



*Learning together,
Growing together*

Dovecot Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

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ATTENDANCE

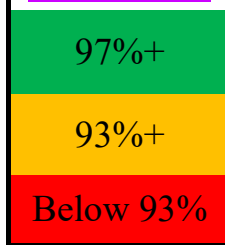
Missing a day here or there might not seem like much, but here are some statistics that might surprise you...

A child with 92% attendance is absent from school for 15 days, which is 3 school weeks.

A child with 88% attendance is absent from school for 23 days, which is over 4 school weeks.

The target that all schools aim for is to have a minimum of 97% attendance overall, and it is important that we all work together to try to get to this number!

Attendance



ATTENDANCE LEAGUE

3rd February to 7th February 2025

- YR R (ELM): 99.0%**
- Y3 (ASH) 99.0%**
- Y1 (CEDAR): 97.6%**
- Y4 (MULBERRY) 96.7%**
- N (ACORN): 96.2%**
- Y6 (OAK): 92.9%**
- Y2 (MAPLE): 92.3%**
- Y5 (WILLOW): 87.5%**

Whole school this week:
95.2%

Whole school since start of year:
92.8%

Statutory Attendance this week:
94.3%

Statutory Attendance since start of year:
93.3%

Percentage of Lates
3.1%

Saturday Night Take-Away

Every child who has 97% and above attendance for this half term will be entered into a draw for a prize!



Silver Birch Tree

Riverside Housing have received funding for some silver birch trees that they would like to plant in the Dovecot and Yewtree area.

Riverside are working with us to promote the benefits of planting trees to help save the environment. This is especially important in built-up urban

areas with limited green spaces.

You can support this by claiming your free tree for your child to nurture and grow.

All you need to do is sign the letter we gave sent home and send it back to school and Riverside will arrange to visit your house and plant your tree for you.



We have a spare change box in the office if you would like to get rid of all your coppers!

KEY DATES

Friday 14th February—School closes for half term

Monday 24th February—School opens.



Writer of the Week

On a winters night, when the moon was a ghost in the sky, I was waiting for the highway man at the old inn. I looked out of my window across the purple moor. I could see him riding to see me. While I was waiting for him, I decided to plait a dark red love knot into my hair.

Suddenly, I could hear a beautiful tune from the window. When I checked to see what it was, it was my beloved highway man. His eyes were as blue as a diamond and his coat as red as a ruby. He was my true love.

By Kamsi Ogechi
Year 5

Current Year 4 Residential

Monday 3rd & Tuesday 4th November

We have booked a two day with a one night stay at YHA Ravenstor. The children will be completing a variety of exciting activities.

Cost is £60 (can be paid in instalments—details to follow)

All we need now is signed letter to confirm your child is going.

HOUSEPOINT CHAMPIONSHIP

<u>This Week</u>		<u>This Term</u>	
CHAVASSE:	78	CHAVASSE:	419
O'BRIEN:	75	O'BRIEN:	386
WILKINSON:	82	WILKINSON:	413
DUNCAN:	81	DUNCAN:	414

*Congratulations to everyone in **Wilkinson** house who have earned the most Class Dojos this week. **Chavasse** are winning this term so far!*



PUPILS OF THE WEEK



HEAD TEACHER'S AWARD

Ruben Moore Smith for being resilient and really brave! We are so proud of you!

OAK (Y6)

Aaron Pedro for really getting stuck in!

WILLOW (Y5)

Gracie-Mai Joyce for making a great start in Dovecot Primary. Welcome to our family!

MULBERRY (Y4)

Davi Rodrigues for always being a kind resilient and determined member of our class.

ASH (Y3)

Ethan Sheppard for always trying his best in all he does.

MAPLE (Y2)

Madison Graham for making progress with her pencil control. Well done!

CEDAR (Y1)

Jack Lumley for excellent phonics and growing more confident solving number bonds to 10.

ELM (RECEPTION)

Rose Wilson for her big heart and warm personality!

ACORN (NURSERY & 2- YEAR OLDS)

Tilly Murray for lovely phonics
Arabella Durrant for lovely language!

LUNCHTIME AWARD

Eva Pascal (Y1) & Jomi Adebessin (Y6) for excellent behaviour in the hall this week.

BREAKFAST AWARD

Bella Woods (Y6) for excellent behaviour in breakfast club this week.



Our next value is:

Acceptance



'Acceptance is welcoming new people, encouraging those who feel low and helping them to acknowledge their strengths and weaknesses' Ryan (Y6)

'We respect everyone even if we have different beliefs and we look different.' - Kayden (Y4)