



September 2025



Deddington Primary School Newsletter

INSPIRE BELIEVE ACHIEVE

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

*In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.
Matthew 5: 14 and 16*

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

Attendance and Punctuality.

Thank you for ensuring your child arrives on time each day. Gates close at 9:00am, and lessons begin promptly at 8:45am. Arriving late means valuable learning time is lost.

Our school attendance target for this year is 95% or above, which allows children to reach their full potential. To meet this, pupils should not miss more than nine school days across the academic year (September 2025 – July 2026). Every day and every lesson count, so please ensure your child attends regularly and punctually.

Holiday absence.

Please note that holidays during term time will not be authorised.

- Five days of unauthorised absence within a ten-week period may result in a fixed penalty notice.
- Extended illness without medical evidence (e.g. a doctor's note) may also be recorded as unauthorised absence.

To avoid fines, we ask families not to book holidays during term time. Our full Attendance Policy can be found on the school website.

[Policies | Deddington Church of England Primary School](#)

New Staff.

We are delighted to welcome six new members of staff this term:

- **Miss Payne** – Year 2 Teacher
- **Mrs Nicola Harper** – Year 4 Teacher (Mondays and Tuesdays, providing leadership cover for Mrs Simpson)
- **Miss Grace Wyness** – Year 5 Teacher
- **Mrs Hollie Rose & Mrs Michelle Talbot** – F1 / Key Stage 1 Teaching Assistants
- **Miss Ria James** – Teaching Assistant in Year 3

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We are also pleased to confirm that Miss Sharland and Mrs Simpson have begun their new roles as Assistant Headteachers. Their expertise and energy, alongside our new staff, will enrich learning across the school.

Premises Improvements.

This summer saw several exciting upgrades across the school, including new hall, playground, and corridor designs inspired by our school vision. A big thank you to Mrs Barber for her dedication and creativity in bringing these improvements to life.



What do staff do on INSET days?

On our first September INSET day, we welcomed Mr Andy Carley from SOUL (School Outdoor Learning), who led training sessions on embedding outdoor learning into the curriculum. Soul also installed our new outdoor canopy and refurbished the forest school area.

Our second INSET day featured training from Miss Sharland, Mrs Fisher, and Mrs Usher, focusing on high-quality teaching and learning. The revised policy on consistent teaching practice will be published on our website soon.

Both INSET days have enhanced staff development and ensured we begin the year inspired to help every child flourish.

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Are you interested in becoming a school volunteer this year?

Your support will be greatly appreciated.

- School trips.
- Sports events.
- Joining the weekly F1 visit to Deddington Library.
- Other opportunities to support school.

Please contact Mr Evans to attend the next safeguarding training session and join our group of wonderful volunteers. Thank you!

Safeguarding training for volunteers – Thursday 2nd October 6.30pm to 8pm at school.

Coming soon – Our new school website!



Are you interested in becoming a school governor?

Contact Mrs Nicky Halton for more information.

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Important Dates.

Dates will be added in future newsletters.

Parent Consultation meetings.

Tuesday 21st October 2025 – 3.30pm to 7pm

Thursday 23rd October 2025 – 3.30pm to 5pm

Tuesday 24th March 2026 – 3.30pm to 7pm

Thursday 26th March 2026 – 3.30pm to 5pm

Pebble Mass to welcome new pupils, governors and new staff

Tuesday 18th November from 2.40pm in the hall

Christmas performances in the Church

F1 and F2 Tuesday 9th December from 2pm

Key Stage 1 Wednesday 10th December from 4pm

Key Stage 2 Thursday 11th December from 6pm

Term Dates

Term 1 3rd September 2025 – 23rd October 2025

October half term 24th October 2025 – 3rd November 2025

Term 2 4th November 2025 – 19th December 2025

Christmas holiday 22nd December 2025 – 5th January 2026

Term 3 6th January 2026 – 13th February 2026

Spring half term holiday 16th February 2026 – 20th February 2026

Term 4 23rd February 2026 – 27th March 2026

Easter holiday 30th March 2026 – 10th April 2026

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 Days

24th October 2025 3rd November 2025 (additional inset day for ODST training)

5th January 2026 20th July 2026