



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

A message from the headteacher...

Hello,

I hope that everyone had a great half term break and I know lots of families accessed local activities and clubs which is lovely to hear.

You may have seen the posters that we now have in the front office area



of school but I wanted to highlight that we are an Operation Encompass school. 'Operation Encompass is a police and education partnership in England and Wales designed to support children who experience domestic abuse.' Let us know if you are interested in finding out more or have any questions.

As shared already on Dojo, we are thrilled with our recent report from external reviewers as part of our work with the nationwide network Challenge Partners. Please do take a look when you get chance [dovelands-primary-school-jan-2026.pdf](#).

A reminder that we will be holding a community meeting in school on Wednesday 29th April at 6pm to discuss local issues around parking and traffic. Please make a note in your diaries if you would like to come along. We have various representatives from the community joining us.

Finally, I'd like to formally introduce to you our new Chair of Governors, Keith Lishman (right) who began in role in August 2025. He has been a governor with us for a while and comes with a huge amount of experience as a chair of governors at other primaries and through his work as a headteacher in the city prior to retirement.



We look forward to seeing you at your child/ren's Parents' Evening meetings next Tuesday and Thursday and hope that you have a wonderful weekend.

Miss Slinger

Y6 First Aid workshop

Today, the years 6s enjoyed a session with Rupesh from the Red Cross. They learned how to deal with burns, seizures, concussion, heavy bleeding and broken bones, as well as CPR to the tune of 'Staying Alive'!



It is Earth Hour on Saturday 28th March at 8:30pm. This is a WWF initiative which invites us to switch off lights and appliances for an hour. Last year over 118 countries took part in spending just 60 minutes doing good for the planet. To find out how to take part or activities you can get involved in, please visit: <https://www.earthhour.org/>



Bilingual Buddies

At Dovelands, we are proud to be a wonderfully diverse school where more than one-third of our pupils speak English as an additional language. Together, our children represent over 50 different languages, bringing a rich variety of cultures and experiences to our community.

This month, we were delighted to train 38 pupils as **Bilingual Buddies**. These children were paired with pupils from different classes and year groups. Throughout the training, the children demonstrated exceptional care, patience, and respect for one another. This is reflective of the values of inclusion and belonging that we strive to nurture at Dovelands. We are incredibly proud of the positive impact this initiative is already having, and we look forward to seeing our Bilingual Buddies continue to shine!

What is the role of a 'Bilingual Buddy'?

1. Help new or younger pupils who speak another language
2. Support them in class and around school
3. Make new friends and build confidence

Use language skills in a positive and helpful way

We talked about the benefits of being bilingual.



The children wanted to be a Bilingual Buddy because...

To make new **friends**.

I want them to **feel good** about themselves.

To show **kindness**.

I want to help build

Speaking another language is something **special**...like a **superpower**!

I want to make new children feel like they **belong**.



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Primary School

Newsletter

LEARN TO SWIM *With*
BRAUNSTONE SWIMMING CLUB
@Winstanley School

STAGES 1-7 OPEN 48 WEEKS A YEAR

AFTER SCHOOL LESSONS
MON 4PM - 7PM
TUES 4PM - 6PM
WEDS 4PM - 6PM
THURS 4PM - 6PM
FRI 4PM - 6:30PM
SAT 9:25AM - 12:50PM

Contact us for more information
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Sustrans Big Walk This year we will be taking part in the Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel. We will be taking part from **16th to 27th March 2026**. Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel inspires pupils to make active journeys to school and helps to improve the air quality in the neighbourhood. We will be competing with other schools to see who can get the highest percentage of pupils walking, using a wheelchair, scooting or cycling to school during that fortnight.





School Council

Our School Council has been busy promoting healthy packed lunches across the school. As part of their work, the councillors met with a nutritionist from the National Health Service, who helped them understand what a balanced diet looks like and why it is so important for growing bodies and minds. Since then, the children have carried out lunchbox audits to see the types of foods being brought into school and have been using what they learned to create an informative display board and eye-catching posters. These will be displayed around the school to help everyone make healthy choices. We are very proud of their enthusiasm and commitment to supporting the wellbeing of our whole school community.

