

Dovecote Primary School

Newsletter—October 2024



Message from Mrs GC— Diversity Day—Safeguarding—Attendance —Clubs —PSA—
Dates For Your Diary—Gardening

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a fantastic few weeks we've had. We have had a brilliant take up for all the after school clubs we are running and the feedback from the children has been so positive. There's something for everyone. (See what's on offer next half term overleaf)

We've had a group of Year 5 children attend Music Camp and I have been so impressed listening to our members of the orchestra.

Thank you to everyone who donated food for the Harvest Festival –the Food Bank were so grateful. Our PSA (Parent Staff Association) have been amazing in organising events and fundraising for school. A massive thank you to them and especially Leanne Harwood and Laura Smith (Chair and Treasurer) who have now stepped down. New members have been voted in in these roles.

You will have received a letter about the vacancy for a Parent Governor—we have amazing parents who could fulfil this role—please put yourself forward!

I continue to be so proud of being Headteacher at Dovecote.

Yours sincerely,
Ruth Guy-Clark

Dovecote Diversity Day.
Celebrating our similarities and differences !



On Friday 18th October we are celebrating diversity.

At Dovecote we are all unique and special in our own way.

We learn from each other and respect our differences.

Dress up in something that represents you.

Parents: We would like to invite you to come and share your culture with your child's class. If you are able to do this, please speak to the class teacher.

Some exciting activities:
Diversity Assembly.
Learn about different cultures.
Food tasting.

Explore another Country.
Create a piece of art linked to diversity.
Listen to music from around the world.

Children can bring an item from their culture, to share with the class.

Share books and stories from around the world.
Talk about respect and kindness.



At Dovecote everyone belongs!



Safeguarding...

Online Safety—Do you know all the information around what your kids are on?

We often share information around online safety on our Facebook page. There is a weekly online newsletter for parents that covers all areas . The link is below to access information like this:

[One In A Million - 'Wake Up Wednesday' Online Safety Newsletter \(oiam.org\)](https://www.oiam.org/)

There are lots of other useful links on our website:

[NSPCC | The UK children's charity | NSPCC](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/)

[Net Aware update from the NSPCC - UK Safer Internet Centre](https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/)

Please make sure that if you drop off by car you are parking legally and safely and driving slowly near school.

Dovecote Primary And Nursery

Attendance

Current Statutory 95.3%

We want our pupils to be at school to make the most of all the opportunities that we offer. Improving School Attendance continues to be a major priority at Dovecote and nationally. Please contact Mrs Bird or Mrs Perkins with any queries around attendance.



Gardening

This half term year 6 have been working hard in the garden with Mrs Mitchell. Amongst other tasks, they have harvested our apples & pears which they enjoyed tasting, cleared the raised beds ready for winter, helped with weeding and sweeping and started the autumn seed sowing.

The children have also enjoyed learning to use binoculars to spot birds and magnifying glasses to find mini beasts

Coffee Morning

**Come join us for a cuppa and a chat.
To meet the new PSA team.**

**On
Thursday 17th October
9.15-10.15**



Our School Council have helped to create memories that they feel would help them grow and give them valuable opportunities and experiences. Our pledge is for ALL children at Dovecote to experience these at least once on their journey through the school.

Dovecote Promise



Organise a night walk or star gazing

To have a sleepover

To handle real life animals/creatures

Take part in a performance.

Go on an overnight residential.

Grow your own.

Discover a place of interest in Nottingham.

Take part in an act of democracy.

Contribute to the school eco efficiency.

Learn to cook a meal for others.

Go to the library or experience a theatre production.

Take part in a money-making initiative for a celebration or festival.

Impart your knowledge.

Find out about the world of work.



Dates For Your Diary....

Tuesday 15 th October	Reception Sunninghill Park Visit
Tuesday 15 th October	Reception walk to the local park
Tues 15 th and Wed 16 th October	Parents Evening
Tues 15 th October	School Council visit the Council House for Primary
Friday 18 th October	Diversity Day – celebrating different cultures
Half Term	Monday 1 st –Friday 1 st (Return Monday 4 th)

Autumn 2

Tuesday 5 th November	Y6 Windrush Workshop
Tuesday 5 th November	F2 Campfire and hot chocolate
Thursday 7 th November	Y6 School Sport's Ambassadors event at Harvey Had-
Monday 11 th November	Remembrance Day
Friday 15 th November	Y6 Cross Country Sport's Event at Wollaton Park (6
Friday 15 th November	Children In Need
Monday 18 th – 22 nd November	Anti-bullying Week
Tuesday 19 th November	Y6 - The 'Girls Can Festival' (6 girls).
Friday 22 nd November	FS2 Birthday Party Experience

Enrichment Clubs 2024 – 2025

Autumn 2 – Monday 4th November to Friday 13th December 2024

	School Hall	Sport's Hall	Classroom/ dining room
Monday	Y2/3 Team games (3.20 – 4.20 AY)	Y5 basketball (3.20 – 5pm KW outside provider)	Y6 <u>Maths</u> booster club (3.20 – 4.20pm)
Tuesday (Staff meeting day)			
Wednesday	Y2/3 Sport's (3.20 – 4.30pm <u>Multi-skills James Hogan</u>)	Y4 Urban hockey (3.20 – 5pm MB outside provider)	Y5 Board games club (3.20 – 4pm)
Thursday	KS2 Area band (3.20 – 5pm Y5/Y6)	Y6 basketball (3.20 – 5pm KW outside provider)	Y1 Lets get creative club (3.20 – 4.15pm)

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Reminder
Don't forget your reading diary