



# DAYS LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Friday 21 November 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we begin this half term, we were delighted to see the fantastic participation in our recent non-uniform day for Children in Need. Your generosity and enthusiasm enabled us to raise £653 for this worthy cause.

It was wonderful to see so many of our school community at the DLPA Fireworks Event. A huge thank you to everyone who attended and to the DLPA members and volunteers who worked so hard behind the scenes to make the event such a great success.

As the colder weather sets in, please ensure that children come to school dressed appropriately in our winter uniform. Warm coats, hats and gloves are essential so that children can stay comfortable during outdoor play and activities.

Finally, please note an important change to our term dates. The INSET Day originally scheduled for Monday 13th April 2026 has been moved to Monday 5th January 2026. For your convenience, the full term dates are attached to this newsletter. Please take a moment to review them and update your calendars accordingly.

Kind regards,

Mrs Trusty





## ATTENDANCE REMINDER



We recognise that children will be absent from time to time due to illness and sometimes it is hard for parents to know when it is appropriate to keep children at home. The Public Health Agency have produced a helpful guide for parents as we approach the winter season. Please note that children with colds and coughs can still come to school unless they have high temperature. As a reminder that, if your child is absent, please email the school with any relevant evidence to [absence@dayslanepimary.co.uk](mailto:absence@dayslanepimary.co.uk).

### Do I need to keep my child off school?



<b>Chicken Pox</b> Until all spots have crusted over	<b>Conjunctivitis</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Diarrhoea &amp; Vomiting</b> 48 hours from last episode	<b>Glandular Fever</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Hand, foot &amp; mouth</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Impetigo</b> Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
<b>Measles or German Measles</b> 4 days from onset of rash	<b>Mumps</b> 5 days from onset of swelling	<b>Scabies</b> Until after first treatment	<b>Scarlet Fever</b> 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	<b>Slapped Cheek</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Whooping Cough</b> 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
<b>Flu</b> Until recovered	<b>Head Lice</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Threadworms</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Tonsillitis</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed		



## UNIFORM REMINDER



Please see below as a reminder of our winter uniform that children should now be wearing.

GIRLS Winter Uniform Reception to Year 6	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Navy knee length pleated skirt, no culottes or pencil skirts. No short tight skirts.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Navy pinafore (EYFS up to Year 3)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Charcoal grey trousers</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Navy school jumper or cardigan preferably with the school logo, but not essential</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> White shirt or polo shirt with or without logo</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Black flat leather or patent shoes or below ankle length boots</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Navy tights</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> White knee length socks (Early Years and KS1) Navy knee length socks (KS2)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Small sized hair ribbon/band in school colours (white, navy or yellow)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Navy school fleece with school logo – optional</li> </ul>	

BOYS Winter Uniform Reception to Year 6	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Charcoal grey trousers</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> White shirt or polo shirt with or without logo</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Navy jumper preferably with the school logo, but not essential</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Plain black leather shoes or below ankle length boots, <b>no trainers</b>. Preferably Velcro for Early Years and KS1.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Dark coloured plain socks, no logos or patterned socks</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Navy fleece with school logo (optional)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Navy or dark coloured coat</li> </ul>	



## ANTI-BULLYING WEEK



To mark Anti-Bullying Week we encouraged all children to wear odd socks to school, to remind them that we are all unique and that we should celebrate our differences.

Children from Reception to Year 5 took part in an engaging anti-bullying assembly. Together, the children explored how to use the Power for Good — standing up for themselves and others, showing kindness, and making positive choices.

Year 6 took part in an anti-bullying workshop, where children they acted out a scenarios where they were being bullied. The children demonstrated the 'Power for good' by speaking up to the bullies and learnt about the importance of talking to an adult. All Year groups were taught a catchy Power for Good rap to remind them that we all have the power to make a difference!

*"I learnt that you should never bully because it can hurt people's feelings and make them sad. If you see bullying you should use power for good and tell a teacher. Also, tell your family so it can be sorted."- Avie L 6S*

*"I liked that we got to see the videos and be part of the show. I learnt that bullying affects how people act and how they feel. If you're being bullied, talk to a trusted adult and try to stand up for yourself."- Grace 5V*

*"Phillip was sad because Milly and her friends were bullying him. I learnt that bullying is not nice." - Albie 1R*

*"I liked watching the puppets, they were funny." - Rosie, Red class*

## FIRE SAFETY ASSEMBLY



We were delighted to welcome a firefighter from the London Fire Brigade, who shared important tips on staying safe during firework celebrations. These included:

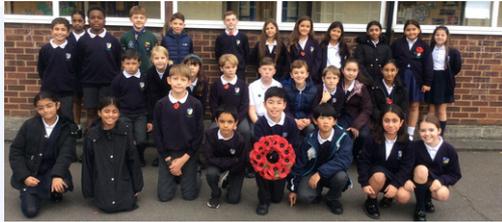
- Never touch fireworks – once lit, they can be extremely dangerous.
- Sparklers require extra care:
  - Always hold them at arm's length, away from your body.
  - Wear gloves to protect your hands.
  - Dispose safely – after sparklers have burned out, place them in a bucket of water to cool completely.

Children were taught about the importance of staying safe, by following these simple steps so they are able to enjoy fireworks in a safe and responsible way. Thank you to the London Fire Brigade for helping us keep our community safe!

*"You should never run back to a firework that has not gone bang"- Cruz, 1R*

*"I learnt that if there is no smoke outside your door, you should try to get out and get low like a ninja!. But if there is, you need to open a window and shout fire."- Jack, 4S*

*"I learnt about how to keep safe around fireworks and that you are not allowed to buy them if you are under 18. If you use a sparkler you should work gloves, have water to dip them in after or stick them in some earth, as they are extremely hot and can burn you. " - Terri, 6R*



## REMEMBRANCE DAY



Our Year 6 children led two moving Remembrance Day Assemblies to honour those who have served and sacrificed in times of conflict. Through thoughtful readings, poetry, singing and reflection, they reminded us of the importance of peace, gratitude and remembering the past. We are incredibly proud of the maturity and respect shown by all our children who joined us in paying tribute to mark this special day.

*"The poppies help us to remember the men and women who died in the war." Albie 1R*

*"I enjoyed the assembly. It reminded me that Remembrance Day is a day you should never forget. We need to remember the people who fought and died in the world, because they have helped us to live more peacefully." Ivy 4S*

*"Remembrance Assembly was important so we can remember all those who sacrificed their lives in wars. I felt that it was important to try my best to speak clearly for everyone to hear. I enjoyed the assembly because it was challenging to speak in front of everyone but I felt it was important to let other know what remembrance is for." Esther 6R*



## RECEPTION - SPACE DOME



Reception had a fantastic introduction into their new topic, What Can You Find in Space? The children were thrilled to step inside the Wonderdome, where they went on an exciting adventure into space. Inside the dome, the children explored the solar system, discovering different planets, stars and galaxies.

The experience ignited their interest in the world beyond Earth and sparked lots of conversations about what space is like, how planets differ from one another and what an astronaut's job involves. The children showed excellent listening throughout the workshop and were fully engaged from start to finish. It was an amazing start to their space topic!

*"I can see earth, that's where we live." George - Green Class*

*"There is no air on the moon." Teddy - Blue Class*

*"Jupiter is the biggest planet, it is really big!" Harry - Red Class*



## YEAR 6 - JUNIOR CITIZEN DAY



Year 6 took part in the Bexley Junior Citizen scheme, an educational event that teaches children practical safety and citizenship skills through interactive workshops at Erith Fire Station. The scheme involved partnerships with organisations such as the Metropolitan Police, TFL, London Fire Brigade and the London Ambulance Service, which delivered sessions on topics such as fire safety, stranger danger and online safety. The TFL activities focused on travelling safely on buses, on the underground and planning for journeys. These skills and the knowledge gained were specifically designed to prepare children for the challenges and independence that comes with moving from primary to secondary school. Thank you to all the services who supported our children.

*"I learned that you can be arrested at 10 years old if you break the law. Also, if you need help on the Underground there is a help button and an emergency button and there are 23 cameras on a bus." Faye 6V*

*"I really enjoyed the trip to the Young citizenship event at Erith Fire Station. It was great to learn so many top tips about how to stay safe and I liked the fact that lots of the talks were very interactive." Florence 6S*

*"When we were with the fire brigade, I learnt that you should get down low because smoke rises. When you ring 999, you need to give the operator your address with the postcode." Zara T 6R*