

DALMAIN PRIMARY SCHOOL
Newsletter—July 2026



Dear Parents & Carers,

This year has been filled with growth, laughter, determination and countless moments that have made me incredibly proud to be Dalmain's Headteacher. Every member of our community has played a part in making our school the very special place that it is.

To our exceptional staff, thank you for your unwavering commitment, care and dedication to our children every single day. To our governors, Friends of Dalmain, volunteers and community partners, thank you for your time, expertise and support. And to our wonderful parents and carers, thank you for the trust you place in us, your encouragement and the many ways you support school life. Together, we have achieved so much.

Looking back through our newsletters and social media reminded me just how much we've packed into one incredible year. From our Shakespeare production, concerts and dance performances to sporting successes, educational visits, Forest School, community events, fundraising and exciting curriculum projects, our children have enjoyed a wealth of memorable experiences beyond the classroom.

We've continued to improve our school, expand opportunities for our children and strengthen everything that makes Dalmain such a special place to learn and grow.



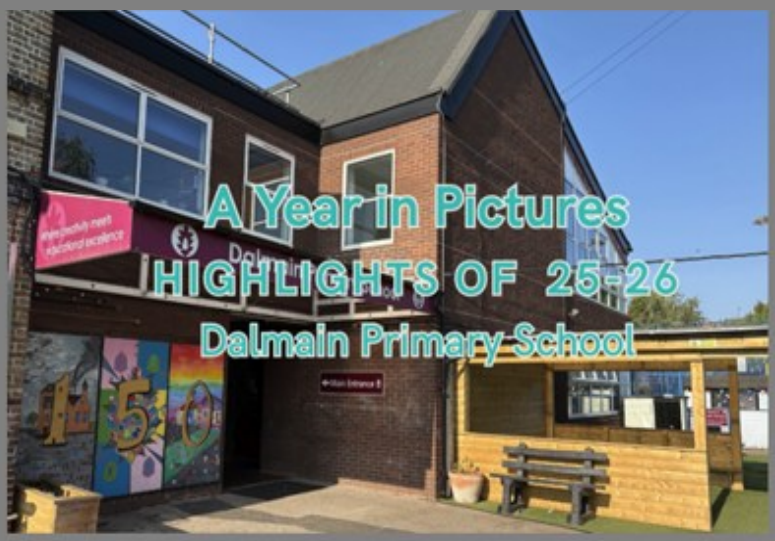
Most importantly, together we continue to nurture a community where every child feels accepted, is encouraged to embrace adventure and understands the power of teamwork. Those values are at the heart of everything we do, and seeing them lived out every day by our children, staff and families is something of which we can all be incredibly proud.

I hope you all enjoy a happy, restful and well-deserved summer break.

With my very best wishes, Ms Eisele - Headteacher

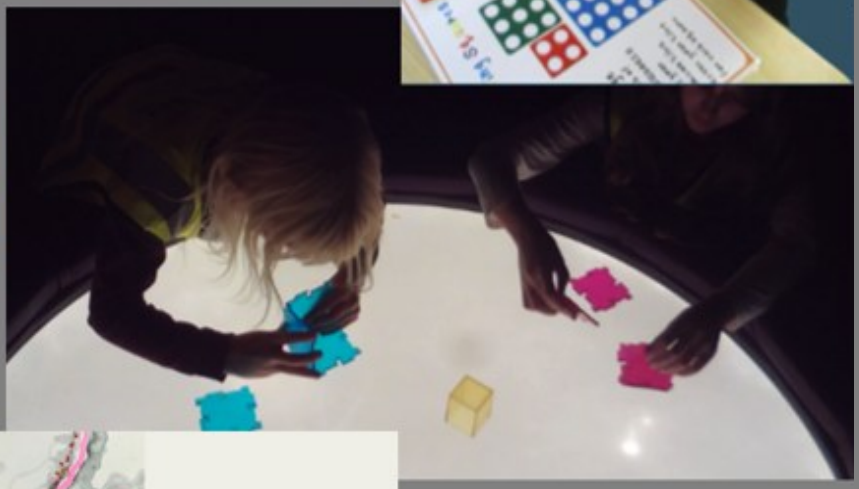
HOUSE POINT RESULTS

4th—Forest House: 6973	2nd—Grove House: 7733
3rd—Hawthorne House: 7536	1st—Oak House: 8072











Y5 Art: The Battle of Lewisham





KS1 Emergency Services Visit



#ProudToBeDalmain

Y4 Primary Shakespeare Performance







Writing Week!

Y3 DT: Volcanoes





Eco Week: Cooking



Y6 Production: Matilda





Nursery Playground



Nursery—Rose Class



What a fantastic Summer Term it has been in Rose Class! The children have embraced every opportunity to learn through play, exploration and first-hand experiences.



During Eco Week, we discovered the incredible world of bees and learned why they play such an important role in protecting our environment. The children loved getting creative by making their own playdough bees and designing bee-themed headwear for our special picnic. Honey sandwiches were a firm favourite, but even more impressive was hearing the children confidently explain how bees make honey and why we need to look after them. It was wonderful to see such curiosity and enthusiasm for the natural world.



Our topic this term, Journeys, also took us on some exciting adventures. Inspired by *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*, the children created and followed their very own bear hunt, bringing the much-loved story to life. Watching their imaginations flourish as they splashed through "rivers", swished through "long grass" and searched for the bear was a real highlight, demonstrating just how powerful immersive learning can be in the Early Years.

We rounded off the year with a celebration in our beautiful newly redeveloped Nursery garden, enjoying a picnic and games alongside so many of our families. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the children's achievements together and showcase the fantastic outdoor environment they now enjoy every day. The transformed Nursery playground has quickly become a much-loved space, providing endless opportunities for exploration, creativity and active play.

Well done, Rose Class, on such a wonderful year—we are so proud of everything you have achieved and can't wait to see what adventures lie ahead.







CLUBS Autumn 2026

Bookings go live on Monday 7th September 2026

Day	C	Time	Year Group	Location	Teacher	Places available	Price x 10 sessions	Payments
Monday	Gymnastics	8:00 - 8:45	Rec - Yr6	Top Hall	Ballers	20	£80	Direct
	Netball	3:30 – 4:30	3,4,5 & 6	PEN	Ms Allsopp	18	£25	School
	Art Palette	3:30-4:30	R-Y6	Art Room	Ms. Natacha	15	£100	Direct
Tuesday	Karate	8:00 – 8:45	Yellow / orange belts	Top Hall	Sensei Bethany McCloskey	20	£70	Direct
	Football	3:30-4:30	REC	PEN	Ballers	23	£60	Direct
	Football	4:30 – 5:30	1 & 2	PEN	Ballers	23	£60	Direct
Wednesday	Drawing	3:30-4:30	3,4,5 & 6	Art Room	Mr Roberts	25	£25	School
	Dance (Various styles)	3:30-4:30	3, 4,5 & 6	Top Hall	Ballers	17	£70	Direct
	Art Palette	3:30-4:30	R-Y6	Rose Room	Ms. Natacha	15	£100	Direct
	Football	4:30-5.30	3 & 4	PEN	Ballers	20	£60	Direct
	Football	5:30- 6:30	5 & 6	PEN	Ballers	20	£60	Direct
	French	3:30 – 4:30	3 - 6	Maths Room	Ms Iva	12	£80	Direct
Thursday	Karate	8:00-8:45	White & Red Belts	Top Hall	Sensei Bethany McCloskey	20	£70	Direct
	Art Palette	3:30-4:30	R-Y6	Room 15	Ms. Natacha	15	£100	Direct
	Tennis	3:30-4:30	3,4,5 & 6	PEN	Ballers	16	£60	Direct
	Chess	3:30-4:30	3,4,5 & 6	Rose Room	Nela Bešič	22	£100	Direct
Friday	Multi-skills	8:00 – 8:45	3, 4, 5 & 6	PEN	Ballers	20	£0	School
	Chess Club	1:00pm-2:00pm	3,4,5 & 6	Top Hall	CSC Club	20	£25	School
	Cricket	3:30-4:30	4,5,6	Pen	Ballers	20	£50	School
	Dance (Various styles)	3:30 – 4:30	Yr 1 & Y2	Top Hall	Ballers	20	£70	Direct
	Forest School	3:30 – 4:30	2, 3, 4, 5 & 6	Wildlife Garden	Secret Adventurers' Club	17	£75	Direct
	French	3:30 – 4:30	Rec – Yr2	Rm4	Ms Iva	12	£80	Direct
	LAMDA	Across the day	Rec – Yr6	Library	Ms Jenny / Storybox Drama Club	Apply directly	Apply directly	Direct

CLUB DATES

Autumn 2026

Term 1	Term 2
• Wb 21st Sept • Wb 28th Sept • Wb 5th Oct • Wb 12th Oct • Wb 19th Oct	• Wb 2nd Nov • Wb 9th Nov • Wb 16th Nov • Wb 23rd Nov • Wb 30th Nov













Reception—Daffodil Class





Wow! What a fabulous last term in Reception we have had. The children loved Eco Week and learnt all about plastic food packaging and pollution. They had a fantastic time with Phil, making banana bread from scratch! The outcome was tasty, too. The class also enjoyed chopping, preparing and arranging their own fruit kebabs. We had some fantastic conversations about where our food comes from and how it does not magically just appear in the shops!



Daffodil Class has also enjoyed a range of special visitors, including a karate teacher, circus skills instructors, a flautist from the London Philharmonic Orchestra and many more. We have had a very jam-packed summer term, and it has been lovely to see the whole class play, work and look out for each other so thoughtfully.



During the heatwaves, we have been keeping cool through water play. The class has loved having "spa days" and filling the water tray with icy-cold water!



The class has enjoyed exploring Forest School during the summer and noticing seasonal changes, such as frequent visits from butterflies, dragonflies and beetles. Some of the children have really challenged themselves by taking risks and climbing higher than ever before on the climbing tree.

I am extremely proud of Daffodil Class's achievements, progress and accomplishments this year. I will miss the class so much, and I wish them all the very best for next year. I hope you have a lovely summer holiday!



Reception—Daisy Class



What a wonderful final half term we have had in Daisy Class! During the recent hot weather, we kept cool with ice pops, water sprays, paddling, relaxing foot massages and even some calming meditation. We also had a fantastic Pirate Day filled with dressing up, singing sea shanties, making pirate ships and bravely walking the plank!



This half term has been all about change, trying new things and celebrating how much we have all grown. The children loved a wonderful flute recital and enjoyed taking part in their very first karate lesson, showing us that it's never too late to learn something new. We have reflected on how much we have changed since starting Reception and talked about how we can be kind friends by supporting others. I have been so proud of the caring and thoughtful ideas the children have shared.

We finished the year with our lovely Reception Family Picnic, where it was wonderful to see all of our Reception families together celebrating a fantastic year.



As we reach the end of Reception, Miss Cavanagh and Miss Sonia are incredibly proud of every child. It has been a true privilege to watch them grow in confidence, independence and kindness throughout the year. We wish all of our children the very best of luck as they move into their new classes, and especially those beginning new adventures at different schools or in new homes.

You have all been wonderful, and we hope you leave Dalmain with many happy memories. We know you will all continue to shine like the superstars you are!

Inclusion Team

Our Inclusion Team

Ms Sewani—Assistant Headteacher & SENCo

Ms Joyce—SENCo

Ms Wilkinson—Behaviour & Safeguarding Leader

They are always available to offer support to families with any concerns or questions—please get in touch via the School Office or see them in the playground.

Inclusion at Dalmain

As we approach the end of another successful school year, our Inclusion Team has been busy supporting children with one of the biggest changes of the year: moving into a new class.

Whilst many children look forward to September, we know that change can bring mixed emotions. Feeling excited, nervous, worried or even a combination of all three is completely normal. Our aim is to ensure that every child feels as confident and prepared as possible for the start of the new academic year.



Over the past few weeks, staff have been working closely together to ensure a smooth transition. Teachers have spent time sharing detailed information about each child, including their strengths, interests, friendships and any strategies that help them to thrive. This means that new teachers already know a great deal about the children before they start teaching them in September.

Children have also had opportunities to visit their new classrooms, meet their new teachers and spend time in their new playgrounds. These visits help children build confidence and reduce any uncertainty about the changes ahead.

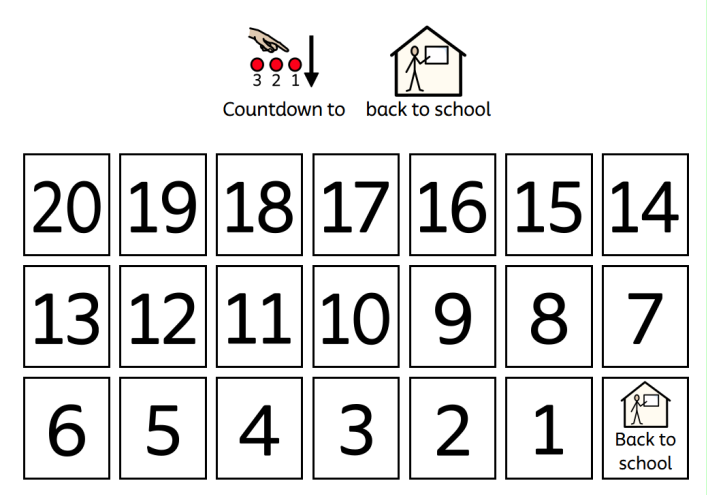
Across the school, classes have been reading and discussing transition books, exploring the idea that change is a healthy and natural part of life. Together, we have talked about the feelings that change can bring and the exciting opportunities that new beginnings offer.

Supporting Your Child Over the Summer

There are lots of simple ways you can help your child feel ready for September:

* Create a simple countdown calendar during the last week or two of the holidays so your child knows when school will begin.
* Talk positively about the new school year and encourage your child to share any questions or worries they may have.
* If your child is starting at Dalmain or moving on to secondary school, encourage them to wear their new uniform a few times over the summer holidays. Becoming familiar with how it looks and feels can make it feel much more comfortable and less 'new' on the first day.
* Read stories about starting a new class or school and remind your child that feeling a little nervous is something many children (and adults!) experience.
* During the final week of the holidays, gradually return to school bedtime and morning routines to help make the first few days back a little easier.

We wish all of our families a wonderful, restful summer break and look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year of learning.





Year 1—Bluebell Class



Bluebell Class has had a wonderful year, and we can't believe how quickly it has flown by! The children have grown in confidence, curiosity and independence, and are more than ready for the exciting adventures of Year 2.

In Maths, we mastered telling the time to o'clock and half past, enjoying the challenge of making our own clocks. In English, *Iggy Peck, Architect* inspired us to design dream homes, while *Dadaji's Paintbrush* encouraged thoughtful discussions about kindness, friendship and supporting one another. Our Art learning included beautiful Eiffel Tower drawings and colourful coral sculptures.

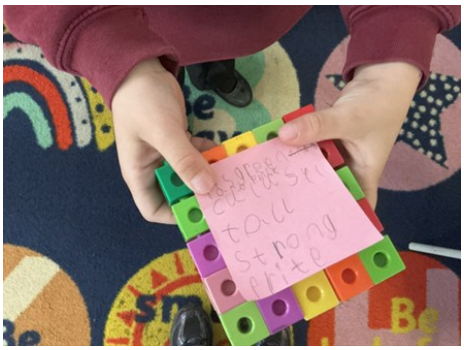
In Geography, we explored the four nations of the United Kingdom, learning about their capital cities and famous landmarks, while proudly celebrating the many countries represented in our class. During Eco Week, we discovered the benefits of eating seasonal food and made delicious summer fruit salads using local produce.



It has been a fantastic year, and we are incredibly proud of everything Bluebell Class has achieved. Well done, Bluebells—you have been amazing!



Year 1—Foxglove.Class

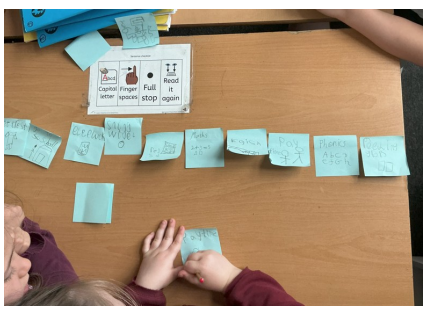


It's hard to believe how quickly this year has flown by! Foxglove Class has had a fantastic final term, and I couldn't be prouder of everything the children have achieved. They have grown in confidence, independence and resilience, and have embraced every new challenge with enthusiasm.

In Maths, we have been learning all about time. The children loved creating their own clocks and organising daily timetables before mastering o'clock and half past. It has been wonderful to see their excitement as this important life skill has developed.



In English, *Iggy Peck, Architect* inspired some truly imaginative writing. The children designed their own incredible towers before using ambitious vocabulary and descriptive language to bring their creations to life. Their creativity and enthusiasm have been a joy to see.



It has been a privilege to watch every child flourish this year, both academically and personally. Foxglove Class has worked incredibly hard, shown great kindness and achieved so much. We know they are ready to shine in Year 2, and we wish them every success for the adventures ahead.

ECO COUNCIL

It has been another fantastic year for our Eco Council, with lots of exciting opportunities to learn about the environment and inspire positive change.







One of our biggest highlights was Eco Week, where our whole-school focus was food and sustainability. Every class took part in cooking activities using fresh ingredients, creating delicious dishes including homemade crisps, ultra-local salads and tasty dips. Alongside our cooking, we explored important topics such as food miles, seasonal produce, food waste and the impact of excessive packaging on our planet. It was a brilliant week that showed us how the small choices we make every day can make a big difference.

Three Simple Things Families Can Do At Home

*** Buy seasonal fruit and vegetables where possible.**
*** Reduce food waste by planning meals and using up leftovers.**
*** Choose products with less packaging or remember to take reusable bags, bottles and lunch containers when you're out.**





ECO COUNCIL

Another highlight this year was welcoming our local MP, Ellie Reeves, and Brockley Green Party Councillor, Rotimi Skyers, to meet with the Eco Council. The children asked thoughtful questions about what the Government and local councillors are doing to tackle climate change and protect our environment. They were particularly excited to hear about plans to transform unused local spaces into greener areas for both wildlife and the community.

The Eco Council also played an important role in selecting our new school catering provider. They met with prospective caterers, asking insightful questions about reducing food waste, using seasonal ingredients and sourcing food sustainably. Naturally, the food tasting was a firm favourite! We are delighted that Bloom Community Kitchen will be providing our school meals from September and know our children will enjoy their fresh, nutritious menus.











We also took part in an inspiring workshop with Retrofit Action for the Future (RAFT), learning how our rain garden supports biodiversity, manages rainwater naturally and creates a thriving outdoor space. On one of the hottest days of the year, when temperatures reached 38°C in London, the children also explored how Dalmain's heat management measures—including shaded areas, reduced lighting and closed blinds—help keep everyone safe and comfortable.

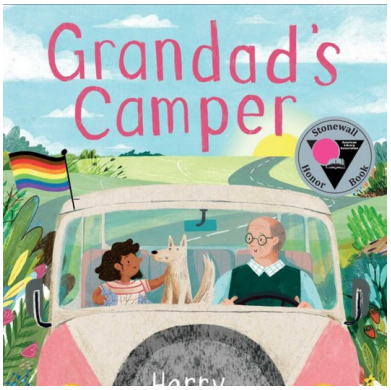
A huge thank you to all of our Eco Councillors for their enthusiasm, curiosity and commitment throughout the year. We are incredibly proud of everything they have achieved and look forward to another exciting year of making Dalmain an even greener school.

Year 2– Marigold Class



What a Fantastic Final Term in Year 2! Marigold Class has had a wonderful Summer Term filled with exciting learning, creativity and memorable experiences.

In maths, the children explored money and telling the time. Learning to read clocks was quite tricky at first, but through lots of practice and determination, they have become confident time readers!



During writing, the children wrote imaginative sequels to *Grandad's Camper*, thinking carefully about how the story might continue. They also became London tour guides, creating informative & colourful guidebooks for visitors coming to London for the first time. Their writing was full of interesting facts & thoughtful advice.

One of the highlights of the term was our Road Safety Workshop. The children met a real police officer and loved learning how to stay safe near roads, and were especially excited to use the traffic lights and zebra crossing.

To end the term on a high, the children took part in a fun-filled Circus Workshop, learning new circus skills, trying different equipment and challenging themselves with exciting activities- they even dressed up as clowns, adding even more laughter and excitement to the day!

We are so proud of everything the children have achieved. They have worked incredibly hard, shown kindness, resilience and enthusiasm every day, and are more than ready for their next adventure in Year 3. We hope you all have a safe, happy and relaxing summer holiday!

Year 2—Snowdrop Class



Snowdrop Class has had a wonderful final term in Year Two, pushing through two serious heatwaves to make the most of our last few weeks together!



In Writing, we've ended the year on a high, creating a piece of fiction writing based on the book *Grandad's Camper* and a non-fiction guidebook for tourists visiting London. Both pieces of work demonstrated all the progress we have made this year – everybody should be really proud of how far they have come.

In Maths, fractions was a favourite topic for many, and we also loved making our own clocks which we used to help us tell the time in five-minute intervals as well as quarter-past and -to the hour.



We've had a great time comparing London and Mumbai in Geography – a highlight was learning about the different modes of transport used in Mumbai (particularly the rickshaws!) and then creating advertisements for them.

To finish off the year, we had a hilarious circus-skills workshop where we heard about lots of different tricks of the circus, and even got to try out some of the equipment for ourselves!

Well done, Snowdrop Class, for an excellent end to fantastic year. Remember: this has been a great year, but next year's going to be... EVEN BETTER!

The Friends of Dalmain

SUMMER 2026

FRIENDS OF DALMAIN

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https://www.pta-events.com/friendsofdalmain/

OVERVIEW

As we come to the end of another academic year we'd like to thank **everyone** for all their support- be that organising and supporting at fairs, being a class rep and encouraging others in your class to help at events throughout the year, playing in the Dalmain school band and/or anything else including buying cakes, ice creams or iced coffees! All the fundraising we collectively do helps benefit all our children and the Dalmain community.

THANK YOU!

A HUGE thank you to Amy Fox who has been co-treasurer for Friends of Dalmain for FIVE YEARS! Not only has she been brilliant at keeping the finances/running around at school fairs, sorting floats and tokens but she's also being excellent company- Amy, we hope you enjoy a couple of fairs/years at Dalmain without the demands of a treasurer!!



SUMMER FAIR

Despite the HOT HOT HOT weather the summer fair was a great occasion. So much going on: amazing salad bar and curry, karaoke, face painting, henna, an ice cream cart, bouncy castle, Beat the Goalie, games galore, a fantastic raffle with a plethora of prizes and ICED COFFEE! The Wildlife Garden was a haven of calm with Spicy Margaritas to help cool down! And we had wonderful live music from the Honor Oak Muscial Theatre Choir- please see poster for information on how to join- several parents already sing with them and love it!

Also, a special mention to all the Year 6s who ran their stalls as true professionals and raised over £800 for their end of year celebrations- Perhaps Friends of Dalmain should enlist more of their help in future fundraising endeavours

£6000 RAISED!

FOD FUNDED PROJECTS 2025/26

- PHILOSOPHY CLASSES
- SCHOOL TRIPS FOR EACH CLASS
- THE PRIMARY SHAKESPEARE COMPANY THEATRE PROJECT
- VISIT BY AUTHOR LAURA HENRY ALLAIN
- 10 NEW LAPTOPS
- PARENTING IN DIGITAL AGE WORKSHOP
- WEST END STORYTELLERS FOR WORLD BOOK DAY
- END OF YEAR CIRCUS SKILLS WORKSHOPS FOR REC-Y5

DATES FOR AUTUMN 2026

- 17 SEPTEMBER: FOD PUB SOCIAL.
- 25 SEPTEMBER: FOD AGM
- 26 SEPTEMBER: NEW FAMILIES FUN MORNING
- 16 OCTOBER: HALLOWEEN DISCO
- 28 NOVEMBER: CHRISTMAS FAIR 12 - 3PM
- 29 NOVEMBER: CHRISTMAS TREE DELIVERY/COLLECTION

Year 3—Tiger Lily Class

Tiger Lily Class has finished Year 3 with a fantastic term of curiosity, creativity and ambitious learning. Inspired by *Cloud Tea Monkeys*, the children immersed themselves in the continent of Asia, exploring tea plantations and discovering how tea is grown, processed and transported from plantation to cup. They researched this fascinating journey before producing detailed non-chronological reports, showcasing their growing confidence as writers.

In History, the children investigated the remarkable Indus Valley Civilisation, exploring how one of the world's earliest societies flourished, the achievements it is remembered for and the reasons behind its decline. Our English lessons also took us into the world of poetry through *Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats*, where children explored rhyme, rhythm and performance, bringing poems to life with confidence and expression.

During Eco Week, Tiger Lily investigated the impact of ultra-processed foods before working with our chef, Phil, to transform vegetable peelings into delicious crisps and dips, learning how small changes can reduce food waste. A visit from our local Community Officer also helped children develop vital road safety skills.

It has been a pleasure to watch every child grow in confidence this year. We are incredibly proud of all they have achieved and know they are more than ready for the exciting challenges of Year 4.







Year 3—Snapdragon Class



*I*t's hard to believe our Year 3 journey has come to an end! This term has been filled with exciting learning, memorable experiences and opportunities to challenge ourselves.

In English, *Cloud Tea Monkeys* inspired us to write impressive non-chronological reports, while *Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats* encouraged thoughtful discussion and expressive reading. In History, we explored the achievements of the Indus Valley Civilisation, and in RE we learned about what it means to live as a Buddhist. In PE, Coach Alfie helped us develop our athletics skills, with a particular focus on different jumping techniques.



Beyond the classroom, we finally enjoyed our much-anticipated visit to the Horniman Museum, where we became archaeologists for the day. During Eco Week, we worked with our chef, Phil, to make delicious vegetable crisps and pea and mint dip while learning about healthy, sustainable food choices. We also welcomed a Police Community Support Officer, who taught us valuable road safety skills.



It has been a privilege to watch Snapdragon Class grow in confidence, kindness and resilience this year. We are incredibly proud of everything they have achieved and know they are ready to shine in Year 4.

Drama & LAMDA



This term has been a busy and exciting one for all of our LAMDA pupils, and we would like to congratulate every pupil on their hard work, commitment, and enthusiasm in Speech and Drama classes.

Throughout the term, pupils have shown great dedication as they prepared for and completed their LAMDA examinations. Learning and performing poetry and prose pieces requires confidence, perseverance, and creativity, and we are incredibly proud of the progress that all of our pupils have made. Taking a LAMDA exam is a wonderful achievement, and every pupil should be proud of the effort they have put into their preparation and performance. Results will be given out in September in our first lesson back.

We would also like to take this opportunity once again say a huge congratulations to those pupils who represented the school at The Bromley Festival of Music and Speech. Dalmain pupils performed incredibly well!

A further highlight was our LAMDA Showcase where students had the opportunity to perform for family and friends. The showcase was a fantastic celebration of the talent, confidence, and creativity developed through LAMDA lessons. From expressive performances to polished speaking skills, every student contributed to a memorable and enjoyable event.

Well done to all of our LAMDA students for a wonderful year! We are extremely proud of everything you have accomplished and look forward to seeing your continued success and development in September. Keep up the fantastic work!

If you are interested in developing your child's confidence and communication skills through LAMDA classes with us, please email info@storyboxdrama.co.uk for a sign up form.





LAMDA Lessons at Dalmain Primary School

Welcome to LAMDA lessons at Dalmain Primary School run by Storybox Drama(formally Armstrong Speech and Drama). Our aim is to empower as many children as possible by giving them the confidence to become strong communicators, performers and storytellers. This leaflet will introduce you to what is involved in LAMDA lessons. Our primary aim is to encourage and develop confidence and communication skills in our pupils and we do this by introducing them to a range of poetry across the year.

At the heart of LAMDA examinations is the recognition that the qualifications are for everyone. Across the globe, the examinations unite learners of all ages, abilities, backgrounds, and cultures in enthusiasm for the English language and a desire to develop skills for life

Lessons cost £13 per pupils per session and parents are invoiced termly. To terminate lessons, a full half term's notice is required in writing. If you would like to sign your child up for our lessons, please complete the **BOOKING FORM HERE.**

For any questions, please contact info@storyboxdrama.co.uk. Please do have a look at our lovely new website www.storyboxdrama.co.uk

RECEPTION Reception classes aim to give the little ones a taster of what LAMDA is all about and introduce them to poetry and performance! The classes should ignite a love for poetry in the children and allow them to explore their words and feelings together as a group.

INTRODUCTORY Years 1-3 Our Introductory exams are the perfect start for both young learners and those who have never taken an exam before. By learning the words of a fun poem from the likes of Michael Rosen and Valerie Bloom our Introductory learners are developing the ability to express themselves clearly while also improving their memorisation and recall.

SPEAKING VERSE AND PROSE Years 4-6 Our Speaking Verse and Prose learners develop a whole host of skills, from speaking clearly and using voice projection, to improving memorisation and building an understanding of poetry and prose which supports studies in English literature. As learners progress through the levels they interact with the texts, responding to them with imagination and using body language and expression to engage an audience.

HOW OUR LESSON WORK

Students will have a 30 minute lesson each week in a small group. The lessons will help develop their communication and performance skills. We have split our year into three clear sections:

Winter Term: Prepare. Pupils will develop their presentation and performance skills and will learn poems as a group.

Easter Term: Practice. Pupils will now be introduced to their own individual poems and will learn them at home. They will bring their own unique expressions to the performance and get to perform in our annual LAMDA Showcase. We also enter pupils into the Bromley Festival where we have had great success over the years.

Summer Term: Perform. This is when all the hard work is paid off with children being able to enter their optional LAMDA exam.

Year 4—Lily Class



What an fantastic final term it has been for Lily Class!



In Writing and History, we have been learning about the Ancient Egyptians, culminating in fantastic newspaper articles reporting on Howard Carter's astonishing discovery of King Tutankhamun's tomb in 1922.



In Maths, children have tackled fractions, money and time, building confidence with these essential real-world skills. We've learnt about teeth and the digestive system in Science and about the significance of Eid al-Adha in RE.

A highlight this term was our Primary Shakespeare performance at Theatre Peckham – the children were outstanding and showed great courage, skill and teamwork on stage. The children also loved cooking with Phil during Eco Week and are looking forward to more of that next year!



I'm incredibly proud of everything the children have achieved this year and the progress they have made. Wishing everyone a wonderful summer break!

Year 4—Jasmine Class

We've had a brilliant half term in Jasmine Class with lots to celebrate. Our Multiplication Tables Check results were something to be really proud of, a true testament to the hard work the children have put in all year. In English, we have been writing newspaper reports on the discovery of Tutankhamun, which the children threw themselves into with great enthusiasm.

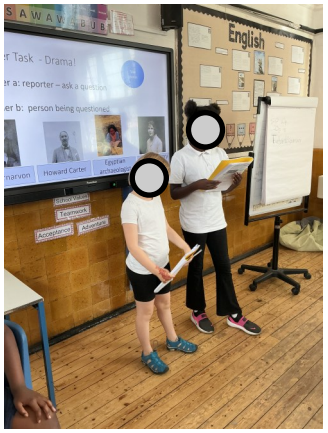
We also performed our Primary Shakespeare Company show this term, and it was an incredibly special occasion. The bravery and talent on that stage was incredible to see and we could not have been prouder of every single one of them. The children have also loved cooking with Phil for Eco Week and are extremely excited for more of that next year.

In History, we created posters exploring life in Ancient Egypt writing all our gruesome facts about Mummification and the ancient Egpytian afterlife! Finally, in Maths we have been getting to grips with angles. It has been a truly wonderful year and I am so grateful for all your support at home. I hope you all have a fantastic summer and hope to hear all about the wonderful things Jasmine Class go on to achieve!









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SUMMER HOLIDAY AND FOOD PROGRAMME



Get ready to learn about the Ocean, Royalty, Rainforests and Around the world!!

Monday 27th July 2026 - Thursday 20th August 2026

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10am - 2pm

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Year 5—Sunflower Class



We have had a wonderful final half-term in Sunflower Class, learning about lots of wonderful things and gaining new skills that will help us as we look forward to Year 6. The theme has been "Mystery and Truth" and we have been looking at "Real Life Mysteries" as our Teaching of Reading text, taking on the role of detectives and investigators as we attempt to solve mysteries that have plagued humanity for many a year. We learnt how to look for evidence as a pathway to gaining the truth, learnt about the differences between fact and opinions as well as providing rational, science-based explanations for phenomena. We have also been writing a range of writing styles from instruction to information texts, considering the audience and purpose of each style.





In RE we have continued learning about Buddhism, the highlight of which was a guided meditation session in the wildlife garden. In Science, we've been learning about the natural world, especially looking at plant reproduction. In Geography, we have studied the devastation of earthquakes and how they are caused.

As we draw Year 5 to a conclusion, I am immensely proud of this class and all that they have achieved. They have learnt to be tenacious and determined, resilient and growing in quiet confidence. I am excited by what they can achieve next year. I wish all Sunflower students and families a wonderful ahead of their final year at Dalmain!

Year 5—Poppy Class

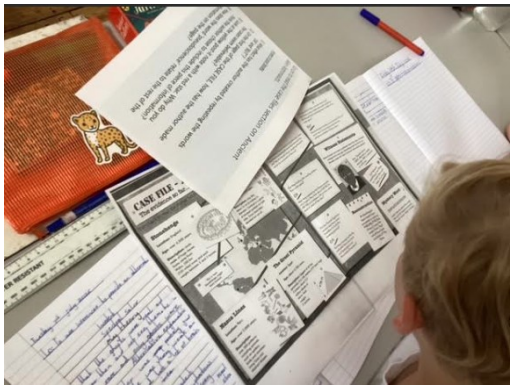


We can't believe our Year 5 journey has come to an end!

It has been an amazing year full of learning, laughter, and fantastic memories. We are so proud of everything we have achieved.

This term, we explored all things mysteries**!** In our teaching of reading, we read lots of fascinating mysteries from the book *Unsolved Mysteries*. We had a great discussion about Bigfoot—some of us think he's real, while others aren't so sure. What do you think?

In Writing, we read *High-Rise Mystery*. We were all shocked to discover that Serena was the murderer! Inspired by the story, we wrote our own mystery stories set at Dalmain, using clues, suspense, and exciting plot twists to keep our readers guessing.



In Maths, we have been learning all about angles and have been practising how to use protractors accurately to measure and draw them. In RE, we have been learning about the Buddhist community. We explored Buddhist beliefs, values, and traditions and developed our understanding of how Buddhism is practised around the world.

As we come to the end of Year 5, we would like to thank everyone for all of your support throughout the year. We have learned so much and made wonderful memories together. We are excited for the challenges and opportunities that Year 6 will bring!

BREAKFAST & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB



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Ballers Sports Coaching X Dalmain Primary School

What we do at Dalmain Primary.....





WRAPAROUND CARE FROM 26/27	PE/PPA LUNCH TIME CLUB	ENRICHMENT CLUBS

AGES FROM NURSERY TO YEAR 6

BREAKFAST CLUB 7:30 - 8:45 AM AFTER SCHOOL CLUB 3:15 - 6:15 PM		EMAIL FOR FURTHER INFO

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About Us

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At Ballers Sports Coaching, we pride ourselves on delivering a high-quality, caring, and professional service that supports both children and schools alike. Our mission is to create a safe, engaging, and inclusive environment where every child can grow in confidence, develop new skills, and enjoy being active.

Through our PE provision, wraparound care, and enrichment clubs, we aim to provide a holistic experience that goes beyond sport. We understand the importance of childcare that families can trust, while also creating opportunities for children to learn, socialise, and thrive.

Our passionate team works closely with schools to ensure every session is fun, enriching, and tailored to the needs of the children and wider school community. Whether it's before school, during PE lessons, lunchtime clubs, or after-school activities, we are committed to delivering the very best experience for every child.

At Ballers Sports Coaching, we believe sport has the power to inspire, include, and empower helping children build lifelong skills both in and out of school.

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Our Services

INVEST IN THE YOUTH
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Our experienced and highly skilled staff are passionate about delivering outstanding childcare and sports provision in a safe, supportive, and inclusive environment. Every member of the team is committed to maintaining the highest standards of professionalism, ensuring children feel secure, engaged, and encouraged at all times.

BREAKFAST CLUB	WRAPAROUND	NURSERY WRAPAROUND
£6.00 per day or £27.00 for the week	£13.00 per day or £60.00 for the week	£14.00 per day or £70.00 for the week

ENRICHMENT CLUBS	Ranging from £7 - £8.50 dependant on club	Gymnastics Football Tennis + Many more

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What our parents say.....

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"The organisation and communication throughout our time with Ballers has been amazing making it easy for us as parents and ensuring everything runs smoothly.

There is an element of family culture at Ballers and it is set up we are proud to be a part of."

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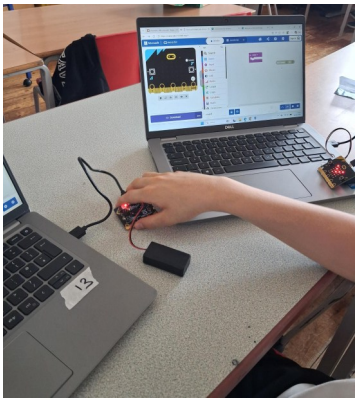
Year 6

As another school year draws to a close, it is hard to believe that it is time to say goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 pupils. This final term has been packed with memorable experiences, exciting opportunities and plenty of reasons to celebrate. From becoming young entrepreneurs to taking to the stage in our end-of-year production, the children have embraced every challenge with enthusiasm, determination and confidence.

Watching them grow throughout this year has been an absolute privilege. They have matured into thoughtful, resilient and independent young people who are more than ready for the exciting adventure of secondary school. They should all feel incredibly proud of everything they have achieved, and I certainly could not be prouder of the effort, kindness and perseverance they have shown. They leave Dalmain with wonderful memories, lasting friendships and so many skills that will help them flourish in the future.



This term, our history learning has taken us to the fascinating Kingdom of Benin. We explored how this remarkable civilisation developed, learnt about the daily lives and traditions of the Edo people, and considered the impact of British colonisation on the kingdom. Alongside our history lessons, we enjoyed reading Children of the Benin Kingdom by Dinah Orji, using the story to deepen our understanding of life in Benin and inspire our own writing. The children produced informative non-chronological reports that showcased both their historical knowledge and their excellent writing skills. In Reading, we also discovered the powerful poetry of Langston Hughes, discussing the themes, language and emotions within his work.



Mathematics this term has been full of practical learning and real-life problem solving. The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the Make £5 Grow enterprise challenge, where they developed business ideas, managed budgets, marketed their products and sold them at the Summer Fair. Their hard work paid off, and it was fantastic to celebrate their success with a well-earned bowling trip using the profits they had made.



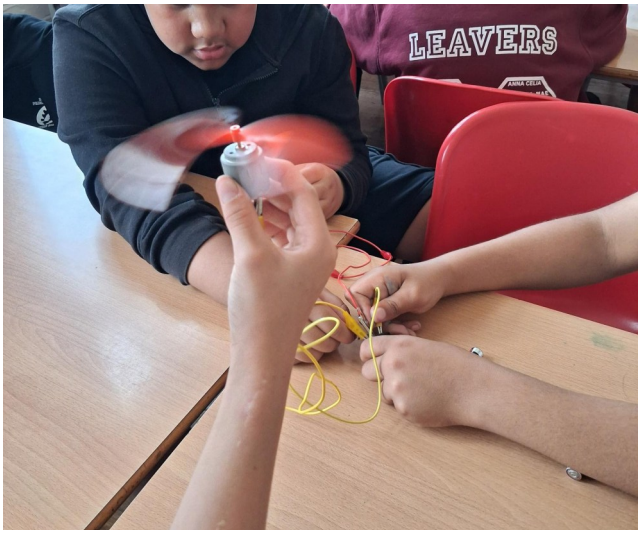
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We also explored financial literacy, learning about salaries, income tax, National Insurance, mortgages and household budgeting. The children were fascinated to discover how money is managed in everyday life and gained valuable skills that will benefit them in the future. Alongside this, we combined mathematics with creativity by investigating Baravelle spirals, the Golden Spiral and spirolaterals, producing some impressive mathematical artwork.

One of the highlights of the year has undoubtedly been our spectacular production of Matilda. The children threw themselves into rehearsals, learnt their lines with confidence and delivered fantastic performances that entertained everyone who came to watch. Their energy, commitment and teamwork shone through in every scene. A huge thank you goes to Miss Phillips, whose creativity, dedication and hard work made the production such a memorable success.

Preparing for secondary school has also been an important focus this term. Through the Be Awesome, Go Big transition programme, the children reflected on the importance of resilience, perseverance and believing in themselves.



They explored how mistakes help us to learn, recognised that success comes through determination and effort, and developed strategies for approaching new challenges with confidence. It has been wonderful to see them grow in self-belief as they prepare to begin the next stage of their education.

In Science, we revisited our learning about electricity by building and testing a range of circuits using bulbs, buzzers, switches and motors. The children particularly enjoyed investigating "salty circuits", discovering how salt dissolved in water creates charged particles, called ions, which allow electricity to flow and light an LED. It was a fascinating way to bring scientific ideas to life through practical investigation.



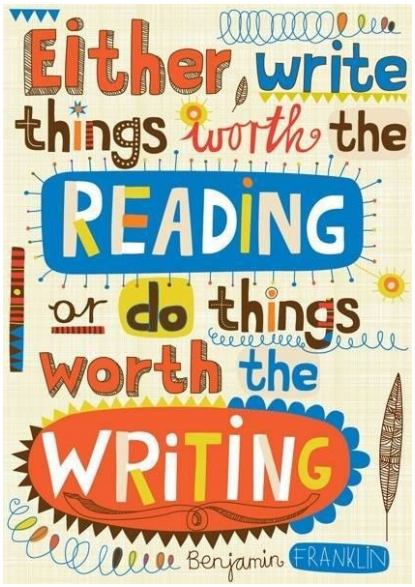
As we reach the end of the year, We would like to thank all of our families for your continued encouragement and support throughout your children's time in Year 6. It has been a pleasure to teach such a fantastic group of young people. We wish every one of them the very best as they begin their next adventure at secondary school. We know they will continue to work hard, dream big and achieve wonderful things.


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Writing Laureate Award

Since the start of this school term, we have been absolutely astounded by the standard of writing that our pupils have produced. The following children have been chosen to receive our Dalmain Laureate Award for their exceptional progress, use of high-quality vocabulary and application of literary skills across the curriculum. We are so impressed to see what they have achieved and are looking forward to their writing being displayed in school.

Look out for these future authors!



Reception: Rosanna &Izaiah

Year 1: Gabriel & Edie

Year 2: Zach & Jason

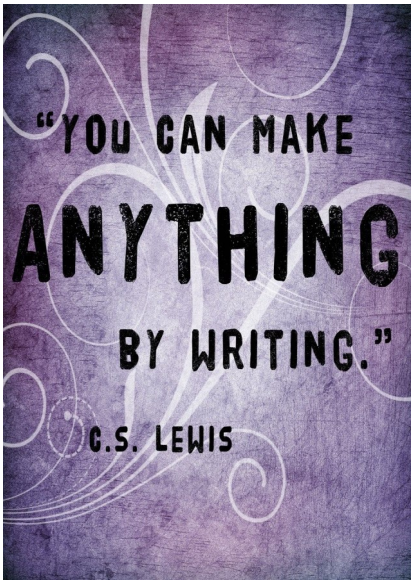
Year 3: Florence & Aruna

Year 4: Julius & Kasra

Year 5: Niya & Penelope

Year 6: Vincent & Celia

CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERYONE!



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SYDENHAM'S BIG CAT SAFARI

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A free 30-40 minute family street theatre show



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Packed with laughs, surprises, and more feline philosophy than you can shake a stick at, Sydenham's Big Cat Safari is a purr-fectly bonkers outdoor romp for all ages.

Follow the pawprints. Trust the crystals. Fear the pheromone spray.

THE CAST



KAJO SATORI
as Professor Björn Björnsson



KATE BARRY
as Lady Elspeth Trumpington-Gore



RAMIAH SMITH
as Zoe Moon

AUDIENCE COMMENTS FROM PREVIOUS OUTDOOR EVENTS:

"We love your shows so much, so well crafted and a super hit with the kids (and grownups.)"

"Fantastic, three generations loved it."

"Great energy, loved audience interaction."

"Excellent, loved meeting the cast."







PHOTOS OF *THREE BILLY GOATS GRUFF* AND *THE PIED PIPER OF SYDENHAMELIN* BY MARK DRINKWATER. PHOTO OF *ROBIN HOOD* BY IAN MACAULAY

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TEAM SPONTANEOUS

Go to: **spontaneousproductions.co.uk/volunteer** for more information.

This is a free event, with no advance booking. The audience will be required to walk for a few minutes between locations. Please note there will be limited shade or cover, so in case of rain or hot weather, please bring appropriate clothing etc.

Please assemble from 15 mins before the advertised show times, so each safari can start promptly on the hour.

Help support this event by donating through our website – or make a contribution by cash or card on the day!

spontaneousproductions.co.uk/safari

Written, directed and produced by **Jonathan Kaufman** Additional ideas and dialogue by **Darren Bird** Costume designer and Associate producer **Jackie Poulett** Scenic design **Alexia Lopez** Photography **Mark Drinkwater** Graphic design **Jan Warren**

ENRICHMENT CELEBRATION

Attached with this newsletter, take a look our outstanding Enrichment Celebration, Issue 5!

