

WELCOME BACK!

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy 2026!

We hope you have enjoyed a lovely holiday and have been able to spend time together and with family and friends.

As always, we are looking forward to a busy half-term with new and exciting topics for everyone! Please don't forget to keep an eye on Class Dojos as we upload learning videos, Powerpoints and resources every week. We also upload letters and 'reminder messages' so it is very important you register and check regularly. If you are unsure, please speak to your child's teacher.

We are delighted to welcome a new Teaching Assistant to our EYFS team - Mrs Payn. During Autumn 2 we also welcomed Mrs Downer, teacher in Seacole Class & Mrs Cherry as our Specialist Support Teacher

In our first Shine Time yesterday, we agreed on 6 targets for 2026. These targets are linked to BE READY, BE SAFE and BE RESPECTFUL. The children decided they needed to get better at **following instructions, being quiet, walking around school, using resources safely, having kind hands and listening to each other**. It would be great if you could help us by talking about this at home!

Thanks for your continued support.

Take care ☺.

Mrs Waters

Foodbank

Dogsthorpe Infants is an agent for foodbank vouchers. If you are currently going through a difficult financial time and need a food parcel, please speak to Mrs Waters or Mrs Gardner. You can be assured that this will be kept confidential. E-Vouchers are now available so can be sent to you electronically. **Please note - the Foodbank require certain information before the voucher can be issued so we are obliged to ask for specific details about your household.**

Polite reminder that the Foodbank is there to supply 3 days of emergency food to support families who are in crisis. This is defined as having very little or no food to eat. Please do not request a voucher unless it is really needed.

If you require a voucher, please email Mrs Waters/Mrs Gardner on: office@dogsthorpeinfants.org.uk or click on the link on our school website www.dogsthorpeinfants.co.uk

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If you need help...

If you have any questions/concerns regarding your child's learning, then please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance.

Don't forget our **Admin Staff** are always ready and willing to help you with any general school questions you may have:

Mrs Gardner, Administration Manager and PA to the Headteacher

Mrs Streeter & Mrs Sendall, Administration Assistants

Miss Stamper - Family Well-being Champion

If you need support with anything, please ask us and we will do our very best to help!



Communicating with School

We have several ways that parents can communicate messages/information to school:

- Speak to staff outside during 'meet & greet'.
- Speak to your child's class teacher before or after school.
- Come into school to speak to the Admin staff (please be respectful of our rule of only one person in the foyer at a time to ensure privacy of conversations being held with parents/carers)
- Call us on 01733 566849 - this is best for absence notification preferably before 9.00am on the first day of absence please. There is an answer machine for out of school hours.
- You can email us at office@dogsthorpeinfants.org.uk The office account is checked regularly throughout the day and using the office email address ensures your email gets to the correct person.
- School Website - messages can be sent via the contact page on our school website, however, **please DO NOT use this messaging system for any messages regarding attendance, or other urgent matters** as messages take longer to come through via this platform.
- Class Dojos - this is our online platform for sharing information about the children's learning and how you can support them at home. If you connect your email to Dojos you can then communicate directly with the class teacher to ask any questions you may have regarding their learning. **However, please DO NOT use this messaging system for any messages regarding attendance, or other urgent matters**, as Dojos will not be checked regularly during the school day.
- **The school is happy to support with the completion of forms or letters for families i.e. passport applications, on roll confirmations, benefit applications etc. However, we do need you to give us at least a week's notice please.**

DIS DIARY DATES, SPRING 1



BOOK BUZZ!

Come and spend half an hour in the classroom reading/sharing amazing books with your child. Younger siblings are welcome to join in too - **Friday 6th February, 2.40pm - 3.10pm**. Children whose parents attend can then leave with them at 3.10pm.

Parent Consultation Evenings

Tuesday 10th & Wednesday 11th February, 3.30- 6.00pm

This is an opportunity for you to discuss your child's learning & progress with the class teacher and look at your child's workbooks. **This time the appointments will be face to face in school.** Further details to follow.

Friday 13th February - This has been declared 'Kindness Day' at Dogsthorpe Infant School! More details to follow.

School will close at 3.15pm on Friday 13th February for the half-term holiday.
School reopens at 8.45am on Monday 23rd February.

Emergency Closure Procedures

We are not expecting that the weather in Peterborough will be severe enough to disrupt school operations, but we are monitoring the forecast closely and will contact you if that changes.

However, given the current spell of very wintry conditions across the country, we thought it would be useful to remind parents/carers of our emergency closure procedures. Wherever possible, in the event of full or partial school closure, we aim to parent-mail & Dojo a notification by 7.30am and place a message on the school website homepage www.dogsthorpeinfants.co.uk Peterborough City Council will also report it on their website www.peterborough.gov.uk

**PLEASE NOTE THAT DOGSTHORPE ACADEMY MAY MAKE A DIFFERENT DECISION TO US. IF THEY ARE CLOSED, PLEASE DO NOT ASSUME THAT WE ARE TOO AS DECISIONS ARE BASED ON STAFF BEING ABLE TO TRAVEL TO SCHOOL AS WELL AS THE SCHOOL SITE!
YOU MUST CHECK OUR SCHOOL INFORMATION.**