

## The Dasset News - 17th July 2026



**Reception**— It's been a very busy last week of learning. The children have visited the 'ocean' sorting animals that live there and animals that don't. We have looked at the different coins 1p, 2p, 5p and 10p, noticing their differences and similarities. Some were dull and some were shiny, some were big and some were small. The children practised adding amounts, working out which coins they needed to pay with. They then used their subtraction skills as they worked out their change. They put these skills into action in our café on Tuesday. The children were also very pleased to have a sports day on Thursday which they thoroughly all enjoyed – well done Harts! We have had an amazing year of learning together. Mrs Garland and I are so proud of all the progress the children have made. We will miss you all next year! Have a super summer.



**Year 1/2**— What a wonderful last week altogether! We've been finishing off all the last bits and pieces of our curriculum work including creating our own fairy characters from a Midsummer Night's Dream, completing maths booklets and brushing up on our grammar and punctuation—we will know the difference between and suffix and a prefix! In art we have enjoyed finishing off our art project by drawing the school building, adding bright colours and facial features in the style of James Rizzi! Highlights have also included, watching the Faraway Tree with popcorn, playing boardgames, watching the Year 5/6 production, our mini sports morning, the leavers assembly and generally enjoying our last moments together as a class. It has been wonderful year of learning, and we've made lots of brilliant memories. Wishing you all a well-deserved and wonderful summer!



**Year 3/4**— A busy week to complete curriculum studies has seen us look at some nonsense poetry in English and using a model, the children were encouraged to play and create their own compositions, each in part contributing to an overall class poem. Key - was them exiting with an enjoyment of poetry and a lack of fear in writing their own... Maths saw us looking at pictograms, graphs and two-way table data analyses as part of the final statistics unit. We also completed the final week of the Mastery programme which has been very impactful in terms of multiplication table knowledge and attainment. A child-led - group work study of The Indus Valley Civilisations brought our Ancient Civilisations work to an end. In PSHE, we completed the Changing Me unit which outlined the changes the children can expect to encounter in the coming years as they go through puberty. In RE, we finished our unit on religion through history in the locality of Coventry and Warwickshire from pre-Christian pagan beliefs, through the Romans, the Anglo-Saxons, Henry VIII/Reformation, WWII and Coventry Cathedral, to today's multi-cultural society. Final in addition to the rescheduled Sports Day morning, we also finished a DT unit with some food technology - the children making dishes of their own choosing, ranging from sushi, through to oatmeal cakes, sandwiches, fruit kebabs and for the majority: pizzas!

**Year 5/6** - What a lovely last week of term! Tuesday was our end of year production and we were so proud of all the children. It went brilliantly and there are definitely some thespians of the future in the class! We enjoyed our sports events on Thursday morning and it was great to see how the older children took on roles of responsibility and helped the younger children. We've also finished our PSHE work and discussed some important growing up topics. PC Darren ran his final session with year 6 and talked about online safety. As a treat we also had a film afternoon with popcorn. Mrs Proudfoot was very pleased that Monsters Inc is still a favourite! We had a great celebration of Year 6's time at the Dasset in our leavers assembly. Lots of lovely memories and we will miss you all! We're looking forward to welcoming year 5 back next year to be our new year 6 and we know you'll have a fab year too. Have a super summer break everyone. We wish our leavers all the best for their futures.

## **Sports Day**

Having sadly had to move Sports Day twice due to the extreme heatwaves we have been experiencing of late, a slightly scaled-back version took place on Thursday. The morning started with each year group partaking in girl and boy sprint races on the field; and this was followed by a carousel of activities (similar to the normal model parents used to seeing). Working in the House Group Teams, the children rotated round four activities (netball shots, beanbags in a bucket, wicket bowling; and football dribbling/goal shooting), with every point scored by every child, counting to the overall team total. A sterling effort by all was witnessed as the temperature rapidly toward mid-morning. It was nice to see different House-teams winning different events; but it was Reds who won the overall event as outlined in the table below:

| Event    | Red | Yellow | Green | Blue |
|----------|-----|--------|-------|------|
| Running  | 22  | 28     | 21    | 24   |
| Football | 66  | 60     | 70    | 58   |
| Netball  | 36  | 35     | 30    | 29   |
| Beanbags | 52  | 47     | 33    | 67   |
| Wickets  | 25  | 28     | 17    | 15   |
| Total    | 201 | 198    | 171   | 193  |



## Next Term

**Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September**—Inset Days. Children will not be in school.

**Thursday 3rd September**—Children in years 1—6 will return to school.

**Monday 7th September**—New Reception children start—details of this are in your induction packs.

## Music Award

Well done to Kathleen and Jemima for their fabulous contribution to recorder club, Molly for her contribution and excellent behaviour in recorder club and Eliza for her brilliant solo and contribution to music in school. Well done Anna for making fantastic progress with her recorder playing. Well done all.

Congratulations to James for being awarded Music Captain and Georgia and Lexi on appointment as Vice Captains.



## Southam Leisure Centre—crash swimming courses

Please see attached information about crash courses in swimming being held over the summer holidays.

## Twinkl Summer Activities Pack

This summer activities pack is free to download from Twinkl. It's packed with fun and educational resources for every age to help keep young brains busy throughout the summer.

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/summer-free-taster-pack-t-1751544915>

## Stratford District Children and Family Centre

They continue to deliver their weekly Stay & Plays (Family Times), Toddler Time and Baby Time groups.

They also have a few specials for Families that are to include older Siblings too.

Summer Arty Crafty, 30<sup>th</sup> July at Stratford C&FC. For 5 – 11 year olds.

Summer Arty Crafty, 4<sup>th</sup> August at Alcester C&FC. For 5 – 11 year olds.

Yoga with Rhianna, 11<sup>th</sup> August at Alcester C&FC. For 4-7 year olds.

Nature Makers, 18<sup>th</sup> August at Alcester C&FC. For 2- 11 year olds.

Cook Stars Juniors, 24<sup>th</sup> August at Stratford C&FC. For 3-8 year olds

All can be booked via our Eventbrite page.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/stratford-district-children-and-family-centres-49498983293>

## Danz Academy

From September 2026 Danni our dance teacher will be running additional clubs at school. Monday will be dance and available for children in years 1 –6, Wednesday there will be a gymnastics club for The Dassetts children followed by a cheerleading club that will be open to children from other schools as well. Please see attached information on how to contact Danni to book a place.

*Have a lovely holiday everyone—from Miss Corry and All at The Dassetts*