



Dovedale Primary School

'Imagine, Believe, Achieve'

Newsletter— 16.7.26

Diary Dates

September

Wednesday 2nd —school re-opens at 8.40am

Monday 7th—P.E and clubs start

Wednesday 16th —1.30pm Reception parents—Stay and Play session

Wednesday 16th —meet the teacher straight after school .

Friday 25th—9am

MacMillan coffee morning – all welcome in the junior hall

October

Saturday 10th—10am-12 noon -Open morning for prospective parents for September 2027

Monday 19th—individual photographs. Families can be photographed after school.

Tuesday 20th —2pm Year 1 Learn and Explore session for parents to attend

Wednesday 21st—Parent/Carer evening from 3.30pm

Thursday 22nd—Parent/Carer evening from 3.30pm

Friday 23rd—school closes at normal time for half term

In September we will send out a full list of key dates for the autumn .



Dear Parents / Carers

This year has flown by! I can't believe another year has gone by at Dovedale. It has been a brilliant year with so much happening.

It is now time to say goodbye to our lovely Year 6. They have been a great year group who have grown and developed over their time with us; they are definitely ready for secondary school. This week Y6 gave two fantastic performances at their leavers' assemblies, there was not a dry eye in the house! We wish them well in their secondary school.

The procedures for dropping off and collecting from school are outlined on the next page.

As a school we will continue to provide all stationery items for children so there is no need to send pencil cases or bags into school. Children will continue to bring in reading books in their reading folder; specific days will be detailed in September.

P.E and all clubs will start in the second week of term week beginning **Monday 7th September**.

Children need to wear school P.E kit for all clubs and on P.E days which are below:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 5	Year 4 & Year 2	Year 3 & Year 1	Year 6	Reception

Children will need full school uniform in September, the expectation stays the same. Children are to wear P.E kit for all clubs including after school football. Our uniform is supplied by Kitted Out which is located at 5-17 Bleasdale Road, Allerton, L185JB. Uniform can be ordered but their website: <http://www.kittedoutschoolwear.co.uk> .

PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING!

Fruit/vegetables are provided for children in Reception, Y1 and Y2. Children in Y3-Y6 are allowed to bring in a healthy snack—no chocolate or crisps. Children need to remember a water bottle each day, filled with water only, no juice. School meals for children in Y3-Y6 will cost £2.20 a day, £11 a week , paid in advance.

The PTA has had a wonderful year and treated us all to some great events. Thank you to Leigh, Rich, Suse and the many volunteers who have made the events happen.

We have a full list of events/visitors/trips planned throughout the coming academic year. A list of diary date for the autumn term will be circulated when we return.

Attached are the term dates for the coming academic year.

A massive thank you to all our fabulous staff who make working at Dovedale a real pleasure.

I hope that you all have a great holiday.

Thank you for your continuing support. I look forward to welcoming you back to Dovedale Primary on Wednesday 2nd September at 8.40am.

Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance and punctuality are essential for children to make progress. As a school we encourage children to be in school as much as possible and to be punctual. The school gates open at **8.40am** each morning in both the infant and junior department and will close at **9am**. If your child is late you need to report to the main office with your child. Children arriving after the register has closed, 9.10am, will have the late recorded as an unauthorised absence. This means that if your child starts to have a pattern of 'unauthorised' absences due to lateness they will be referred to the Education Welfare Officer which could result in a fixed penalty notice.

If your child is just a bit under the weather please send them into school—we will always contact you if they need to come home. If your child has vomited or has diarrhoea we need to ask you to keep them off school for a full 48 hours after the symptoms have ceased so that the bug is not passed on.

Please note that we **do not authorise any** holidays in term time and any absence will be referred to the Educational Welfare Officer for a fixed penalty notice.

Term dates for the rest of this academic year are below.

Mobile Phone Policy

Children are not allowed mobile phones in school. However, if you feel your child needs to have a phone, for example they walk to or from school on their own this needs to be put in writing to your child's teacher. The phone needs to be handed to the teacher at the start of the day and returned at home time. Children will not have access to their phone at all during the school day.

Uniform

We are mindful that from September we can only ask that you as parents buy 3 branded items, the rest can be sourced from local supermarkets. Below is the list of uniform expectations:

School jumper/cardigan with logo—(required)

School white polo shirt with logo or plain white.

Grey skirt/pinafore.

Grey shorts or long trousers.

Sensible black shoes – no boots or shoes with heels. Black trainers are acceptable if they are all black .

Green or grey tights – no pattern or coloured tights other than stated.

P.E kit

Black t-shirt with logo (required)

Black shorts.

Black ¾ zip top with logo (required)

Black jogging bottoms.

Black football socks.

Kitted out are doing a deal on a P.E kit bundle .

Other reminders

Please can you ensure that children have their hair tied up if it is longer than shoulder length.

Gold or silver studs are the only earrings which can be worn. No bracelets or necklaces.

Please remove any nail varnish from children ready for the school week.

Entry arrangements for September

Time	Year Group	Entry gate and instructions
8.40am	Reception	Enter via the small double gates with the ramp or large gates on Dovedale Road. Walk your child to the class door where a member of staff will be.
8.40am	Year 1	Enter via the small double gates with the ramp on Dovedale Road. Walk your children through the Reception outdoor area and drop them at the outside classroom door. Keep walking and you will exit via the gate on Herondale Road.
8.40am	Year 2	Children will enter via the gate with the ramp on Barndale Road next to the grass area. Children are to come in by themselves. If you have a child in Reception or Y1 your Y2 child can enter school via the large gate at the end of the Reception area.
8.40am	Year 3, 4, 5 and 6	Enter via any of the following gates: Main entrance on Herondale Road, dropping children at the grey gates. Large gates on Hollydale Road OR Small gate next to the adventure playground on Barndale Road.

PLEASE NOTE – gates will be kept closed and will only be opened at 8.40am.

Exit arrangements for September

Time	Year Group	Entry gate and instructions
3.15pm	Reception	Enter via the small double gates or the large gates on Dovedale Road with the ramp. Collect your child from the class door.
3.15pm	Year 3EM and 3M	Enter via the main gate on Herondale Road, collect your child from the end of the year 3 canopy opposite the school office.
3.20pm	Year 1	Enter via the small double gates with the ramp on Dovedale Road. Collect your child from the classroom door. Keep walking and you will exit via the gate on Herondale Road.
3.20pm	Year 2	The gate on Dovedale Road will open at 3pm, you can wait on the playground next to the grass area. Year 2 will be dismissed from next to the infant hall.
3.15pm	Year 4	The large gates on Hollydale Road will open at 3pm. Please enter and wait on the football pitch for the children to come out.
3.20pm	Year 3S and 3C	Enter via the main gate on Herondale Road, collect your child from the end of the year 3 canopy opposite the school office.
3.20pm	Year 5	The large gates on Hollydale Road will open at 3pm. Please enter and wait on the football pitch for the children to come out.
3.20pm	Year 6	Children will exit via the gate on Barndale Road, next to the adventure playground. If parents are collecting you can wait on the playground under the basketball nets. If possible we would encourage children to walk home (children require written permission for this)

ALL GATES WILL CLOSE AT 9AM. CHILDREN WHO ARE LATE NEED TO REPORT TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE TO BE SIGNED IN.

Please note—dogs are not permitted on the school site even if they are being carried, thank you.

Term dates for the academic year 2026-2027

Below are the dates for the academic year 2026-2027. We are unable to authorise holidays during term time, any parents taking holidays will be subject to a fixed penalty notice.

Autumn Term 2026

Term – Wednesday 2nd September – Friday 18th December

Half Term - Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October

INSET days (school closed) – Tuesday 1st September

Spring Term 2027

Term – Tuesday 5th January – Thursday 25th March

Half Term – Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February

INSET days (school closed) – Monday 4th January

Easter break – Friday 26th March – Friday 9th April

Summer Term 2027

Term - Monday 12th April – Friday 16th July

School Closed

Monday 3rd May – Bank Holiday

Half Term – Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June

INSET Days (school closed) - Monday 19th, Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st July

