

DEBDEN PRIMARY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Friday 10th October 2025

Dear Parents,

It has been another busy few weeks in school, with a wide range of activities taking place across all classes. It has been wonderful to see how each class has embraced the curriculum, exploring new topics and experiences with curiosity and enthusiasm. We've also welcomed a number of visitors into school and seen excellent participation in the various clubs on offer. It has certainly been a full and engaging first half of the term.

Uttlesford Food Bank and Harvest festival

Last week, we were fortunate to welcome Uttlesford Foodbank to lead an assembly at school. The children enjoyed learning about the vital work the foodbank does to support families in our community. The session helped them understand the importance of kindness, sharing, and helping others, and inspired many to think about ways we can all make a difference. A big thank you to all our families for your generous donations.



We enjoyed a wonderful Harvest service last Friday at the church. The children took part by singing hymns, sharing artwork, performing songs and poems, and joining in prayer to celebrate this season of thankfulness. Continuing our lovely tradition, the service was led by Kingfishers Class, who showcased excellent reading skills, expression, and tone while conveying the importance of harvest.

Curriculum Enhancement Days

Last week, Dragonflies had a special visit from a pilot! Mr Hart showed the class how pilots today still use some of the same equipment that Amelia Earhart used to navigate. The children were fascinated by the equipment and loved trying on the pilot outfits!



Black History Month:

As part of Black History Month, Mrs Hatch will be leading assemblies every week, focusing on significant figures in Black British history. This week, the children took part in thought-provoking discussions about Paul Stevenson OBE, an influential civil rights campaigner.



Sports Ambassadors

Welcome to our new Sports Ambassadors- Sammy, Tyler, Gladys and Lily-May!



The Sports Ambassadors attended training at Elsenham Primary School, learning how to deliver fun and engaging activities for children during lunchtimes. They also received guidance on organising in-house sports competitions. We look forward to them starting this straight away.

Key Dates for this Term

Thursday 16th October – Flu Jabs

Tuesday 21st October and Thursday 23rd October – Parent-Teacher Meetings

Wednesday 22nd October – Scooter Training Key stage 1

Thursday 23rd October- Individual children's photos

Friday 24th October – Final Day of Autumn Half Term 1

Monday 3rd November – First Day of Autumn Half Term 2

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards,

Sarah Bailey

Headteacher