



NEWSLETTER

17TH APRIL 2026



Wild Tribe
Outdoor Learning



Welcome back to everyone after the Easter break. We hope you and your families enjoyed a restful and happy time together. Thank you, as always, for your continued support in helping our children settle back into routine so positively. It has been wonderful to see the pupils return full of energy, enthusiasm and readiness to learn.

We are extremely proud to announce that D'Eyncourt Primary School is now officially a Certified Asthma Friendly School. This accreditation has been awarded by the Black Country Children and Young People's Asthma Team, recognising our strong commitment to supporting pupils with asthma and promoting their safety, confidence and wellbeing.

We are also thrilled to share the success of our pupils at the Wolverhampton City Hockey Tournament 2026. After winning the Sue Myers Hockey Trophy at last year's Wolverhampton City Finals, training began again in September. Due to the talent, commitment and enthusiasm shown by our pupils, we entered two teams into this year's competition. The Red Team competed and reached the play-offs for third place, and finishing fourth overall - an outstanding achievement. The Blue Team remained composed and in control throughout and successfully retained the championship and the Sue Myers Trophy. Well done to both teams! We are so proud of all our amazing children who took to the stage and gave such a fantastic performance in the final RockSteady concert last term. It's clear just how much commitment, effort and hard work went into preparing for this and it paid off! A huge well done to every child involved! Music Legends has now begun this term so if your child is interested in joining, contact PJ on parijat.mittoo@musiclegendsacademy.co.uk

WildTribe club started this week and the children have started working on a new outdoor sensory garden. Next week, they will be planting areas that will tickle our taste buds and noses. If you have any cuttings, plants, seeds or any donations that we can plant that children will be able to smell or eventually taste, we would be very grateful for your support. Items such as lavender, mint, rosemary etc

Happy Vaisakhi to all our families celebrating this week! We hope you had a wonderful day! Have a great weekend!

Thanks for your continued support.
Mrs Darby, Headteacher

Class Dojo



Before Easter, the winners were Rec and 3/4M

This week, the winners were 1/2NC and 3/4M again

Attendance



The winning class before Easter was 3/4RB with 99.7%

The winning classes this week were Rec B and 3/4M with 100%

Tidy classroom

Last week, the winning class was 1/2C

This week, the winning class was 1/2C again! Well done to them!



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SCHOOL UPDATES

Wild Tribe Easter Challenge

Thank you to everyone who has entered the Easter Wild Tribe Challenge - we have loved seeing the enthusiasm, creativity and effort put into your entries. Winners will be announced in next week's celebration assembly, so keep an eye out! Thank you once again to all who took part.

Year 6 SATs Meeting

Thank you to everyone who attended the Year 6 SATs meeting. Your support is greatly appreciated and we hope you found the information useful. For those who couldn't attend or who would like a reminder of the information shared, the PowerPoint is available on Class Dojo. If you have any questions, please contact Miss Ford or any of the Year 5/6 team. SATs week this year is the 11th May - 14th May 2026. There will be a free breakfast club available for Year 6 children during that week, starting from 8am - please see the PowerPoint for details.

Staff changes

We are sad to share that Miss Maiden has now left D'Eyncourt. She has been a valued member of our lunchtime team and has taken up a new role as a Teaching Assistant in a nursery. We would like to thank Miss Maiden for her dedication and care and wish her every success and happiness in her new role.

We are pleased to welcome Miss Eden, who has joined us as a lunchtime supervisor. She has already settled in well and we are delighted to have her as part of our team. We are also looking forward to welcoming Miss Stokes, who will be joining us as a lunchtime supervisor over the next few weeks.

Parent Survey

We would like to say a sincere thank you to all parents and carers who took the time to respond to our recent Parent Survey. We truly appreciate the time, thought and honesty that went into your feedback. Your responses are invaluable in helping us understand what is working well at D'Eyncourt Primary School and where we can continue to grow and improve. Listening to the views of our families helps us make informed decisions and ensures we are meeting the needs of our children as effectively as possible.

We are grateful for your continued support and partnership and will use your feedback to help shape our next steps moving forward. Thank you for working with us to make D'Eyncourt the best it can be for our pupils and community.



Dates for your diary

April 2026

21st - Earth Day - Activities in school

27th - Year 3/4 Performance 9.30am and 1.45pm - see dojo for details

May 2026

4th - May day - school closed

6th - Bikeability - Year 4 - details to follow

7th - Polling Day - Remote learning provided for children

8th - Houses of Parliament visit - selected pupils

11th - 14th - KS2 SATs week - all Year 6 children need to be in school

19th - Commonwealth Baton ceremony in school

19th - Singing in the Halls visit - more details to follow

21st - 22nd - Year 2 Chasewater visit

22nd - Break up for Half term (finish at 3.10pm) Care club is open on this day

Celebrating Success

Georgia C - Cubs

Elliott, Lovaiyah, Bellame, Bleu,
Finley S - Swimming

Niall D - Lifeguard awards

Kian D - Water Safety award

Thierry, Jax, Roman K, Jacob M,
Sehaj - Football

Lola, Cayden B - Taekwondo

Avneet, Kirat - Gurmat Camp
Award

Joe - Rugby



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HEALTH & WELLBEING

Positive Mental Health: Managing SATs Worries

As SATs approach, it's completely normal for children (and parents!) to feel a little anxious. At D'Eyncourt, we want to remind everyone that children's wellbeing always comes first. SATs are just one small part of a child's learning journey and do not define them.

Supporting Children with Exam Worries

A small amount of nerves can actually help children stay focused, but too much worry can feel overwhelming. Some common signs of exam stress may include:

- Worrying more than usual
- Changes in sleep or appetite
- Feeling tearful or frustrated
- Headaches or tummy aches

If your child is feeling anxious, reassurance and calm support can make a big difference.

Tips to Help Children Feel Calm and Confident

- Keep routines normal - Try to stick to usual routines at home. Familiar bedtime and morning routines help children feel safe and settled.
- Encourage positive talk- Remind children that they are doing their best and that making mistakes is part of learning. Phrases like "Just try your best" and "We're proud of you" are powerful.
- Focus on effort, not scores - Praise hard work, resilience and progress rather than results. This builds confidence and reduces pressure.
- Practice calming strategies - Simple techniques can help children manage stress:
 - Slow, deep breathing
 - Taking a short walk or stretch
 - Drawing, colouring or quiet play
- Healthy habits matter - A good night's sleep, regular meals and plenty of water help children feel alert and ready to learn.

On the Day of SATs

We work hard to make SATs feel like just another normal school day:

- Children are encouraged and supported throughout
- Breaks and movement are included
- Staff are always available to reassure and help

Children can bring a smile, a positive mindset and the knowledge that they are supported every step of the way.

A Final Reassurance

SATs help schools understand learning needs, but they do not measure creativity, kindness, determination or potential. Every child is unique and valued for who they are.

If you have any concerns about your child's wellbeing or anxiety around SATs, please speak to your child's class teacher or Miss Ford — we are always here to help.

Together, we can help our children feel calm, confident and proud of themselves.



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Parent Attendance Information

When is evidence required for authorising absence?

This guide explains clearly for parents and carers when school may ask for evidence to support an authorised absence request. It follows national Department for Education (DfE) guidance and reflects how school makes decisions fairly and consistently.

1. Illness

Most short, occasional illnesses do not require evidence.

What parents need to provide:

- A simple explanation (phone call, email, Arbor message, or written note).

When evidence WILL be requested:

- If illness becomes frequent.
- If absences form a pattern (e.g., regular Mondays/Fridays).
- If attendance is below expected levels (96% or below).

Examples of acceptable evidence:

- GP appointment card.
- Prescription or medication label.
- Hospital letter.
- Screenshot of NHS app appointment.

Please note: School requests evidence to understand barriers to attendance, not to challenge honesty.

2. Medical or Dental Appointments

Evidence is required.

What parents need to provide:

- Appointment confirmation (text, email, letter, screenshot).

Additional notes:

- School encourages appointments outside school hours where possible.
- If the appointment is during the school day, please provide the expected arrival/return time.

3. Religious Observance

Evidence is not usually required, but advance notice is essential.

What parents need to provide:

- A message informing the school of the religious festival or observance.

Important:

- The day must be part of the recognised calendar for that faith.



4. Exceptional Circumstances

School may authorise absence in genuinely exceptional situations.

What parents need to provide:

- A written request in advance.
- Any relevant supporting evidence.

Examples of acceptable evidence:

- Bereavement information (e.g., funeral details).
- Court letter.
- Immigration/visa appointment letter.
- Social worker or professional letter.

Not authorised:

- Holidays.
- Travel due to cost.
- Family celebrations or events.

5. Interviews, Exams, or Performances

Evidence is required.

What parents need to provide:

- Invitation or appointment confirmation.

6. When Absence Cannot Be Authorised

Absence will be unauthorised if:

- No reason is provided.
- The reason does not meet authorised categories.
- Evidence requested is not provided.
- The absence relates to a holiday or non-exceptional event.

Key Principle

Parents provide the explanation; the school decides whether the absence can be authorised, following DfE guidance and local authority policy.

If you need help understanding what evidence is required, please contact the school office on 01902 558778.