

## Dunsford Community Academy Newsletter 12.06.25



### **Stronger Together:** Bottles (Guest presenter: Mrs Govier)

We would love to invite all children to wear Non-Uniform on Friday 27th June in exchange for a bottle or 2 (per child) for the bottle stall at Dunsford show. All proceeds go to the PTFA and help add to the total so it's a worthy cause!

For those who've not seen it before...the idea is a table full of bottles of all types, lovely wine, smaller alcoholic bottles such as beer, cider, (anything really!) but also non-alcoholic drinks such as fizzy drinks, cordials, ginger beer etc....even a

bottle of Ketchup! Literally anything goes so long as it's a bottle of something you'd like to win! Bottles are won if you pick a matching raffle ticket from the tombola.

Please pop a bottle or 2 in your shopping basket ready for Friday 27th and don't forget to come and have fun at the bottle stall on show day too!

### **Realise the Possible:** Music show

Our Summer Concert featuring performances by children who take music lessons with Jo Todd and Alice Footitt is approaching. This special event will take place at the Village Hall at 2:30pm and promises to be a heartwarming celebration of each child's musical journey. Parents and families of the young performers are warmly invited to attend and share in the joy of their progress and achievements. Come and enjoy an afternoon filled with music, talent, and community spirit!

### **Sense of Belonging:** Photos

A huge thank you to all parents for coming to celebrate their children's art with us at the Art Showcase. I hope our Magpie parents who attended enjoyed seeing the fruits of an incredible day with artist James Lake. Our children were buzzing with creativity and captivated by James' story and techniques. His visit truly inspired them, and we are so proud of the imagination and enthusiasm they brought to the experience. Thank you for your continued support in nurturing their creativity!

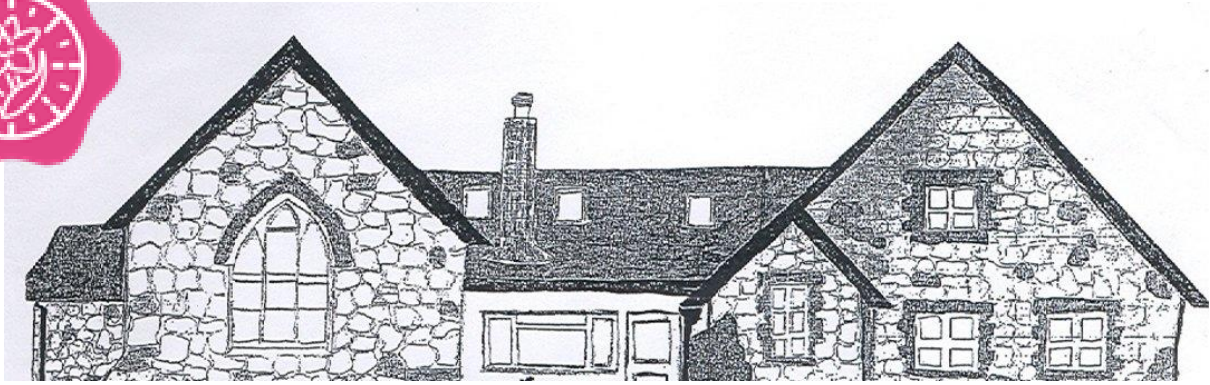
### **Sense of Belonging:** Photos

A reminder that class photos will take place tomorrow! This is a wonderful opportunity for our children to capture a memory of their time at school, celebrating their journey and friendships. Smiles at the ready, we look forward to creating lasting snapshots of this special moment!

### **Removing Barriers:** Tics and Forest School clothing

As the warmer months arrive, it's important to remain thoughtful and safe when spending time outdoors. Ticks are small parasites that can latch onto skin, particularly in grassy or wooded areas. To help prevent bites, we encourage children to wear long sleeves and trousers, use insect repellent, and check for ticks after outdoor activities. Prompt removal is essential, so if your child does get a tick, please seek appropriate guidance.

Outdoor adventures are at their best when children are safe and comfortable! For Forest School, please ensure



that your child wears long sleeves and trousers to protect against scrapes, insect bites, and sun exposure. On warmer days, opt for loose-fitting clothing to keep them cool while maintaining essential coverage.

### Removing Barriers: PE and Forest School

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Barn Owls	Swimming	Forest School, Maypole		PE	
Magpies	Swimming		PE	Maypole	
Kingfishers	Swimming	Maypole	PE		
Robins	Swimming, PE	Forest School	PE		

### Sense of Belonging: Barn Owls

In Barn Owls, we've been diving into narrative writing inspired by Goodnight Mister Tom. The children have been exploring how to use a range of formality in their writing, crafting dialogue and narration for a variety of characters including a very slangy farmer, an innocent young child, and a highly formal prime minister speaking on the radio. This has given them a great opportunity to experiment with tone, vocabulary, and voice, and they've done a brilliant job capturing the distinct personalities of each character.

In maths, we've been focusing on angles; learning how to draw them accurately and measure them using a protractor. The children have shown great precision and care in developing these skills. In history, our topic has been Ancient Greece. We've been investigating the differences and similarities between the major city-states, such as Athens and Sparta, and drawing comparisons to aspects of our modern world.

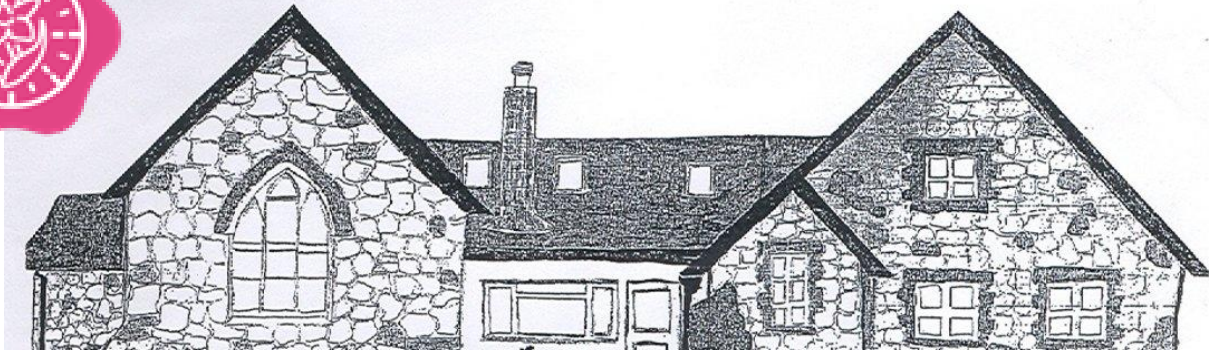
### Sense of Belonging: Magpies

We've had a fantastic week in Magpies Class, full of creativity, curiosity, and hands-on learning! It was so lovely to welcome so many of you into class on Monday to see the children's wonderful artistic creations and to flick through their sketchbooks. In English, we've been diving into the dramatic story of Eyam, the plague village, through role play and writing our own playscript scenes. The children have shown great empathy and imagination in bringing this historical tale to life. In Whole Class Reading, we're enjoying *The Hacker* by Malorie Blackman, exploring themes of technology, trust, and teamwork. In spelling, we've been focusing on homophones, words that sound the same but have different meanings and spellings, and practicing using them correctly in context.

In maths, we've been learning all about money, calculating totals, making amounts, and solving real-life problems involving coins and notes. Our new history topic on Ancient Egypt has begun with great excitement as we explore when and where this fascinating civilization began. In science, we've been learning about the







human skeleton and how it protects our vital organs, including a fun experiment using an egg in a jar of water to simulate how our bones protect us.



### Sense of Belonging: Kingfishers

In Kingfishers, the children have been writing powerful and thoughtful stories about the Great Fire of London. Their narratives show a deep understanding of the historical event, with many choosing to build the tension slowly and carefully, capturing the growing danger with patience and sensitivity. The writing has been both imaginative and respectful, and it's been wonderful to see how each child has brought their own voice to this dramatic moment in history.

In maths, we've continued our work on money, developing confidence in calculating totals, giving change, and solving real-life problems. In RE, we've been exploring the big question: Why should we care for others and why does it matter? This has led to some meaningful discussions about empathy, kindness, and the impact our actions can have on those around us.

### Sense of Belonging: Robins

In Robins, we've been having lots of fun exploring numbers using our brand-new Numberblocks equipment. The children have been breaking down numbers into their smaller parts and then rebuilding them to understand how numbers are related and how they work together to make a whole. This hands-on approach has really helped deepen their number sense and confidence with early maths concepts.



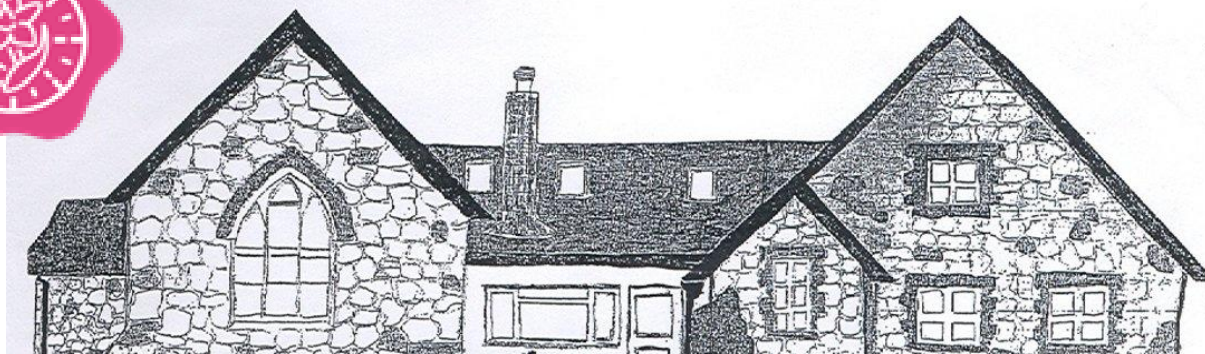
Outdoors, we've been combining physical activity with maths by using beanbags to practise shot put while also scoring points and adding up our totals. It's been a great way to keep active and sharpen our mental maths skills at the same time. In PE, we've also been getting ready for Sports Day by practising our running, jumping, and throwing skills. The children have shown great enthusiasm and teamwork as they prepare for the big day!

### Stronger Together: Office Communication Times

Mrs Sinton is in our admin office from Monday to Thursday to answer any questions. Our office communication times are detailed below:

Monday	08:30 – 1:30
Tuesday	08:30 – 1:30
Wednesday	08:30 – 1:30
Thursday	08:30 – 1:30

At all other times, we ask that you use the bells posted in the school reception, email or speak with the class teacher or school leader on the gate. There is a wealth of information for parents on our website too [Parents -](#)



## [Dunsford Community Academy](https://dunsford@lapsw.org)

If you have queries on Fridays, please do email [dunsford@lapsw.org](mailto:dunsford@lapsw.org)

To help find information in a quickly, we will be launching a 'Virtual Admin' system on our website after Easter. Please keep an eye out for updates on when this goes live on our brand-new websites!

## Dates for your Diary

**Families are welcome to highlighted dates.**

### April 2025

Friday 4th April - 2.30pm - Easter Service

**Wednesday 23rd April – 3.30pm - Barn Owls Residential Meeting**

Thursday 24th April – London Marathon

**Monday 28th April - 3.30pm - Y6 SATs Parents Meeting**

**Tuesday 29th April – 3:30pm - Y1 Phonics Screening Check Parents Meeting**

**Tuesday 29th and 30th April – Barn Owls Parents Evenings**

**Wednesday 30th April – 3:30pm - Y4 Multiplication Check Parents Meeting**

### May 2025

May 2nd - Science Workshops

**May 6th – Y4 Forest and Beach Residential Parents Meeting**

May 6th - 8th Bikeability

**May 8th – Football Tournament (after school)**

May 12th to 15th – KS2 SATs

May 15th – Census Day

May 20th – Football Home Match (in schooltime)

**May 22nd– Football Tournament (after school)**



**May 22<sup>nd</sup> – Writing Showcase for Families at 3pm**

### **June 2025**

June 2<sup>nd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> - Y4 Residential

June 3<sup>rd</sup> – Barn Owl Trust Visit

June 6<sup>th</sup> - Y3/4 Art Workshop

**June 9<sup>th</sup> – Art Showcase for Families at 3pm**

June 13<sup>th</sup> – Class Photos

**June 18<sup>th</sup> – Summer Concert Featuring Performances by Children who Take Music Lessons with Jo Todd and**

**Alice Footitt (Village Hall at 2.30pm)**

June 20<sup>th</sup> - MED Theatre Workshops

June 30<sup>th</sup> - July 2<sup>nd</sup> - Y5/6 Residential

June 26<sup>th</sup> - Transition Afternoon for Children

June 26<sup>th</sup> - New Reception Stay and Play

**June 26<sup>th</sup> - Meet the Teacher Meetings at 3:15pm for Families**

June 27<sup>th</sup> – Non-Uniform Bottle Day

### **July 2025**

July 5<sup>th</sup> – Dunsford Summer Show

July 10<sup>th</sup> - Whiddon Autumn Festival Workshop (Y4 & 5)

**July 14<sup>th</sup> - Sports Day: Families Welcome from 1:15pm**

July 16<sup>th</sup> – Kingfishers visit to Drake's farm

July 17<sup>th</sup> - Lego Workshop

**July 18<sup>th</sup> – Y6 Performance**

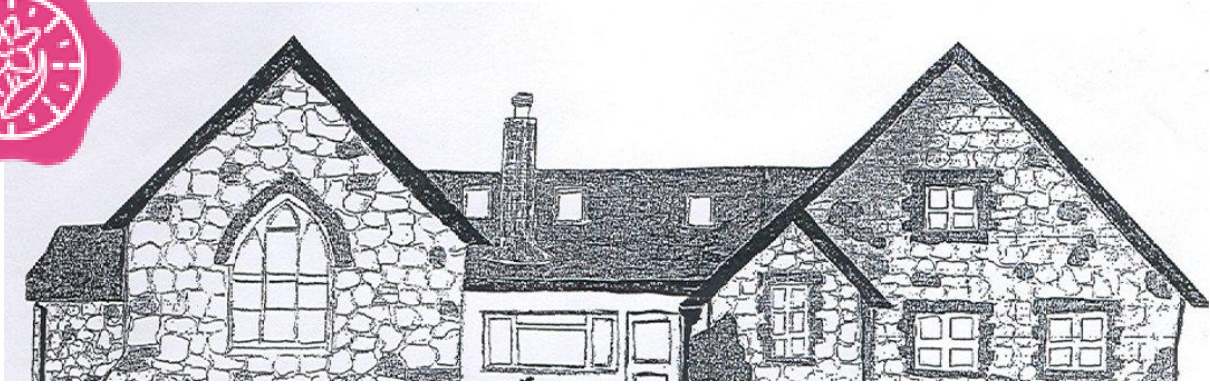
**July 21<sup>st</sup> – Swimming Gala**

**July 23<sup>rd</sup> – Y6 Leavers Celebration**

### **September 2025**

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – First Day of Term





**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September - Whiddon Autumn Festival Workshop (Y5 & 6)**

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September – Vision Screening (Reception Class only)**

**September 18<sup>th</sup> – All day Multi-School hosted by Moretonhampstead School with Informal Showcase**

**Concert for parents from 13:30**

**September 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> – Book Fair**