



Newsletter

June 2026

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A message from the Head teacher...

Hello all,

I have lots to share with you this month but firstly, I wanted to thank you all once again for last week. It was a challenging time in the heat but everyone pulled together, communicated well throughout and showed resilience. We hope this followed by a lovely weekend!

August inset days – Thurs 20th and Fri 21st Aug. We will welcome all KS1 and KS2 children back on Monday 24th August

Pupil details – a reminder to please notify school if any of your child/ren's details change including medical needs and/or medication

Staffing updates – we say goodbye and good luck to Ms Kaur and Ms Meah at the end of this academic year. They have both contributed to Dovelands for a very long time so will miss them greatly but know that they'll be brilliant in their new roles.

Electronic reports - let us know what you think about the new report format and process that we have introduced this year. These will be emailed to families on Friday but please do request a printed copy if you would rather. A reminder to return any Health Care Plans as per the email sent by Ms Newby (Inclusion Lead).

Summer Fair 2026 – this will now take place on Fri 4th September after the summer break following the cancellation last Friday due to the extreme heat. We hope to see lots of you there!

Recent Safeguarding Audit – we recently commissioned an external Safeguarding audit as part of our work to remain robust in our systems and practices. I'm delighted to report that amongst lots of other positives, all children commented on how safe they feel at Dovelands. One action from the audit that you may hear your child/ren talk about is us adding 'Worry Boxes' to each classroom as an additional way for pupils to share any concerns they may have.

The last day of the summer term will be **Thursday 9th July** so I wish you all a wonderful last few days and a safe, fun and restful summer when it arrives. We also wish our Y6 pupils success as they leave us and move to secondary school.

This year has been a busy one with so much to be proud of as a school. I want to say a heartfelt thank you to all of our families and the local community in supporting us to be the best we possibly can be for pupils.

Miss Slinger



Uniform policy updates – some updates in red below have been added ahead of the new school year.

- All items may be unbranded
- Red jumper or cardigan
- White or red shirt, polo t-shirt or t-shirt
- Grey or black trousers, shorts, skirts (**consider length being appropriate**)
- Red/ white gingham dresses (**consider length being appropriate**)
- Black, red or grey tights (plain)
- Black shoes (including fully black trainers)
- Red, white, black or grey headscarves
- No make-up, **false nails or eyelashes, 'pimple patches', cropped tops, heels or fake tattoos**

Jewellery:

- Pupils who have had their ears pierced and whose parents wish them to wear earrings are only permitted to wear studs. If ears have been recently pierced, and studs cannot be removed, children will be required to put micropore tape over the studs during P.E. lessons.
- Jewellery is not permitted unless for religious reasons
- A small watch may be worn

PE kit:

- grey or black bottoms, black top and black jumper.
- trainers for PE do not need to be black
- children should come in their full PE kit on the days that they have PE lessons
- long hair should be tied up

All items should be clearly named in order to return to children if lost.

School hot dinners

May we remind you that if your child is moving into Key Stage Two (Years 3-6), you must pay for their hot dinners as they no longer qualify for Universal Free School Meals. The cost of school dinners is £2.81 per day (£14.05 per week). This must be paid in advance.

If your child is in year 6 and will be leaving Dovelands at the end of this academic year, please can you ensure that any dinner debt owing on your account is paid off before 9th July 2026.

Free School Meals

We recently emailed all Parents/Carers to inform you of the changes being made to the eligibility criteria for Free School Meals. If you have not yet applied and believe you may be eligible, please visit <http://www.leicester.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/grants-and-allowances/free-school-meals/>



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Eco warriors

This year the Eco warriors have taken part in the Grow Your Own Grub competition. They thought of the ingredients, designed a menu and grew different produce for the competition. Come along on Saturday 4th July to have a look at the wonderful wheelbarrows and vote for our school!



Leicester's Mealbarrow Extravaganza!

(part of the Grow Your Own Grub competition for schools)



Saturday 4 July 2026

11am – 3pm



FREE event at **Abbey Pumping Station Museum**
Corporation Rd, Leicester, LE4 5PX



Come and view the mealbarrows created by local schools and vote for your favourite!

Railway, Teddy Bears and Meccano Day – enjoy a fun day out! Visit the new electric book bus and enjoy some free activities!

Free entrance to the museum

For more information, please contact GrowYourOwnGrub@leicester.gov.uk or 0116 454 6743



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School attendance-Autumn Term

If you are planning on moving your child to a new school after the Summer holidays, please inform the school office of this before the end of the Summer Term. You will be asked to complete a short form which will enable us to safely remove your child from our school roll. As part of our safeguarding responsibilities, we can not take child off roll without being secure in the knowledge that they are present at the school they are now attending.

Additionally, if you are planning on taking your child on holiday and your child will not be returning on the first day of the Autumn Term (24th August 2026), you must let us know in advance by completing an absence request form, which is available from the school office. Please bear in mind the following information regarding term-time absences:

Penalty Notice Fines for School Absence

Fines are issued in line with the National Framework for Penalty Notices. This poster explains when a fine can be issued for unauthorised absence that occurs from August 2025 onwards. Fines issued for absence that happened from August 2024 onwards count towards the escalation process.

Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty Notice fines will be issued to each parent, for each child who was absent.

For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave will result in **each** parent receiving 3 **separate** fines.

Consecutive days of term time leave

Penalty Notice fines will be issued for:

- term time leave of 5 or more consecutive days
- or 4 days where the absence immediately precedes/includes a 5th day which is a school closure day (e.g. school holiday / INSET / enforced closure) or **any** form of absence
- or for fewer days where this has happened before

10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period

Fines will be considered when there have been 10 sessions of absence in a 10-week period.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or irregular attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child when paid within 28 days.

Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

Second Offence (within 3 years)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or irregular attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child when paid within 28 days. (No option to pay at £80 level)

Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or irregular attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued. The case will usually proceed to the Magistrates' court. Magistrate's fines can be up to £2,500 per parent, per child.

Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate and may impact on **job applications and travel abroad**.

Court prosecutions: Penalty Notices will not automatically be issued. Parents are advised that where the LA considers that a Penalty Notice is not appropriate due to the level of concern about a child's absence, prosecution action may be taken.

By law, all Penalty Notice payments go to the local authority and not to schools.



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On 9th July there will be a special menu to celebrate the last day of term.

The menu to the right is the standard menu and the allergen free menu is below.

Children will be able to choose what they would like from these menus on the day.



BBQ BLAST-OFF

Thursday 9th July

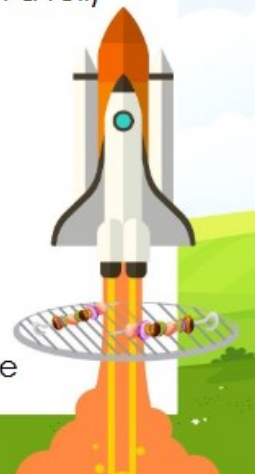
Meteorite Meatball Sub
(BBQ Chicken Meatballs in a roll)

OR

BBQ Quorn Moon Rock Sub
(BBQ Quorn Meatballs in a roll)

With
Potato Wedges
& Sweetcorn

And
Lemon Drizzle Cake



BBQ BLAST-OFF

Top 14 Allergen Free Menu

Thursday 9th July

BBQ Chicken
Or
GF Breadcrumbs Veggie
Grill

With
Potato Wedges
& Peas
And

Orange Cookie





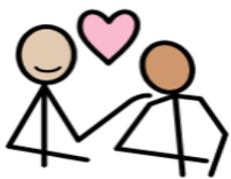
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Our Doveland's Ethos

At Doveland's, staff and children follow our ethos. If you would like to nominate a member of our school who embodies our ethos, please email our Deputy Head at **amb@doveland's.leicester.sch.uk**.



kind

Lynsey Williams for adapting lunchtimes and supporting the Parakeets staff and children during the hottest parts of the day.



respectful

Our office for managing all of the communications between families and the school during the heat wave.

Calls to the office doubled and you handled it all brilliantly.



brave

Miss MB for speaking out in front of hundreds of senior leaders at the NAHT conference advocating for supervision support for SENDCOs and Inclusion Leads.



aspirational

Miss Slinger for being aspirational in keeping school open, where possible and making adaptations to keep staff and children safe.



belong

All staff for showing such kindness to each other during our incredibly warm weather last week.