



Dhoon Primary School

'Curiosity, Independence, Determination, Creativity, Collaboration'

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NEWSLETTER
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Dates for Your Diary

- 17.01.25 Parent Information Sheets published
- 30.01.25 IQM Assessment Visit
- 30.01.25 KS1 Disco (organised by School Council) (Details to follow)
- 08.02.25 Lempen Puppet Theatre visit
- 11.02.25 Tag Rugby Competition (Details to follow)
- 14.02.25 End of half-term (1)
- 24.02.25 Start of half-term (2)
- 26.02.25 Governors Meeting

This term, Forest School is scheduled for Class 3.

This is not an exhaustive list! The homepage of our school website has a live calendar of events - check it out!

Message from Mr Kelly

Can you believe it's already 2025?! A very Happy New Year to you all! I hope this year brings health, success, and happiness to all our families and pupils. It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to school and see how quickly the children have settled into their routines. There's already a great buzz of activity throughout the school, with each class diving enthusiastically into their new learning themes. We'll be sending home parent information sheets soon, outlining the exciting topics and themes your child will explore this term. These sheets provide an excellent opportunity for you to engage in your child's learning journey and spark meaningful discussions at home.

Looking back to the end of last term, I want to thank everyone who helped make it so special. Our Christmas Concert was a real highlight, showcasing the incredible talent and hard work of our pupils. Watching the children perform with such confidence and joy was truly heartwarming, and the positive feedback from families was greatly appreciated. None of this would be possible without the amazing support of our parent community, so thank you for all you do.

A polite reminder to parents about the importance of punctuality. Towards the end of last term, we noticed an increase in late arrivals, which can disrupt lessons and impact the school's daily routines. Please ensure your child arrives on time, ready to start the school day promptly. Your cooperation is appreciated in helping us maintain a focused learning environment.

As we move through the spring term, please remember that newsletters like this one are published on the first Friday of every month during term time. For even more updates, follow us on Facebook/Twitter too. *With best wishes, Max Kelly, HT*

In the interest of the well-being of our school community, we wish to remind parents of the 48-hour rule. If your child experiences symptoms such as vomiting and/or diarrhoea, it is imperative that they stay home and are symptom-free for 48 hours before returning to school. This measure helps in curbing the spread of infections and ensures a healthier environment for all.

September 2025 Admissions

Do you have a little one ready to start school this September? Now is the time to secure their place at Dhoon! Early registration allows us to plan effectively and ensure a smooth transition for all our new pupils. If you know families in the local area with children turning school age this year, please encourage them to get in touch with the school office asap. We are excited to welcome new faces to our warm and inclusive school community.

Festive Gratitude

A huge thank you to all the families who sent in cards, gifts, and well-wishes to staff over the Christmas period. Your kindness and generosity were truly heartwarming and greatly appreciated by our team. Your thoughtfulness means so much to us all at Dhoon.

We're excited to announce that our Spring Term clubs resume next week! Alongside this newsletter, we've sent home the updated clubs rota, so be sure to check for any changes or additions.

Exciting Cultural Visit - Host Families Wanted!

Dhoon School is proud to continue our partnership with Ombrosa School in France. We are offering an exciting opportunity for Years Five and Six pupils to host a French student from Ombrosa between 15th and 30th June (provisional) This cultural exchange will be a unique chance for our pupils to make international friends, learn about French culture, and enhance their language skills. Host families will receive a financial contribution (£70 per week) for their hospitality. Interested families are encouraged to collect a form from the school office. Please return completed forms by early March to facilitate timely arrangements. If you have any questions about this opportunity, please direct them to Mr. Kelly.

Dhoon Tea Towels for Sale

We're down to our final 50 tea towels! Thank you to everyone who has supported this project so far. If you haven't picked one up yet, don't miss out - they're a fantastic keepsake and support school initiatives. Let's get the last ones sold!

AP3 Forms for Y6

Please ensure you return your forms indicating secondary school preferences by 7.3.25

PE Kits

Please ensure PE kits are in school every week. Last term, we noticed an increase in the number of children without their kits, which impacts their participation in lessons.

