

DEBDEN PRIMARY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Friday 9th October 2026

Dear Parents,

It has been another busy few weeks at school. Please enjoy a round up of all the events that have been taking place.

Harvest Festival

Thank you to everyone who attended our Harvest Festival this morning. It was wonderful to see so many families there to support the children and celebrate together.

We always welcome younger children at our school events; however, if they become unsettled or restless during the service, we kindly ask that they are taken outside for a short time. This helps to minimise distractions for the pupils, allowing them to concentrate on their readings and performances and ensuring everyone can hear the lines they have worked so hard to learn and practise.

Thank you for your generous food donations. These were collected by Uttlesford Food Bank this morning, with help from our Student Council members.



Minnows toy visit

Minnows enjoyed a hands-on toy workshop from Saffron Walden Museum exploring a wide range of toys from the past. They thought carefully about how the toys have changed over the years and discussed why these changes may have happened. The children then worked together to put the toys in chronological order, creating a timeline to show how toys have developed over time. It was a fantastic opportunity to bring their history learning to life and get them thinking like historians.

Choir

Last week, the Year 4 choristers had a great afternoon in St Mary's Church Saffron Walden with lots of singers from other schools. They learnt many songs with lots of actions in different languages and had a great afternoon.



Frogs Forest school visit

Frogs class enjoyed a morning as nomadic cavemen this week! On their walk to the forest, they collected flint to help them make essential tools. Upon arrival to the forest, the children got into tribes to construct some dens to keep shelter from the rain. They decorated their dens with cave paintings using charcoal,

berries, mud and leaves. Finally, they used clay to make some bone jewellery. It was a fantastic morning (despite the rain) and the children truly embraced their inner cave person!

Black History month

We have started our Black History Month assemblies with Mrs Hatch. Across the month, children will learn about inspiring Black figures from history and the present day, celebrating their achievements, contributions and the positive impact they have made on our world. The assemblies will encourage children to learn, reflect and celebrate diversity, while developing their understanding of the importance of equality and respect.

WhatsApp Groups

We would like to remind parents and carers to be mindful when using class or parent WhatsApp groups. Please avoid sharing or discussing individual children, particularly in relation to concerns or incidents. If you have a concern about your child or something that has happened in school, please speak directly to a member of the school team so that we can listen, understand the situation and provide appropriate support.

Art Competition

Please see details of the art competition being run by Mrs Barden

Key Dates for this Term

Thursday 15th October- Children's First Aid sessions with Mini Medics

Tuesday 20th October and Thursday 22nd October – Parent Consultations

Friday 23rd October – Final Day of Autumn Half Term 1

Monday 2nd November – First Day of Autumn Half Term 2

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind Regards,

Sarah Bailey

Headteacher

