



Dove Bank Primary School

Weekly Bulletin - 03/09/2026

Welcome back to School

We would like to extend a very warm welcome back to all of our children, families and staff as we begin a new school year together; and a special welcome to those who are new to our school community this year. It has been wonderful to see the children back in school, filling our classrooms and playgrounds with smiles, laughter and enthusiasm. We have particularly enjoyed hearing all about their summer adventures and the special memories they have made with family and friends over the holidays. Our community is at the heart of everything we do. We are looking forward to another year of learning, growth, friendship and success, where every child is encouraged to be **Kind**, **Aspirational** and **Resilient**. Together, we will make this a happy, memorable and successful year for all of our children. Attached to this email, you will also find our diary dates. Mrs Dakin & Mrs Woodward

Arbor

This term has seen the introduction of the Arbor APP. The APP will make bookings and payments much easier, over time. We would like to thank you for your patience as we begin to roll it out. If you have not yet managed to get onto the APP, please email or pop into the school office where we will be happy to help.

The use of the APP will develop and increase over time.

Assemblies

This year, our celebration assembly is going to move to a Monday morning at 9am. You will still receive a text from your child's teacher if they are going to receive a values award. The text will be sent on a Friday.

Celebration assemblies will begin on Monday 14th September.

Breakfast and After School Clubs

Breakfast Club: runs from 7:30 each morning. If you would like your child to come, no booking is required. Please bring them to the main reception and sign them in. Cost: £4.50

After-School: The Nest runs daily from 3:15 - 6pm. Bookings can be made via the Arbor APP. £5 until 4:30 (golden hour). £12 until 6pm. A range of staff led clubs begin next week. A separate form has been sent out for this. If you fill out the form, you can assume that your child has a place.

Useful Information

PE Days: In Year 4, our PE lessons will take place on Monday and Tuesdays. PE kit is strictly as follows: School jumper/PE hoodie or plain blue jumper, plain white round neck t-shirt, black joggers, shorts or leggings and appropriate trainers. PE lessons regularly take place outdoors.

Homework: Homework books will be sent out on Friday (today) and will need to be returned each Wednesday to be marked. Information about homework will be stuck into the cover of your child's homework book. Reading books and reading logs will be sent home over the next week.

Curriculum: Our Year 4 curriculum overview will be emailed out to parents over the next week.

Forest School dates:

Monday 7th September, Monday 14th September, Monday 21st September, Monday 28th September

Children can come into school in their forest school clothing, with a spare pair of outdoor shoes that they do not mind getting dirty.

Welcome to Year 4 - Mrs Harley



Happy new school year everyone! What a fantastic start everyone has had this week. It has been wonderful to see my (once again!) returning class, with everyone looking that little bit more grown up and raring to go!

We have settled in beautifully this week, and have kicked our new learning off to a wonderful start. Attitude to learning, confidence, and resilience have all been superb this week, and I can't wait to watch this continue over the next few weeks.

It has been lovely hearing about everyone's summer adventures, but even better to welcome you all back!

I am sure that all of the children will continue to learn and flourish over this academic year, and I can't wait to see what they all achieve!

COFFEE MORNING DROP-IN SESSIONS

**CAUDWELL
CHILDREN**

Empowering Disabled &
Neurodivergent Children



**MONDAYS
9.30AM - 11.30AM**

Join us for our weekly Monday
morning Drop-in session

Who can visit us?

- ✱ Parents and carers of disabled and /or autistic children
- ✱ Health, education, and care professionals
- ✱ Anyone looking to learn more about Caudwell Children's services



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