

Dear DMS families,

This week has been a big one for our year 6 pupils. We say a huge well done to all who have sat the exams these past few days. They have all worked so hard leading up to this week and have displayed resilience, perseverance and focus as they tackled paper after paper. Mrs Woodruff, as well as many of the other year 6 team is proud of each and every one of them.

Thank you also to parents and helpers who gave up their free time to help read to some of our pupils. It takes a lot of time and planning to make sure all these important exams run smoothly and we couldn't have done it without your help.

The breakfast club came into its own this week! Providing food for all our year 6 pupils, making sure that they were well fed before their exams.

This week has also been 'Mental Health awareness' week. Pastor Mark Topps is trained in offering mental health support and is passionate about all young people looking after themselves and being mentally strong and healthy. He spoke to all year groups this week in our assemblies which we appreciated.

Whilst assemblies were taking place, rehearsals for our upcoming show 'Aladdin' were also taking place. Dance routines, singing and acting are all taking place as the show draws closer. Tickets for the evening performances will be available mid-June. See below the dates of these exciting performances at the Corn Exchange in Dorchester.

We end our week celebrating with a PTFA End of SATS Disco! Always a treat and fun time for our pupils! With the weather due to stay warm for another week, enjoy the sun this weekend and see you all on Monday!



Mrs King

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Important dates for your diary

20th/22nd May	River Trip Y8
20th/21st May	Years 5 & 6 Trip to Lighthouse Poole - Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra – 9am – 12 (please make sure your child has a packed lunch for this day)
21st May	Lulworth Field Trip Y7
23rd May	Jane Austin Writing Workshop Y5
26th - 30th May	Half Term
13th June	DMS Community Challenge – Sponsored Run
20th June	Non School Uniform Day – Please bring a tombola prize suitable for the Summer Fete
28th June	Summer Fete – Free entry – 12 to 3pm
8th July	'Aladdin' the musical performance at the Corn Exchange – 7pm (doors open at 6.30pm)
9th July	'Aladdin' performance at the Corn Exchange - 7pm (doors open at 6.30pm)

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**MHST Workshop for Parents
Supporting your child with sleep difficulties
Wednesday 11th June 4.30pm - 6pm**

This session is available for parent/carers who are looking to understand and support their child with their sleep difficulties. The session covers the theory around sleep, common difficulties, and key strategies to implement.

Please email Mrs Ray to register your interest fray@dms.wessex.ac

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Parent Question of the Week

I'm keen to share my views about the school; How can I do this?

We understand that your voice and opinion matters. Parent voice allows us to gain an insight into how your children are thinking about school, their favourite lessons as well as your view of us at DMS from the outside. We will be sending another parent voice survey out to you the first week after half term. This survey will be a little different from the last, asking more focused questions around particular areas of school life that Mr Webb and I would like your input in. Look out for the invite which will be emailed to you as an online form and will also be added to Facebook.

We will then invite parents to a parent voice session with Mr Webb and I to talk through matters raised from our questionnaire.

Pupil Question of the Week

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When is the next House Competition?

We had so much fun last week with our Inter-house sports competition!

The next inter house competition will be a bake off!
Miss Sharman and I are working out how you can get creative with bakes and how these will be judged!

As you know, Malala House won last week's competition, but which house will take the star baker award?



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PTFA and PE team would like to invite all pupils to do: The DMS Community Challenge – The Big Run! Friday 13th June 25

The challenge involves the children running, walking or jogging 200 metre lengths of the school field. For every length they complete they will be awarded a token for their house. At the end of the challenge, the tokens will be totalled and house points awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place. During the event there will be a water station manned by PTFA volunteers. The event will take place in school time.

All pupils are invited to help raise money by collecting sponsorship and returning their money and Sponsorship forms to school by Friday 13th June 2025.

Alternatively, we have a QR code for the DMS Just Giving page.



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Right click on the link to access the [School Gateway App](#).

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Reading News

With SATs taking place this week, we are particularly mindful of the stresses that children are experiencing in their lives. In the school library, we have a selection of books based on well-being and self-esteem. "You are Awesome" by Matthew Syed inspires children to challenge the beliefs about themselves which are holding them back and the popular Marcus Rashford series also encourages ambition and self-belief. We also have guides to help children navigate social media and friendship issues as well as books providing advice on how to look after your mental health. We are looking to add to this collection over the next academic year

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Important Reminder – Years 7 & 8

All of year 7 and 8 are out on trips next week. Please remember:

- A pair of comfortable, shoes for walking in: trainers, boots or wellingtons; not sandals, "crocs" or similar. (No need to bring other footwear).
- Non-school uniform, but please have enough warm clothing. Even on sunny days in May, the weather can be cold and windy (especially on the coast).
- Waterproofs.
- Sunscreen and hat.
- A refillable water bottle and a packed lunch.
- Any medication that they normally have. (This must be given directly to their tutor upon arrival at school and must have clear instructions of the dosage and frequency it may need to be administered).
- A clipboard (if they have one), pens and pencils.
- They will need a bag (ideally a small rucksack) to keep their belongings in.

For more information, please refer to Mr Greetham's letters sent previously to all parents / carers.

Well done to our year 5 and year 7 ROARS winners this week! Year 6 are ALL ROARS winners this week after their fantastic SATs efforts and have enjoyed some ice lollies on the lawn as a special trip!



What is happening in our Community

DMS Interhouse competition – Tuesday 6th May – Friday 9th May 2025

Our first ever Interhouse competition was a big success with every pupil getting involved in some shape or form. We had Mini-Football, Timed-Tennis and Half-court Basketball running simultaneously during our afternoon Homebase time throughout the week. Every year group embraced the challenge really well and with dogged-determination scored points for their house. Overall, Malala (Red house) ran away with the victory by 8points!

Overall	MALALA (RED)	ATTENBOROUGH (BLUE)	SIMMONDS (YELLOW)	LEBRON (GREEN)
Year 8	32	32	43	33
Year 7	53	42	43	48
Year 6	55	31	49	30
Year 5	46	31	43	38
Total	186	136	178	149
Position	1st	4th	2nd	3rd

DMS Sports Day – Wednesday 18th June 2025 – Save the date!!

Save the date for our upcoming DMS Sports Day to be held on Wednesday 18th June from 9:00am to 3:30pm. Parents are welcome to attend after signing in on the day. We will have refreshments available, thanks to our amazing PTFA. More information coming soon!

DMS Year 6 Cricket team

Our Year 6 Cricket team are set to play Sunninghill Prep School, Wednesday 21st May – we wish them the best of luck!

And finally...

It looks like the weather is going to be wonderful for a few more days yet! Please do remember to apply sun lotion on your children before they arrive to school in the morning as the sun is strong!

Wishing you a wonderful weekend and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday for our last week of school before the half term break. This half term has gone fast!

Mrs King