

It is really important to us at Dennington that primary school is a place where happy and fun memories are built. I think this term has been definitely full of these times! We have had a fantastic sports day, water fight, King's coronation carriage race, The Lion King performance and lots of trips and visits out and about.



Wrens have been so busy with the Wilder Schools project and they have kept the rest of us informed and very interested! It is lovely to see the children playing together on the school field; one of Dennington's strengths is the relationships that form with different age groups and how supportive they are of one another. We have enjoyed the church services that we attend every

other month at St Mary's. The children also have enjoyed Pastor Tim's (from Laxfield) assemblies each week – we are grateful to him for the time and commitment he puts into our school. We would also like to thank parents who come into school to hear children read and volunteer in other ways also, such as transporting and supporting sporting tournaments; we really appreciate this.



welcomed and cared for. Mrs Harwood has kept us all running and together and I know parents and staff are very grateful for all that she does! Thank you also to FODS who have provided some lovely treats, especially the very popular school discos, and made the most of the fund raising opportunities.

We are sad to be saying goodbye to our year six children – it is always a hard wrench after many years of watching them grow up! We are very proud of the work they put into their SATs in May – we don't like to show off... but the groups' results are in the very top percentile for the county (and the country) and every child taking the test this year passed,



and many with very high marks!

Many parents of year six children, and particularly those who have come to us later from other schools, have been very kind in expressing their thanks and appreciation for the way their children have developed into confident, highly aspirational, well rounded young people. They are definitely a group to be remembered and missed and we wish

them all the best at High School.

Thank you to all our parents who have supported the school and helped encourage the best in your children. I hope you have a safe

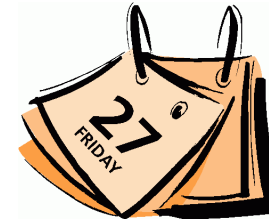


## October

- Monday 23rd to Friday 27th — Half Term

## December

- Thursday 21st — Last Day of Term



## January

- Wednesday 3rd — Spring Term Starts

Saying goodbye to our Year 6 at Church this morning. Good luck—we will miss you!



about the dinosaurs and finding fossils and even eating ice cream.

We then went on a trip to Sizewell with the year 5 children and collected a range of shells, stones, and seaweed and enjoyed having a picnic and an ice cream on the beach.



The children have really enjoyed learning all about the seaside and the creatures in the sea.



We have had fun being outside in this lovely weather, exploring the garden for any hidden creatures, and learning some interesting facts about worms.



The chaffinches were also very lucky to have received a wormery from one of our parents and have had a great time making it and keeping an eye on

Robins have enjoyed learning navigational and map reading skills in geography, putting their new knowledge to the test on our trip to BeWILDerwood.



They had lots of fun finding their way through the woods and trying out lots of fun activities such as Wobbly Wires, Slippery Slopes and even a boat ride on the way in (look out for Mildred if you ever visit the wood...).



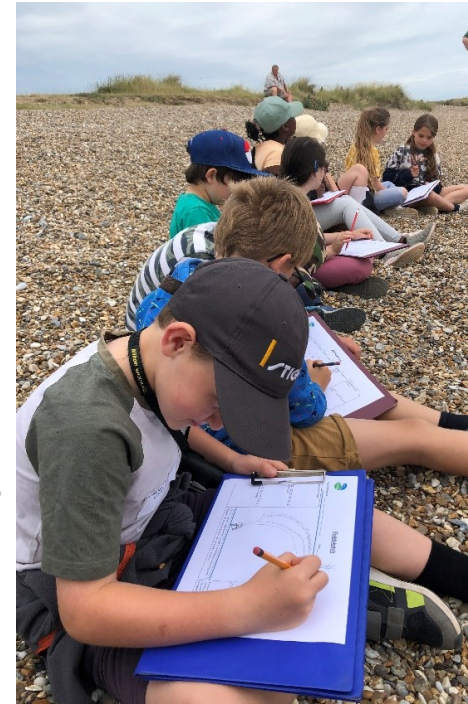
In DT Robins have taken their learning about Rosa Parks to create a puppet of her, using it to tell her story. They worked very hard to create a good likeness and retold her important story well, through their very own puppet stage.

In summer term we have also said goodbye to our lovely Miss Ward who has now completed her studies





This term Wrens have been learning about coastlines. We found out about different features of a coastline (including arches, bays and headlands) and then investigated how coastlands can change due to erosion. On our trip to Minsmere we looked at the features and shape of our local coastline and talked about how quickly some of the coast is being eroded away. When we got back to school we found out more about coastal sea defences and built some on our own mini beaches. We tested them to see how well they stood up to the force of the waves that we created. We were quite happy with the results – most of our Lego houses remained in-tact, although a few did flood!



lower to see Sir Walter Raleigh's final prison and also to the place where many readers lost their heads! Their understanding of the key events and themes of Tudor England is very impressive now and they will share it with anyone who cares to listen! We have enjoyed reading Hamlet as well and acting it out in class – I did warn them first that it does not end happily!



The children went to Brandeston School for a

science day, which involved visiting a planetarium and some practical experiments in a science lab. The children have made lasagne in DT and explored the USA in geography. Year 5 did a project on looking after our planet, including a visit to the seaside at Sizewell to collect and analyse the rubbish we found.



Year 6 completed a project based around CAP (Christians Against Poverty), a charity working to support financial responsibility, where they learned about planning, budgeting and saving. This included a visit from a charity representative who talked to them about managing finances.



I was proud of the Year 6 children, who worked very hard for their SATs and achieved some excellent results. They learned the “work now, play later” lesson and have certainly enjoyed the “play later” part of the lesson.

competition we have entered which is a massive achievement, with about 25+ teams taking part in each tournament.

Tag Rugby - Gold 1<sup>st</sup> place

Netball - Silver 2<sup>nd</sup> place

Quicksticks Hockey – Gold 1<sup>st</sup> place

Kwik Cricket - Silver 2<sup>nd</sup> place

In cross country at Framlingham College Oliver, Percy, Herbie and Eden gained places in the finals at Hartismere High School. They had such a long way to run, each completing a gruelling course. Percy finished an amazing 3<sup>rd</sup> place and now has gone through to the next round of the Suffolk finals taking place at The Royal Holbrook School, Ipswich.

Other non competitive events we have taken part in are:

Team Building Year 3/4

Penathlon Year 2,

Swimming Gala – Year 5/6

Tennis – Year 1/2 and Year 5/6

Athletics - All the year groups over a whole day

### **School Games Mark Award**

This week we are delighted to have been informed that Dennington has won another GOLD.

This is a very prestigious award which is given to schools for participation in all areas of sport - from competition entries, inclusive events, SEN events, team building and tournaments for each year group.

Quote from the judges " Dennington is a wonderful school to work with, hugely supportive of the competition spirit!"

fab job Wren class have done! We started the year with them surveying the grounds for their wildlife value and looking at habitat requirements for a number of different species, some of which are priority species in national or local decline (eg Swift, Great Crested Newt and Hedgehog). Armed with this info, they created a master plan with ideas of how to improve the grounds and then set about making changes! Amongst the improvements we have: built a stumpery with a small pond, scattered wildflower seeds, built hedgehog and bird boxes (one of which had blue tits occupying it within 3 days!), put up bird feeders, built a bug hotel, planted fruit trees, vegetables and herbs. They also planted a variety of species to attract bees and other pollinators in some brand new raised beds, kindly made and donated by Tom Freeman of Pro Timber: a local family run company who produce air and kiln dried firewood from sustainable woodlands, bespoke and sawn timber, sawmilling and fencing. <https://www.protimber.uk.com/>

We have also been donated 4 swift boxes by Save Our Suffolk Swifts (SOS Swifts) and a swift sound call system to put up in the new year and hopefully encourage these amazing birds to nest in the grounds. Swifts are in huge decline and recognised by SWT as a priority species so if we can get them nesting in the grounds that would be an amazing achievement! <https://www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org/swifts>

Next year will see more improvements but I think you'll agree that Wrens have done a fantastic job so far! For the full timeline of the wilder school's progress follow the link: <https://www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org/wilder-school-dennington-primary>



ing elder jewelry, building dens, playing woodland games, having campfires and hugging trees!



### After School Club & Breakfast Club

After School Club is available everyday from 3.15-5.30pm. £6 per session.

Monday— Crafts

Tuesday — Cooking Club

Wednesday — Multi-Sports with Premier Education until 4.15pm @£4  
(to be booked and paid for with Premier Education direct), followed by  
Construction Club with Laura until 5.30pm @ £2.50 only

Thursday — Disco/ Dance

Friday — Games

Breakfast Club is available 8am-9am from Monday to Friday. £3.50 per session.



**Please book your After School Club and Breakfast Club sessions online via your Arbor Account. Booking is essential.**

school play and had a games stall at the Dennington fete. I'd like to say thanks so much to all the FODS for being so great and all pulling together to fund raise at such a busy time and thank you to all the families who have donated cakes or raffle prizes.

We have raised £557 this term!! Well done everyone!



The leavers Disco at the end of term was amazing this year, all the children seemed to have a fantastic time. It was made extra special by the mysterious, secret guest DJ, who turned out to be our very own Ridley aka: DJ Riddler! He was amazing! The children really let their hair down, I didn't realise we had such talented break dancers!!



Over the last few months, we had been working hard learning the songs, dance routines and really getting into the characters that we were portraying. Then on the night, wearing our fantastic costumes and masks, it all came together! It will be a performance that the children and parents will remember for a long time to come!

Please look on our website to see all of the photos taken of the show.

