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Dronfield Junior School

Reaching Potential Together

Key Dates

Wed 11th November
Y6 Parents/Carers SATs meeting 6pm

Thursday 12th November
School Discos (Y3-5 4.30-5.45pm / Y6 6.00-7.15pm)

Friday 13th November- Children in Need – non-uniform day!

Monday 16th-Friday 20th November- Anti-Bullying Week 2026

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 Dinner

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

Thursday 17th December- Choir concert, Civic Hall 7pm

Friday 18th December- School closes for the Christmas holidays

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

PARENT VOICE

AUTUMN TERM 2026 • YOUR FEEDBACK. OUR NEXT STEPS.

THANK YOU FOR HAVING YOUR SAY!

We are delighted that your feedback is so positive. Here are some of the things you told us.

100% Children are happy at school	100% Positive behaviour is promoted	100% High expectations help children do their best

Children feel safe at school	98%
Communication is effective	98%
Children receive the support they need to learn	98%
School values are evident in everyday life	98%
Parents would recommend the school	98%
Concerns and questions are dealt with appropriately*	98%
Children have settled well into the new school year	96%

*Where applicable. Percentages are rounded to the nearest whole number.

Thank you to all parents/carers that took part in our survey. We greatly appreciate your feedback and we are very proud of your positive comments especially around being caring and inclusive, building positive relationships and providing a variety of learning and extra-curricular opportunities.

We also really value your thoughts on how to improve DJS and we will be looking at some of the ways you recommended including homework, methods of communication and further opportunities to welcome you into the school.

Whilst we value these comments on parent surveys, we do want to stress that we are an open school and would encourage anyone to contact the school at any point if there are any concerns.

Value of the Half Term Award – RESPECT

For the first half term we have been raising the profile of RESPECT in school at lunchtimes through our respect tokens. The winning group is Year 5. Well done to them all and their reward will be chosen by the children soon.

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Remembrance Day at DJS

On Sunday this week, members of our school (led by Mrs Ryan) will be attending the Dronfield Remembrance Day parade with many other community groups. We also would like to say a huge thank you to the members of our community that have shared stories of family members directly involved in some of the past conflicts. It is making a beautiful and poignant display in our hall for all children and adults to reflect on the sacrifices so many made.

Next week is our School Book Fair

There are great books on offer all week before and after school. Just come through our Reception to see! Every purchase gives extra funds to the school to purchase more books for us in school. We hope to see you there.

Friday 13th November is Children in Need Day. To mark this, we will be having a non-uniform day and there will be an opportunity on ParentPay for donations to be made. Thank you.

Attendance

Year Group	Attendance
Year 3	95.8%
Year 4	96.6%
Year 5	95.7%
Year 6	94.9%

Congratulations to **Year 5** for the highest Year group attendance this week!

Overall attendance for school this week is **96% which is below our target of >96.2%**

Remember, school starts at **9am**, with our doors opening to children from **8.55am.**

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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 all of Birch class for their excellent WW2 inspired poem.

Packed like sardines in a tin, they were getting closer to the warzone.
The closer they got to shore, the more deafening gunshots they heard.
As if escaping a cage, they ran for their lives, bombs shooting from the murky sky.
In the moments before the loud blasts, the bombs plummeted to the ground.
Slam! They had no choice but to disembark as bombs whistled.
As they left the ship, gunshots echoed again and again.
They held their breath and imagined what would happen next.
Lightning-fast bullets descended, charging to the camouflaged soldiers.
All around, screams, heavy bombs and the enemy surrounded them.
Their bravery turned into fear and soldiers fell as shells pelted the men and comrades.
Their hearts raced as they now knew what the war was like.
Consumed by fear they reluctantly marched forward.
Many years later, their families searched and searched, drenched in relief and loving memory to those that had lived their lives.
After looking through loved ones' letters, children imagine how ominous and horrendous the war would have been.
Lest we forget.