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Deanwood Primary School

24th April 2026

This Week at Deanwood

This week has been full of exciting learning and great progress. We're proud of our students for their effort and enthusiasm in every activity. Here's a quick look at what we've been up to:

We have launched OPAL with the aim of ensuring that we provide "Amazing playtimes, for every child, every day". The feedback we have had from the children has been great and it has been fantastic to see the children enjoying making dens, dressing up and skipping. The adults have enjoyed it almost as much as the children! Please check your child's bag tonight for their class OPAL Bingo Card - we would be grateful of any support that you can give us with this. Thank you!



Hello From Our Principal

Welcome back to Term 5! Every Friday, I will be sending out a weekly newsletter giving you an update on what has been going on at Deanwood during the week as well as any updates to share. This weekly newsletter will replace the termly newsletter. I hope that you will find it helpful and informative.

This week, Mrs Payne and Mrs Lewis-Sanders have joined the staff team. They are settling in really well and have been made to feel very welcome by staff, students and parents alike. We also said a fond farewell to Mrs Simmonds who has headed off to enjoy a well-deserved retirement. We would like to thank Mrs Simmonds for all of her hard work. She will be missed by us all!

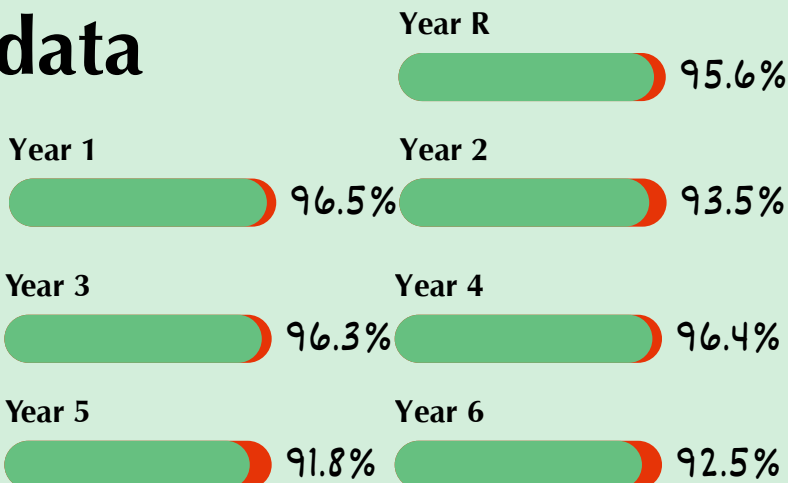


Attendance data

Whole School



The government's expectation is for all children to attend school at least 95% of the time. This week, our whole school data is broadly in line with this expectation.



Classroom Spotlight

Elm Class

We are really proud of Elm Class this week. With SATs Week fast approaching, they have returned to school with a really determined attitude towards their learning. Some of our children have attended before school Maths Booster Groups and have really impressed their teachers with such commitment to their learning. Mrs Wright and Mrs L Russell have joined Mrs Powell and Mrs Daffin in the mornings so that the children can be taught in small groups for maths and reading. The children have been working really well in these groups and made some fantastic progress in just a few days. It has not all been SATs preparation in Year 6, though. The children have enjoyed learning about the Bristol Bus Boycott of 1963 - the nation's first black-led boycott against racial discrimination. The children asked some really good questions and engaged in some thought-provoking discussions. As well as this, the Year 6 children have really enjoyed OPAL. Who knew that Year 6 children wouldn't be able to resist putting on dressing up clothes and building dens?! What a fantastic way to let off steam after a busy morning!



Safeguarding

If you are worried about a child's safety or well-being, please report your concern to our safeguarding team immediately.



Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is **Mrs J Wright**



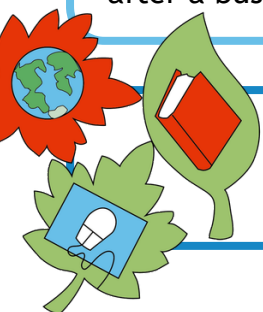
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead is **Mrs L Russell**



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Important Dates

- 4th May** Bank Holiday - School closed to children and staff
- 6th and 7th May** Parent Consultations - these can be booked via Arbor
- 6th May** Year 3 and 4 trip to The Living Land
- 11th - 14th May** Year 6 SATs Week
- 20th May** Open Classroom Event - 3:30p.m.
- 22nd May** End of Term



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