



Newsletter

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THIS MONTH'S VALUE

Friendship

"Always remember you matter, you're important and you are loved, and you bring to this world things no one else can."

— Charlie Mackesy, *The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse*

HEADS UP FROM MS. BROOKES

Happy New Year to everyone! I hope that you have all had a wonderful Christmas holiday. The new year is always a time to be reflective: it is a time to look back on what has gone before, and also a time to look forward with optimism to what lies ahead...

When I look back over the first term, there are so many positives to share! Our children in EYFS have settled in so well to the routine of school and they are thriving, growing and learning every single day which is so lovely to see. Another positive has been our continued work on relational inclusion...last term, we introduced our 3 simple school rules: Ready, Respectful, Safe, and it has been great to see all of our pupils and staff embracing these rules around school, whilst also continuing to live our school values every single day. I am bowled over every day by the kindness which I see in action amongst our children. It really is a privilege to lead such a wonderful school. A big thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support. We look forward to what lies ahead in 2026...



DIARY DATES

- 5/1/2026 – School reopens at 8.50 am.
- 8/1/2026 – Year 3 – Egyptian Workshop.
- 23/1/2026 – Year 3 – Money Workshop.
- 26/1/2026 – Year 6 – Crucial Crew.
- 27/1-29/1 – Year 6 Bikeability, group 1.
- 29/1/2026 – Anti-bullying Ambassadors' training – The Diana Award.
- 30/1/2026 – Year 4 – Money Workshop
- 2/2-5/2 – Year 6 Bikeability, group 2.
- 6/2/2026 – Year 5 – Money Workshop.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Our attendance target is at least 96% attendance.

Whole school attendance for December:

94.52 %

Thank you to everyone for valuing education and continuing to ensure that your children come to school every day and on time.

Remember, every lesson counts!

The following classes have won the best overall attendance for December. Well done! You have all earned an extra playtime for your super attendance.

EYFS – Snowy Owls – 96.48%

KS1 – Hawk Owls – 96.83 %

KS2 – 3A – 99.02 %

Reaching for the stars!

caring | collaborative | courageous | ambitious

FOCUS ON

Eco-Refill Shop

D.P.S. is very proud to be launching an Eco-Refill Shop at the end of January. This will be run as a business organised by pupils from Year 5 and 6. The Eco-refill shop members will undertake enterprise training to create their own business. Families will be asked to bring along empty 500ml bottles. There will be a range of washing up liquids, fabric conditioners, shampoo, bubble bath and more which you can choose to fill your bottles with, and families will pay for what they buy. All the products will be eco-friendly, and will also encourage families to reduce plastic waste. The shop will open once a month. More information about this will be shared when we return in January.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Anti-Bullying Ambassadors Training

We are very proud to have been selected to take part in the Anti-Bullying Ambassador Programme, led by The Diana Award. Pupils from Key Stage Two have been applying for a role as a school ambassador. The ambassadors will take part in a day of training in school, led by a trainer from The Diana Award in January. The ambassadors will learn about the fundamentals of bullying: what it is, its impact, and how to support those affected.

Following this, students will take the lead in identifying and planning ways to prevent bullying, as they work together to continue to develop and foster a kinder, more inclusive school environment through whole-school social action.

SNAPSHOT OF D.P.S.



Year 3 & 4 PTA Disco!



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THE DAVYHULME PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA TEAM

The Christmas Fair was a huge success and was very well supported; we will provide you with an update on total funds raised from this and the Christmas raffle in the next update! Thank you.

If you're interested in getting involved with the PTA, please get in touch by email at davyhulmeprimarypta@outlook.com or via our Facebook page Davyhulme Primary PTA. We are very friendly and look forward to hearing from you!

Everyone is always welcome!

PARENTS / CARERS

Parental Survey

We shared with you the response to our Parental Survey which we conducted in the Autumn term. We really value your feedback, so thank you for taking the time to respond to our survey. We will be producing a more detailed response to some of the issues raised in due course.

One statement which produced a slightly lower percentage of parents agreeing & strongly agreeing was the following:

I receive valuable information about my child's progress: 79.7%

As a staff, we will always reflect on feedback and try to understand what additional information parents would like. Currently, we provide information on children's progress via:

Parents' Evening – Autumn term

Parents' Evening – Spring term

Written report – Summer term

We also share learning via our online learning platform, Seesaw.

We very much welcome your thoughts on how you feel this can be further improved...