

# Dewhurst St Mary Newsletter



Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024

'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16

## Dates for your diaries

Choir performing at O2 **Mon 29<sup>th</sup> January**

Half term holiday: 19 Feb - 23 Feb 2024

World Book Day Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> March

SEN Consultations Mon 18<sup>th</sup> - Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Parent Consultation Evenings: Tue 26<sup>th</sup> or

Weds 27<sup>th</sup> March

Break up Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> March 1.30pm

Easter holiday: 29 March - 12 April 2024

**OCCASIONAL DAY Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024**

**BANK HOLIDAY Mon 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

Yr 6 SATS Mon 13<sup>th</sup> - Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Half term holiday: 27 May - 31 May 2024

Yr4 - Multiplication Check-June

Yr1 - Phonics screening week beg 10<sup>th</sup> June

Transition day Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> July

Break up for Summer: Fri 19th July 1.30pm

## School Year 2024/25

INSET DAY Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept 2024

First day back for pupils Tue 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept 2024

Half term holiday: 28<sup>th</sup> Oct-1<sup>st</sup> Nov 2024

INSET DAY -Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Dec

Christmas holiday: 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec-3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2025

Half term holiday: 17 Feb - 21 Feb 2025

Easter holiday: 7 - 21 April 2025

Half term holiday: 26 May 2025 - 30 May

2025

Break up last day: 1.30pm 18th July 2025

INSET 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept 2025

Start school Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> Sept 2025

Hertfordshire Term Dates

Holidays and days out will not be authorised.

## Inspiring all to 'Dream, Believe, Achieve'

### Online Safety

Last week classes focused their learning around staying safe online. Lots of pupils received electronic gifts for Christmas, please check our e-safety page on our websites for advice on how to keep them safe.

<https://dewhurst.herts.sch.uk/parents/esafety/>



### Extra-curricular Clubs- Spring term

Extra-curricular Clubs will be starting next week w/b 15<sup>th</sup> January with the exception of Choir who are meeting this Wednesday in preparation of their performance at the O2 coming up soon. **Please look out for the clubs email which will go out after school today.**

### Thursday Forest School

Year 5 will be the next class to pull on the wellies and get exploring starting this Thursday. We look forward to hearing all about this.

### Swimming

Well done to all our Year 5's who made so much progress in the Autumn term. We look forward to taking Year 4's from now until Easter. We aim for all pupils to be able to swim 25m using front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke and perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations.

### RECEPTION 2024 (Current nursery children)

Applications for Reception 2024 will close on Monday 15th January 2024.

More information can be found [here](#).

### REMINDERS- Please check all uniform and water bottles are labelled

**PLEASE KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE- DO NOT DRIVE DOWN THE LANE**

### Absence

If you are reporting absence please e-mail our attendance email before 9am to [attendance@dewhurst.herts.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@dewhurst.herts.sch.uk) this will go straight to Mrs Dove our attendance officer. If we have not heard from you we will make contact to rule out a safeguarding concern. Please also remember to cancel their chosen meal before 8am to avoid a charge.

Please remember attendance is mandatory and parents should plan their holidays around the above school holiday breaks. Holidays and days out will not be authorised. Please note that even brief term time holidays can affect children in school adversely. We appreciate your understanding and thank you for supporting us in improving attendance.

Message classteacher on Dojo about;	A concern in class / a quick query/good news Curriculum /about learning Change of collection of pupil
E-mail the office <a href="mailto:admin@dewhurst.herts.sch.uk">admin@dewhurst.herts.sch.uk</a>	An enquiry Payment for an item/trip Medication
E-mail attendance <a href="mailto:attendance@dewhurst.herts.sch.uk">attendance@dewhurst.herts.sch.uk</a>	Reporting absence Informing of medical appointments
Use the APP SchoolGateway	Paying and ordering dinner money Can message office through it too

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Our School Value;



### Deuteronomy 31.6:

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.

### 2 Timothy 1.7:

For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid but gives us power, love and self-discipline.