Dersingham VA Primary and Nursery School

Newsletter: November 2026

Important Dates

Dates for the Diary

2nd Nov: Start of the half term

9th Nov: Cross Country Finals

11th Nov: Year 2 Parents Lunch

13th Nov: M&M Pantomime: Sleeping Beauty

16th Nov: Odd Sock Day

20th Nov: PTFA Non-uniform Day

25th Nov: Reception Parents Lunch

26th Nov: PTFA Christmas Crafts Evening

27th Nov: Reception Open Morning for New Parents

30th Nov: Parents Evening (13:30 -19:30)

10th Dec: Reception and Year 1 Christmas play to parents (14:00)

11th Dec: PTFA Christmas Breakfast

11th Dec: PTFA Festive Stalls (15:00)

16th Dec: Christingle Service in school (10:00) - Year 2 to lead, Year 2 parents to be invited

16th Dec: Rocksteady Concert in school— parents invited

17th Dec: Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch

18th Dec: Christmas Service in church (10:00)- Year 3 to lead

18th Dec: Last day of term

Harvest Festival



Well done and thank you to Year 4 who led our Harvest Service in church last half term so beautifully. The children worked incredibly hard to speak clearly and confidently so that everyone across the church could hear them. They did a fantastic job of sharing the different parts of the service, taking on the roles of narrators, plants, flowers and bees with such enthusiasm and confidence.



Our service explored the importance of Harvest and the vital role that bees play in the process of pollination. It was lovely to see the children bringing the story to life and helping us all to think about the wonderful world around us and the importance of caring for God's creation.



We were incredibly proud of them. They showed such confidence, teamwork and



determination, and they represented our school beautifully.

Well done, Year 4 team — you were amazing!

Feeding Mind, Body and Soul

(Mark 6: 30-44)

Nourishing our children to thrive and flourish in a community that cares.

Food Bank Collections

The pupils, parents, carers and staff of Dersingham Primary and Nursery School have once again demonstrated the importance of kindness, generosity and thinking of others through their Harvest Festival donations to Hunstanton Food Bank.



Following our Harvest celebrations, families generously contributed a wonderful collection of tins, packets and other essential food items. The children were delighted to help gather the donations and see just how much had been collected through the kindness of our school community.

The donations will help support local individuals and families who may be facing difficult times, providing much-needed food and essential supplies.



We are incredibly grateful to everyone who contributed. Your generosity reflects the caring and supportive community we are so fortunate to be part of and reminds us of the importance of looking beyond ourselves and helping others.

A huge thank you to all our families and staff for making this year's Harvest collection such a success!

Croydon Cup



After the Year 5 trip to Gressenhall, 7 year 5 boys quickly got dressed into football kits and headed to Glebe for the Croydon cup. Miss Scott was very impressed with their superb skills, and great teamwork to support each other as they played against other schools. On the final game, after penalties, they came 4th which was a brilliant outcome - they should all be very proud.

A huge thanks to Mr Bunting for being a great coach, keeping the spirits high! Well done boys!

CrossCountry



Congratulations to everyone who participated in our SSP Cross Country event! Despite the weather being against us at times, everyone tried their absolute hardest and we are very pleased to announce that 12 of our children will be attending the SSP Cross Country Finals in November! Both Harry and April came 1st in their race and Otto came 2nd!

Children in Need

Did you know....Pudsey Bear became a national mascot in 1985.

He was designed by Joanna Ball and she named him after the small town in Yorkshire where she lived and went to school for many years, Pudsey.

When we see Pudsey Bear we immediately think of Children in Need.

Our plans for the day will be shared soon!

This charity has grown enormously since it began and raises millions of pounds every year. Thanks to people all over the country, children in the UK and across the world have come to know real kindness and compassion, made possible by generous donations to the charity.

www.bbc.co.uk/childreninneed

Vision Day

At Dersingham VA Primary and Nursery School our vision of; "Feeding mind, body and soul" is inspired by the biblical story of Jesus feeding the 5000.

Our aspiration is for every child to be valued, supported and empowered to reach their full potential . We are committed to nourishing our children to thrive and flourish in a community that.

The whole school took part in Vision Day on Thursday 22nd Oct. The children worked in mixed age groups completing activities and learning new skills all connected to the bible story of Jesus Feeds the 5000.



Our school aims to:

*equip every child with an engaging, broad and balanced curriculum which provides the knowledge, skills and experiences to succeed in the 21st century

* provide opportunities for all children to explore possibilities for their future with the belief that they can achieve their goals through hard work and determination

* provide an appreciation of the local area and community together with an awareness of, and openness towards, the diversity and differences within our country and the world;

* provide a highly nurturing, safe and supportive environment which empowers every child to learn, grow and flourish whilst showing consideration, respect and compassion for others

* provide opportunities for children to engage with high-quality texts across all aspects of the curriculum and develop a rich vocabulary to support their learning of the world;

* have high expectations of every child and value them as individuals whilst having strong, meaningful links with parents, carers and the local community.

Value for Life

COMPASSION
HOME SCHOOL VALUES

This term we will be focussing in school on the value COMPASSION. We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together.

TALK TOGETHER about Compassion

Compassion is about 'standing in someone else's shoes' when they are having a hard time. In other words, trying to understand how they might be feeling and doing our best to try to help.

Talk together about:

- how we can show **compassion** and kindness to one another at home
- recognising when friends at school need us to listen and act with **compassion**
- stories in the news demonstrating how strangers show **compassion** in times of natural disasters
- how nations show **compassion** to other nations at times of disaster or need by sending money or volunteers to help



READ TOGETHER...

The good Samaritan

When someone asked Jesus the question, "Who is my neighbour?" he told a story that surprised everyone who heard it. The hero was from Samaria but those listening were mainly Jews. (Jews and Samaritans usually kept well away from each other.)

"A man set out on foot from Jerusalem to a town called Jericho", said Jesus. The crowd murmured and exchanged knowing glances. They knew this was a lonely, dangerous road, a favourite place for robbers to attack travellers. "As the man reached a rocky and desolate place, a gang of robbers leapt out and beat him. They took all that he had and left him bleeding and bruised. To the man's relief, he saw in the distance a priest from the temple. A priest is bound to help me, thought the man. He waited until the priest came a little closer and then called out, 'Thank goodness it is you. Please Sir, take me to safety.' But to his amazement the priest hurried past pretending not to see or hear him.

As the poor, injured man grew weaker and weaker in the burning midday sun, he once again heard footsteps. Looking up he saw a Levite, another of his own people. 'Please Sir, please help me', he called out. Surely this Levite would take pity on him, but to his horror the Levite just kept on walking.

The man had almost given up hope when he felt a gentle touch on his shoulder. A stranger, a Samaritan, had bent down beside him and was bandaging his wounds and giving him sips of water to drink. The Samaritan helped the man on to his own donkey and slowly, carefully took him all the way to an inn. There he paid the innkeeper to look after the man until he was well. The man never forgot the **compassion** and kindness of the Samaritan stranger."

"Who do you think was a good neighbour?" asked Jesus.

Bible story based on Luke 10:29-37

PTFA

A big thank you to everyone who supported our Movie Night in October which raised £183 while the children enjoyed hot dogs and cookies and watched a movie with friends.



Last month the PTFA contributed £145 towards year 5's trip, and pledged £500 towards new sports equipment for the school. It's lovely to see our fundraising making a difference to opportunities and experiences for the children. Thank you for helping us make this possible!

Upcoming Events:

Non-Uniform Day – Friday 20th November
The children can come to school in their own clothes in exchange for a donation of a Christmassy item for our upcoming Christmas raffle and tombolas. Anything festive that you think would make a lovely donation would be very welcome!



Adult Christmas Wreath Workshop – Thursday 26th November 7pm
Join us for a lovely evening of festive creativity at our adult Christmas wreath-making workshop. It's a chance to get into the Christmas spirit, create your own beautiful wreath using local greenery, and enjoy a little time for yourself. We only have space for 40 participants and tickets are selling well so make sure to book your space for £30 via BACS. (Dersingham VA Primary & Nursery PTFA, Sortcode: 309950, Account number: 75885962. Please quote your name in reference line)

Breakfast with Santa & Christmas Stalls – Friday 11th December
Santa is making time in his busy December schedule to visit our school! Join us for a magical Breakfast with Santa, followed by festive after-school stalls where children and families can enjoy a Christmassy tombola and more! Details for booking breakfast coming soon!

Christmas Hamper Raffle
We'll also be running our Christmas hamper raffle, with a chance to win wonderful festive hampers and more! Keep an eye out for raffle tickets and more details coming soon.



As always, thank you for supporting our PTFA. Every penny raised helps us provide extra opportunities, experiences and resources for the children at our school. We hope you'll join us in making this Christmas season extra special!