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The Dasset News - 26th September 2025

This Week:- Leaves have been awarded to the following children. The certificates will be given out in assembly on Monday morning. Well done all of you.



Hedgehogs (Reception)	Squirrels (Year 1/2)	Bears (Year 3/4)	Badgers (Year 5/6)
Ruby	Eve	Georgia	Dylan
	Reuben	Fin	Henry



Reception—It's been another busy week in Reception. We have been practising our oral blending and segmenting with Robot Rick and looking at the sounds we have learned so far s,a,t. We have been practising writing these letter sounds. In Maths we have been practising lots of subitizing, playing 3 or not 3. We have been exploring the language of capacity with our Conker Competition, seeing how full we can make our container in 20 seconds. In RE we have continued to explore belonging by looking at the different groups we and our family members belong to. The children very much enjoyed Team Colours Day, going with their buddies to different classrooms and working together to create a large- scale art piece. In PE the children continued to practise their throwing skills with bean bags, this week we were aiming for targets from a distance. We have been creating our own versions of the Jack be Nimble Nursery Rhyme, changing the who and the what. Peppa Pig has also become involved, "Peppa be nimble, Peppa be quick, Peppa dance round the candle stick". We have been retelling and sequencing the story 'Owl Babies'. Lots of the children have chosen to practise their cutting skills to create lollipop stick puppets.



Year 1/2— Squirrels have been working really hard this week. We are getting into the swing of things now and Squirrel class are working incredibly hard in their daily phonics sessions. In phase 5 our focus grapheme is 'oy' and in phase 6, we are looking at the 'j' family (dge and ge). Please continue to check Spellingframe for weekly spellings linked to your child's phonics lessons. In English we have continued to practise our writing skills by writing lists of items we would pack if we were travelling to the South Pole. In Maths we have been focusing on using a number-line, comparing numbers and using the greater than and less than symbols. We have continued to enjoy our history learning and this week the children loved freeze-framing scenarios, imagining they were witnesses of 1666! In Science we have continued to develop our understanding of materials and their properties and worked in groups to develop scientific questions about a number of everyday objects. In RE we are thinking about the Golden Rule and how we should treat others how we wish to be treated ourselves and in PSHE we have been thinking about how it feels to belong to our class and what our rights and responsibilities are. In music we have learned a song about saying hellion different languages and in Pe we have continued to hone our sending and receiving skills.



Year 3/4—In English this week, we have been developing our writing skills through our study of The Seal Surfer, looking at events from a different character's point of view. Maths has seen us compare and order numbers, as well as looking at the basics of rounding. In art, we studied the work of some artists and specific works that favoured or were predominantly painted from one colour hue family (for example, the yellow which dominates all aspects of Van Gogh's Sunflowers). In RE, we learned about the Islamic month of Ramadan and the sacrifices Muslims make during that time through fasting. We asked, what is the spiritual significance of such a practice? In computing we added attachments to an email and in e-safety we discussed issues around online identities. In PE, both indoor (Roman dancing) and outdoor (football) has taken place. Science has seen us continue our work on eco-systems and food chains within them. In Music, we copied and improvised short melodic phrases and sought to compose a short piece using D minor. Whole Class Reading and Team Colour Activities have also taken place this week.



Year 5/6 - It has been a nice, varied week in Year 5/6 with lots of engaging activities. In maths we have been carrying on our place value work by looking at ordering numbers. We've also learnt how to use a protractor and had a go at measuring different types of angles. English has been writing a recount as Annie Edson Taylor from The Queen of the Falls and looking at some excerpts from the text 'Goodnight Stories for Rebel Girls'. Science has been learning about the components of blood and we made a model of this in petri dishes and used plasticine to model the shapes of red and white blood cells. We discussed their structure and function as part of this. Computing was adding title and content slides to an interactive quiz to make it easier to navigate and in music we have been looking at the hip hop genre and composing our own hip hop beat using digital technology.



School Photographs

Individual and sibling school photographs were taken on Monday. Please place any orders by Monday 6th October for free delivery to school.

Music Award

Well done Molly on her first recorder lesson. Mrs Foxwell says you have already proved you are going to do well with recorder



Head Lice

We have an outbreak of headlice in school. Please can you check your child/children's hair and treat if necessary.

Treat appropriately: the wet combing technique eradicates the lice and eggs. This should be done every 3 to 4 days over a 2-week period to break the life cycle. If you require further information please have a look at the following website: <https://www.chc.org/how-to-treat-head-lice-and-nits-successfully/>

Team Colour Day

On Wednesday we held our first team colour day of the academic year. All children went to their respective teams and created some art work for display. Great team work and lots of cooperation with friends was seen in all groups.



Next Week

Monday 29th September—Reading. Mr Hackett will be hosting an online parents' session at 7.30pm regarding our reading curriculum. The link will be sent out on Monday, via seesaw. Please come along and learn about how we teach reading at The Dasset.

Wednesday 1st October—Flu immunisations. The annual flu immunisation program is continuing and the nurses will be in school on Wednesday 1st October. South Warwickshire NHS Trust have sent out emails to parent/carers. For your child/children to receive the nasal spray you need to complete the consent form. If you do not wish for your child/children to be immunised again you have to complete the form. To contact the trust please email the address below or telephone 01926 353899



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Thursday 2nd October— National poetry day. Please see attached information for the school run poetry competition.

Thursday 2nd October—Special Menu. The kitchen will be serving a Pirate Day Menu. Choices are Port "Canonball" Meatballs in a rich tomato gravy with "Captains Corkscrews" Pasta and "Ship's" bread or "Shiver Me Timbers" Vegetable Fingers in a wrap with "Golden Doubloon" Potatoes both served with "Peg Leg" peas or "Booty Bowl" salad. Dessert will be "Jolly Roger" Jelly or Pirate Anzac Biscuit (chewy cookie). All can be ordered on the day.

Coming Up Monday 6th October—Reception eye tests

Tuesday 7th October—Jack In The Beanstalk pantomime. Children will be treated to a live performance. We would be grateful if you could contribute £2.00

Friday 10th October—Hello Yellow. The charity Young Minds run this day to highlight world mental health. The kitchen are having a special menu. Choices are either Fish Fillet Fingers or Cheese and tomato pizza served with chipped potatoes, baked beans, sweetcorn or yellow salad. Dessert is a choice of pineapple upside down cake or banana and custard. Lunch can be ordered on the day. On that day children can wear a yellow top, socks or a whole outfit if they choose.



Cool Milk

The Dasset is part of the milk scheme which is administered by Cool Milk. Children received milk free of charge up to the week before their 5th birthday. If you wish your child to continue receiving milk after their 5 birthday or would like your child to have milk, please see attached letter on how to do this.

Go Go Makers Please see attached the flyer for Go Go Makers October Half Term Camp. This October is going to be Wicked! 10% Early Bird deal available until 5th October

Danz Academy Please see attached information on the half term dance club being run in school.

Well being In assemblies, this week, we have been learning about being thankful and appreciating others for their kindness. Have a look at the ten keys to Happiness website and the calendar below. September is self care September. At school our moto is - We care for ourselves, each other, our school and the world around us. So start with yourself and do something that makes you happy this weekend. Here is the link to the site.

<https://actionforhappiness.org/>

Self-Care September 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1 Find time for self-care. It's not selfish. It's essential.	2 Notice the things you do well, however small.	3 Let go of self-criticism and speak to yourself kindly.	4 Plan a fun or relaxing activity and make time for it.	5 Forgive yourself when things go wrong. Everyone makes mistakes.	6 Focus on the basics: eat well, exercise and go to bed on time.	7 Give yourself permission to say 'no'.
8 Be willing to share how you feel and ask for help when needed.	9 Aim to be good enough, rather than perfect.	10 When you find things hard, remember it's ok not to be ok.	11 Make time to do something you really enjoy.	12 Get active outside and give your mind and body a natural boost.	13 Be as kind to yourself as you would to a loved one.	14 If you're busy, allow yourself to pause and take a break.
15 Find a caring, calming phrase to use when you feel low.	16 Leave positive messages for yourself to see regularly.	17 No plans day. Make time to slow down and be kind to yourself.	18 Ask a trusted friend to tell you what strengths they see in you.	19 Notice what you are feeling, without any judgement.	20 Enjoy photos from a time with happy memories.	21 Don't compare how you feel inside to how others appear outside.
22 Take your time. Make space to just breathe and be still.	23 Let go of other people's expectations of you.	24 Accept yourself and remember that you are worthy of love.	25 Avoid saying 'I should' and make time to do nothing.	26 Find a new way to use one of your strengths or talents.	27 Free up time by cancelling any unnecessary plans.	28 Choose to see your mistakes as steps to help you learn.
29 Write down three things you appreciate about yourself.	30 Remind yourself that you are enough, just as you are.	Illustrations: a banana, a hand holding a pen, a person with wings, a target, a person with a speech bubble, a person with a thumbs up, a person with a thumbs down.				

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Have a lovely weekend—from Miss Corry and All at The Dasset