



Newsletter

September 2026

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Class	Assembly date
Ospreys	8th October
Peacocks	5th November
Eagles	12th November
Doves	3rd December
Bluejays	17th December
Owls	7th January
Swans	14th January
Kingfishers	4th February
Nightingales	11th February
Magpies	18th March
Hummingbirds	15th April
Puffins	22nd April
Ducklings	20th May
Toucans	27th May
Robins	10th June
Wrens	17th June
Sparrows	24th June
Owlets	1st July

Hello everyone,

We hope that you've all had a positive first few weeks of the academic year. We continue to be impressed by how children have not only settled in to their new classes but how they have also welcomed the number of new children who have joined Dovelands since the summer.

We are delighted that we were able to share our brilliant Ofsted inspection with you all this week. After only five weeks of school, it is amazing that we have achieved so much: phonics open mornings, library trips, gardening sessions, shark-hunts and so much more.

Democracy week means that we now have a full roster of school councillors, eco warriors and UNICEF ambassadors. We are looking forward to working with our pupil groups to make our school even better!

This week, we have been sharing quotes from our wonderful report card from Ofsted. You will have received a letter sharing the different ways that the inspection team recognised the joy and delight of coming to Dovelands. Throughout the process, the team were so impressed with our children and the ways that they were respectful of each other. One of our favourite quotes: *Leaders ensure that all pupils are valued for who they are, have a real sense of belonging and leave the school as happy, lifelong learners.*

Can we remind families to keep us updated on any medical changes for your child/ren so that we can be sure that our records are correct. Liaise with the school office if and when needed.

Please see the attached term dates for 2027-28 which can also be found on the school website.

We look forward to seeing you all at our Parents' Evenings in a couple of weeks - look out for the booking slots which will go live on Tuesday 29th September.

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Slinger and Miss M-B



Please ask for: Sophie Maltby
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Date: 23/09/2026



Dear Jenny, staff and Governors,

On behalf of Leicester City Council, I would like to offer my warmest congratulations to you, your staff, governors, and the entire Dovelands Primary School community following the publication of your recent Ofsted inspection report.

The report reflects the dedication, commitment, and hard work of everyone involved in the school. Inspectors recognised the positive and inclusive culture you have created, noting that pupils feel a genuine sense of belonging and that "everyone is welcome here, no matter who you are." This is a significant achievement and a testament to the values that underpin the school's work. This has come as no surprise to us at the Local Authority.

The report also celebrates the school's effective safeguarding culture, the ambitious support provided for pupils with additional needs, and the high-quality pastoral care that enables pupils to feel safe, known and valued. The inclusive ethos and commitment to ensuring that every child can succeed both academically and personally are evident throughout the report. This is vitally important in our city serving some of the most vulnerable young children.

It is particularly pleasing to see the strong recognition given to the quality of leadership and governance. Inspectors highlighted the shared determination of leaders and governors to provide the very best for all pupils, your accurate understanding of the school's strengths and areas for development, and the positive impact of your improvement work across many aspects of school life. The school context in recent times, with Jenny your time off due to your terrible accident, and new leadership at Deputy Head level, along with all the complexities that go with running a school, could have had a negative impact on the outcome of the Leadership judgement. Well done!

Please pass on my congratulations and thanks to all staff, governors, and pupils. This report rightly recognises the collective effort, care and ambition that characterise Dovelands Primary School. We wish you every success as you continue to build on these achievements and support pupils to thrive. Jenny, we know you will continue the school's improvement journey with the same determination you have shown to date.

Yours sincerely,

Sophie Maltby
Director of SEND and Education



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Staff embodying Dovelands' Values

- We belong - **Miss Glenn** for being a supportive, caring and kind colleague and showing Dovelands hospitality to a new member of staff
- We are kind - **Miss Kaur** quietly works very hard behind the scenes, keeping Dovelands lovely and clean for staff and children. She always has a smile and is always ready to help others.
- We are kind - **Mrs Stinson** is always going above her duties for our children. She notices who may need a little extra transition support and provides the care without being asked.
- We are brave - **Miss Slinger** and the senior leadership team for their work to make Dovelands even stronger - this was recognised by the inspection team and we are so proud of leaders at Dovelands.
- We are aspirational - **Mrs Walpole** is absolutely incredible with Foundation 1. She is always singing songs to get them engaged, she is so gentle and caring with them and she created a wonderful Autumn display



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

Harvest Collection

This year we are once again going to do a harvest food collection for St. Anne's Church which provides food to people in the community.

Please can you assist us by bringing tinned or dried food for our Harvest collection **from Monday 28th October until Friday 2nd November.**

Suggested items are breakfast cereals, pasta sauces, tinned veg, rice, pasta, sugar, UHT milk and fruit juice.
All food needs to be in date and undamaged.

Please also bear in mind that we are an allergy aware school so will be unable to accept any foods containing nuts.

Thank you, as ever, for your continued support.





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#HelloYellow

On Friday 9th October we invite pupils to come to school wearing yellow to stand out and show up for young people's mental health.

We are not collecting donations.

Please visit <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/> for further information.



Wear yellow, say hello.

Join us for our 10th Hello Yellow! Wear yellow, start a conversation about mental health and raise money where you are – so we can be there when young people need us most.

#HelloYellow

M&S | YOUNGMINDS

On Wednesday 7th October Mandeep Kaur our Mental Health in Schools Team practitioner will be joining Mrs Power, our Pastoral Support Lead, to do activities with the children and continue our work to support good Mental Health at Dovelands.



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Individual & Sibling School Photographs

The photographer will be in school on **Tuesday 27th October** to take individual and sibling photographs.

More information to follow.



DOVELANDS PTFA UPDATE

OUR BACK TO SCHOOL
FAIR RAISED £1098
FOR THE SCHOOL

Thank
you!



Our annual AGM meeting will take place on **Wednesday 7th October 2026** and will be held online. Come along and see how you can get involved, make suggestions and have your say on how our funds are spent.

Link to join:

meet.google.com/ebj-exey-syd



UPCOMING EVENTS



Spooks & Sparkles Disco
Wednesday 28th October 2026
F2 & KS1: 5:45 - 6:45 | KS2 7:15 - 8:15pm
Tickets: £3.00



Sip & Paint (Parent & Carer Event)
Thursday 26th November 2026
Main School Hall
7:00 - 9:00pm
Tickets: £15 (includes canvas, paints, drink & nibbles)



Winter Fair & Light Trail + Stories with Santa
Friday 11th December 2026
4:00 - 6:00pm
Entrance: £2 | Stories with Santa: £3.00

All tickets on sale soon - look out on Dojo for details



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Y5/6 World War Two Experience Day



Y5/6 enjoyed taking part in a World War Two Experience Day today. They enjoyed a range of activities, including: codebreaking, art, drama, games and a VE Day celebration!

Y6 PGL & The Grove Activity Days



Some Year 6 have their 5-day PGL residential to Boreatton Park in Shrewsbury next week! Some children will have several days of sports, arts, crafts and adventure activities at The Grove next week. We're looking forward to lots of exciting activities, including: canoeing, abseiling, ziplining, campfire and much more! Photos to follow in the next newsletter...



Parent/ Carer drop in events
Creating positive change for SEND



SEND reforms: what do the changes mean for families?

The SEND reforms are focused on creating a system that works better for children, young people and their families. This means making mainstream education more inclusive, making it easier to access specialist support earlier, and ensuring parents, carers, education settings and other services work together. The aim is to create a system where children and young people can get the right support, at the right time, as close to home as possible

We want to gather parent, carer and young peoples views:

- Are you aware of the support available in Leicester City
- What does an inclusive school look like?
- Where do you usually get your SEND information?
- What would help you understand the changes better?

Your feedback will help shape and strengthen SEND support for families across Leicester.

Our events:

Town Hall , Town hall square - Friday 25 September 2026 10am - 2pm
Bewcastle Family Hub– Monday 28 September 2026 9am - 12 noon
Belgrave Family Hub – Tuesday 29 September 2026 1.30pm - 4pm
Netherhall Family hub – Friday 2 October 2026 1pm - 4 pm
Thurnby Family hub – Monday 5 October 2026 9am - 12noon
Eyres Monsell family hub– Wednesday 7 October 2026 1pm - 4pm
St Matthews family hub – Friday 9 October 2026 9am - 12 noon
ONLINE - MSTeams - Tuesday 13 October 2026 5.30 pm - 6.30pm

Scan to sign up





FOOD FESTIVAL
by Aspens

JUNGLE FEST

Thursday 1st October
Beef Burgers
Chips and Beans
Or
Veggie Burgers
Chips and Beans

With
Jungle Jelly
or
Ice Cream



FOOD FESTIVAL
by Aspens

JUNGLE FEST

Top 14 Allergen Free Menu

Thursday 1st October
Bunless Beef Burgers
Chips and Beans
Or
Bunless Veggie Burgers
Chips and Beans

With
Jungle Jelly





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TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

★ **YEARS 2-6** ★
ALL CLASSES IN THE TOURNAMENT!

MISS KIDGER

ARE YOU READY TO **ROCK THE TTRS?**

★ COMPLETE TTRS AS PART OF YOUR HOMEWORK AND BE IN WITH A CHANCE TO PLAY MISS KIDGER IN A **ROCK SLAM!** ★

THIS MONTH'S TOURNAMENT:

STARTS **07 SEP 26** 06:00 | ENDS **02 OCT 26** 12:00

(DATES WILL BE UPDATED EACH MONTH)

PRACTISE TTRS | EARN POINTS | BE IN WITH A CHANCE | PLAY MISS KIDGER IN A ROCK SLAM!



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FAMILY LEARNING FESTIVAL

Leicester
**Adult
Education**

Join us during October half term for two, fun-filled days
of discovering the power of stories!

Take part in free family activities where adults and
children can share the fun and learn together.

STORY POWER
imagine beyond the page



**Abbey Park
Education Centre***
Tuesday 20 &
Wednesday 21 October
11am-2pm

Free activities for the whole
family including:

- Games
- Den building
- 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' themed trail
- 'Campfire' stories and songs



0116 454 1067

family.learning@leicester.gov.uk

Thinking of joining us? Help us plan by
filling in the form on our webpage.

bit.ly/FamilyLearningFestival26

**No need
to book,
just turn up!**

Please bring your
own lunch and
drinks.

campaign
for learning

***Abbey Park Education Centre,
Abbey Park LE4 5AQ
(near the Friendship Garden)**



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Leicester City Council – Doveland's Primary School School term and holiday dates 2027-28



	August 2027					September 2027					October 2027				
M		2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25
T		3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26
W		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20
T		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21
F		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22
S		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23
S	1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24

Autumn Term 1st half

	November 2027					December 2027					January 2028				
M	1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24
T	2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25
W	3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26
T	4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27
F	5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28
S	6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29
S	7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30

Autumn Term 2nd half

Spring Term 1st half

	February 2028					March 2028					April 2028				
M		7	14	21	28		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24
T	1	8	15	22	29		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25
W	2	9	16	23		1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26
T	3	10	17	24		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27
F	4	11	18	25		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28
S	5	12	19	26		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29
S	6	13	20	27		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30

Spring Term 2nd half

	May 2028					June 2028					July 2028				
M	1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24
T	2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25
W	3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26
T	4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27
F	5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28
S	6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29
S	7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30

Summer Term 1st half

Summer Term 2nd half

	Pupil days		Weekends
	School Holidays		Public Holidays
	Disaggregated inset days		INSET days
	- Friday 14 th July		- Thurs 26 th Aug and Fri 27 th Aug
	- Monday 17 th July		- Tues 4 th January

Total 190 Pupil Days

Please note: On inset days, pupils are not required to attend school



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Dates for your Diary

Individual and sibling photos

Tuesday 27th October

Flu Vaccinations

Monday 9th November

Hello Yellow Day

Friday 9th October

Parents' Evenings

14th & 15th October

INSET Day– School closed to pupils

Friday 27th November

Half-term

Monday 19th October– Friday 23rd October

Children in Need

Friday 13th November (details tbc)

Christmas Break

Monday 21st December– Monday 4th January
(return to school Tuesday 5th January)