



## 2024-25 Week 25 Update

### This Week

This week, we learned about road safety through Beep Beep Day in class 1. The whole school enjoyed World Poetry Day. Class 1 wrote acrostic poems, class 2 used alliteration to write animal poems, and Class 3 performed their favourite poems.

As you know, we were without any power at school on Friday. I just wanted to take this chance to let you see the risk assessment process we go through in these events. Firstly, we always aim to open whenever it is safe. This morning, on finding out that some of the village was without power, staff arrived early to see what was affected. We were without internet and phone, but we had an analogue line for emergency calls, and incoming calls to Mrs Gray's mobile were emailed to me, which I could access in the field. Not all lights were working, but enough for the children to be safe, and we had enough lamps for the toilets that did not have windows for daylight. Some sockets were working, so although we did not have a photocopier, we could make toast for the breakfast club and the all-important coffee for the teachers! Throughout the morning, I continued to monitor messages and emails from the far field, and Mrs Woodruffe was working off-site and liaising with power companies and catering teams.

The children and teachers enjoyed a screen-free morning; we will do that again!

### Next Week

Next week, we are holding our spring parent meetings, so there are no teacher-led clubs. Children are welcome to attend wrap-around care while you have your appointment. Do not forget that there is an INSET day on Friday, March 28th, so the school will not be open to pupils.

We have booked the school photos for Monday, April 7th.

### Last Swimming Session

On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April we will have our last school swimming session of this academic year. Children in Polly's Deep End 2pm and 2.30pm groups are requested to bring in clothes to wear in the pool on this day. I am starting to cost swimming for next year and would value your feedback on the following: Would you like us to take all year groups and for how many sessions throughout the year?

### PTA update

Saturday, April 5th - Sunday, April 27th – Easter Egg trail around the village.

Friday, April 11th – make the rules days (fundraising shared with Make A Wish)

May 16th – school disco – more details to follow

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

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

March 24th	Parent progress meetings this week – NO CLUBS
March 28th	INSET DAY
April 4th	Class 3 morning at De Vere hotel
April 7th	School photographs
April 11th	Easter egg hunt and non-uniform day
May 12th	Year 6 SATS week



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May 23rd	Sports Day (if dry)
June 3rd	School beat visit
June 10th	Y6 leavers service at the Cathedral
June 17th	RIAT STEM day
June 21st	Small school fundraising
June 23rd	District Sports
June 26th	Area Sports
1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Farmors Induction days
July 4th	School Fete
July 18th	Last day of the term