



# NEWSLETTER 10 – 13th March 2026

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## DIARY DATES

DATE	ACTIVITY	ADDITIONAL INFO
Tuesday 17th March	Hedgehog & Owl Cake Bake	3.15pm (Front Playground)
Wednesday 18th March	Squirrel Class Trip to The Ashmolean Museum	All Day Event
Thursday 19th March	Mole Class Family Learning Afternoon	2pm (School Hall)
Friday 20th March	Stagecoach Workshops for Rabbit & Hedgehog	Morning Event
Friday 20th March	Red Nose Day	All Day Event
Monday 23rd March	South Wiltshire Falconry Visiting Mole Class	10am (Mole Classroom)
Tuesday 24th March	Braiswick Class & Group Photographs	9am onwards (School Hall)
Wednesday 25th March	Rabbit Class Family Learning Afternoon	2pm (School Hall)
Thursday 26th March	Easter Egg Hunt	9am till 11.30am (School Field) In School Event
Thursday 26th March	Rock Steady Concert	2.30pm (School Hall) for parents of Rock Steady children
Friday 27th March	Easter Service	9.15am (Church) All Welcome
<b>Friday 27th March</b>	<b>End of Term 4</b>	<b>2.15pm</b>
<b>Monday 13th April</b>	<b>Start of Term 5</b>	<b>8.45am</b>
Wednesday 29th April	Squirrel Class Fieldwork Trip to Bowood	All Day Event
Thursday 30th April	Rabbit & Fox Cake Bake	3.15pm (Front Playground)
<b>Monday 4th May</b>	<b>Bank Holiday</b>	<b>School Closed to Children</b>
Monday 11th May – Friday 15th May	SATS Week for Owl Class	All Week Event
Wednesday 13th May	Fox Class Trip to Tudor World	All Day Event
Monday 18th May – Friday 22nd May	Owl Class Residential Trip to North Devon	All Week Event
<b>Friday 22nd May</b>	<b>End of Term 5</b>	<b>3.15pm</b>

### Parentmail

We have had some reports of people struggling to access parentmail, we recommend trying the parentmail app instead.

### Owl & Hedgehog Cake Bake

Owl and Hedgehog classes will be holding a cake bake after school on **Tuesday 17th March**, on the front playground. Please don't forget your cash and something to carry your cakes home in.  
Thank you for your support.



## World Book Day



On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March we celebrated World Book Day at Derry Hill. It was wonderful to see so many children in costume. The children enjoyed a range of fun activities throughout the day, including an opportunity to listen to different stories read by the teacher.

KS2 took part in an exciting live lesson and we were visited by residents of Kingston House who came to listen to stories in Rabbit Class.

Well done to all of the children who entered the competition to design a paper plate book character. These are proudly on display in the library corridor.

We are pleased to announce the winners of the competition are:

Fleur - Fox Class

Harry - Dormouse Class

## Science Day



Thank you to FODHS for funding the planetarium that we had on the day, it was a wonderful opportunity for the children to have such an interactive experience.

Last Friday, children at Derry Hill had an exciting visit that took them into outer space, inside a volcano and back in time. This was all part of Derry Hill's Science Day. Each class had a chance to visit the planetarium where they were transported into their science learning.

Classes then followed this up with a variety of science-based experiments and investigations that allowed children to develop their curiosity and deepen their understanding about the world.

Children had the opportunity to dress up in science themed clothes and they all looked great- we had range of costumes from mad scientists to nurses, from astronauts to volcanologists.

## Tesco Community Grant

We are pleased to announce that Derry Hill School has received the Tesco Community Grant, thank you to all who took the time and voted for us.

This grant will be used for our outdoor space and provide the children with all manner of equipment to enjoy during their lunchtime and breaktime.



## Class School Photos

Braiswick will be in school on Tuesday 24th March to take Class school photos.

This will all take place during school hours.



## Red Nose Day - Friday 20th March

This year for Red Nose Day we would love the children to come dressed in Non - uniform.

This Red Nose Day we're laughing loudly, proudly and together - at ourselves. It's time to take yourself funny for money.

A donation will be set up on Parentmail for you to donate if you would like to.

All donations will go to the Comic Relief.



Please see the school calendar on the Derry Hill School website for more information on trips and school events.