



## Dunsford Community Academy Newsletter 11.07.25

### Stronger Together: Sports Day

Monday sees the return of Sports Day and we are happy to welcome parents along for the afternoon.

**Robins will still do swimming in the morning** and then there will be team games on the field.



At 1:15, children will head up to the field.

**At 1:20, I will open the gate for families** to come up to the field too.

Then we can enjoy an afternoon of sporty fun! Lots of run, jump and throw. A little bit of maypoling, a song, some poems and a time capsule... just your standard sports day.

We should finish close to home time, so upon finishing we will ask parents to transition down to the front playground while children collect bags. Children will come down in an orderly fashion and be released by teachers as usual.

#### Important notes:

- **Children come to school in their PE kit or in sports clothes of their team colour. (Children will bring a coloured slip home today as a reminder of their team.)**
- **We strongly advise children put sun cream on and bring some to school.**
- **All children must have a hat.**
- **Don't forget your drinks bottle (parents too).**

We have many actions in place to cope with the heat – rest areas in the shade, access to water, organised breaks. But you can help us with hats and sun cream.

Aside – Sports day is about the sports and the fun, rather than intense competition. It is about healthy competition where we congratulate each other. All siblings were given the option of whether they would like to be in the same team or not and made mature choices after options were clearly laid out.





### Stronger Together: Y6 results

This week, our Year 6 SATs scores were released, and we are incredibly proud of our children. They showed remarkable resilience and determination throughout the exam period, and each of them has well and truly earned a special treat this weekend.

While we know that these tests don't capture everything that makes our Year 6s so remarkable, they do reflect the dedication and hard work that every child has invested - not only this year, but throughout their entire time at Dunsford Community Academy.

We look forward to sharing the results with you soon, so we can celebrate our children's achievements together.

### Removing Barriers: History Hunters At the Royal Albert Memorial Museum and Art Gallery

Dartmoor's history hunters' event is heading to Exeter for a special family fun day at the Royal Albert Memorial Museum & Art Gallery (RAMM).



History Hunters Family Fun Day takes place on Saturday, 19 July from 10.30am until 3.30pm. Entry to RAMM is free.

The day is designed to suit children aged from five to 11 years old and is aimed at helping them to discover and understand Dartmoor's cultural heritage in new and fun ways.

History Hunters is a fantastic opportunity for families to uncover the secrets of Dartmoor. There will be crafts, activities and things to make and take home. Children can have a go at being an archaeologist uncovering treasures in excavation trays, shape a clay pot, spin some wool, play some medieval games, take a selfie with our Victorian camera and much more.







## 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		

## 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](#)

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 22nd – Writing Showcase for Families at 3pm**

## **June 2025**

**June 2nd - 3rd - Y4 Residential**

**June 3rd – Barn Owl Trust Visit**

**June 6th - Y3/4 Art Workshop**

**June 9th – Art Showcase for Families at 3pm**

**June 13th – Class Photos**

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

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

**June 20th - MED Theatre Workshops**

**June 30th - July 2nd - Y5/6 Residential**

**June 26th - Transition Afternoon for Children**



**June 26th - New Reception Stay and Play**

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

**June 27th – Non-Uniform Bottle Day**

### **July 2025**

**July 5th – Dunsford Summer Show**

**July 10th - Whiddon Autumn Festival Workshop (Y4 & 5)**

**July 14th - Sports Day: Families Welcome from 1:15pm**

**July 16th – Kingfishers visit to Drake's farm**

**July 17th - Lego Workshop**

**July 18th – Y6 Performance**

**July 21st – Swimming Gala**

**July 23rd – Y6 Leavers Celebration**

### **September 2025**

**Wednesday 3rd September – First Day of Term**

**Monday 15th September - Whiddon Autumn Festival Workshop (Y5 & 6)**

**Tuesday 16th September – Vision Screening (Reception Class only)**

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

**Concert for parents from 13:30**

**September 24th-26th – Book Fair**