



Dersingham VA Primary and Nursery School

Newsletter: October 2026

Important Dates

7th Oct: Year 1 Parents lunch

15th Oct: Croydon Cup 16:00—17:45

16th Oct: Reception catch-up café

20th Oct: Individual Photographs

21st Oct: Reception Open Afternoon (for 2027 starters)

Thursday 22nd Oct: Vision relaunch day and Last day of half term

2nd Nov: First day of second half term

Dates for
the Diary

Summer Reading Challenge

A huge thank you to our wonderful PTFA for supporting our summer reading challenge by providing a Kindle Kids! Frankie's name was drawn from the raffle during our assembly, and she was absolutely thrilled to come away with the prize! Frankie's



voluminous reading meant that she earned a staggering number of raffle tickets, making her a very worthy winner indeed!

We would also like to say a massive thank you to all the children and parents who took part in our Summer Reading Challenge. Whether you won or not, we hope you enjoyed sharing stories, discovering new books and making time for reading together over the summer break.

Harvest Festival

A huge well done to our wonderful Year 4 children, who led our Harvest Service in church on 1st Oct 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.

The 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.

Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported the bookfair in school. For every book you bought we were awarded scholastic rewards. These then enabled us, as a school, to choose £300 worth of new books to replenish our corridor books. The children are looking forward to reading them.

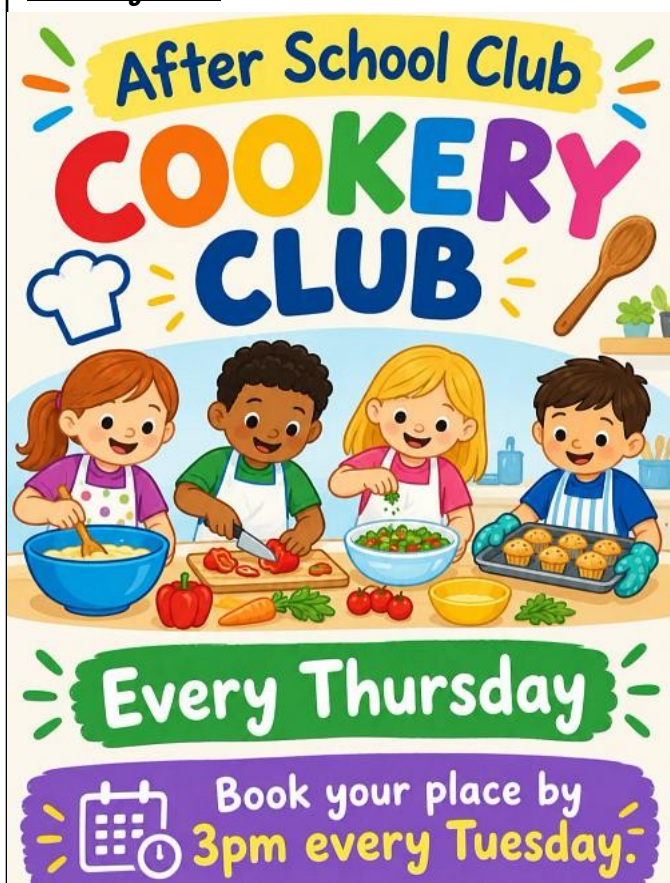


Feeding Mind, Body and Soul

(Mark 6: 30-44)

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

Cookery Club



Active Kids

Some of our KS1 children participated in the Active Kid event at Lynnsport. They had a lovely



morning participating in different games and activities! One of their favourite activities was aiming for the red bouncy ball with the bean bags to try to push it across to the opponents side. They also enjoyed the pirate game, where the children had to steal each other's treasure! They all had a great time and showed perseverance in each activity! Well done KS1



Times Tables Rock Stars

A huge thank you to all our parents, carers and family members for your support with dressing the children as rock stars and TTRS avatars for our TTRS Relaunch Day on 22nd September 2026.



So many of the costumes brought smiles to our faces, and it was fantastic to relaunch TTRS with a bit of a bang! Our winners were:



A big thank you, too, for your continued support with using TTRS at home. It is an incredibly useful homework tool and regular practice really does make a difference, particularly for our Year 4 children who are working towards their Multiplication Tables Check at the end of the year.

Weekly TTRS class battles are up and running again, along with the Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 certificates.

Food Bank Collection

A huge thank you to all of our wonderful families who have donated food for our local food bank.

We have been overwhelmed by your generosity, and every single donation will make a difference to families in our local community who may be struggling at this time.

It is lovely to see our school community coming together to support others, and we are so grateful for your kindness and generosity. Thank you for helping us to live out our Christian values of kindness, compassion and caring for others.





Our PTFA Needs You! A Year of Activities Planned - But We Need New Trustees to Make It Happen

The Dersingham VA Primary and Nursery School PTFA plays an important part in school life, helping to raise money that directly benefits **every child in our school**.

As well as providing fun activities and events for families, the PTFA contributes towards school trips, equipment, prizes and experiences that would otherwise be difficult for the school to fund.

This year, for example, the PTFA has already funded the large majority of the visiting Christmas pantomime, and have committed to contributing £5 per child again for school trips over the year, including extra funds towards the year 6 leavers celebrations, and matching amounts per child to nursery for enrichment also. They will also be providing prizes each term to encourage reading at home.

They have also assisted the school in applying for and receiving grants towards updating our PE equipment, which is a real need due to county funding changing this year.

They have planned a whole year of activities for the children and families to enjoy:

Autumn Term

- **Movie Night** - Wednesday, 21st October, Toy Story 5
- **Christmas Non-Uniform Day** - Friday 20th November, please bring a Christmassy item to donate for raffles/tombola
- **Breakfast with Santa** - Friday 11th December- Reception- Year 6.
- **Christmas Stalls & Raffle** - Friday 11th December after school. The Christmas stalls will include a tombola, treats and Christmas items made by the children, with our Christmas raffle also being drawn on the day.
- **Adult Christmas Wreath-Making Evening** - Thursday 26th November 7-9pm.

Spring Term — if the PTFA is able to continue

- **Movie Night** - Wednesday 27th January
- **Craftanoon: Paint a Flower Pot** - Wednesday 24th February
- **Tea Towel Fundraiser**

Summer Term

- **Freeze Pop Fridays** - from May, weather permitting
- **Sports Day Refreshments**
- **Rainbow Raffle** - sales beginning in June
- **Colour Run** - Wednesday 15th July

The Colour Run and Rainbow Raffle were a huge success last year, with families already asking for them to return!

But there is a very real risk that these activities could stop!

Our PTFA currently needs **new trustees and active volunteers**.

Their AGM will take place on **Friday 15th January 2027 at 2.30pm in school**, and our current Secretary, Lynsey, will be stepping down because of other commitments. For their constitution, the PTFA must have two elected trustees to be active. These roles include Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary. While the Chair role can be shared by existing members if it cannot be filled, they cannot continue without a secretary.

If we cannot find enough new trustees/committee members, the PTFA may have to fold in January.

That would mean losing not just the fundraising, but the activities and support that come with it. The planned spring and summer events could not go ahead, future school-trip contributions would no longer be available, and opportunities to provide additional equipment, prizes and experiences for the children would be greatly reduced.

The PTFA is run by parents and carers, and **it cannot continue without parents and carers getting involved**. You do not need to be available for every event or have fundraising experience. Even helping occasionally, joining the committee, helping at an event, sourcing donations or simply sharing ideas can make a real difference.

We want to keep the PTFA going and continue giving our children the experiences and opportunities that make school life special.

Could you spare some time to help? Could you become a trustee or take on a committee role?

Please speak to a current PTFA member or contact the school if you would like to find out more.

The January AGM is the crucial point. Without new people coming forward, the PTFA may not be able to continue beyond January 2027.

Let's make sure we can keep the fun, fundraising and support going for all of our children!