

Downe Primary



NEWSLETTER JULY 2025

MESSAGE FROM MR FERGUSON

Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils, and Staff,

As we reach the end of another incredible school year, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt thanks to every member of our school community.

This year has been one of growth, achievement, and togetherness. Our pupil numbers are higher than ever before – a clear reflection of the trust and confidence you place in our school. More importantly, the range of opportunities available to our children continues to grow, from enriched learning experiences in the classroom to wider extra-curricular activities that allow every child to shine.

None of this would be possible without the dedication and determination of our wonderful staff team. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to each and every member of staff – teachers, support staff, and everyone who works behind the scenes – for their tireless efforts in making our school such a vibrant, nurturing, and ambitious place to learn.

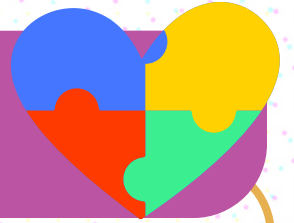
To our fantastic Year 6 pupils: you leave us with pride and best wishes. Thank you for the enthusiasm, leadership, and maturity you've shown throughout your time with us. We are confident you will continue to thrive as you begin this exciting new chapter in secondary school.

We also say goodbye to some staff who are moving on to new challenges. We thank them for their valuable contributions and wish them every success and happiness in their next steps.

Finally, to all our families: thank you for your continued support, encouragement, and involvement throughout the year. It truly makes all the difference.

Wishing you all a restful, joyful, and safe summer holiday. We look forward to welcoming you back for another exciting academic year in September.

Leaver's Assembly



Downe Primary School came together as a school community to celebrate our amazing Year 6 pupils in a heartfelt Leavers Assembly. It was a special occasion, filled with laughter, memories, and a few happy tears as we looked back on their journey through primary school.

The children shared their favourite memories, performed songs, and wowed us with a few surprises along the way. From their very first days in Reception to becoming the role models they are today, we couldn't be prouder of how much they've grown – not just in height, but in confidence, kindness, and character.



To our Year 6s: thank you for the energy, enthusiasm, and leadership you've brought to our school. You leave behind a wonderful legacy, and we know you'll continue to shine as you step into the next exciting chapter of your lives.

We wish you every success and happiness as you move on to secondary school. Remember, you'll always be part of our school family. ✨



Key Stage 2 Production

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Last week, the school hall was transformed into the dazzling Land of Oz as our talented Key Stage 2 pupils brought the beloved classic The Wizard of Oz to life in a truly unforgettable performance.



From the very first note of "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" to the final bow, the audience was captivated by the incredible acting, singing, and dancing. Dorothy, the Scarecrow, Tin Man, and Cowardly Lion led us on an inspiring journey full of friendship, courage, and heart – all brought to life by our amazing students.

The colourful costumes, creative set design, and clever use of lighting and sound added to the magic, creating a theatrical experience worthy of the West End! A huge thank you goes to the staff, parent volunteers, and backstage crew who worked tirelessly to support the show.



Most importantly, we are immensely proud of every student who participated – whether on stage or behind the scenes. Your confidence, teamwork, and dedication truly shone.

Bravo, KS2 – you reminded us that there really is no place like home!

School Pizza Picnic

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If you happened to catch a delicious smell wafting across the school field this term, don't worry — you weren't imagining things! We were officially invaded by... **a PIZZA VAN!**

And no, it wasn't a dream. It was real. Gloriously, deliciously, cheesily real.



From pupils to parents, teachers to toddlers, and even a few very curious squirrels, our whole school community came together for one epic afternoon of dough-based delight. There were margheritas flying, pepperonis pirouetting, and more "Mmmms" than a Year 1 Phonics Screening test.



A huge thank you to the amazing pizza van team for serving up smiles, slices, and serious joy — and to everyone who came along to share in the fun. It was a perfect recipe for community spirit: 1 part sunshine, 2 parts laughter, and 17 parts melted cheese.



Sports Day

What do you get when you mix sunshine, sprinting, and some seriously enthusiastic cheering? Our unforgettable Downe Primary School Sports Day, of course!

From the moment the first race whistle blew, the field came alive with excitement, energy, and a healthy dose of friendly competition. Our pupils gave it their all – whether they were sprinting down the track, launching themselves in the long jump, or giving it their best shot in the water relay!



PGL - Cedar Class

Cedar Class had an unforgettable adventure on our recent PGL residential! It was a joy to watch both Year 5 and 6 pupils embrace every opportunity with such enthusiasm and determination. From the very first activity, the children showed incredible teamwork, supporting each other with encouragement and kindness. Whether they were helping a friend across the high ropes or cheering someone on at the climbing wall, their collaboration and sense of community really shone through.



It was especially inspiring to see so many of our pupils pushing themselves outside their comfort zones and conquering their fears. From the adrenaline rush of the zip wire to the thrill of abseiling down the tower, each child had their own personal triumph. The trapeze challenge had hearts racing — but time and again, children leapt with bravery and pride. The laughter, resilience, and memories made throughout the week will stay with us all for a long time, and we're so proud of each and every child for their spirit and courage.



Maple Class - Midfield Visit



We're thrilled to share that Maple Class had an unforgettable day at Midfield School, taking part in a vibrant Colour Run, exciting Sports Day activities, and a relaxing picnic in the sun!

From joyful sprints to rainbow clouds of colour, every moment was filled with laughter, energy, and inclusion. Our incredible pupils showed off their determination, teamwork, and infectious enthusiasm, making the day extra special for everyone involved.

The event was not only a celebration of physical activity, but also a brilliant opportunity for our SEND learners to connect with new friends, enjoy sensory-rich experiences, and make lasting memories in a supportive environment.

A huge thank you to Midfield School for hosting such a thoughtful and inclusive event, and to all the staff and families who helped make the day so special.

Go Maple Class – you made us all proud! 💪☀️



Attendance



We've seen a recent increase in parents picking up their children early for reasons and appointments not authorised by the school.

We'd like to remind parents that children should only be collected early with preapproval from the school and with valid reason. To clarify, non urgent dental appointments made during school time will not be authorised and we encourage parents to make all routine appointments either out of school hours or during the school holidays.

Medical evidence will be required for early collections for records purposes.

We'd like to thank parents for their continued support in maintaining the excellent attendance record we hold at our school.

Term Dates

Autumn Term

INSET day

Thursday 28th August 2025

INSET day

Friday 29th August 2025

Term starts

Monday 1st September 2025

Half Term

Monday 20th October 2025 – Friday 31st October 2025

Inset Day

Monday 3rd November 2025 (TPA Inset day)

Term ends

Friday 19th December 2025

Christmas Break

Spring Term

INSET day

Monday 5th January 2026

Term starts

Tuesday 6th January 2026

Half Term

Monday 16th February 2026 – Friday 20th February 2026

Term ends

Friday 27th March 2026

Easter Break

Summer Term

Term starts

Monday 13th April 2026

Half Term

Monday 25th May 2026 – Friday 29th May 2026

INSET day

Monday 1st June 2026

Term ends

Wednesday 22nd July 2026

Summer Break

Autumn Term 2026

INSET day

Thursday 27th August 2026

INSET day

Friday 28th August 2026

Term starts

Tuesday 1st September 2026

COMMUNITY NEWS/ USEFUL INFO



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Friday, 25th July 2025, 10.30am - 12.00 pm, followed by a light buffet lunch.

At Cudham Church,

Church Approach, Cudham, TN14 7QF

Children, come along and have great fun getting messy!

Enjoy free art and craft activities on the theme of:

Stepping out in Trust!

Don't forget to bring an adult or carer; they have to have fun too!

No charge - donations welcome on the day!

Booking required please for catering purposes.

Contact Denise Angell on 07957 206901 or denise.angell@virginmedia.com for more information, and to book.