

Dear DMS families,

Well this has been a very busy week at DMS! We started the week off with Remembrance where our pupils were so respectful around our Remembrance service. They had time to think and reflect through a powerpoint and discussion with their homebase tutors before lining up outside and commemorating the service with our whole school community. Pupils in year 8 wore their cadet uniforms and marched, saluted and stood with great dignity alongside a local Bugler and Flag Bearer. This was a really special time for us as a school. Thank you to all parents who have given pupils money to buy poppies and other merchandise to raise money for the British Legion. We will let you know how much we raised at a later date.

Anti Bullying week has also fallen within this week, so each tutor time pupils have been discussing bullying - remembering that we always and must speak out when we or others are being bullied. We continue to encourage pupils to never be bystanders (standing by and watching bullying happen) but upstanders(speaking out and stopping this taking place). We are working hard with our Anti Bullying ambassadors, and all our ABA's will be receiving some special training next week and will be visibly seen at every play and lunchtime to support all pupils to feel safe at school.

We finish this week with Children in Need - raising money for pupils in disadvantaged situations and in need of support. Thank you for helping your child find something spotty to wear today! It has been wonderful seeing them embrace this with their additional spots!

Mrs King

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Important dates for your diary

19th November	Open Morning for new Y5 Parents (September 2025) 9-11am
28th November	Flu jab offered to pupils - parents have opted directly online
9th December	Gabrieli Roar concert - Exeter (Choir group)
11th December	Pupils' Christmas dinner - please book up to the week before
11th December	Carol singing at Tescos (after school - Choir group)
11th December	Year 6 - end of term assembly at THS - 1.15-3.15pm
12th December	Open Morning for new Y5 Parents (September 2025) 9-11am
12th December	Years 5 and 6 - songs around the Christmas tree - Playground from 2.30pm
13th December	PTFA Disco - KS2 5-6pm and KS3 6.30-7.30pm
16th December	Year 5 - end of term assembly at THS - 1.15-3.15pm
18th December	Carol Service - Dorford centre - 7pm
19th December	Choir visit to YMCA - Carol singing

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Introducing this week...

Mrs Linda Hurst - Teaching Assistant - PD Base

Mrs Hurst joined DMS in 2003! She has worked with pupils with visual impairment and later joined the PD team working with children with physical disabilities. She lives with her very grumpy cat Louis and her little dog Duddley. She has 2 children and a new granddaughter. Mrs Hurst loves to go for walks along the coast and she likes swimming in the sea. One of her favourite places is Lulworth Cove, where she has strong family connections. Her great aunt owned and lived in The Dolls House, which is now a sweet shop. During her time at DMS she has taught hair and beauty as she is also a trained hairdresser and beautician. Recently she has trained in floristry at Kingston Mauward College. On a Thursday, she runs **Inspiration Club**, an inclusive sports club, where children can come along and enjoy fun activities like Boccia, table cricket and Granny's Footsteps. Enjoy your walks this weekend Mrs Hurst!!!



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Parent Question of the Week

“I’m keen to know how my child is doing - how can I find out?”

Year 6 parents evening has just been shared with parents via school cloud to begin to book appointments online. Please do book an appointment to get your desired times and slots with your child’s teachers.

Reports to parents will have the information you will need - sharing recent assessment results in each subject, your child’s attitude to learning, completion of homework as well as a teacher assessment grade. This will begin to give you a much clearer picture of the progress your child is making. All the information you will need will be on the report. These will be given to all year groups soon.

Pupil Question of the Week

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“I’ve been completing a survey in school online - how does this help me?”

It’s really important that you as a pupil at DMS feel you have a voice! We want to find out what is working well for you in your lessons - what lessons are your favorite and why! We want to know if you feel safe at school, and if not, why not? We know sometimes that not all pupils want to share and may not have the confidence to tell teachers about things that are worrying them within the school day. This gives us as leaders a really clear picture and a way forward to make sure that you enjoy school and look forward to attending every day!

Coming to school every day will improve your progress in every subject you take. . We will do our best our end to make sure that school is an enjoyable place for you.

You only have one education and we want to make it the best it can be!

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Reading News from Mrs James & Mrs Jeffery

National Non-Fiction November (NNFN) is the Federation of Children’s Book Groups’ annual celebration of all things factual. It offers the perfect opportunity to investigate the amazing variety of information books on offer to children and young people.

In our KS2 Book Talk (library) sessions, we have been showing the pupils the vast array of topics and subjects available in the reference section of our school library. They have been finding out how non-fiction books are organised into topics – at DMS and also in local and national libraries - and practising using an index to locate different subjects. They have also explored how non-fiction books are arranged and found some interesting and unusual facts to tell the class.

In the next few Book Talk sessions we will continue to discover the world of information texts – and watch this space, we have some exciting non-fiction news to share in the very near future!

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ROARS

We continue to give out ROARS certificates which our pupils look forward to each week. We post these on FB Each week so please look out for these! Well done to all who are representing our school so well!



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Celebrations

Football team win! Our year 8 Football Team competed in a fixture vs Budmouth School B team. Our fantastic year 8s won 10-2 in an emphatic victory! The group showed great determination and sportsmanship with us going into halftime at 2-2. DMS played some wonderful football in the second half creating so many chances and having a large portion of possession. We would like to thank Budmouth School for their contribution to a brilliant game of football. Well done guys! From a very proud Mr Critchell and Mr Palmer.



Rugby team win! On Wednesday it was the turn of our year Rugby team, in Mr Roberts' own words: "It takes more than the odd flash of youthful enthusiasm to unsettle a side as good as All Saints School but that is precisely what DMS did. Leo's first try illuminated early dominance and our Year 7's never looked back. DMS played outstanding rugby, each player worked tirelessly for each other, they swaggered, then they squeezed the life out of AllSaints. Glamour and glitz will take you to great places but grunt and resilience are needed, DMS provided it and in bucketloads. A potential glimmer of consolatory light emerged when in the concluding minutes, the seaisiders brilliantly came close to scoring after several phases of attack-but didn't score. This was an exceptional performance by our year 7s, the DMS rugby machine is rumbling." Thank you Mr Roberts, we are so proud!!!!



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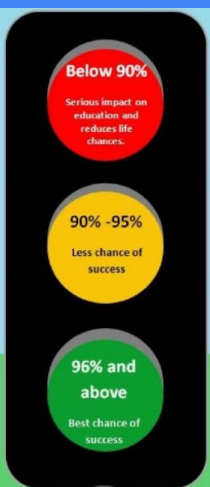
Lost Property

We continue to have a lot of lost property not being collected from the school. We currently have water bottles, PE hoodies, jumpers, trainers and other miscellaneous items. On Tuesday November 19th we'll have all the lost property in the school Reception area from 3pm so you can come and have a look and hopefully collect your children's items. Every week different members of staff bring to the admin office items left in classrooms, playground, hallways, etc. As you can imagine we don't have the capacity to store all of it. Thank you very much in advance.



Attendance - Did you know...

- Good attendance at school is being here 96% of the time.
- Below 90% - Serious impact on education and reduces life chances.
- 90-95% - Less chance of success.
- 96% - Best chance of success.



What's happening in our community?

Remembrance service

We were so grateful to Tony and Steve who played the bugle and were a flag bearer for our remembrance service. It was very special seeing them in their uniforms. Our children were amazingly behaved and very respectful of the occasion.



Baby News!

We welcome the arrival of Elijah - Mr Webb's little boy, born last Thursday weighing 7 pounds and 5 ounces. All are well and very happy! Congratulations Mr Webb!



PTFA

Our PTFA are so wonderful at supporting us and raising funds for our school's needs. They have helped our pupils and school with so many resources as well as funding for events. Please do continue to support their fundraising efforts when you can. Don't forget it is BINGO night tonight, doors open at 6pm, eyes down at 6.30pm, £5 per book. Refreshments and more books available to purchase tomorrow night, but cash only.

The next upcoming event is the PTFA Christmas Disco, coming up on Friday 13th December! There will be plenty of fun for all our children, don't forget to buy your tickets on the school gateway.



And finally...

Next week is another busy week at DMS, full of visitors for assemblies as well as PSHE and History experiences across the school. All pupils will receive an assembly from one of our local ministers or the PACE team, as well as a WW2 Dramatisation, a democracy day trip and some education around knife crime for our older pupils. We will share photos from some of these experiences on Facebook and will keep you informed around all of these curriculum enriching events taking place in our school day. Until then, have a lovely weekend.

Mrs King