

Dewhurst St Mary Newsletter



Monday 7th September 2026

Dates for your diaries

This Week:

'Meet the Teachers Meetings'

These will be held in their classroom after school. 3.15pm -3.45/4pm
Pupils and their siblings will be supervised during the meeting in the hall by staff and you will be able to collect them after the meeting finishes from the hall door.

Dates of Meetings;

Monday 7th - Year 6

Tuesday 8th - Year 2

Wednesday 9th- Year 4

Thursday 10th -Year 5

Friday 11th - Year 3

Monday 14th -Year 1

Reception and Nursery will be holding parent meetings once settled in.

Other Dates:

Weds 16th Sept Yr6 Crucial Crew Workshop

SEN consultations week: 12-16th October

Parent Consultations: Tue 20th & Weds 21st Oct

Term Dates:

Click link: [Hertfordshire Term Dates](#)

For term dates and inset days click this link : [Term dates at Dewhurst St Mary](#)

Please remember attendance is mandatory and parents should plan their holidays around the school holiday breaks. Holidays and days out will not be authorised. Please note that even brief term time holidays can affect children in school adversely.

Some reminders...

- We have a **strict NO NUT rule** at school (we do have children in our school with serious nut allergies) this includes Nutella and snacks containing nuts.
- Allergy awareness- snacks can only be fruit or plain bread sticks (no sesame seeds)
- No dogs on school grounds
- Please remind children to **walk their scooters and bikes across the car park** when entering or leaving school for the safety of all. Please remember all bikes and scooters are left at the owner's risk. We do have a bike shelter where pupils may lock their bikes.
- **Please do not drive down the lane for the safety of our pupils.** Parking is available in Whithern Park.

School Dinners –order before 8am

Please remember to select your meal choices on the **School Gateway App**. Years 3,4,5,6 must ensure they are in credit to enable selection. If your child is poorly and absent from school you must cancel the order as the meal will be made and payment will be taken.

Free School Meals

We are encouraging all families to check whether they are entitled to benefit related free school meals. Please use this link to check: [Free School Meals Useful Information](#)

You should do this even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and currently receives universal free school meals as if eligible, your child will be able to access the additional provision as detailed in our Pupil Premium plan such as additional resources and support in the classroom. Other help may be available via the [Household Support Fund](#).

Communication

When reporting absence please e-mail attendance@dewhurst.herts.sch.uk before 9am. Or call us 01992 624177 and press option 2 if this is busy you can leave an answer phone message with name, year group and reason for absence.

If we have not heard from you, we will make contact to rule out a safeguarding concern. All other queries or messages can be sent to admin@dewhurst.herts.sch.uk

SEESAW- Our communication app straight to the classroom. Please message us with any changes to end of day pick up arrangements. This will be checked at the end of day for messages.

School Uniform Expectations

Please ensure that children wear the correct school uniform and that **all items are clearly named**. As the weather can be unpredictable, children should bring a **named coat** to school each day. Some guidance is to maintain high expectations of presentation, whilst other rules are purely to keep the pupils safe Please see: <https://dewhurst.herts.sch.uk/parents/school-uniform/>

For your child's safety and the safety of other pupils;

- Jewellery should not be worn at school
- Pupils who have pierced ears should wear studs only which should not be worn on PE days – Hooped earrings are not permitted.
- A basic wristwatch may be worn in key stage 2, but removed for PE. No smart watches allowed.
- Make up must not be worn in school except for special occasions e.g. drama presentations.
- Hair accessories should be small in size and school colours (red, black or white)
- Shoulder length hair or longer hair should be tied or clipped back
- Nails should be kept short
- Nail varnish is not allowed
- Coloured hair dye is not permitted

Water Bottles

Please send your child with a **named water bottle** filled with water so they can stay hydrated throughout the day.

'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16

Our School Value; **TRUST**



John 14.1: Do not let your hearts be troubled.
Trust in God, trust also in me.

1 Corinthians 13. 6-7: Love does not delight in evil, but rejoices in the truth, it always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.