Dewhurst St Mary Newsletter

Monday 19th October 2026

Dates for your diaries

This week:

Harvest Festival in Church years 1-6 Oct 20th -donations welcome

Parent Consultations: Tue 20th & Weds 21st Oct in the hall.

Family Sharing Assemblies 2.45pm

Friday 23rd Oct Year 2
Friday 6th Nov Year 3
Friday 13th Nov Year 4
Friday 20th Nov Year 5
Friday 27th Nov Year 6

Christmas Dates

Early Years Nativity:
Tue 1st Dec 9.30-10.15
Weds 2nd Dec 9.30-10.15

KS1 play: Thurs 3rd
Mon 7th Dec 2.30-3.15
Tue 8th Dec 9.30-10.15

KS2 Carol Concert Weds 9th Dec 6pm
(children arrive at church 5.45 to start at 6pm)

Fri 11th Dec Occasional Day- school closed

Christingle Church Service whole school Tuesday 15th 9.30-10.15
Xmas Dinner & Xmas jumpers Weds 16th

Term Dates:
Click link: Hertfordshire Term Dates

For term dates and inset days click this link: Term dates at Dewhurst St Mary

'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.

Harvest Festival Tuesday 20th October 9.30 Years 1-6 St Marys Church
Families are welcome to join us in Church for the service.
We invite pupils to donate a non-perishable food item which will be given to the Broxbourne Foodbank. They are very appreciative of all the support received from local schools at harvest time. Last year we helped to donate food which was given out to individuals and families who found themselves in crisis. This year the need is as great as before. During the past year Broxbourne Foodbank has supported several hundreds of individuals and families. **If you are providing more than one item, please put these in a sturdy carrier bag and please be aware that this should be light enough for your child to carry whilst holding hands with another pupil. Reception and Nursery will be celebrating Harvest in their classrooms.**

School Tours- Nursery & Reception 2027
We have already started our tours for our **Reception 2027 class.** If you know any pre-school pupils who will be looking to choose their school for September next year, please let them know we have some more dates available to see our school in action**.** They will need to speak to the office to book a tour.

FOD's AGM
Thank you for those parents who attended our AGM; watch this space to see some events coming up soon. **A new committee has been elected and they are looking forward to sharing some exciting events with you very soon.**

Parent/Teacher Consultations
Teachers have already spent last week meeting with some parents to review the provision and targets of our SEN (Special educational needs) pupils. All other parents should have received an e-mail last week to make a Parent/Teacher Consultation for this week. These consultations will be in person starting tomorrow **Tues 20th Oct and Wednesday 21st Oct.** This short 10-minute meeting is intended to be an opportunity to see how your child has settled and to discuss how they are getting on in the classroom. All parent/carers will be invited back into school in the Spring term to discuss in more detail attainment and progress and to look at their child's books. End of year reports go out in the Summer term to report on your child's progress, achievements and next steps.

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, otherwise the meal will be made and payment will be taken.

Free School Meals has changed -families need to reapply.
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.