

Dear DMS families,

Our first week back in school after half term has already flown by! We have had so many of our clubs up and running and pupils are fully engaging and enjoying these. Monday, we shared the range of clubs on social media, and it was wonderful that the sun came out for our sports outside! Pupils in performing Arts Club's auditions for the main roles in our upcoming school musical 'Aladdin' were told their roles this week and rehearsals are now in full swing! The performance dates for this will be at 7pm on the 8th and 9th July at the Corn exchange.



Mrs James has shared with all year groups our upcoming World Book day and launched this to all pupils. She has also encouraged our pupils who love reading and want to promote reading across our school to become Reading Ambassadors. We have already had over 20 applications for this role and there will be selecting and interviews taking place very soon! Well done to all who have already applied! Applications can be found in the Library with Mrs Jeffreery. Please encourage your child to apply for a reading ambassador role if they love reading.

Mrs King



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Important dates for your diary

6th March	World Book Day
7th March	Family Bingo
24th to 28th March	KS3 Careers Week
28th March	SEND Coffee morning for parents/carers - 9:10am

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Y6 WOEK trips on 16th and 23rd June

We are delighted to be able to offer more spaces for the Year 6 trip to Weymouth Outdoor Education Centre where the children will be participating in a water sport (paddle boarding, mega sup or kayaking), climbing and abseiling and the caving simulation tunnels. Spaces are allocated on a first-come first-served basis.

Please check your email for a copy of the letter and for more information.

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Parent Question of the Week

How can I make use of the wrap around care?

Do you know that if you are entitled to Universal Credit then you can apply for funding which can cover the cost towards Wraparound Care in the School. We provide wrap around care from 7.30-8.30am and 3.30-5.30pm (or from 4.30pm if your child is taking part in a school club).

Wrap around care is offered to all parents at DMS and is a great resource for parents who need to tie in working hours and collecting their children.

The sessions offer a choice of a well-balanced breakfast or snacks, a drink and a range of activities including: Homework support, ICT facilities, Library facilities, board games, crafts and outside games (Weather permitting).

Please do contact Mrs N King who oversees the wrap around care if you have any questions or would like to sign your child up. nking@dmsschool.co.uk

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Pupil Question of the Week

How do you decide what we are presented in assemblies?

At DMS we want to make sure that you are exposed to the Social, moral, cultural and spiritual aspect of learning, and assemblies are a really great way to make sure that you get to meet and hear from lots of interesting people from all walks of life.

We make sure that you have an understanding of many celebration days, festivals and their values (like the British values, as well as protected characteristics), learn to take part in competitions, listen to people with different beliefs, learn about important days we celebrate as well as many more.

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PTFA News

The upcoming events of our incredible PTFA are fastly approaching! Friday 7th March is Family Bingo night, Followed b Easter Disco on March 28th and End of SATS Disco on May16th.

Once we welcome the long-awaited Summer term and hopefully sunnier days, we will have the Summer Fair on June 28th and ending the Academic Year with the Traditional End of Term and New Starters Disco on July 11th!!!

Follow the PTFA (and our) Facebook page for more news and events. Please remember that you can purchase tickets for these events on the School Gateway. Thank you for your ongoing support of these fundraising events.

**DMS PTFA
UPCOMING
EVENTS**

- 7 March** **Family Bingo**
Lots of fun to be had at our infamous family bingo night! Always an enjoyable evening
- 28 March** **Easter Disco**
Dance to all your favourite songs and enjoy some Easter treats from the tuck shop
- 16 May** **End of SATS Disco**
Time for all years to celebrate the end of the year 6 SATS and take to the dance floor!
- 28 June** **Summer Fair**
The Summer Fair is back again this year, with a BBQ, bar, craft tent, games , raffle, and lots more!
- 11 July** **End of Term and New Starters Disco**
Welcoming our new starters, and celebrating the end of the school year, get ready to boogie at the final discos of the year!

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Less than a week to go until World Book Day 2025!

We have many exciting events planned and these have been shared with all pupils through assemblies and during our homebase reading time. A letter was also sent home before half term: please do contact the DMS school office if it has not been received.

There's still time to bring in a book for the Book Swap, get photographed 'Reading Your Way' for our in-school competition (email photographs to library@dmsschool.co.uk), and to design a book token for the National competition (templates available from the library). The Scholastic Book Fair is open after school every day between Tuesday 4th March and Monday 10th March (card payments only), or if you prefer to order online visit [Parent payments - Scholastic Book Fairs](#)



On World Book Day itself (Thursday 6th March), pupils are invited to come to school dressed as an adjective. Please include the word as part of the costume, although we can help with this during morning registration. There are prizes for those who come to school as an adjective that no one else has dressed as!

There are a few other book related events planned for WBD...all will be revealed on the day...

We are recruiting for our brand new DMS pupil Reading Ambassadors, and if pupils would like to be considered for this new and exciting role, application forms are available from the library.

We're very much looking forward to celebrating World Book Day, which could not happen without the support of parents and carers – so thank you!

Celebrations...



Well done to our Year 7 and Year 8 ROARS winners this week. Superstars!!



Our amazing pupils...

Our very own Alfie in Y5 was lucky enough to meet his hero during the February half term.

Alfie and his swimming team met Olympian swimmer Adam Peaty!

Mr Peaty also did a stint in Strictly last year.



To encourage our pupils to be **AMBITIOUS** in career choices, Careers week for Years 7 and 8 is just around the corner! This will take part within the school day and will be a chance for our pupils to see how each subject can lead to many different career paths.

Some of our pupils already have an idea about their career path and how to reach their goal, whereas others are still open minded. We are looking forward to this week and all that it entails.

What's happening in our community?

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- Parents with SEND children are kindly invited to join us for a coffee morning and a chat on Friday 28th March at 9am. It is always lovely to catch up with parents old and new; to help and offer support and advice to each other. Do let us know if you can attend by emailing Mrs Araya at: aaraya@dms.wessex.ac
- We are still looking for volunteers for SATS week. Do you, or someone you know, have some spare time when you can come in to support our Year 6 students during their SATS? SATS week will run from the 12-15th May every morning. We need readers and invigilators and will offer training and support. If you have the time to spare, please email the office team: Office@dms.wessex.ac. Thank you very much in advance!!!
- We had a guest from the Thomas Hardy School, talking to our Y8s about careers' options and choices during their assembly yesterday.
- If you haven't yet, please do follow us on Facebook. We are regularly sharing our wonderful children's work, activities and achievements.
<https://www.facebook.com/DorchMiddle>

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Our year 5 pupils have been completing their mock SATS this week, following on from the year 6 pupils before half term. We are in desperate need for volunteers for SATS week.

Do you, or someone you know, have some spare time when you can come in to support our Year 6 students be successful in their SATS?

SATS week begins on the 12th May and will run from the 12-15th May every morning. We need readers and invigilators and will offer training and support. If you have the time, please email the office team Office@dms.wessex.ac

Finally, We started the week with rain, but we finish with sunshine! Wishing you a sunny and bright weekend!

Mrs King