



May

NEWSLETTER

A MESSAGE FROM MRS FOSTON

It has been a short but very busy half term!! Although we have had few signs of summer so far we are now approaching the end of summer term 1 and a very busy final half ter of 2025-2026 Academic year.

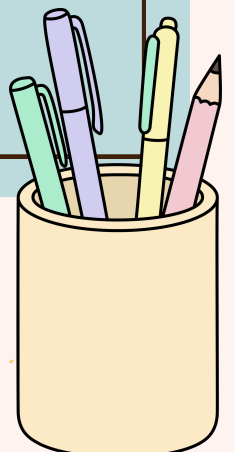


OFFICE UPDATE

We have introduced the Arbor app and would like to thank all that have signed up and are using this successfully.

Please do not hesitate to contact the School Office for further assistance or if any issues arise.

With the Summer Term looking to be very busy as always, we kindly ask that you keep an eye on your emails to ensure you don't miss any important information. Don't forget our websites hold lots of useful information including PE and Forest School days.



ATTENDANCE

Absence during term time will not normally be authorised except in exceptional circumstances. It is important that all parents and carers understand that children with unauthorised absences, including holidays and unexplained absences, may be at risk of receiving a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) from Lincolnshire County Council.

Please note that the school does not receive any financial benefit from Fixed Penalty Notices issued by the Local Authority.



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YEAR 6 SATS WEEK

We are so incredibly proud of all of our year 6 children, for their effort and hard work leading up to and during SATs week! Every one of them tried their very best and applied themselves brilliantly, demonstrating maturity, resilience and determination. Well Done Year 6!!



SUMMER TERM 2 ASSESSMENT REMINDERS

MULTIPLICATION TIMESTABLE CHECK

In June 2026, all Year 4 children in England will take part in the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC). The aim is to see how confidently pupils can recall their times tables up to 12×12 . Schools will complete the check during the two-week window starting Monday 1st June 2026. It is a short digital check lasting around 5 minutes where there are 25 multiplication questions, each with a 6-second time limit. The children are able to have 3 practice questions first. There is no pass mark, and children do not retake the check. Teachers use the results to identify pupils who may benefit from extra support. The best way to support your child at home is through regular, short practice – 5–10 minutes a day can really help. If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher.

PHONICS SCREENING CHECK

Children in Year 1 have been working incredibly hard on their phonics in preparation for the Phonics Screening Check. We are very proud of the progress they are making and the enthusiasm they show during their learning.

Please continue to read regularly at home and practise phonics sounds and tricky words to help your child feel confident and prepared for the check, which will take place during the week beginning 8th June. Thank you for your continued support.



SPORTS

Well done to all children who took part in our mini Schools marathon on the first week back of term. Every Teacher was so proud of all children who kept going for the whole distance. In total we managed just over 700 miles!



All of Key Stage 2 were fortunate enough to work with Emily from Lincolnshire Cricket. She feedback that the children all showed such enthusiasm and could really see some fantastic skills on display.



Year 3 / 4 Tennis: 10 children attended a development session at Boston Tennis club where they all showed amazing listening to ensure they developed their skills nicely.



Four children then attended a mini Tennis tournament with 16 teams. We may have lost our first game 3-1 to a very strong opposition, but our team showed real determination to bounce back. Winning the next two matches 3-1 and 4-0! Into the semi finals we went. We went onto win 3-1 and charged into the final! As the final whistle went, we had ended 2 all! A points aggregate to decide the winners.... tense moments!

And your Year 3 / 4 winners by only two points, DONINGTON!!

The children were amazing all afternoon! They really did us proud.



This term Boston United have been working alongside some Year 3 and 4 children. They have been really challenged whilst developing their Maths skills alongside keeping active. Ryan has thanked all children for being so focused and so enthusiastic!



SPORTS DAY

Our annual Sports day was a huge success, and we thank so many parents for coming along to support. All children showed such resilience and determination to complete and compete!

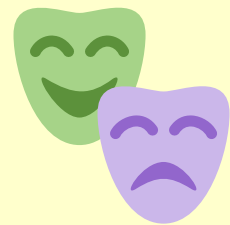


MUSIC

On June 22nd we will be celebrating world music day at our school. On the day children are invited to dress up inspired by musicians or musical era. In their classes, children who play an instrument are able to bring it in and perform. Throughout the day classes will be learning about different musical genre or eras and exploring music. We are sure it will be a fantastic day and we cannot wait!



Our school production will be on the 15th and 16th of July and tickets will be available soon. We are so excited to be working with Karl and the Act II theatre company again.



Our school choir has been working hard learning a selection of new songs and will be busy performing again soon. Our first performance next term will be at our Summer Fair on the 6th June. Further dates and times to be confirmed.



SCHOOL COUNCIL

IDEAS

This month, School Council have worked together to think of ideas for our stall at the Summer Fair. They have decided that they would like to organise an activity that children can participate in, similar to the Christmas Fair where we had a biscuit decorating station. They look forward to finalising their idea, resourcing it and running the stall on the day!



YEAR 6 LEAVERS

This year's leavers assembly will be held at 9.15am on Wednesday 22nd July 2026. Bring Tissues!!

Information regarding leavers t-shirts will be coming out after half term.



CAREERS WEEK – WEEK BEGINNING 29TH JUNE

We would like to offer our thanks to everyone who has responded to our survey and offered to present during our first Federation Careers Week.

We are putting together a timetable of speakers and activities throughout the week to inspire all children across our Federation.

If anyone is able to offer to present who has not yet completed the survey, please contact the school office to let us know.

Your support is greatly appreciated.



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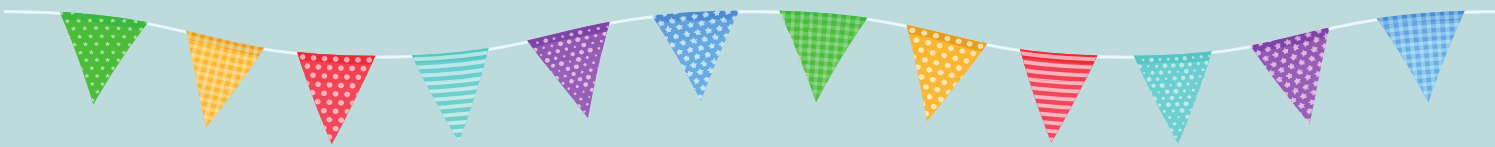
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PTFA

Our PTFA team is hard at work getting everything ready for the Summer Fair! Be sure to save the date and come along to support us—it's shaping up to be a fantastic event for everyone to enjoy.

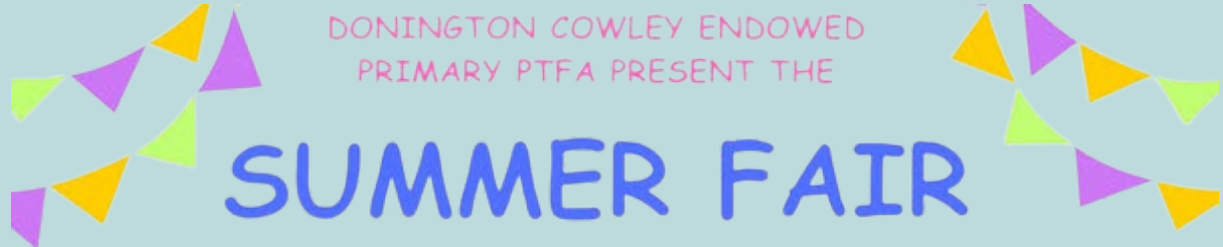
Thank you for all your generous donations to the bottle stall. The classrooms were bursting with bottles this morning as the children arrived at school, and there are some brilliant prizes to be won!

We are also delighted to once again donate £5 towards every Year 6 Leavers' T-shirt as a thank you and good luck gift to our Year 6 pupils. We love being able to give back and show our appreciation as they prepare for their next adventure.

If you, or someone you know, are able to volunteer at our Summer Fair, we would be incredibly grateful for your help. Events like this can only happen with the support of our wonderful school community, and we are still in need of volunteers to help make the day a success.

If you can spare any time, please contact the PTFA at dce.ptfa@gmail.com or speak to the School Office. Your support would mean so much to us.

DONINGTON COWLEY ENDOWED
PRIMARY PTFA PRESENT THE



SUMMER FAIR

6TH JUNE 2025 12-3PM

We'd love to see you there!

Tombola
& Bottle
Stalls

Food
Vendors

PTFA
Raffle

Local Stall
Holders

Class
Games



Donington

IMPORTANT DATES

June

- 1st - Start of summer term 2
- 1st - 5th Y6 Top up swimming week
- 4th - EYFS/Year 1 Sundown Adventureland visit
- 8th - New Intake evening
- 9th - New Intake Stay and Play
- 1st - 12th Year 4 Multiplication Checks
- 11th - Year 3 and 4 Topic afternoon with parents
- 8th - 12th Y1 Phonics Screening Checks
- 6th - Donington Summer Fair
- 11th - Y6 Theatre Trip
- 12th - Safeguarding workshop 1.30-3pm
- 19th - Safeguarding workshop 1.30-3pm
- 19th - Y6 Cricket Day
- 23rd - New Intake stay and play
- 23rd - PGL Parent information meeting 3.45pm
- 25th - Roots to Food Y6 Gala Dinner
- 26th - Safeguarding workshop 1.30-3pm
- 26th - Tri Golf festival
- 29th - 3rd- Careers week
- 30th - New Intake stay and play

July

- 3rd - Y2 The Enormous Crocodile Trip
- 3rd - Ultimate Frisbee
- 7th - New Intake stay and play
- 7th - Capture the Castle
- 9th - Orienteering
- 10th - School reports out
- 10th - Summer Disco
- 15th and 16th - Whole School Production
- 22nd - Leavers' Assembly- 9.15am
- 22nd End of Academic year