

"You are the light of the world.
a city built on a hill cannot be hidden."

.....Let your light shine before others,
that they may see your good deeds
and glorify your father in heaven."

Inspired by Matthew 5 v14 & 16



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DEDDINGTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



SEPTEMBER 2026

WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back to all our pupils and families! We hope you had a wonderful and relaxing summer break filled with fun, memories and time together.

We are so pleased to welcome everyone back for a new term and a new school year full of exciting learning, challenges and opportunities.

A special welcome to our new pupils and families joining the Deddington Primary School community – we're so glad you're here!

We look forward to working in partnership with you to help every child thrive, achieve and shine.

Here's to a fantastic year ahead!

Mr Evans

REMINDERS



Doors and gates open at 8.40 am and close at 8.55am.



Lesson 1 starts at 8.45am. Please ensure your children arrive at 8.40am.



Term time holidays will not be authorised and could lead to a penalty notice fine if the absence is 5 days or more.



Every school day matters!



Our attendance target is 96% and can only be achieved if pupils miss no more than 7 full school days before the end of July 2027.



Use the MCAS app to check your contact details, pupil medical information and photo permissions for the new academic year.



Please do not park on the double yellow lines outside school. Doing so puts children and adults at risk.

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please note the revised dates for March 2027 consultation meetings.

Friday 18th September

Sharing assembly for achievements outside of school

Wednesday 7th October

Harvest Communion in the Church 10am to 11am

Friday 16th October

Celebrating Reading Miles in assembly

Tuesday 20th October

Parent Consultation Meetings 3.30pm to 7pm

Thursday 22nd October

Parent Consultation Meetings 3.30pm to 5pm

Friday 6th November

Sharing assembly for achievements outside of school

Tuesday 17th November

Open morning for prospective parents

Thursday 19th November

Open morning for prospective parents

Friday 4th December

Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Fair in the hall from 3.30pm

Tuesday 8th December

F1 / F2 Nativity in the Church from 2pm

Wednesday 9th December

KS1 Nativity in the Church from 4.30pm

Friday 11th December

Celebrating Reading Miles in assembly

Tuesday 16th March

Parent Consultation Meetings 3.30pm to 7pm

Thursday 18th March

Parent Consultation Meetings 3.30pm to 5pm

Wednesday 21st July

Year 6 Leavers' Service in the Church from 9.30am



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OPEN DAYS

Come and discover our welcoming village school



**Tours for parents considering a school place
for September 2027 — or sooner**

TUESDAY
17 NOVEMBER 2026
9.15 am or 11 am

THURSDAY
19 NOVEMBER 2026
9.15 am or 11 am

BOOK YOUR TOUR

Please contact the school office to make an appointment
01869 338430 **Office.3452@deddington.oxon.sch.uk**



OUR 3B's – We have extended our third golden rule to include the importance of being ready.



Be Kind

OUR 3B's



Be Safe



**Be Responsible
and Ready**

Inspire. Believe. Achieve.

SCHOOL UNIFORM



We are proud of our school uniform and the sense of belonging it creates. Please ensure your child comes to school in the correct uniform, including appropriate footwear.



PRE LOVED SHED

Our pre loved shed is open and is full of good quality uniform items.

Every item is just £1!



UNIFORM ONLINE

For full details of our school uniform please visit our website:

www.deddington.oxon.sch.uk
(About Us > Uniform)



BLACK TRAINERS

Children can wear black trainers to school or, if they have school shoes, can change into other trainers for breaks and lunchtimes.



FUTURE UNIFORM CONSULTATION

Before Christmas, we will be starting a consultation process to explore your views and opinions on moving towards more active wear options for our school uniform in the future.

Thank you for your support.



ALLERGIES AND MEDICAL CONDITIONS

Please tell the school immediately about any allergy or medical condition affecting your child, including any changes to medication or emergency treatment. Accurate, up-to-date information helps staff plan safely and respond quickly.

BENEDICT'S LAW

Named in memory of five-year-old Benedict Blythe, who died from anaphylaxis, the new national measures known as Benedict's Law strengthen allergy safety in English schools. They include a whole-school allergy policy, staff training, individual allergy plans and access to spare adrenaline auto-injectors.

A new school allergy policy will be added to our website soon.

Please contact the school if you have any questions or need to update your child's information.

MOBILE PHONES AND SMARTWATCHES



Children should not bring mobile phones into school. If a phone is needed for emergency purposes, it must be handed to the school office at the start of the day and collected before home time.

If a child has a phone in school without permission, it will be kept securely in school until a parent can collect it.

Smartwatches that can connect directly to the internet are not allowed in school.

Simple electronic watches that cannot connect directly to the internet may be worn, provided they do not distract the child from learning.

FUTURE NEWSLETTERS



Newsletters will be sent home on the second Friday of each month.

The next newsletters will be sent home on Friday 9th October 13th November and 11th December.

KEEP IN TOUCH: CHECK YOUR CONTACT DETAILS ON MCAS

How to Check and Update Your Contact Details in MyChildAtSchool (MCAS)

It is important that the school always has your most up-to-date contact information so we can contact you quickly in the event of an emergency and ensure you receive all school communications.

Checking and Updating Your Details

Using the MyChildAtSchool (MCAS) App

- Open the MyChildAtSchool (MCAS) app on your device.
- Log in using your MCAS username and password.
- Select your child if you have more than one child linked to your account.
- Tap the Menu icon (three lines) or choose Profile.

CHECKING YOUR DETAILS

- Select My Details, Contacts, or Personal Details (the wording may vary slightly depending on your version of MCAS).
- Review the information held by the school, including Home address; email address; mobile phone number; emergency contact details; parental contacts and priority order.

Making Changes

- Select the details you wish to update.
- Enter the new information.
- Click Save or Submit Changes.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Some updates are made immediately.

Other changes may require approval by the school before they become active.

If approval is required, your request will be reviewed by our administration team.

Information to Keep Up to Date

Please ensure the following information is always current:

Mobile phone numbers; email addresses; home address; emergency contact details; medical or welfare contact information (where applicable); persons authorised to collect your child.

CANNOT EDIT YOUR DETAILS?

Some information may be locked for safeguarding or administrative reasons. If you cannot update a particular item through MCAS, please contact the school office:

Email: office.3452@deddington.oxon.sch.uk Telephone: 01869 338430

Need Help Logging In?

If you have forgotten your password:

- Open the MCAS login page.
- Select Forgotten Password.
- Follow the instructions sent to your registered email address.

If you continue to experience difficulties, please contact the school office for assistance.

Thank you for helping us keep your child's records accurate and up to date.

Accurate contact information ensures that important school communications and emergency messages reach you promptly.

TERM DATES 2026 – 2027

Term 1

3rd September 2026 – 22nd October 2026 (3.15pm finish on the 22nd October)

October half term

23rd October 2026 – 2nd November 2026

Term 2

3rd November 2026 – 18th December 2026 (2pm finish on the 18th December)

Christmas holiday

19th December 2026 – 4th January 2027

Term 3

5th January 2027 – 12th February 2027 (3.15pm finish on 12th February)

Spring half term holiday

13th February 2027 – 21st February 2027

Term 4

22nd February 2027 – 25th March 2027 (2pm finish on the 25th March 2027)

Easter holiday

26th March 2027 – 11th April 2027

Term 5

12th April 2027 – 28th May 2027 (3.15pm finish on 28th May 2027)

Late Spring half term holiday

29th May 2027 – 7th June 2027

Term 6

8th June 2027 – 21st July 2027 (2pm finish on 21st July 2027)

INSET DAYS

23rd October 2026

2nd November 2026 (additional inset day for ODST training)

4th January 2027

7th June 2027

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BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING – This poster is displayed in every classroom and has been explained to the children.

School adults will give you time and space to calm down before talking to everyone involved so they can understand what happened. Adults will speak to you calmly and respectfully. You will be expected to take responsibility for your actions.

REMINDER STAGE

If you are making the wrong choice, an adult will speak to you calmly and remind you of the right choice. You may be given some time to think about your behaviour and make a better choice.

YELLOW LEVEL STAGE

If you continue to make the wrong choice after reminders, you may miss some or all your break or lunchtime to complete any learning time you have missed. You will have time to think about your choices and how to improve them. Your class teacher will contact your parents or carers to tell them about their behaviour. If this happens again, your class teacher will speak with an Assistant Headteacher.

RED LEVEL STAGE

Serious Incidents in the Classroom or Playground

An Assistant Headteacher will be told about the incident and will talk to everyone involved. The Headteacher may also become involved. Parents or carers will be informed, the incident will be recorded, and an appropriate consequence will be given.

Examples of Red Level behaviours include:

Refusing to follow instructions after several reminders.	Spitting.
Threatening or aggressive behaviour towards another child or adult.	Hurting another child or adult, including through rough or unsafe play.
Stealing.	Swearing or using inappropriate language or gestures.
Damaging property.	Unsafe behaviour, including throwing objects.

BULLYING

We do not tolerate bullying at Deddington Primary School. Bullying is always treated as a Red Level concern.

Bullying includes racist behaviour or comments; bullying because of someone's religion or beliefs, gender or sexual orientation; using homophobic language; bullying someone because they have special educational needs or disabilities; and bullying based on any prejudice or difference.

The school may use fixed-term suspensions when necessary and appropriate. Rewards will be given when our 3B's are shown.

Be Kind

Be Safe

Be Responsible and Ready

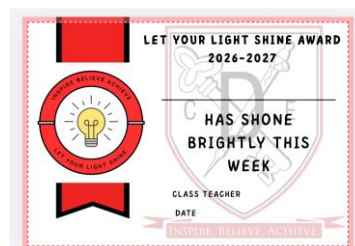
REWARDS

Children's positive choices, effort and achievements are recognised throughout the week through verbal praise and class reward systems.

This year, the number of children receiving a certificate during Friday worship sessions will increase to five.

This will ensure children are rightly rewarded for letting their light shine more frequently, without having to wait too long.

Parents will be notified on Thursday if their child will receive a certificate during the Friday afternoon assembly.



FRIDAY ASSEMBLIES

The first Friday of every term will include a sharing assembly for achievements outside of school. For this term, it will take place next week. The last Friday assembly of each term will focus on Reading Miles. Other Friday assemblies will focus on achievement certificates.

Friday 18th September and Friday 6th November Sharing assembly to celebrate achievements outside of school.

Friday 16th October and Friday 11th December We will celebrate Reading Miles in our assembly.



Welcome Back to Highflyers at Deddington Primary School!

We hope you all had a wonderful summer and made lots of happy memories together. It has been lovely to welcome the children back to Highflyers—they are settling in beautifully, reconnecting with friends and already filling our afternoons with smiles, laughter and creativity.

At Highflyers, the end of the school day is a time to relax, play and have fun in a safe, caring environment. Whether children are enjoying outdoor games and fresh air, getting stuck into colourful crafts, building, imagining, reading, or simply chatting with friends, there is always something enjoyable to do.

We know how important it is for parents to feel confident that their child is happy, cared for and enjoying their time after school. Our friendly team is here to make each afternoon feel welcoming, relaxed and full of little moments children look forward to.

To book a place, or to find out more about Highflyers after-school club, please give us a call on **07766 290242**, or see the **booking link below**.

We would love to welcome your child.

Highflyers of the Week are Bella and Daisy for being such fantastic helpers. Thank you, Bella and Daisy!

Telephone: 07766 290242

Email: highflyersclub@hotmail.co.uk

Booking link: <https://highflyerslimited.ipalbookings.com/>

Website: <https://www.highflyers.org.uk/>



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