



# NEWSLETTER 16 – 10th July 2026

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## DIARY DATES

DATE	ACTIVITY	ADDITIONAL INFO
Saturday 11th July	Village Fete	Details to Follow
Monday 13th July	Dormouse Class Trip to Butterfly World	All Day Event
Thursday 16th July	Rock Steady Concert	2.30pm (Hall) For Parents of Children Attending Rock Steady
Thursday 16th July	Owl Class Transition Day to Abbeyfield	All Day Event
Friday 17th July	Reports Out to Parents	
Monday 20th July	Move Up Day	See Below
Tuesday 21st July	Move Up Day	See Below
Wednesday 22nd July	Leavers Service	9.15am (Church) For parents of Owl Class
<b>Wednesday 22nd July</b>	<b>End of Term 6</b>	<b>2.15pm</b>

### Arrangements for Move Up Days

Our Move Up Days are Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st July. Please could all children line up on both mornings as follows:

- ◆ Current Dormouse Class - Mole Class Door
- ◆ Current Mole Class - Double Doors next to Hedgehog Class
- ◆ Current Hedgehog Class - By the Main Doors
- ◆ Current Squirrel Class - By the Main Doors
- ◆ Current Rabbit Class - By Fox Class Door
- ◆ Current Fox Class - By Library Door
- ◆ Current Owl Class - On the Yellow Brick Road by the school Hall

Children will need to be collected from where they line up in the mornings.

Thank you for your co-operation

*Ice Lolly*

FRIDAY'S

EVERY FRIDAY AFTER SCHOOL  
Front Playground

12TH JUNE 17TH JUL

STARTING FROM 50P

*Helping to raise fund for  
Friends of Derry Hill School*

### Squirrel Class Family Learning Afternoon

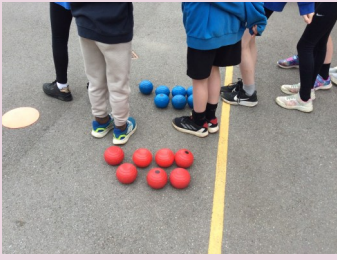
Squirrel Class and their parents enjoyed a fun afternoon celebrating their learning over the year. There was singing and artwork and the parents joined in very enthusiastically with the Diwali dance.

The afternoon finished with a parents v children quiz. It was a closely run contest but Squirrel Class took the win!

Thank you to all the parents for their enthusiasm and for their support over the year.

## Sports Week

All the staff and children at Derry Hill had a fantastic time enjoying a great range of activities during our sports week. We would like to say a big thank you to all of our visitors that volunteered their time to make the week so full of new and exciting sports for the children to enjoy.



## Leavers Service

Our leavers service on **Wednesday 22nd July** will be in Church at 9.15am.

Due to limited space in Church could we please ask that only parents of children who are leaving school attend the Church service.

Thank you



## Rabbit Class Trip to Linkenholt

On Wednesday, Rabbit class were taken back in time to the Viking age. We were all asked to pledge our allegiance to our Viking leader in exchange for training in the Viking ways!

Our training included understanding our social class and dressing the part, learning how to attack a settlement (re-enactment using soft javelins and soft balls!) making our own Viking jewellery and then we even had time for a Viking burial!

We had a lot of fun and when we practicing our Viking sailing, we did get a bit wet, apparently the waves were choppy but it seemed Mr Riley, Mrs Dolman, Mrs Asfaw and Miss While just had very large buckets of water they were throwing at us!

It was a brilliant day and we all had a lot of fun!



## Congratulations

We are very pleased to announce that Derry Hill School has been awarded the School Games Gold Award for the dedication and achievements in PE and Sport.



## Mark Robertson visit

On Friday we were lucky enough to have Mark Robertson, author and illustrator, come to visit Derry Hill. He joined us all day and worked with every class. He went in to Dormouse class and read one of his books, the children loved it and were all fully engaged!

He also worked with all the other classes, showing us all how to draw one of his beautiful illustrated dragons. He made it look so easy but the results the children got were amazing and I think we have lots of budding illustrators!

Mark also held a book sale after school and he was very generous and he donated a proportion of money to the school and we managed to get a copy of each of his books for our library.

Not only do we need a massive thank you to Mark but we also need to say a huge thank you to The Arts Society North Wiltshire who covered the cost of Mark's visit.

The children loved the experience and lots of children managed to get signed copies of Marks books.

A big thank you to everyone who helped on the day!

## Sports Day

We all had a wonderful time enjoying our sports day, the children showed amazing teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the day. A big thank you to everyone who worked hard to ensure the day ran smoothly.

Congratulations to Earth team who were the winners of our 2026 sports day!

## Scores on The Day

1st Place - Earth - 191 points

2nd Place - Air - 190 points

3rd Place - Water - 150 points

4th Place - Fire - 118 points

