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Deddington Church of England Primary School Newsletter

At Deddington, we create an inclusive, nurturing and caring community, empowering each other to **let our light shine**, through **INSPIRING** and supporting each other, **BELIEVING** in ourselves and others and **ACHIEVING** together.



Special edition – Photographs of the Year 6 residential trip to Yenworthy!

Trainers

For the remainder of this academic year, children are allowed to come to school wearing trainers. This is to ensure they have suitable footwear for active playtimes on the field outside. More information will be shared regarding wearing suitable trainers from September to support active playtimes. There will also be a consultation in the Autumn regarding adopting active uniform choices in the future.

Attendance

Thank you for your support with attendance and punctuality. Deddington Church of England Primary School is consistently in the top 10% of schools in the country when comparing our rates of attendance. This is for our overall rates of attendance, for pupils with special educational needs and for children entitled to receive free school meals. This is due to the positive and happy ethos and culture we continue to strengthen and the wide range of opportunities we provide children. Pupils tell us they feel safe and enjoy coming to school. Every day and every minute of your child's education counts! Please continue to ensure they attend every day possible and arrive at school on time and ready for the start of lesson 1 at 8.45am.

Pre-Loved Uniform

I share my thanks with Mrs Hardie for her additional time and hard work to organise the uniform shed for parents to use. I also thank parents who support this initiative by donating uniform. Sadly, some uniform has been taken from the shed without the £1 donation per item being made. There have been several occasions when all of the money has been taken from the cash box. As money for uniform is spent on the pupils, taking any of the money is stealing from the children. A new cash box has been installed to prevent this from happening again.

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In cases of genuine need, parents can be supported and school does provide fully funded uniform when it is needed. Please speak to Mr Evans or Mrs Simpson if we can help with any items of school uniform.

OFSTED inspection visit

3 inspectors visited the school on Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th April. I thank my amazing staff team who supported the process wonderfully. I will receive a draft report within the coming weeks and look forward to sharing the outcomes with parents. There is no longer an overall grade for the school and the findings will be presented in the new report card format. More information regarding this format can be seen by using the link below.

[Understanding Ofsted report cards and grades - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/understanding-ofsted-report-cards-and-grades)

I thank parents who kindly gave their time to complete the online Parent View survey. As well as responding to the questions, I share thanks for the large number of positive comments shared. The lead inspector shared some of these lovely comments with the leadership team and governors. Staff at Deddington C of E Primary School work tirelessly to provide the very best school experience for our pupils, despite the increasing pressures and workload faced and constantly shrinking budgets.

As always, please contact the school if you have any concerns or questions. School and parents work in partnership to ensure the best experience for the children. Working together, we can ensure every parent sends their child to a school they would confidently recommend to others. If you or your child are not happy at the school, please come and talk to me so the situation can be resolved.

The Parent View outcomes are shown below. The lack of data for question 4 is due to the limited responses and the very small number of cases of bullying reported.

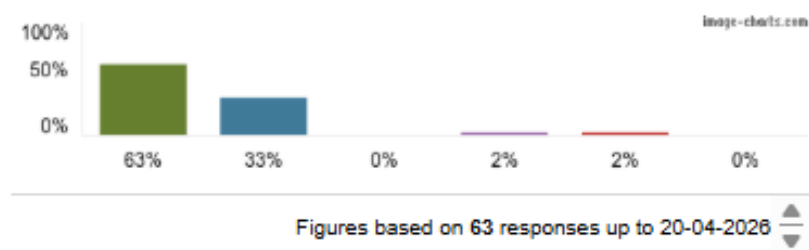
Mr C Evans – Headteacher

New pupils!

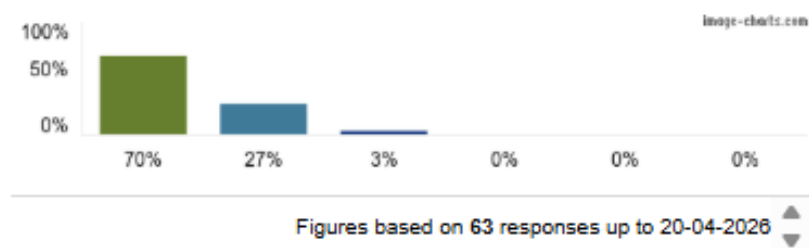
We recently shared a sad goodbye with 2 pupils who left Deddington as the family moved away from the local area. We are delighted to welcome 2 new pupils to the school. We remain full in every class, with families on the waiting list for places. I am delighted that we are one of a very small number of local schools who continue to be oversubscribed for new F1 places. This is due to families from outside of our catchment selecting Deddington as their first choice. We look forward to welcoming 30 new pupils into F1 in September!

Parent View outcomes

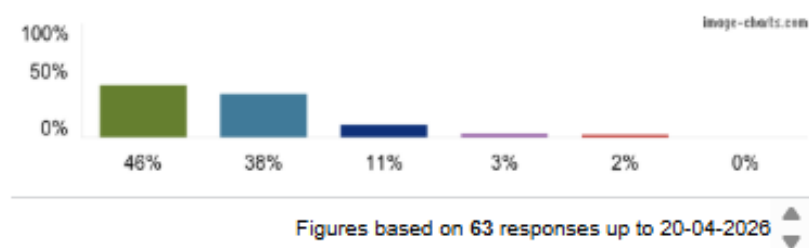
1. My child is happy at this school



2. My child feels safe at this school



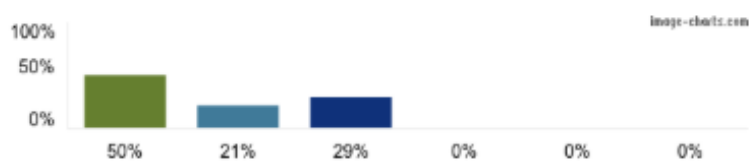
3. The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved



➤ **4. My child has been bullied at this school. When the bullying took place, the school dealt with it quickly and effectively**

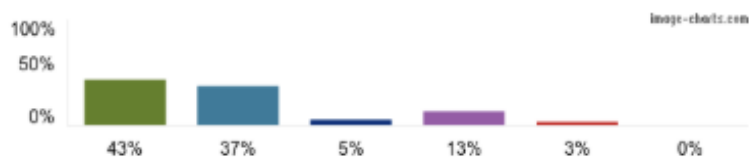
We are sorry but we only show the results for a school when we have received sufficient responses

➤ **5. My child has Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities. The school gives them the support they need to succeed**



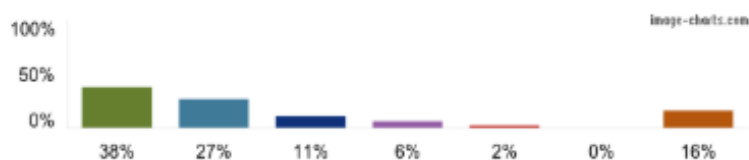
Figures based on 14 responses up to 20-04-2026

➤ **6. The school communicates well with me about the things I need to know**



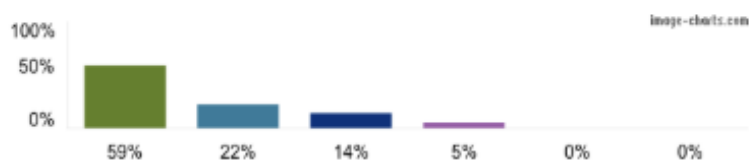
Figures based on 63 responses up to 20-04-2026

➤ **7. When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly**



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➤ **8. When the school makes decisions, it has the child's best interests at heart**



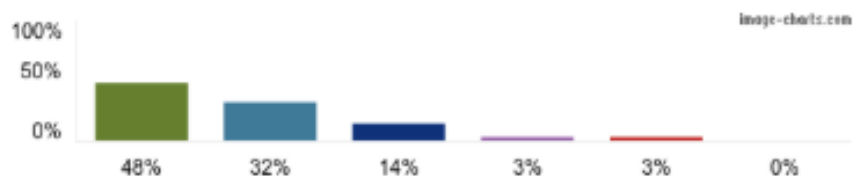
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► 9. The school gives my child the right support to enable them to learn well



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► 10. Would you recommend this school to another parent?



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Year 6 visit to Yenworthy Lodge



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Important dates.

Term Dates

Term 5 13th April 2026 – 22nd May 2026

Late Spring half term holiday 25th May 2026 – 29th May 2026

Term 6 1st June 2026 – 17th July 2026

INSET Day

20th July 2026

Children finish for the summer holiday at 2pm on Friday 17th July 2026

Sports Week 22nd to 26th June

Sports Day 26th June

School Production Wednesday 8th July to Friday 9th July
3 evening performances at The Windmill Centre

Summer Splash event 16th July