

Dewhurst St Mary Newsletter



Monday 28th September 2026

Dates for your diaries

SEN consultations week: 12-16th October

Harvest Festival in Church yrs 1-6 Oct 20th

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.

St Marys Church Events:

St Marys Church Pet Blessing Service Saturday 3rd October 3pm
All creatures great and small are welcome in God's love

Bring your pet safely on a lead, carrier or in a photo

Moment or remembrance for pets we have loved and lost.

Voluntary contribution for animal charities

Everyone welcome

St Marys Church Autumn Fayre Saturday 14th November 11am-3pm
SAVE THE DATE

Everyone Welcome

Book a stall by calling 07932 700069

FOD's AGM (Annual General Meeting) Coming soon...

FOD's stands for 'Friends of Dewhurst', this is a registered charity that was set up to provide financial assistance to the school, providing resources that are not within the school budget or funded by the government. Every parent/carer of a child that attends Dewhurst St Mary is automatically a member of FODs. **Check out their website: <https://friendsofdewhurst.co.uk/>**

FODs aims to organise as many fun activities for the pupils throughout the school year, including non-uniform days and discos. Any suggestions for new events are always welcomed. We appreciate that everybody has responsibilities with careers and families. However, any time that can be spared to help is greatly appreciated. Without the support of volunteers the special events the children enjoy would not be able to go ahead.

There are regular meetings held at the school to welcome new ideas and input from everybody, usually lasting for 20-30 minutes, children are welcome to join us. **We have our annual AGM in October each year where all parents are invited along to share ideas and vote on roles for the forthcoming year.**

[The FODS AGM \(Annual General Meeting \) is approaching- watch this space!](#)

If anyone is interested in a role and would like more info please speak to a FODs member and/or if you would like to **nominate yourself for a role for this school year** please email Miss Ranson head@dewhurst.herts.sch.uk titled 'NOMINATION' by 30th September with your name and the role you wish to be nominated for. Voting will take place and announced at the AGM.

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.

'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.