



Newsletter

FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER 2026



Half Term

As you know, we will be closing for Half Term on Friday 23rd October. We would like to wish everyone a restful and enjoyable break and remind everyone to stay safe.

School will reopen on Monday 2nd November 2026, with the gates opening at 8:35am and learning beginning promptly at 8:45am. We have lots of exciting learning opportunities planned and look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for a fantastic second half of the autumn term.



Pupil Leadership

We would like to congratulate the Year 6 children who have been appointed as Head Pupils, members of the Junior Leadership Team, and Prefects. We know that you will continue to demonstrate the maturity, respect, and positive attitude that earned you these roles, and we look forward to seeing the impact you will make across the school this year.

Next week, Miss Patel will be conducting interviews with pupils who have applied to become Peer Buddies. We would like to wish all applicants the very best of luck and cannot wait to see who will become the next group of pupils to take on these important leadership responsibilities.

Thank you for your patience

We would like to extend our sincere thanks for the patience, understanding and support shown by parents when we had to close the school on Tuesday. We apologise for any inconvenience that the two-day closure may have caused; however, we are sure you will appreciate that our priority was to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all children and staff. Your cooperation and support during the disruption were greatly appreciated.



Attendance

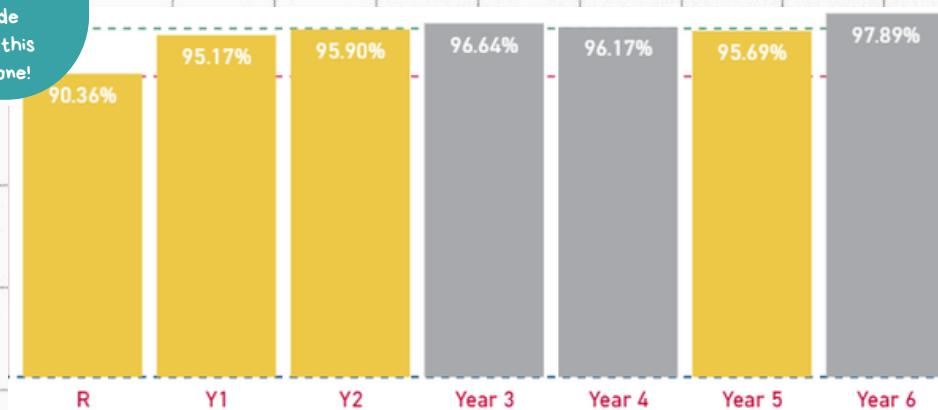
MOMENTS
MATTER,
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COUNTS.

We continue to see excellent levels of attendance from the majority of our pupils, and we are delighted with the positive start to the year. We look forward to seeing this continue throughout the remainder of the term.

As we move into Autumn 2, we would like to remind parents of the importance of children being in school every day. We are unable to authorise holidays during term time, and absences for this reason may result in a Fixed Penalty Notice or, in some cases, prosecution.

Every day in school matters. When children miss lessons, they miss important learning opportunities that their peers receive, which can make it more difficult for them to keep up with their learning and achieve their full potential.

Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 & Year 5 have all made improvements this week! Well done!



Year Six are still ahead but both Year Three and Four are hot on their heels!

Keep it up!

Value of the Week

Over the last two weeks, we been introducing parents to our Value of the Week, helping to highlight the important role our school values play in everyday life at Deepdale. This week, the value has been empathy and how taking time to understand the feelings of others helps us build positive relationships and create a caring school community. Staff have been looking out for examples of empathy throughout the week. Have you noticed any examples at home?



Just a few examples of how this might look...

- Noticing when someone is upset and checking if they are OK.
- Including someone who may be feeling left out.
- Offering help when a friend is finding something difficult.
- Apologising straight away if you accidentally say or do something unkind.
- Treating others as you would like to be treated yourself.
- Listening carefully when someone is sharing their thoughts or feelings.

Empathy

GloWeek: Be Bright, Be Seen.



As the days grow shorter and the evenings become darker, it's more important than ever for children to be visible when they're out and about.

From 19th – 25th October 2026, the Child Brain Injury Trust are running their annual road safety awareness campaign, GloWeek. This is designed to encourage children, families, schools and communities across the UK to Be Bright, Be Seen.

A simple choice, such as wearing bright colours, reflective clothing or carrying a light, can help children stay safer on roads and pavements during the autumn and winter months.

Make sure children are staying safe when coming to and from school, the roads are busy with lots of cars coming and going – make sure they can see you! More information can be found here [LINK](#).

Remember, next Thursday is our Autumn Term Parents' Evening. Please make sure you have booked your appointment. Nursery-Year 4 book with your teacher, Year 5-6 – book with the main office.

Parents'
Evening
22/10/2026

We routinely seek parents' views about our school, including what you value most about your child's experience and any areas where you may have noticed changes or developments. The link below will be open from now until Friday 23rd October.

[LINK](#)

We will be reviewing comments after half term and will move forward from there.

After School Clubs

✓ Multi Skills (KS2)

✓ Drumba

✓ Yoga

✓ Deepdale Active

Contact the school office to book