

Message from The Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the last half-term of 2024-25! I can't quite believe we have reached the final weeks of this school year, where has the time gone?

I know this half-term can become an anxious time for children and for adults too. Whilst changes can be exciting, we can get worried about what will happen next. We will do our best to prepare all the children for the next part of their learning journey including talking about changes, visiting their new year groups and teachers visiting them in their current class. As always, we will be moving the children around in order to give them a fresh start in September 😊.

Please ensure you write the dates of the special events below in your diary so that you don't miss out on the fun! We are so excited that the Year 2 children will be doing something different this year to mark the end of their time at DIS. If you are a parent/carer of a Year 2 child, I bet you can remember their very first day at school and how emotional you were. Look how far they have all come!

We look forward to making special memories with you all during the coming weeks and ending this school year in a brilliant way!

Big smiles always
Mrs Waters

Leave of Absence Reminder

Any leave of absence, which is not illness, **must be applied for in advance**. Forms are available from the school office. You must supply as much evidence as possible to support your request i.e. travel booking documents. These must be a copy of the original documents showing when the flights/ferry were booked, when you are going and returning - boarding passes will not be accepted. Without these documents the absence will automatically be unauthorised. Any other evidence you can provide is essential. All unauthorised absences will be followed up in accordance with our Attendance Policy and penalty notice fines issued accordingly. Please speak to Miss Stamper, in the school office if you have any questions.

We have a duty of care to know where our children are so please talk to us if you require leave of absence for your child - do not just disappear on us! If you take leave and do not tell us then we will follow our Safeguarding procedures to establish where you are. This will include a home visit and if this proves unsuccessful, we may contact the police for a 'Safe & Well' check.

**DIS News!
Summer
Term
06/06/25**

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!**



DIS DIARY DATES, Summer 2

Wednesday 2nd July - Move up Day! EYFS & Year 1 children will spend the day in their new classes and at 2.30pm there will be a 'meet & greet' session for parents. More information will follow shortly. Year 2 children will spend the day at their respective KS2 settings. We will also be welcoming our September 2025 little stars into school on this day.

'Fit 4 Fun' Afternoons

Each year group will be having a designated afternoon for their sports activities. Families are invited to come and join in the fun from 2.30pm.

EYFS	Monday 7 th July
Year 1	Friday 11 th July
Year 2	Thursday 10 th July

End of Year Showcase Shine Time EYFS & Year 1

Parents/carers & families are invited to come and enjoy a whistle stop presentation of what the children have learnt this year in their Showcase Shine Time.

EYFS	Friday 18 th July 2.30pm - 3.00pm
Year 1	Monday 21 st July 2.30pm - 3.00pm

Year 2 End of Year Celebrations

On the 8th/9th July Little Angels Theatre Company will be in school working with the Year 2 children.

During week commencing 14th July the Year 2 children would like to invite their parents/carers to an Afternoon Tea. Further details will follow shortly.

Please watch out for further details about all these events ☺.

School Closes for the Summer break at 3.15pm on Tuesday 22nd July.

Term Dates 2025-2026

Autumn Term 2025

Autumn Term opens	Wednesday 3 rd September 2025
Half Term	Monday 27 th October - Friday 31 st October
Autumn term Closes	Friday 19 th December 2025

Spring Term 2026

Spring Term Opens	Tuesday 6 th January 2026
Half Term	Monday 16 th - Friday 20 th February
Spring Term Closes	Friday 27 th March 2026

Reminder that our full terms dates for 2025-2026 can also be found on the home page of on our school website www.dogsthorpeinfants.co.uk

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, Mrs Gardner or Miss Stamper. You can be assured that this will be kept confidential. E-Vouchers are now available so can be sent to you electronically.

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