



A busy final week of the academic year is finally here and staff and children are excitedly looking forward to our production.

This has been another hugely successful year which we end with much to celebrate. Once again, I would like to thank our entire school community; parents, staff, governors and our incredible children.

I am pleased to be able to share with you that from September 2023, I will also be supporting another local school, Poynton St Gilbert of Sepringham CE Primary School, on an interim basis as Executive Headteacher for both schools. Although I will continue to be the Head Teacher of Donington Primary School, we do have a strong leadership structure in place and Mrs Williams and Mrs Ogden will oversee the day-to-day running of the school on the two days when I will not be on-site. This is an exciting opportunity for our school and is testament to our excellent progress and achievements.

I would like to wish you all a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you in September!

Sophie Foston 😊

Year 6 Leavers

We wish our fabulous year 6's all the best for the future as they transition to their secondary schools. They have been an absolute credit to the school and will be greatly missed. We hope they will stay in touch so we hear of all their amazing opportunities in the future- Good Luck Year 6!!



Staff Goodbyes

We send our very best wishes and thank the members of our team who are moving on to exciting new adventures:

Mrs Farrow, Mrs Kitt, Mrs Guilliat, Miss Perkins and Mrs T Williams.

PTFA

Thank you to everyone for your support with the different events and fundraisers we have had this year. Our PTFA are so grateful to everyone for getting involved and can't wait to start again in September, plans for the Christmas Fayre have already begun! We have started a PTFA newsletter which will be coming out to you shortly, please take the time to read it, there is lots of information on there we would like to share with you.

VOLUNTEER



Choir

Our key stage two choir have worked incredibly hard all year with singing events within our school community. Their successes have been a testament to how hard they have worked and we are very proud of them all. They enjoyed a trip to Lincoln theatre royal where they took part in Singsation. An event ran by Hayley Sanderson from Strictly come dancing. This was a fantastic opportunity where the children were able to perform with 11 other choirs. Most recently, they performed at the Matthew Flinders church service at Donington church.



Sports

School Games Award

We are delighted to announce that, Donington Cowley Endowed Primary 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 Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success. We look forward to applying once again in 2024!



Sports Day

Both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 enjoyed a morning of competitive sports at our sports days. All the children had a great time. Many different races included sprinting, hurdles, dribbling a football, dressing up, hockey, skipping and egg and spoon!

Fishing

Year 6 were recently invited by Donington Angling club to take part in the 'Go Fishing' initiative. They held maggots and fish, tried two types of rods and had an amazing time.



Links with Cowley Academy



Y10 Sports Leaders from Cowley Academy organised a rounders tournament for our Y5 children. It was a great afternoon, and all our children developed their rounders skills. We look forward to working with Cowley Academy next year.

Capture the Castle

19 children from Years 3 and 4 attended the Capture the Castle competition at Thomas Middlecott Academy. The team won their first two matches to come first in our group. We had a challenging second round match, which meant we had to battle it out for third place overall. The children worked so hard together as a team and narrowly missed out by one goal in the last minute! Well done to all the children who competed and represented our school.



Tri-Golf



Children from Years 3 and 4 represented our school at Boston Golf club. Some of the activities included chipping the ball over cones, putting balls into hoops and aiming at targets. This was a great afternoon – even in the rain!

Orienteering

Children from Badgers Class went to Witham Way Country Park to take part in an orienteering competition. They enjoyed learning and using new map reading skills to navigate their way around the park in groups. The children had to work together as teams to plan their route and find hidden points on the map in the fastest time!



Top-Up Swim



By the end of Year 6, all children should be able to swim a minimum of 25 metres unaided. Children who had not reached this target, were invited to attend a swimming intervention programme at Geoff Moulder swimming pool in Boston. Pupils received daily swimming to enable them to learn and be more confident in water. All children worked extremely hard, and we were very proud of all the children who achieved 25m and more!



September

4th Staff Training Day

5th Staff Training Day

6th School opens to pupils

15th School Photos

October

4th Parents Meetings

13th- 16th Y5/6 Aylmerton Residential

21st Pupils Break up for Half Term

31st Start of Autumn Term 2