



**Thursday 7th + 14th
September**—11+ practice
papers with Mr W

**Saturday 16th + 23rd
September** – Bourne
Grammar 11+ exams

**Wednesday 20th—Friday
22nd September** – Y6
Hilltop residential

Friday 29th September –
Y2, Y5 + Y6 Online Safety
workshops

Monday 2 October— All
years —Flu immunisations

Friday 20th October—last
day of term 1

Tuesday 31st October—
First day of term 2

Wednesday 8 November—
School portrait photos

Friday 1 December—PTA
Xmas Fayre 3.40pm

**Thursday 7th + Friday 8th
December**— Roots to Food
workshops

Tuesday 12th December—
Y3 Flag Fen

DSJ News



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End of the School Year...



As it always does, the summer term has flown by in a flash and we find ourselves saying fond farewells, reflecting on what has been achieved and looking forward excitedly to next year!

Mrs Matthews leaves us this week—after a quarter of a century making children's lives better. We will really miss her and know she will stay in touch with school to share her ongoing adventures.

Our Y6s have been terrific this year—delivering a lovely version of Aladdin and, as I write, **are preparing for their Leavers' Assembly. I've shared some photos elsewhere—we have been so impressed with the responsible way they have undertaken so many prominent roles around school. Y5 have**

some big boots to fill now!

Good luck Y6 and thank you for all you have contributed to



school life in your time with us—we will miss you all but know you are well set for your **next adventure...**

We welcome Mrs Day and Miss McGarrity to our teaching team

and are sure they will be very happy with their new classes!

Elsewhere within the newsletter, I have shared details of two big awards school has achieved this term—which Mrs Doud and Mr Bell are rightly proud of.

Lastly, can I remind everyone that we are going all out to have as many of our children as possible taking part in the Summer Challenge at the Deepings Library. Only one school had more entrants last year—and this year **we'd like even more of our children** to benefit from the fun on offer!

Enjoy the break we look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday 6th September!



Message from the Governors

The final school term has been full of trips, visits, productions and sports - all of the extra curricular things DSJ are proud to offer our children. We've even seen some sun (possibly all the sun we may see this summer!). Behind the scenes, our staff have been working hard to make these events happen and to continue to focus on enriching our curriculum and the learning of our children.

Governors have been in school to attend our final subject meetings and our final board meetings which include electing roles on the board for next academic year - more announcements to follow on this in September.

As parents will be aware the school welcomed Ofsted this term for a review inspection. Whilst we have not yet had the report released to us, we expect this to be ready in the new academic year.

*In the
meantime,*

Governors would like to thank all of the families who took the time to complete the Ofsted survey and speak to the inspector about our school. We also want to thank staff for their incredible hard work throughout the year as well as during the inspection.

To all of the families who move onto their next education step, we wish you well and thank you for your commitment to our school community whilst you have been with us.

For the new families joining us in September, welcome to DSJ. We hope you find a welcoming, caring and happy environment where your child(ren) are supported to grow and learn.

We hope you all have a lovely, restful summer break.

Egyptian Day



Rand Farm Trip

Burwell House Trip



Thank you Mrs Matthews!



Inspire to Learn; Achieve Together

Please do join in!



Dear Families,

Our school is supporting the Summer Reading Challenge at Deepings Library!

What is the Summer Reading Challenge?

The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children to keep reading during the school summer holidays – and to enjoy anything they like to read! Children aged 4-11 are invited to set a reading goal and collect rewards for their reading.

It's **FREE** to take part, and last year 75% of children taking part improved their reading skills over the holidays.¹

Why should my child sign up?

- They will be **better prepared to return to school** in the autumn.
- The Challenge **supports the move into a new year group**.
- Becoming more independent in their reading boosts children's **confidence and self-esteem**.
- The library provides **free access** to books and fun family activities all through the summer.
- Library staff are on hand to offer support and book recommendations.

How can my child take part?

Visit Deepings Community library and sign up *from JULY 8th onward*.

Your child will:

- Set a reading goal to read at least 6 books over the summer and borrow and read books, eBooks and audiobooks. Your child can choose anything they like to read!
- Receive a Challenge folder and collect special stickers and rewards for reading.

When?

Throughout the **summer holidays from July 8th onward**. Your child will get a reward for every visit to the library with a completed book (or more)

In September those who complete the challenge will be presented with a certificate and reward in assembly. Our school will get a certificate, too!

Head to your local library this summer and sign up. If you have any questions, please contact Deepings Library on 01778 346528 during open hours or message

www.facebook.com/deepingscommunitylibrary .



TALK & LISTEN,
BE THERE,
FEEL CONNECTED



DO WHAT YOU CAN,
ENJOY WHAT YOU DO,
MOVE YOUR BODY



REMEMBER
THE SIMPLE
THINGS THAT
GIVE YOU JOY



EMBRACE NEW
EXPERIENCES,
SEE OPPORTUNITIES,
SURPRISE YOURSELF



Your time,
your words,
your presence



News from Friends

"Any help you can give, will make a big difference to all our children"

Hello everyone

What a wonderful term we've had, we've managed to pack so much fun into it.

This term we had our Summer fair which was absolutely amazing. Thank you to each and everyone of you that attended, helped and supported our event. The weather was so nice which helped and we managed to raise a massive £1,164.75. All of which will be helped to support our school.

We also had our Donut sale for Fathers day which went really well. We hope you all enjoyed them

We want to say a big thank you for all of your continued support. We wouldn't be able to continue supporting the school if it wasn't for all of your help and support. We are always looking for new committee members to join us, so if you're interested in joining we would love to hear from you. We are solely run by volunteers, mainly parent based. However any help is gratefully received. Not only do we need helpers for our events to run stalls but there are other ways we need help behind the scenes such as shopping for items needed for events, creativity in building games, Admin to contact potential sponsors etc..the list is endless. So even if you can't help out at events there may be other ways that you could help which would better suit you. Please get in touch if you are able to offer anything ☺

We want to send a huge Congratulations to all of our year 6 students. We wish them all the luck in the world for their next big adventures. I think we can all agree that they have all been amazing and we will miss them all. Keep believing in yourselves and dream big- Good luck.

This term we have been able to provide and donate so much to the school to help enrich the children's learning.

We have supported the new set up for the new Forest school which we are so excited to be able to help the children all be able to access this next year. We have purchased items totaling £958.07.

We also have been able to donate;

- £450.43 to help revamp the Reception class outside area.

- £320.42 on outside area equipment for Year 1 class including a storage box and water table

- 76.97 for new educational books for year 3 class

- 146.14 for new PE equipment including new skipping ropes

- £ 200 for Year 6 leaving party including Pizzas

- £258.86 for new World maps and globes for each class

- £54.50 for additional games for games club

- £99.99 for a new school gazebo to provide shade/shelter for all children when needed

- Coach for year 6 Hilltop trip

We hope you agree with us that these additional donations we have been able to provide will help and enrich all of the children within our school.

We hope you all have a relaxing half term and hopefully enjoy some sunshine.

Take care

The Friends xx

With all this, We are extremely busy with events for the school and are always looking for additional helpers to join us. If you would like to join the friends, With absolutely no pressure we would love to hear from you. Please feel free to catch me on the playground or email dsj.friends@gmail.com



Of Deeping St James
Community Primary
School



Please visit: saferinternet.org.uk/

To find out how you can support your child whilst they're online

Y3 Mini-Olympics



Please remember to cancel your child's hot dinner if they are going to be out of school on a trip or as part of a sporting event.

Reminders...

Absence and Illness

Please remember that a child's absence from school must be reported before 9:30am on each day of absence, for safeguarding purposes.

Please either ring school and leave a message on our dedicated absence line or register the absence on the school website.

Attendance and absence are **monitored closely**. If a child's attendance falls below 90% in any one term, this is reported, and we will write to you. Non-attendance has a negative impact on progress and attainment for any child.

Any child that is sick should be given 48 hours before returning to school—to avoid spreading any illness.



No Nut Policy

Please remember, we operate a **strict 'No Nut Policy' in school**. We do have children with severe allergies. We appreciate your support in checking the ingredients **when making up your child's healthy lunchboxes and snacks**.

Medical Conditions

If your child has a medical condition it is imperative that you notify school and advise us of any treatment that may be required. A healthcare plan can be written up, then monitored and updated accordingly.

Please keep us informed of any changes.

If you are concerned about a child, our Designated Safe Guarding Leads are Mr Westley and Mrs Russell. Please do share ANY concerns with them directly.

Smoking

Can we politely request that, in the interests of all our children, all parents and carers refrain from smoking during pick-up/drop off at school. Thank you.

Food Bank

Our school is a voucher holder for the **Deeping's Food Bank** and can allocate vouchers to parents who may need this support. Please do speak to the office for details.

Hot School Meals

Hot meals are ordered directly online by parents with Farm Kitchens. The cut off for orders is 3pm Tuesday for the following weeks meals.

Please remember to order during the holidays for when we come back to school!

The deadline for this is:

Tuesday 29th August 3pm

smokefree gates

We take part in Operation Encompass

Operation Encompass



LSCP
Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Partnership

If you believe that a child or adult may be a victim of neglect, abuse or cruelty let us know.

How can parents help?

- Parents must model the value of education including the importance of regular education and good attendance.
- Arrange family trips, activities and holidays during the school holidays so that children miss as little school as possible.
- Schedule doctor and dental appointments in hours either prior to school or after school. If an appointment in school hours cannot be avoided, ensure your child is in school for as much of the day as possible.
- Establish good routines at home, including good sleep patterns.
- Make sure your child understands that you do not approve of missing school.
- Contact the school if attendance is becoming a problem—we can work together to improve things.
- Take an interest in your child's school work and be actively involved in school, Parents Evenings and events.

Statistics

One day of missed school is equal to as many as 3 days of catch up for a child to learn all the missed knowledge and skills.

Persistent non-attenders (attendance score lower than 90%) on average score 15-20% lower on assessments than pupils who attend school more regularly.

The earlier a pupil begins to have attendance problems the greater the impact on achievement!



Lessons start at 8:50am.
Poor punctuality at school has a negative impact on learning.

5 minutes late each day = more than 3 days of school missed.

10 minutes late each day = almost 7 days of school missed.

Guide to Attendance at



Attendance at Deeping St. James Community Primary School

Attendance is a priority in our school and is closely monitored. Good attendance and punctuality is essential for good academic achievement, good social development and good mental health. It ensures children are safe and supported.

Please refer to our Attendance Policy (available on our website) and The Department for Education publication: *Working together to improve school attendance* applied from September 2022.

Our school term dates are published on the school website.

All absences must be reported to the school office: 01778 342314

Requests for absence should be in writing to the Headteacher: enquiries@dsj.school



Attendance

EXCELLENT	Your child's attendance is 100% As well as being an excellent attender your child will almost certainly achieve the best outcomes for their ability and in later life. They will have real opportunity in further education or the world of work.
GOOD	Your child's attendance is 98% - 99% Your child's attendance is good and they are likely to achieve their targets. This will give them the skills they need for the next phase of their education.
EXPECTED	Your child's attendance is as expected at 97% and has reached the school's target which is set to ensure that learning is well supported. They have missed less than 6 days of school.
NEEDS TO IMPROVE	Your child's attendance is 93% - 96%. They have missed over 8 days of school. Your child's attendance is in need of improvement. It is below the school target of 97%. Your child is missing learning and is in danger of falling behind.
POOR and CAUSING SERIOUS CONCERN	Your child's attendance is 91%-92%. They have missed over 15 days (3 weeks) of school. Your child's attendance is poor and causing concern. They are in danger of becoming persistently absent and are missing a significant amount of learning. You would have received a letter and asked to meet with us in school to support your child's attendance and missed learning. Your child is missing so much time from school that it will be difficult for them to keep in touch with lessons and learning.
VERY POOR and CAUSING SERIOUS CONCERN	Your child's attendance is 90% or below and regarded as persistently absent as they have missed over 17 days of school. Over 5 years this is the same as missing half a school year. This is very poor attendance and of great concern. There is a risk of Local Authority action eg. a Fixed Penalty Fine or further legal prosecution if your child's attendance does not improve. Your child is missing so much time from school that it will be exceptionally difficult for them to keep in touch with lessons and learning.

There are 190 school days in a year.

Why is important to attend school every day?

- Research has proven that high levels of attendance improve academic performance.
- Pupils with the highest attainment at the end of Year 6 and in GCSEs have higher rates of attendance.
- At Year 6 pupils not meeting the expected standard in reading, writing and maths had overall absence rate of 4.7% compared to 3.5% among those meeting the expected standard.
- For GCSEs in English and maths those not achieving a grade over 4 had double the absence rate as those that achieved grade 9 to 4.
- Regular attendance encourages the development of social and emotional skills that are essential for life.
- Missing learning causes anxiety for absent children and missing playtimes inhibits the development of friendships.

Y6 Leavers 2022/3



Y4 Burwell House Trip



School Council This Term!

The School Council have had a successful term with Lolly Sales and the NSPCC Childhood Day where the children completed a mile any way they wished. They were creative as you will see. They have the buddy boxes ready for use in September when they will roll out their plans more,

They have with your support raised over £260, thank you! They have spent this money on Buddy Hats, personalised stickers and a badge making machine. They will be running a Buddy Badge competition in September where the children will design a buddy badge for the Buddies to wear, so watch this space.

Thank you

School Council

Thankyou for all your support, Mrs Seaton and the School Council



To find out how you can support your child whilst they're online



We have had another wonderful term in Forest School. Year 4 have completed 6 sessions where they were challenged to build Dens for Goblins and then themselves. They worked cooperatively with their friends with fantastic results. Some of the children even went on to create an outdoor shower that they used! There was a wonderful sense of community with this group as they developed a business in mud glue, a bakery (Mud Pies being the dish of the day) and trade in sticks. Their communication skills were fantastic, as was their creativity. The final day there was a lot of rain but this did not deter this group, in fact most saw it as an opportunity to enjoy the mud!

Year 6 also had a day in Forest School, they made Goblin Shelters for reception children to find. They took the reception children out to find Goblins creating stories as they went. The Year 6 stepped up to this responsibility and made it a fun adventure for them all. The Year 6 were then rewarded with a cake in their Dens to round off the session.

The children that took part in the 30 Days Wild in June were rewarded with a picnic and play in the Forest School area with me. They spent 30 Days enjoying things in the outdoors and were very enthusiastic about sharing what they had done, well done.

As you know I will be teaching Forest School three afternoons a week next year, I am in my final stages of my qualification and will complete the course over the summer. This means we can start full Forest School early in the new term. I will be able to include tools in the sessions and start to introduce the skills for fire making.

The PTA have used the money raised to provide a lot of kit for these sessions next year which includes, plates, cups, Kelly kettles, kettles, flints to start fires, bill hooks, saws, loppers, buckets, gloves, cast iron cooking sets, hammers, knives, ropes, water drums, drills and much much more! All the money raised and all your support enables us to provide a greater range of experiences for our children. A MASSIVE thank you.

Mrs Seaton

Thank you!





Inspire to Learn: Achieve Together

Langtoft Athletics Champions!



We have been "locked out" of the account for a while now.
But are looking to get up and running again soon!



Deeping St. James Primary School
@DSJSchool

At Deeping St James we aim to ensure every child is encouraged and inspired to reach their full potential within a diverse, exciting and broad school curriculum



We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games GOLD Mark Award for the 2022/23 academic year!

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sports Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and in the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

Our sporting achievements this year include:

Winning the Deeping Cross Country competition - for the first time

Winning the Deeping Athletics competition - hosted by our friends at Langtoft

Taking part in more school sports competitions than ever before as a school

Having a record number of our children represent school at these events

Increased participation in school sports clubs/activities - helping to support our 5 Ways to Wellbeing initiative

With a hugely increased number of young people competing in local inter-school competitions this year, we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible. Our Sports Ambassadors have been fantastic in running clubs over the year and increasing the profile of a wide range of sports and physical activity across the school - they have made a really positive contribution towards this award.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, work for clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

A special thanks to:

Mrs Doud - who has taken on the challenge of increasing our level of participation, success and enjoyment in a range of sports.

All the staff who have helped allow the children to participate in such a number and range of events - all on a voluntary basis

To you as a parent body for helping to transport the children to and from events when called upon - and supporting them so positively there!

We look forward to applying once again in 2024!

Term Dates



2023-24 school year

Autumn	Starts	Ends
Term 1	Starts: Wednesday, 6 September 2023	Ends: Friday, 20 October 2023
Half term	Starts: Saturday, 21 October 2023	Ends: Monday, 30 October 2023
Term 2	Starts: Tuesday, 31 October 2023	Ends: Wednesday, 20 December 2023
Christmas holiday	Starts: Thursday, 21 December 2023	Ends: Tuesday, 2 January 2024

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School term times – Lincolnshire County Council

Spring	Starts	Ends
Term 3	Starts: Wednesday, 3 January 2024	Ends: Friday, 9 February 2024
Half term	Starts: Saturday, 10 February 2024	Ends: Sunday, 18 February 2024
Term 4	Starts: Monday, 19 February 2024	Ends: Thursday, 28 March 2024
Easter holiday	Starts: Friday, 29 March 2024	Ends: Monday, 15 April 2024

Summer	Starts	Ends
Term 5	Starts: Tuesday, 16 April 2024	Ends: Friday, 24 May 2024
Half term	Starts: Saturday, 25 May 2024	Ends: Sunday, 2 June 2024
Term 6	Starts: Monday, 3 June 2024	Ends: Friday, 19 July 2024
Summer holiday	Starts: Saturday, 20 July 2024	Ends: Tuesday, 3 September 2024



TOP TIPS TO ENCOURAGE READING FOR PLEASURE AT HOME

Model being a reader to your children, do your children see you read?

Remember reading doesn't have to be a novel, it can be newspapers, magazines, recipes, instruction, anything with words!

Encourage children to read everywhere, involve them in reading the recipe for dinner, shopping lists in the supermarket even the TV listings when choosing what to watch, shared reading times don't have to be snuggled up with a book – however lovely that is.

Use your voice to help bring books to life. You can work with your child to decide what voice characters should have and do the sound effects! It may feel a little silly to begin with, but your child will love to hear you involved in their story.

Ethos and Values

Our Vision Statement at Deeping St James Community Primary School is:

Inspire to Learn

Achieve Together

This statement was developed through consultation with staff, children, parents and governors.



At Deeping St James we aim to ensure every child is encouraged and inspired to reach their full potential within a diverse, exciting and broad school curriculum.

Our four Learning Behaviours encourage our children to develop into:

- Resilient Risk Takers
- Determined Self-Improvers
- Co-operative Group Workers
- Persistent Problem Solvers

We believe that these skills, and the knowledge delivered by our curriculum and adults in school, best prepare all of our children for their futures. We believe that a safe, creative and stimulating environment is essential for learning, where knowledge and skills are applied and used in practical and real ways.

Our curriculum has been designed to help develop our Learning Behaviours and to inspire our children by sharing with them a wide range of opportunities. We want our curriculum to help *all* of our children find an area in which they excel and to nurture a life-long love of learning.



Deeping St James United Charities formed from a cluster of small local charities who amalgamated with a wish to help people in the local parish.

Every year, Deeping St James United Charities kindly donate a grant to our school to help us support families in need for educational items and services.

They also encourage families to contact them directly for grants to cover non-educational items because they recognize that sometimes, when circumstances are difficult, we may need a little help.

In addition, they can also offer counselling sessions with Citizens Advice if you need some help or advice on a matter.



You can contact them on:

01778 344747 or at

Dsjunitedcharities@btconnect.com



Jimmy D's



JIMMY D'S OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB (OOSC)

Mobile Number: 07519708643

We are open Monday - Thursday during the summer holiday, apart from our shut down week which is 28.8.23 - 1.9.23.

We do still have some spaces available. Most days availability is from 8.30am to 5.30pm, but please check our opening hours when booking extra sessions. Please ring 01778 382562 or 07519708643 for enquiries rather than e mailing as our office will be closed during the holidays and e mails will not be picked up every day.

Venue update:

Please note that all summer holiday sessions will now take place in our normal OOSC classroom, and not in the KS1 hall, as previously mentioned in earlier communications.

Absences.

Please could we remind all parents to inform us if your child will not be attending their booked session, whether it is due to illness/school club/ going to a friends etc.

Office open hours

Please note that the Jimmy D's office is open during term time from 8.45-3.30pm Monday to Thursday, and on Friday mornings from 9am to 1pm.

During the holidays the office is closed and we will not be able to respond to e mails. Please ring Tel: 01778 382562 or 07519708643 if you need to contact Jimmy D's during the Summer holiday.

Sickness.

Please can we remind you to keep your child at home until 48 hours after the last episode of sickness/ diarrhoea in cases of tummy bugs. For chicken pox please wait until the last spot has scabbed over before returning.

Safety:

Please can I ask again that when entering and leaving Jimmy D's the gate is shut properly for the safety of all the children. Thank you.

Staff news:

We are delighted to welcome Lorraine Fletcher to our team.



JIMMY D'S EARLY YEARS (PLAYGROUP)

Mobile Number: 07762470865

In playgroup we have been having a wonderful time watching caterpillars change into beautiful butterflies and playing outside in the lovely sunshine.

If you are not already aware, "Jimmy D's Playgroup" has a Facebook page. Please take a look to see more of our fun experiences. And also like and share our page.

We still have some spaces available for September 2023.. We offer 15 hours of funded childcare for all three and four years olds, and up to 30 hours of funded childcare for all eligible families. We take children from the age of two and half, and some two years olds are also eligible for 15 hours of funding.

Please contact Alison Bradshaw by email at jdearlyyears@yahoo.com for further information about how to acquire funding for your child, or to book a visit.

Have a wonderful summer.



**Якщо ви турбуєтеся про дитину, нашими
призначеними захисниками є містер
Вестлі та місіс Рассел. Будь ласка,
поділіться з ними будь-якими проблемами**



It's all on our website:
deeping-st-james.lincs.sch.uk



As previously shared, the link below is to an NHS site, set up for Lincolnshire, detailing support services available for children and families who may need help on emotional wellbeing, from self-help information to local emotional wellbeing services and specialist mental health services.

<https://www.lpft.nhs.uk/young-people/lincolnshire/home>

This is an area where research would suggest that children may be adversely affected by the difficult last few years we have all experienced, so may be of use to families.

Please do speak to a member of staff if you have any concerns about your own child.

Lincolnshire has a multi-agency group called the Lincolnshire Resettlement Partnership which is preparing to receive refugees into our area.

Although information is still emerging, LCC are maintaining an information web-page, for our communities to provide information and guidance on national schemes and sign-posting.

[Ukraine response – Lincolnshire County Council](#)

Please do check out the website for information regarding schools or contact us directly.



Parking

We have received complaints from our neighbours about inconsiderate parking around school. Can we politely request that everyone avoid parking over driveways at any time.

Thank you.

Safeguarding

Schools play an essential role in protecting children, as teachers and other education staff have a lot of contact with young people so are well placed to spot the signs of abuse and neglect.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>



Schools can help protect pupils by creating a safe environment through robust safeguarding practices, and ensuring all staff and volunteers **don't pose a risk** to children. **It's vital that they also** teach children about staying safe, and make sure they feel confident to approach a member of staff if they have a worry or problem.

The School Run website offers more information on how we can all look out for the wellbe-

ing of all our children: <https://www.theschoolrun.com/safeguarding-in-primary-schools>

