



Welcome back!

Wishing all of our Dove Bank community a happy new year! Thank you for the support that you have shown us this week as we have navigated the weather!

As we start a new term, there is so much to look forward to. The children have returned to school happy and excited to learn new things. Please see our diary dates for upcoming events. Can we also remind everyone to make sure that children come dressed for the cold weather, so that they can enjoy the snow when it comes! A spare pair of wellies will come in useful!



After-School Clubs

Our teacher led after-school clubs will begin next week. Please use the links if you would like to book your child on. (Choir, recorders and keyboard will continue with the same members due to performance commitments).

[Click for EYFS/KS1](#)

[Click for KS2](#)

In addition, **The Nest** runs each night 3:15 - 6 and the children have a great time! If you would like to book into the nest, please email: thenest@dovebank.staffs.sch.uk



Ancient Egypt Day

Year 6 have wasted no time in getting down to some serious learning. They kicked off their History topic on Ancient Egyptians with a workshop. They enjoyed working with our visitor, Emma, looking at how the ancient Egyptians traded with other countries, how they communicated and used hieroglyphics and how the River Nile played such an important part in their development. All the children got fully involved and some even dressed up.

It was a day full of active learning!



15th Jan

KIDS CHOICE MENU



Ambassadorial roles

You may have heard that some of our children are taking a lead in school in a variety of ways.

Our sustainability ambassadors have been busy promoting looking after the environment.

Our school leadership team are also starting to tackle new projects, including the playground improvements.

New initiatives, such as digital ambassadors, will lead the way on promoting internet safety in school.

Our already established Reading and Kindness ambassadors have been meeting and planning more activities this year too, as this term sees both Kindness day World Book Day, in March.

These teams are meeting regularly and we hope that all of our children will help to make meaningful contributions to the continuing development of the school.

Watch this space!





Dates for Your Diary - Spring '26

Important dates for the Spring term.

Spring Term	
EVERY FRIDAY	Celebration Assembly 2.45pm
Thursday 22 nd January	SAT's Information for Y6 Parents, 3.30pm
Thursday 5 th February	Young Voices
Friday 6 th February	Reception Class Assembly
Friday 6 th February	Numbers Day
Tuesday 10 th February	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 12 th February	Friendship Disco PTFA
Friday 13 th February	Year 1 class assembly
Friday 13 th February	Kindness Day - please bring a donation for our local foodbank
Monday 16 th - Friday 20 th February Half Term	
Friday 27 th February	Year 2 Class Assembly
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
Friday 6 th March	Year 3 Class Assembly
Friday 6 th March	Own Clothes Day for Gifts for Mothers' Day stall PTA
Monday 9 th - Friday 14 th March	Science Week
Thursday 12 th March	Science Day 9-10am (parents in school)
Friday 13 th March	Mother's Day Assembly @ 2:30
Friday 13 th March	Mother's Day Gift Stall PTA
Monday 16 th March	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 18 th March	Parents' Evening
Friday 20 th March	Year 4 Class Assembly
Friday 20 th March	Own Clothes Day for Chocolate and Easter Egg Donations
Tuesday 24 th March	Year 3 and 4 performance @ 5:30
Thursday 26 th March	Easter Bingo
Friday 27 th March	Easter Bonnet Parade
Monday 30 th March - Friday 10 th April Half Term	

Events highlighted parents are invited to attend.

Thank you for being so supportive of the Mount Road Practice Socially Isolated Patients Christmas Party

I just wanted to take a few minutes, on behalf of Mount Road Practice PPG, to thank you for your support of the Christmas party that was held at Whitehill Methodist Community Church on Wednesday, 17th December.

Having the choir from Dove Bank at the party really made a difference and enhanced the atmosphere. They sang beautifully, and their behaviour was a credit to the school. The patients who attended the party said they really enjoyed it. It was lovely to see them singing along and enjoying the performance with a smile on their faces.

We had some really nice feedback from the patients who really appreciated the children coming along to perform for them.

I know that it's always busy at school, but even more so at this time of year, so thank you so much for taking the time to come and sing for us. We really appreciate it.

Here are a few of the pictures from the party, but you can see the full gallery on our website at http://mountroadpracticeppg.nhs.uk/xmas_party_2025



Best Regards,



John King
Chair - Mount Road Practice PPG

