



2024-25 Week 10 Update

Another busy week

Another busy week has passed at our school, filled with events that brought our community together and enriched our students' learning experiences.

We kicked off the week on Monday with a poignant Remembrance service at the war memorial. It was a solemn occasion, and we were proud to be joined by Rev. Scoones and Mark Walters, who played the Last Post to honour those who have served our country. Students from Class 3 delivered heartfelt readings, and as part of the ceremony, we laid a beautiful wreath that contained a poppy for each child in the school. This moment allowed us all to reflect on the importance of remembrance and the value of peace.

On Tuesday, we celebrated Michael Rosen Day. It was a fantastic opportunity for creativity and fun! Class 1 brought the poem "Chocolate Cake" to life with their enthusiastic recreation, while Class 2 was innovative in rewriting "Breakfast Time" as "Lunch Time", showcasing their creativity. Additionally, Class 3 participated in a live webinar, engaging with thousands of children across the UK alongside Michael Rosen and MC Grammar. Seeing the excitement in our students as they connected with such renowned literary figures was a delight.

Midweek saw Class 3 embarking on a fieldwork expedition around the village. The students explored the local architecture and examined the changing uses of buildings in our community. This hands-on experience is invaluable for their understanding of geography and history, and we are thrilled that they could connect their classroom learning to the real world.

On Thursday, we were honoured to welcome Jane Borgeud, the Director of Education for the Diocese. Jane visited our school to observe our wonderful work and to engage in discussions about our Christian distinctiveness and how we can promote lifelong learning among our students. It was an insightful day for both our staff and pupils.

Friday rounded off the week with excitement as Class 2 participated in a webinar with David Baddiel, and all classes enjoyed outdoor PE. The highlight was the return of the Bake Off! This week brought a wonderfully chocolatey theme to many of the cakes, and we congratulated Hugo Milton as our 'Star Baker' of the week, chosen by our house captains. The enthusiasm for baking continues to inspire creativity and teamwork among our students.

Facebook

As you may know, our Facebook page remains a vital tool for sharing news and promoting our school activities. We appreciate the engagement from our community, especially our 'top fans', including many grandparents who enjoy seeing what their grandchildren are up to. We also respect the privacy of families who prefer not to share their children's photos and encourage you to contact Mrs Woodruffe if you wish to adjust your permissions.

Christmas in the Community event

Looking ahead, we are gearing up for our Christmas in the Community event on 12th December from 5–7 p.m. Details about the child-led stalls will be shared soon, so please mark the date in your diaries. We encourage children to perform at the start of the event if possible. On Friday, 29th November, we invite students to wear non-school uniforms and donate a bottle for our tombola. The variety of donations, from bubble baths to champagne, will undoubtedly add to the excitement!



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Planting Trees

In other news, we have again been awarded trees from Trees for Schools and would greatly appreciate any help planting them. If you're available, please let me know. The trees are in a bucket on the porch; we don't have many this year.

Second-Hand Uniform

Don't forget, there is a second-hand uniform sale running for one more week on the porch, where you can make donations for items you take.

Payments

We have a few outstanding payments for the pantomime, which must be completed this week. For those using our wraparound care, please ensure term two payments are made as soon as possible, as we need to close the financial year by 31st December.

There will be no after-school club on the last day of term.

Thank you for your ongoing support and engagement in our school community. Have a wonderful weekend!

Key Dates – for the entire year, see the website – new dates or information in yellow

<https://www.downampneyprimaryschool.co.uk/calendar/>

20 th November	Alex T. Smith, author webinar
22 nd November	Bake Off Vaughn
25 th November	Graphic Novel Club at lunchtime
25 th November	Sports hall athletics
26 th November	Sports hall athletics
29 th November	Bake Off Dakota
29 th November	Non-school uniform day – Please donate a bottle for Christmas Fayre
3 rd December	Dodgeball
5 th December	Experience Advert – Class 2 at Kempsford School – parental transport might be needed.
5 th December	Christmas movie night
12 th December	Reception and Y6 screening
12 th December	Christmas in the Community event – 5–7 p.m.
17 th December	Christmas jumper day
18 th December	Christmas lunch day
18 th December	Carols in the church at 2pm
19 th December	Pantomime
20 th December	Nativity Play – NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB