

The Dasset News - 3rd July 2026

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



Hedgehogs (Reception)	Squirrels (Year 1/2)	Bears (Year 3/4)	Badgers (Year 5/6)
Oli	Scarlett	Scarlett	Kian
Roman	Lorenzo	Lula	Lara



Reception— The children have continued to impress me with their writing this week. They wrote about themselves for their passport as we prepare for our 'trip' next week to different parts of the world: Antarctica, a rainforest, a desert or the ocean as we continue to learn about the big wide world. We have been exploring the different animals we might

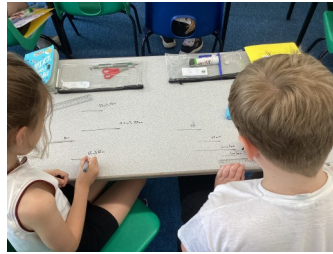


see in these different habitats from sloths to narwhals! In Maths this week we have been focusing on number formation. They are a bit tricky as some of them, 2,3 and 5, are formed in the opposite direction to curly caterpillar letters so they can often be written the wrong way round. In Funky Fingers, we have started to make paper mâché earths. Some children loved the sensory aspect while some of thought it was "absolutely disgusting".

Year 1/2— Another jam-packed week in Squirrels class. In English, we designed and made our own magical flowers inspired by A Midsummer Night's Dream. We followed instructions to create our own paper flowers with a stem, leaves and petals. We added gems and glitter to add to the magic! We then built up a word bank of adjectives to describe them. Year 2 also added verbs and adverbs to describe how our flowers moved. We challenged ourselves to use a thesaurus to find interesting and powerful words. In maths we have been finishing off our learning on mass and weight. We have been exploring kilograms and using scales to weigh heavier items. In Art, we have been looking at street views. We went outside to the top of the field where we could look over the streets below and sketched out the different things we could see. We also looked at photos and artwork inspired by streets around the world. In Science, we have been collecting, recording and presenting data. We found out what our class's favourite pet would be; interesting a corn snake seemed to be the most popular. In computing we enjoyed some time using the 2paint programme to re-create the images of our magical flowers and type simple describing sentences.



Year 3/4 – In continuing our Merchant of Venice studies in English this week, we have looked at playscript conventions before attempting to write part of the final court scene ourselves. In Maths, we have done both Mastery multiplication tables and division work, prior to finishing off our unit on Shape, which has involved: drawing polygons, looking at symmetry and 3D-shape. History investigated the role of the Pharaoh in ancient Egypt, whilst RE commenced our final set of questions for this year about how religion and history have entwined in this area. Following lots of practical science on electrical circuits in the past two weeks, this week's session saw the children completing some short-written task about their learning, before discussing plans for an investigation about conductivity and insulators. Music saw the children learning and practising split vocal harmonies from Kenyan Nursery rhyme and Guyanese folk song. PE has taken place (outdoor rounders and indoor gymnastics), likewise so have Whole Class Reading sessions.



Residential

Members of Year 5/6 enjoyed a 'full-on' start to the week with our residential visit to Whitemoor Lakes Adventure Centre in Staffordshire. The programme saw the class engage in a number of activities including high ropes, abseiling, canoeing, [giant] stand-up paddle-boarding, zip wire, in the process learning how to step outside of a comfort-zone and face some fears. There were further activities that sought to teach and build teamwork through collective problem-solving challenges. All the time, being away from home, the children are learning greater independence and personal organisation skills, equipping them for their next steps (particularly thinking Year Sixes as they embark upon secondary school in September). I was very pleased with the children's effort and behaviour throughout the entire trip as we encountered minimal issues. We even managed a relatively decent amount of sleep. Thank you to Mrs Proudfoot and Mr Smith in supporting the groups and me to make it a safe and enjoyable experience.



Mr Foyle

Thank you to the staff for their commitment and for giving up their time and beds so that the children could enjoy their residential trip. Without them these trips wouldn't happen. Thank you for your support for this event.

Year 5/6 - A special mention to those remaining in school rather than going on the residential trip - they completed some great work with Mr Hackett. When we returned from residential we went straight back to our production rehearsals and completed our own taskmaster lesson in class— building models of Tiny— the tortoise, which had to be as close to 200 grams as possible using only items available in the classroom. Well done to everyone for this - we were all very tired but we gave it our all and enjoyed starting rehearsals on the actual stage.



Free School Meals

You may have heard in the media that eligibility for Free School Meals is changing.

If your child is currently eligible for free school meals, you do not need to do anything. Warwickshire County Council will re-check the eligibility of all currently eligible children and will contact you over the summer holidays to let you know if your child will still be eligible for free school meals for the 2026/27 school year (and which category they fall into), or whether we need more information from you to check this.

If your child has never received free school meals before, then you will be able to apply via the website from the beginning of August 2026. Once you have applied for free school meals, if your child is eligible, they will remain eligible for that whole school year, regardless of any changes to your circumstances.

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/apply-free-school-meals>

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, they will automatically be entitled to universal infant free school meals - you do not have to apply for these. However, if you do meet the benefits-related free school meals eligibility criteria, then it is advised you apply as you may receive the additional benefits described above.

There is also additional information on the Family Service Special edition newsletter

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Music Lessons

At The Dassett we love listening to the children having their music lessons and are lucky to have Lisa Foxwell, Seb Foxwell and Top of The Rock.

If you would like your child to have flute, recorder, clarinet, piano or saxophone lessons please contact Lisa Foxwell on 07767458314 or email lisafoxwell23@gmail.com

For information about drumming, guitar or ukulele lessons please contact Josh@topoftherocktuition.com

Next Week

Celebration assembly will happen on Monday and will share certificates from the last two weeks.

Monday 6th July—Summer sports club. This club will be held on Monday due to Mr Foyle attending the cross country event.

Tuesday 7th July—Woodford Halse Cross Country event at 4pm. Mr Foyle will be in touch regarding this event. Summer sports club will be held on Monday 6th July instead.

Wednesday 8th July—Induction Day. Year 6 children are visiting their secondary schools on this day—from home. Here in school, children will spend the morning with their new teachers in their classes for next academic year. We will send out information about who is teaching which class on Wednesday.

Friday 10th July—Sports Day. Parents and carers are invited to join us on the school field for our annual sports day at 09:30. Parents are invited to enjoy their own picnic on the field with their children at 12. After that, children may be taken home with parents if they choose, otherwise children will come back into school after the sports day ends. Children without parent visitors will have lunch with staff and will be dismissed at the normal time of 3.15pm from the front door. Pupils who are having a school meal will be offered a sandwich lunch only on this day which they will order in the morning. If you do want your child to have school packed lunch on sports day please make sure that they know to order one or send a message to your class teacher to that effect. We would really appreciate some support in providing shade on the day. **If you have a gazebo you would be willing to erect on the field (or loan to us for us to do so) please can you bring them into school on Friday morning or Thursday night.**

It is meant to be warm again next week so we will be taking each day as it comes and will be altering our provision accordingly. We have no plans to shut the school or alter the length of the school day at present. Any changes will be communicated to parents and made in line with the advice we are given from the DFE and/or Warwickshire local authority.

Friday 10th July—Annual reports sent home



Coming Up

Tuesday 14th July—Year 5/6 Production starts at 6.00pm. Look out for information on Seesaw. Ticket allocation will be completed via an Eventbrite link which will go out on Monday.

Friday 17th July—End of Term

Cake Sale for Dassett Trim Trail Restoration Appeal Total raised is £223.20. Thank you so much for your support. We are very appreciative of the fact that you have provided cake and have bought them.

Summer Holiday Club Onside—please see attached flyer for their holiday club

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