



DENNINGTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Newsletter

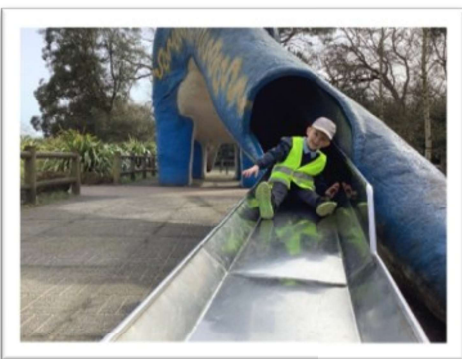
Spring Term 2 2026

Chaffinches

Chaffinches have ploughed on with their phonics this term, now recognising the different digraphs within their own writing. They have thoroughly enjoyed Miss Jeni's visits on a Thursday, creating their own story books and enjoying getting their teeth into our core books for our Chatterbooks sessions. Miss Jeni has also kindly made and brought a post bag for Chaffinches as we have been sending lots of postcards recently! They have thoroughly enjoyed all of the imaginary play this has inspired for them – thank you, Miss Jeni!



In maths, Chaffinches have been enjoying working with some larger numbers and creating their own doubles. They have embraced spring, and used the dots on ladybirds to show their understanding of doubling. They have also been working on some comparison work, measuring length and weight, even creating their own scales in our outdoor area. Their favourite measurement was remeasuring their height to see how much they'd grown since before Christmas – we have some very tall Chaffinches!



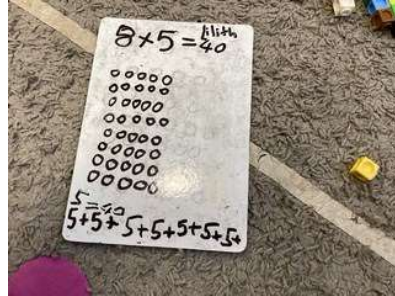
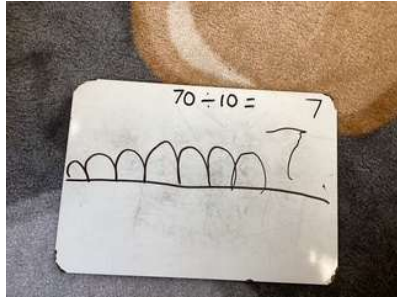
This half term has seen the topic shift from farms to dinosaurs and Chaffinches have show a VERY keen interest. Our much-anticipated trip to Roarr! was a success and the children enjoyed the Valley of the Dinosaurs walk, Dip-py's show, the giant dino slide and so so much more (shout out to Miss Bishop for her incredible photo-documenting throughout the whole trip – 70 photos on Tapestry for you all to enjoy!)

Thank you for your continued support and the EYFS team wishes you a happy, sunny Easter break!

Robins

What a wonderfully busy and exciting half term it has been for the Robins! The children have worked incredibly hard across all areas of learning, and we are so proud of everything they have achieved.

In Maths, the children have been developing their multiplication and division skills, focusing on the 2-, 5- and 10-times tables. They have been using arrays to help visualise multiplication and have explored sharing objects to understand division. Their confidence and fluency with these skills have grown brilliantly.



In English, we have been enjoying the beautiful story, *Stardust*. The children have been inspired by the book and are now creating their very own Stardust books. They have shown wonderful imagination and creativity while planning and writing their pages.

Our history topic this term has been *The Great Fire of London*, and the children have absolutely loved stepping back in time to 1666. We had a fantastic immersive learning day where the children: made their own bread, watched their Tudor style houses burn (safely!) to understand how quickly the fire spread, built a second Tudor house for our display, formed a "human chain" to discover how people tried to put out the fire, created maps of London and located key sites showing where the fire started and how it spread. The children showed great enthusiasm, curiosity and teamwork throughout this topic.



In our final week of term, we've been getting into the Easter spirit! The children have enjoyed: designing and making Easter bonnets, crafting colourful easter cards and taking part in exciting Easter egg hunts.

Thank you for your continued support this term. We hope you all have a restful and enjoyable break. We look forward to another fun-filled half term ahead!

Happy Easter from all of us in Robins! 🐰 🥚



Wrens

This half term we have been learning about light and shadows in Science. We investigated light sources around our school and the difference between a light source and a reflective surface. We then explored what shadows are and how they move throughout the day. We finished off our topic by using our knowledge of light and shadow to create our own shadow puppet theatre performances. Our science linked in with our DT project where we all designed and made our own torch complete with its own electric circuit and working light bulb.



Our book in English has been *The Nothing to See Here Hotel*. We have very much enjoyed reading this funny book about a range of creatures who came to stay in the Brighton hotel. We have used this book as a starting point for some acting and a range of different pieces of writing. We wrote a new chapter for the book, a diary entry from the perspective of one of the characters and then we became newspaper reporters to report on some of the strange happenings that had taken place around the hotel.

In maths we have continued our learning about fractions and are now starting to link this knowledge with decimals. It was lovely to see the children suddenly realise that they could halve an odd number! Together we worked out that half of 7 was 3.5.

In geography we have been exploring Australia. We learnt about the bush fires that threatened people's homes and livelihoods, researched and made a poster about Sydney and created some artwork inspired by indigenous Australian art.

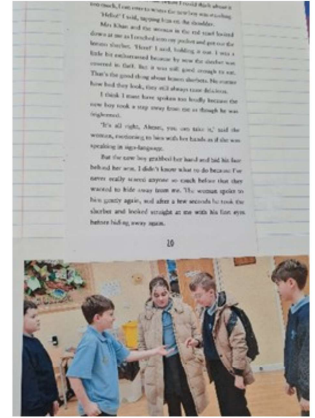
Have a lovely Easter break!



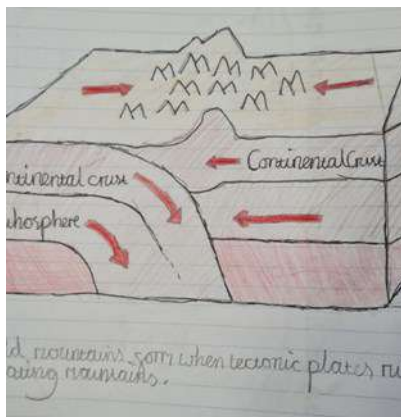
Swallows

It has been a fantastic and busy term in Swallows! The children have worked incredibly hard across all subjects and have shown great enthusiasm and maturity in their learning.

One of the highlights of the term has been reading the book "The Boy at the Back of the Class" by Onjali Q. Raúf. We have really enjoyed reading this together and exploring the clever literary devices the author uses as well as becoming bound up and engrossed in Ahmet's journey and doing some beautiful artwork inspired by the figurative language in the book.



Our geography lessons have been based around the ascent of Everest. We learned about the different features of the mountain, and the dangers involved. There has been some great discussion regarding the success or failure of George Mallory to reach the summit in 1924. Could he have succeeded or not? We all wanted it to be true but we carefully weighed up the evidence for and against. We then learned about the first documented successful climb by Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay on May 29, 1953.



Mountain Type	Example	Sketch	What's different?
Fold Mountain	Rockies		tectonic plates colliding
Fault-block Mountain	Sierra Nevada		blocks in the Earth's surface push up and large chunks of rock were pushed up
Volcanic Mountain	Mount Fuji		Made of layers of ash and cooled lava
Plateau Mountain	Mount Everest		High pressure of rock and other things pushed up

Another highlight this term has been our two school trips. We enjoyed an inspiring STEM Day at Adastral Park, where the children took part in a range of hands-on science, technology, engineering and computing activities, helping them to see how their learning links to real-life careers and innovation.

We also had an excellent visit to Sizewell Power Station to support our learning on electricity. During the day, the children worked in three different groups, taking part in a range of engaging activities. They explored electrical circuits, building and testing their own; learned about how a power station works, including an exciting visit to see the site itself; and took part in the "jelly challenge," which encouraged perseverance, problem-solving and creativity.

The children represented the school brilliantly on both trips, showing curiosity, excellent behaviour and a real willingness to learn. We are very proud of them all!

Have a fantastic Easter break!

FRIENDS OF DENNINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL (FODS)

The end of another term already!

We are wrapping up the Spring term on a high note following a fantastic turnout for our first-ever Spring Fair and our popular chocolate tombola.

Spring Fair Highlights

The Spring Fair was a brand-new event for us and we absolutely loved it! It was wonderful to see the children's creativity on display with items they made during their DT lessons:

- **Chaffinches:** Hand-printed bags.
- **Robins:** Delicious chocolate and sweet cones.
- **Wrens:** Spring seeds in hand-decorated Easter baskets.
- **Swallows:** Bird feeders, wooden school signs, and miniature easel art.



We hope you enjoyed purchasing these treasures as much as the children enjoyed making them. A big thank you to **Mrs. Hoad-Sharpe** for her incredible support and creativity in helping the children achieve such "fab" results.

Success by the Numbers

Huge thanks goes to your generous cake donations, combined with the craft sales, we raised **just over £300**—a phenomenal result for just 45 minutes of fun!

It was also lovely to be out in the sunshine making willow crowns to celebrate the start of spring.



Looking Ahead: Summer Term

Get ready for a busy and creative Summer term:

- **Adult Crafting Events:** We're launching seasonal "Craft & Chat" evenings. Our first session is **Thursday, 11th June (evening)**. Venue and theme to be announced soon!
- **New Ideas:** We have some exciting new events in the works—stay tuned for details.

We Need You!

As some of our key committee members will be moving on at the end of the summer, **we are looking for new faces** to join the team. If you'd like to help us continue our efforts, please come and chat with **Emma, Lisa, or Maxyne**. We'd love to show you how you can get involved!

Wishing you all a fantastic, sunny Easter holiday. Here's to a summer term full of fun and sunshine!

Emma Keeble, on behalf of your FODS committee

Sports



Two hockey teams had a wonderful afternoon playing at Harleston Magpies.

We felt very privilege to be able to play at such a fantastic venue.

Our sports team had a fantastic afternoon playing Bee netball at Brandeston Prep School.

Our results were amazing!

Dennington 4 Mellis. 0

Dennington 7. Fressingfield 0

Dennington 2 Fram B 0

Dennington 0. Wickham market 0

Dennington 5 Stonham Aspal 0

Dennington 4 Wilby 0

We were top of our group so came a brilliant 1st place

Well done everyone and congratulations



Forest School

In forest school, we have been busy cutting wood lengths to make bird feeders for our craft fair and painting new signs for the forest.

The spring snowdrops have been beautiful and we've had to be very careful not to tread on them!



Easter Activities



Easter bonnet 2026 winners!

Lunchtime clubs

The new lunchtime clubs are proving a big hit! Year 6 children have set these up and are running them very well! Chess Club- (Thursdays) KS2, Art Club- Fridays (Year 1-6), Singing Club Tuesdays (Year R-6). Bible Club (stories and craft) will be starting on a Friday lunchtime after half term.



After School Club & Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is available 8am-8.45am from Monday to Friday @ £5.00 per session. Juice, toast and cereal is included. **Please note that Breakfast Club does not run on the first day of any term and After School Club does not run on the last day of any term.**

After School Club is available on Mondays, Tuesdays Thursdays and Fridays from 3.15-5.30pm. You can book a session from 3:15pm to 4:30pm for £5 or 3:15pm to 5:30pm for £8. This terms activities are;

Monday: Lego

Tuesday: Crafts

Wednesday: Multi Sports Club with Premier Education 3:15pm to 4:15pm. Must be booked and paid for with Premier Education. £5 per session.

Thursday: Games

Friday: *Outside games*

Booking is essential - Please use your Arbor account for bookings.

Enjoy your Easter break!

