



Newsletter

April 2026

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Class Assemblies

Class assemblies take place in the main hall from 9am.

Parents and Carers are warmly invited to attend.

Please come through the main reception.

Class name	Assembly date
Puffins	Thurs 7th May
Toucans	Thurs 4th June
Robins	Thurs 11th June
Wrens	Thurs 18th June
Sparrows	Thurs 25th June
Owlets	Thurs 1st July

A message from the Headteacher...

Hello all,

Firstly and after the F2 offer day last week, I'd like to welcome all of the families and children who will be joining the Dovelands Community in the new academic year. We are really looking forward to welcoming you. As we continue to plan for the year ahead, we do have a small number of places available in our Foundation 2 setting for 2026-2027. If you or anyone you know is looking for a happy, caring and nurturing start to your child's school journey, please get in touch to find out more or to arrange a visit.

As we start to think about next year, I would also like to get feedback from our families on the events that we include in our calendar for families to get involved in the life of the school. If you have any comments on these (less of? More of?), please email me via the school office or catch me on the gate for a chat.

Over the next few weeks, staff will be writing your child/ren's reports and I wanted to let you know that they will look slightly different to previous years – we're going digital! These will be emailed out to families on Friday 3rd July but if you would like a printed copy, please just speak to the relevant teachers and they will be happy to supply you with a hard copy.

I wish you all a restful, fun and sunny weekend.

Many thanks,
Miss Slinger



We are kind
We are respectful
We are brave
We are aspirational
We belong



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Incubator and eggs

On Wednesday we had a delivery of an incubator and chicken eggs. They are due to hatch between 12th-13th May.

As an extra treat, the Foundation Stage will be visited by a fully grown chicken next week!

You will notice in the picture of our incubator below that the eggs come in lots of different colours and sizes, dependent on their breed.

We have the following chicken breeds in our incubator:

Churchside Olives

Cheshire Blues

French Silver Maran

Araucana

Bresse Gauloise- which apparently have blue legs!



We are very excited to see them hatch and will soon be sending out a link to our live webcam, so that you can view the incubator at home.

April in the Dovelands Garden

Poetry Corner:

Oak before ash, in for a splash; Ash before oak, in for a soak" is a traditional British weather rhyme predicting the summer. It means if oak trees leaf before ash, a dry/lightly rainy summer ("splash") follows; if ash comes first, a wet summer ("soak") is expected. Mrs. Davey's Ash trees were in leaf before the oak trees this year. Let's keep watch and see if the old saying is right!!



Apple Blossom



Bluebells



Blue Forget-me-nots



Plum Blossom

Weather Watch:

April in the UK

Precipitation: April is known for frequent, short, sharp showers. However, it can also have very high temperatures. April 1949 saw the highest on record of 29.4°C in London. Daily sunshine hours increase significantly. Check a weather app to see the time that the sun rises and sets today and when it rises and sets on the 1st May.

April is a crucial but sometimes tricky month for gardeners. While flowers like bluebells and tulips bloom, the danger of overnight frost remains a significant risk to tender plants.



Tadpoles! You can see they are changing shape and their skin has speckles on.



Male and Female Newt

Pond News!

The tadpoles are busy growing and newts have been spotted!



OAK TREE



ASH TREE

See you next month!



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Food collection 2026



The UNICEF ambassadors would like to thank you all for your kind donations during our food collection. All of the jars, packets, tins, nappies and wipes have been sent on to Woodgate Food Bank. They will then be distributed to families in our local area. This supports the UNICEF right for all children to have access to a variety of healthy foods to develop and thrive.

For further information about Woodgate Food Bank, here are the contact details:

Email: woodgatecommunityfood@gmail.com

<https://www.facebook.com/woodgatecommunityfood>

Thank you for all your support once again!

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Language of the Week

Each week, we will be celebrating one of the 50 languages spoken within our school community, showcasing the rich and vibrant diversity of our pupils and families.

- A language will be selected from the many languages spoken in our school.
- Children will learn how to say "hello" and "goodbye" in the chosen language.
- The language will be introduced during Monday assembly.
- Throughout the week, all classes will answer the register using "hello" in that language.
- At the end of each school day, children will say "goodbye" in the chosen language.
- Classes that make an effort to say both "hello" and "goodbye" will earn a Dojo point.

Our School Council members will help to monitor, remind, and encourage everyone to join in.

This initiative promotes inclusivity, celebrates cultural awareness, and highlights the wonderful diversity within our school.

We are excited to launch our 'Language of the Week' initiative on
Monday 27th April.

We can't wait to find out what the first language will be!





ATTENDANCE

A big thank you to the majority of parents who make sure their children attend school regularly.

You can support your child's physical, social and mental wellbeing by ensuring they are in school every day.

We know that parents and carers may be worried about their children's mental health. Rather than keeping your child off school, please let us know about your concerns. We can then work together to support you and your child.

As we approach the Mental Health Awareness Week 11th – 17th May we would like to remind you of the support school can offer, we are lucky enough to work with the **Mental Health in Schools Team**, If you feel you need support for your child, please to speak to Miss O' Connell (Mental Health Lead/Attendance Lead) or Miss Harris (Pastoral Support Lead) to discuss a referral .

[Mental Health Support Teams in Schools \(MHST\) - Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust](#)

Please take some time to explore their **OSI programme**. **Over 30 of Dovelands families have already benefited from this programme of support from MHST support.**

OSI (Online Support and Intervention) is an online platform designed to help parents and carers to learn tools and techniques to help their child (aged 5 to 12 years old) to overcome difficulties with anxiety.



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Online Support
and Intervention
for Child Anxiety



Leicestershire Partnership
NHS Trust

Does your child have problems with anxiety?

- Bedtime fears
- School worries
- Being away from caregivers
- Social worries
- Phobias (e.g. spiders, dogs)
- And more

OSI could help you

OSI (Online Support and Intervention) is an online platform designed to help parents and carers to learn tools and techniques to help their child (aged 5 to 12 years old) to overcome difficulties with anxiety.

Parents and carers work through weekly online modules that contain videos, quizzes, and interactive worksheets. Parents and carers are also supported by a weekly telephone/videocall appointment with a clinician.

You can access OSI at a convenient time for you using any electronic device!



Get in touch :

OSI is being delivered by Leicestershire Partnership NHS MHST Mental Health Support Teams in Schools (MHST).

For further information, please discuss with your school's senior mental health lead.



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Spotlight on UNICEF rights

At Dovelands Primary School, the UNICEF ambassadors want every child and family to understand, support and help to protect the UNICEF rights of a child.

Every month we would like to shine a spotlight on one of the rights. This month we would like to discuss **Article 3: The best interests of the child.**



Let's find out more about this right...

The United Nations believes that adults must make decisions in the best interests of the child. Adults have a responsibility to ensure that the decisions they make help to keep you safe and protect you from harm. There are many adults that make decisions that affect the lives of children and young people, including parents/carers, teachers, police officers, local councillors and healthcare workers.

Let's explore...

There are many adults who look out for your best interests, including the teachers and support staff at Dovelands Primary School. Draw around your hand and on each finger write the name of a trusted adult (at home or at school) that you can go to if you feel worried. This will be called your 'Trusted 5'.

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CHAMPIONS!



Great news everyone! Our fantastic Year 6 footballers - GIRLS & BOYS - are through to the Leicester Schools' Final. After months of intensive competition in multiple leagues our boys and girls have made it all the way to Finals Day at Beaumont Park on Wednesday 20th May. The children have represented us so proudly.

KIND, RESPECTFUL, BRAVE, ASPIRATIONAL & BELONG.

WHAT A TEAM! Emily and Theo, who are our two team captains, stated "We are 'over the moon' to get through to the finals. The team worked so hard to together. All the players were brilliant."
Leicester City we are coming for you!



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YEAR 6 LEAVERS' DISCO

Friday 3rd July • 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Dovelands Big Hall

HOLLYWOOD

Whether you choose red carpet glamour,
or to dress up as back stage crew or your
favourite movie character – come and
celebrate the superstars you are!



SCAN HERE FOR TICKETS!