Term: Autumn Date: 22nd October 2026

Dronfield Junior School

Reaching Potential

Key Dates

Friday 23rd October- INSET day School closed to pupils.

Monday 2nd November- School reopens. Thursday

Wednesday 11th November – Year 6 SATs Parents Meeting @ 6pm.

12th November- School Disco (Y3-5 @4.30-5.45pm. Y6 @6-7.15pm

Friday 13th November- Children in Need

Monday 16th-Friday 20th November- Anti-Bullying Week 2026- PCSO Flower visit to school

Monday 16th-Friday 20th November- Year 6 Bikeability

Monday 30th November- Flu Vaccinations

Thursday 10th December- Year 5 Carol Concert in Church 1.30 3.30pm and 5.30-7.30pm

Wednesday 16th December- Christmas film night (times TBC)

Friday 18th December- School closes for the Christmas holidays

Monday 4th January- School reopens for the Spring term.

End of Autumn Term 1

This half term seems to have come and gone in the blink of an eye. There have been lots of positives within school and so many reasons to celebrate! Our values of Respect, Resilience, Excellence, Autonomy, Curiosity and Honesty have been visible in abundance! From excellence in our learning, through to resilience and curiosity on residentials and after-school clubs, it has been great to see! A huge thank you to all parents and carers for your support this half term.

Parents' Consultation Evenings

This week it has been our parents' consultation evenings. Thank you to all who attended and also took part in a parents' survey. We are passionate about working collaboratively together as we are always keen to celebrate things that we do well, as well as look for ways that we can improve. If you haven't had chance yet, please scan the QR code below.

Bronze Young Ambassadors

On Wednesday, 10 of our amazing Year 5 pupils visited the English Institute of Sport to train and become our Bronze Young Ambassadors. They have been trained to run sporting activities and to inspire the rest of school with challenges and have created an action plan for the year. We're looking forward to taking part in many of these!

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Bottom Yard Gate Closure

After half-term the gate entrance via the school's bottom yard will NOT be unlocked at 3.20pm for the end of the day. Whilst we appreciate this may be an inconvenience for some parents/carers, this is for safeguarding reasons to ensure all of our children remain safely on the premises at all times.
Thank you for your understanding with this.

Attendance

Year Group	Attendance
Year 3	96.3%
Year 4	95.7%
Year 5	95.8%
Year 6	92.6%

Congratulations to **Year 3** for the highest Year group attendance this week!
Overall attendance for school this week is **95.0% which is below our target of >96.2%**
Remember, school starts at **9am**, with our doors opening to children from **8.55am.** If your child is late please sign them in at the office.

EXCELLENCE

DJS Excellence of the week!

This year, as part of our School Improvement, we are aiming to improve and celebrate our super writing. Each week we have Writer's of the Week and these children are recognised in our 'FANTASTIC FRIDAY' assembly. In each newsletter we want to 'publish' an extract for you all to enjoy.
Our latest entry comes from Leja in Year 3 and it is an extract of her narrative adventure inspired by the class text "Star in the Jar".

"Glow and the helpful child decided to build a rocket ship to go to the glowing sky."

Super sentence, Leja! 👏👏