Cut the Carbon! and with our Bin-tastic Challenge!

Cut the Carbon!

This November, we're on a mission to shrink our carbon footprints and make a real impact. Each week, our Eco-Warriors will be tracking progress and cheering you on. There are six suggestions to help us cut carbon:

- Eat a plant-based meal
- Leave the car at home and walk or cycle instead
- Meal plan to reduce food waste
- Lower your washing machine temperature to 30°C or lower
- Have a device-free day
- Turn down the heating by 1° for a week

There is more information on this video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kQPAAHPj78>

ECO TEAM

Bin-tastic Challenge!

Our playground bins are ready for a makeover—and we want YOUR brilliant ideas! The Eco Team is calling on all creative minds to design a brand-new bin that's fun, functional, and fabulous.

🎨 Your Mission: Grab an A4 sheet of paper and sketch your dream bin design. Think bold colours, cool shapes, and eco-friendly features. Could it talk? Could it sort recycling? Could it look like a robot or a tree?

🌿 The Eco Team will review all the designs and choose the most awesome one to inspire our new playground bins! Deadline Friday 7th November.



BOO!

Wind in the Willows.

We're thrilled to announce that this year's Year 4 and Year 2 production will be Wind in the Willows!

Join us as we follow the adventures of the lovable but mischievous Mr. Toad, who is always eager to share his latest obsessions with his friends.

Unfortunately, his enthusiasm for motorcars leads to chaos on the roads! Thankfully, Ratty, Mole, and Badger are on hand to help him become a more responsible Toad. Meanwhile, trouble is brewing in the Wild Wood, and the friends must come together to outsmart the Wild Wooders and restore peace.

Performances will take place on the 19th and 20th of November. Buy your tickets now Via Arbor!

Upcoming PTA Events:

- Friday 7th November - Non-uniform Day (bring a hamper donation!)
- Monday 10th November - Raffle tickets go home
- Friday 14th November - Quiz Night (get your teams ready and book now!)
- Wednesday 26th November - Christmas Jumper Sale (after school - donate your unwanted jumpers in the donation box by the office after half term)
- Sunday 30th November - Village Light Switch-On & Raffle Draw
- Friday 5th December - Elfridges Shop (a festive favourite!)

Every event helps us inch closer to that shiny new stage - so whether you're dancing, donating, or diving into quiz questions, thank you for being part of it.

Warm wishes,
The PTA Team



 Pet of the Week!

Can you guess which teachers pet this is?

Clue: She's in the office

Answer at the bottom of the newsletter!


 **New Meal Menu Choices Available on Arbor**

We're excited to share that after a successful trial with KS1 children, all Parents/Carers can now pre-order their child's school meal choices via Arbor, either daily, weekly or termly.

This new feature helps with planning and ensures your child receives the meal they prefer.

The menus for the second half of the Autumn Term are now available to pre-select on Arbor.

We are planning to hold our traditional Christmas Dinner on Thursday 4th December, menu details and instructions of how to pre-book your child/children's Christmas Dinner will be sent out later after half term.

 **Reminder:** You will need to ensure that you have enough balance in your Meals account to cover the cost of your current and future meal choices.



BONFIRE BONANZA!

WEDNESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER

COME JOIN US FOR A SWEET
CELEBRATION!

LUNCHTIME! CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO
ENJOY A

Make your own Sundae!

- CHOOSE YOUR OWN TOPPINGS!
 - ADD YOUR FAVOURITE SAUCES!
- CREATE YOUR PERFECT SUNDAE!**

BOOKINGS WILL BE AVAILABLE NEXT WEEK, SO
DON'T FORGET TO BOOK YOUR CHILD IN FOR A
SCHOOL DINNER TO ENJOY A TASTY PIZZA MEAL
WITH A SUNDAE DESSERT INCLUDED.
ALTERNATIVELY, CHILDREN CAN MAKE THEIR MEAL
CHOICE DURING MORNING REGISTRATION ON THE
DAY.



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OPEN EVENING



**WEDNESDAY 12TH
NOVEMBER 6-7PM
BUCKDEN SCHOOL - IN THE MAIN
HALL - NO BOOKING REQUIRED!**





BEN OBESE-JECTY'S

CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

OPEN TO ALL PRIMARY AGED SCHOOL
CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN 4-11

“CHRISTMAS IN THE CONSTITUENCY”

Ask your parent or carer to email a clear photo or scan of your design and send to ben.obesejecty.mp@parliament.uk by

FRIDAY 7TH NOVEMBER 2025

PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING DETAILS IN THE EMAIL:

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| • CHILD'S NAME | } | • PARENT/ CARER'S NAME |
| • AGE | | • CONTACT EMAIL |
| • SCHOOL | | • HOME ADDRESS |



ENTRIES NOW OPEN

EYFS/KS1&KS2
CATEGORIES

hobbycraft



Create a piece of art to be proud of and be in with a chance of winning a bundle of art supplies, courtesy of Hobbycraft. Your theme is Seasons of Magic. From the warm colours of Autumn, the whites of Winter, from falling leaves to falling snowflakes, landscapes to still- life, abstract to realist - be inspired by our seasonal changes to create your own artwork using any medium you choose. Submit entries to Mrs Schmidt by 1st December with your name and class on the back for either the EYFS/KS1 or KS2 category..



THE 2025[®] BIG DRAW FESTIVAL

AT THE NORRIS MUSEUM



Saturday 26th Oct – Saturday 1st Nov 2025

This half term, join us for The Big Draw 2025 — a celebration of creativity for children and families! Explore drawing in playful, imaginative ways through free activities and a special family workshop:



Drawn to St Ives Competition

(Enter from 20th Sept to 22nd Nov – winners announced on 29th Nov)

Be inspired by the historic holiday poster currently on display in the museum and design your own! Open to ages 5–11. Winners will have their posters on display in the museum and earn themselves a beautiful 35 piece Derwent Academy drawing set.



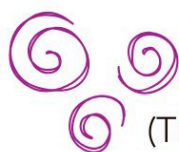
Drawings Through History Quiz Trail (free!)

Discover how drawing has shaped stories from prehistoric caves to the 20th century in this fun trail around the museum. Earn stickers for completing!



Mini Museum Doodle-Books (free!)

Make your own pocket-sized doodle book to fill with sketches, scribbles, or stories. Templates and pencils provided all week in the museum gallery — just pop in to fold, cut, and create!



Scribble and Story Time

(Tuesday 28th October, 10:30am–12:00pm, ticketed)

A joyful family workshop inspired by children's books. Experiment with playful drawing stations, such as turning "mistakes" into masterpieces. £10 for 1 child, £18 for 2 children, £24 for 3 children – adults join in for free! Limited places – online booking essential: <https://the-norris-museum.arttickets.org.uk/>



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SCRIBBLE & STORY TIME

Tuesday 28th October – 10:30am to 12:00pm

A joyful family workshop celebrating the art of free drawing. Inspired by favourite children's books, this session invites children and their grown-ups to experiment, imagine, make a creative mess, and embrace the beauty of imperfection!

From turning mistakes into masterpieces, to doodling from a single dot, to sketching chalk creations we can imagine might come alive, families can explore playful stations together and discover that every scribble tells a story...

£10 for 1 child, £18 for 2 children, £24 for 3 children – adults join in for free!

Aimed at children aged 3 to 11 and their adults

(There must be at least 1 adult for every 3 children & 2 adults max. per child)

Limited places - online booking essential

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Earn prizes and WIN a Doodle goodie pack!

Between the **20th of October–24th of November**, Doodle Learning is running an exciting event where your child can earn **guaranteed rewards!**

Designed to encourage a few minutes of daily doodling, joining the fun is a great way to promote healthy learning habits and top up your child's knowledge. Plus, everyone who reaches the target can enter a prize draw to **WIN a bundle of Doodle goodies!**

How to take part

1 Create or link your account

If you haven't already, create and/or link a parent account to your child's school account. To find out how to do this, see the reverse of this flyer or visit help.doodlelearning.com and search 'how to link account'.

2 Use DoodleMaths 'little and often'

Encourage your child to **earn 250 stars in DoodleMaths between the 20th of October – 24th of November.***

We recommend using DoodleMaths 'little and often' throughout this period – there's no rush to reach the target!

**Stars earned before the 20th of October and/or after the 24th of November, and/or stars earned in DoodleTables, DoodleEnglish and/or DoodleSpell, won't be counted.*

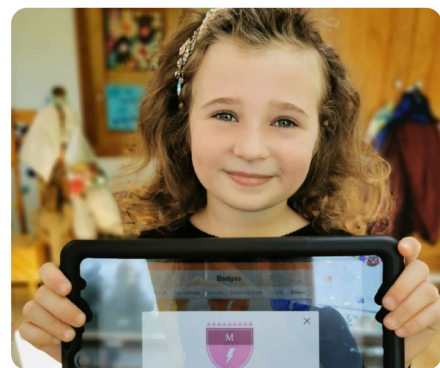
3 Check your child's stars

To see how your child is doing, visit parents.doodlelearning.com, hover over **Analyse** and press **Effort**.

Click on the **DoodleMaths** icon in the top right-hand corner of the screen and select **custom time**. Set the **start date as the 20th of October and the end date as today's date**.

We'll email you as soon as your child earns 250 stars in DoodleMaths. To receive this email, please ensure you're subscribed to the 'work programme updates' email category.

4 Receive FREE rewards and enter the prize draw!



For more information, please visit doodlelearning.com/competition.

Any questions? Please visit help.doodlelearning.com and press on the green circle icon to chat to our team.



Once your child earns 250 stars, they'll receive a **printable certificate AND an exclusive in-app badge!** You'll also be able to enter a prize draw to **WIN a Doodle goodie pack**. To do this, scan the QR code or visit <https://r7fwva4ubvq.typeform.com/autumn-comp>.

10 winners will be selected at random and emailed after the 24th of November to let them know the exciting news.

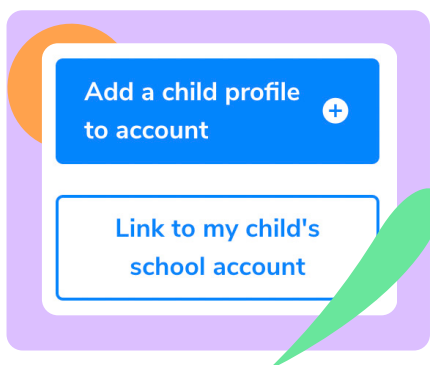
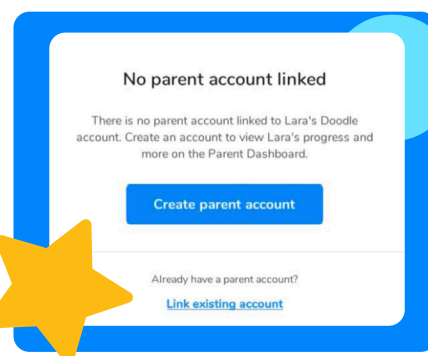
How to create and/or link a parent account to your child's school account

Creating a parent account is really important (and really easy!). By doing this, you'll be able to enter the Autumn Competition and receive your child's exclusive certificate!



How to create and/or link a parent account via the Doodle apps

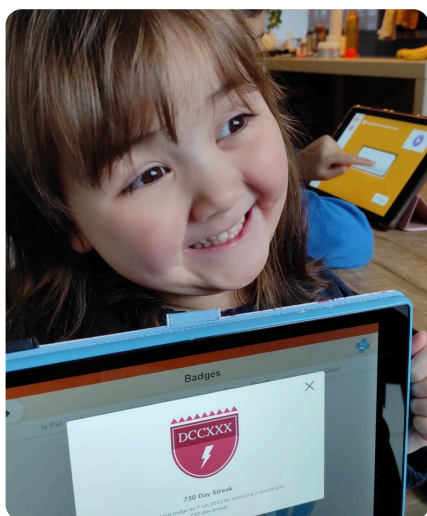
- 1 Log in to any of the Doodle apps using the username and password provided by your child's school. **If you're not sure what these are, please contact your child's school rather than creating a new account for them.**
- 2 From the Learning Zone, click on the arrow icon in the top left-hand corner of the screen
- 3 Select **Settings** and press **Parent details**
- 4 If you're new to Doodle, choose **Create parent account**. If you already have a Doodle account, click on **Link existing account**.
- 5 Enter your details to link your email address to your child's account



How to create and/or link a parent account via the Parent Dashboard

- 1 Visit parents.doodlelearning.com
- 2 If you're new to Doodle, click on **Create account** and follow the instructions. After you've done this, log in to parents.doodlelearning.com. If you already have a parent account, log in to parents.doodlelearning.com.
- 3 Once you've logged in, hover over **My account** and select **Child details**
- 4 Click on **Link to my child's school account** and enter the username and password provided by your child's school. **If you're not sure what these are, please contact your child's school rather than creating a new account for them.**

If you'd like to join the competition but your school doesn't subscribe to DoodleMaths, you can receive 20% off a home subscription by visiting doodlelearning.com/competition-offer.



Good luck, and happy Doodling!

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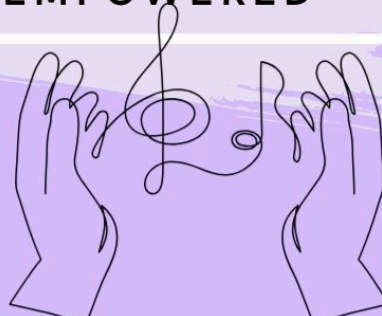
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Do you have an hour to spare? We are looking for volunteer readers for our children. If you think you can help with this please speak to your child's teacher.



How much do you know about keeping your child safe online? Click this link to learn more.

Live it - Eco tip!

Eco Tip: Make Your Own Costume!

Instead of buying a new costume, get creative and make one using clothes and materials you already have at home. Old T-shirts, cardboard boxes, fabric scraps, and even paper can be turned into spooky, silly, or magical outfits. It's fun, saves money, and helps reduce waste!

Check out 'Everything Environmental' on the website for plant based recipe. [click here!](#)

Catch Up on Past Newsletters

What's going on locally? click here to find out

Homework

Talk

Linking learning from the classroom to life at home can help to improve language and communication skills. We will continue these discussions in class next week.

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