

DEBDEN PRIMARY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER



Friday 30th January 2026

'That they may have life in all its fullness'

Dear Parents,

Welcome to this week's newsletter. I hope everyone is keeping well during what has been a particularly dark and damp January!

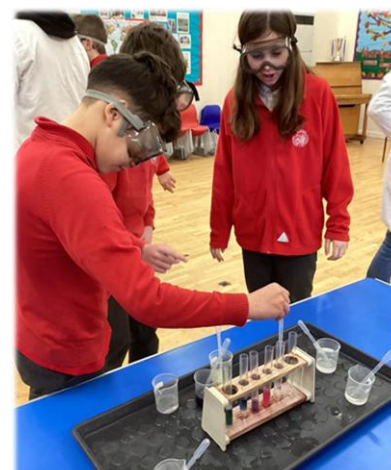
Collective Worship focus

In Collective Worship this week Miss Rowe focused on the bible story of The Rich Man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31). This helped deliver the message to children that we should treat each other with respect whatever our differences are.



Fab Science

Last week, Fab Science delivered their engaging and interactive workshops at Debden. The children thoroughly enjoyed experimenting with a range of potions and approached each activity with great enthusiasm and curiosity.



Multi skills

Minnows class enjoyed taking part in the Multi skills events at Joyce Frankland Academy, where the children had the opportunity to take part in a range of activities alongside other schools. Mrs Hopkinson and Mrs Cox were very proud of all the children and how they represented the school.

School lunches



We are pleased to announce that after half term hot lunches will be provided by Apetito, the catering company behind Wiltshire Farm Foods. Apetito provides nutritious, balanced meals that are freshly prepared by specialist chefs and delivered ready to heat and serve, with minimal on-site preparation. This has enabled us to move forward without recruiting a Catering Manager- which was proving difficult!

Staff and governors have sampled a range of their meals and were genuinely impressed by the quality and flavour. We are excited for the children to enjoy them too and are confident they will be very well received. Over the next two weeks, we will be working with a representative to design the

school menu and will be inviting parents in for a tasting session to try the dishes for themselves. In line with Great Chesterford (the other school in our Trust) and the local area, the price of a school meal will be set at £2.95. This will include a main meal, side and hot desert option.

Frogs Egyptian Day

Frogs class enjoyed their Egyptian day taking part in a range of activities from exploring hieroglyphics, designing death masks and learning Egyptian dancing. A big thank you to Mrs Barden for organising such a fun day.



Parent Consultations (change of date)

These were originally due to take place on the 10th and 12th February; however we have rescheduled these to take place at the end of Spring 2. In Spring 1 the children have not completed their Spring assessments, and we felt that it would be better to complete these first so that we can share this data with parents.

Key Dates for this Term

Wednesday 4th February - Tag Rugby- Y3/4

Thursday 5th February - Year 4 Residential

Friday 6th February - Year 4 Residential

Tuesday 10th February – Safer Internet Day

Friday 13th February - Last Day of Spring 1

Friday 13th February – Frogs Cake Sale

Kind Regards,

Sarah Bailey

Headteacher

Essex Fire Museum Open Day

2026



17th and 22nd Of February

10:30AM To 4:00PM

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