

Dewhurst St Mary Newsletter



Monday 8th January 2024

'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16

Dates for your diaries

Choir performing at O2 **Mon 29th January**
 Half term holiday: 19 Feb - 23 Feb 2024
 World Book Day Thurs 7th March
 SEN Consultations Mon 18th - Fri 22nd March
 Parent Consultation Evenings: Tue 26th or
 Weds 27th March
 Break up Thurs 28th March 1.30pm
 Easter holiday: 29 March - 12 April 2024
OCCASIONAL DAY Fri 3rd May 2024
BANK HOLIDAY Mon 6th May 2024
 Yr 6 SATS Mon 13th – Thurs 16th May 2024
 Half term holiday: 27 May– 31 May 2024
 Yr4 – Multiplication Check-June
 Yr1 – Phonics screening week beg 10th June
 Transition day Thurs 11th July
 Break up for Summer: Fri 19th July 1.30pm

School Year 2024/25

INSET DAY Mon 2nd Sept 2024
First day back for pupils Tue 3rd Sept 2024
Half term holiday : 28th Oct-1st Nov 2024
 INSET DAY –Fri 6th Dec
Christmas holiday: 23rd Dec -3rd 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 3rd Sept 2025
 Start school Thurs 4th 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 15th 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 8am to 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.

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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.

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 admin@dewhurst.herts.sch.uk	An enquiry Payment for an item/trip Medication
E-mail attendance attendance@dewhurst.herts.sch.uk	Reporting absence Informing of medical appointments
Use the APP SchoolGateway	Paying and ordering dinner money Can message office through it too