



Donington on Bain Primary School

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Thursday 20th November 2025

Dear Parent,

As the nights draw in and we race towards the end of the month, our thoughts turn to the special activities we have planned for December. The first event will be our annual Christmas Fair which will take place on Friday 28th November from 6pm. We will then turn our thoughts towards Class 1 and 2 Christmas Nativity! This will take place on Thursday 11th and Friday 12th December. Both performances will start at 2pm and we will be announcing further details soon.

Please take the time to read further so you are fully updated on future dates and other school related news and reminders. You will also find dates for your diary along with term dates for the current academic year and 2026/27. Thank you.

Raffle Tickets and Holiday Cottage Competition

Raffle tickets are now on sale for the Christmas Fair Draw. If you require any more tickets, please contact the school office. In addition, members of the FODOBS team are busy selling squares at the school gate for the Yorkshire holiday cottage competition. If you can't get to the school gate you can also purchase squares by sending money in a named envelope marked for the attention of the school office. Squares can be purchased for £5 each. Both raffles can be entered on the night of the Fair. The draw will take place at the close of the Fair.

Asthma

Please remember you must inform us if your child:

- requires an inhaler and provide one which can be kept at school – you must also provide the school with an asthma plan
- no longer requires an inhaler

Allergies/Medical conditions

Please remember you must inform us if your child:

- has any allergies
- has any medical condition which requires medication or other supportive measures to be put in place



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Uniform

Please note the following reminders regarding uniform:

- Trainers, trainer style shoes/boots are not acceptable as school shoes
- School shoes should be black or dark blue and light up LED shoes are not permitted
- Trainers should be dark blue, white or black (light up LED trainers are not permitted)
- Hair longer than collar length should be tied back for health and safety reasons
- Hair accessories such as bows, clips and hairbands may be worn but these must be discreet and only in school colours - white, dark blue or light blue
- Nail polish is not permitted

Coats, hats, gloves and scarves

Please ensure your child always has a coat with them. This is particularly important as we enter the winter period. In addition, hats, gloves and scarves are a good idea but please ensure you label them with your child's name.

Lost Property

We have a significant amount of lost property in school. Unfortunately, we have been unable to return the items to their rightful owner as the name has either washed out or there is no visible name on the item at all. If anyone would like to come and have a look to see if they can find any missing items, you are more than welcome to pop into school.

Email and other correspondence with school

Please can your emails regarding absence, end of day changes, appointment details and other similar information be sent to enquiries@dobps.net Mrs Dyas and Mrs Greig do not work every day, so their email accounts are not always manned. The enquiries email is monitored Monday – Wednesday 8:30 – 3:30pm and Thursday – Friday 8:30am – 12pm. Matters that arise outside these hours relating to changes to the end of day routine or other emergencies must be by telephone. The answerphone is checked before the end of the day if you are unable to speak to someone.

Medical Appointments

We appreciate that children will have medical appointments from time to time which need to take place during the school day. We require a copy of the appointment (this can be a screenshot) as part of our registration and attendance requirements. Please email appointment details to enquiries@dobps.net or bring a copy into school.



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Absences

If your child is unwell and not able to come to school, parents are expected to contact school by telephone call on the morning of the first day of absence and on each subsequent day, identifying the reason for absence and the expected date of return. If no contact is received, then absence protocols will be instigated.

If a child is absent from school the parent must follow these procedures:

- Contact the school on the first day of absence before 9:00am
- Parents must contact the school by telephone to report an absence. A message can be left, or hold to speak to someone at school
- If you leave a message you must leave your child's full name, year and give the specific reason for absence
- The information you give will be recorded on our official register
- The school telephone number to report all absences is 01507 343240
- Contact the school on every further day of absence, again before 9:00am
- Ensure that your child returns to school as soon as possible

Any absence which is unaccounted for will be followed up by the school.

Leave of absence and holidays during term time

Any request for leave of absence must be completed at least a month before the planned leave. The written request form can be found within the school's Attendance policy. If a written request for leave of absence is not completed and the leave is taken without a request being submitted, it will be marked as unauthorised. Retrospective requests will not be considered and will also result in the absence being categorised as unauthorised. In such cases the school may make a referral to the Local Authority to request that a penalty notice fine is issued or consider prosecution. Holidays taken during term time **will not** be authorised. If parents take their child out of school during term time, they may be subject to sanctions such as penalty fines.

Class 3 and 4 Nature School Dates Spring term 2026 (Class 1 and 2 - no change to current arrangements)

Class 3 and 4 Nature School Timetable	
05.01.26	SCHOOL CLOSED
12.01.25	Class 4
19.01.26	Class 4
26.01.26	Class 4
02.02.26	Class 3
09.02.26	Class 3
HALF TERM	
23.02.26	Class 3
02.03.26	Class 4
09.03.26	Class 4
16.03.26	Class 4
23.03.26	Class 3
30.03.26	Class 3
EASTER HOLIDAYS	

Further dates for summer term 2026 will be sent out towards the end of the spring term.



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Dates for your diary - 2025/26

Term 2

Friday 21st November - Celebration Assembly open to parents 3 – 3:25pm, doors open at 2:50pm and close at 3pm

Wednesday 26th November – ARTventurers toddlers/preschooler group 10-11am

Class 3 Chocolate Workshop 1:30-3:30pm

Friday 28th November – Christmas Fair, 6pm

Thursday 4th December – Class 4 Football tournament (JB Sports)

Music Club Performance 3pm (for parents and family of music club members)

Thursday 11th December – School Choir 'Carols around the village'

Thursday 11th December – Class 1 and 2 Nativity, 2pm

Friday 12th December - Class 1 and 2 Nativity, 2pm

Friday 19th December – School closes for the Christmas break

Term 3

Tuesday 6th January – School reopens

Thursday 29th January – Class 3 Dodgeball tournament (JB Sports)

Friday 30th January – Interim Reports to Parents

Friday 30th January - Celebration Assembly open to parents 3 – 3:25pm, doors open 2:50pm and close at 3pm

Monday 2nd and Monday 9th February – Parents' Evening in the school hall 3:50pm – 6pm

Friday 13th February – school closes for half term

Term 4

Monday 23rd February – School reopens

Thursday 12th March – Class 3 Football tournament (JB Sport)

Friday 13th March – Road Safety Workshops

Celebration Assembly open to parents 3 – 3:25pm, doors open at 2:50pm and close at 3pm

Thursday 26th March - Y6 SATs Parents Information Evening, 3:45 – 4:30pm

Thursday 2nd April – Class 3 Easter Assembly, 2pm

School closes for the Easter break

Term 5

Tuesday 21st April – School reopens

Monday 4th May – May Day Bank Holiday - school closed

Friday 8th May - Celebration Assembly open to parents 3 – 3:25pm, doors open at 2:50pm and close at 3pm

Monday 11th - Thursday 14th May – Year 6 SATS week (no unauthorised absence permitted)

Friday 22nd May - Sports Day (gates open 1:15pm, 1:30pm start)

School closes for half term



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Term 6

Monday 1st June – School reopens

Monday 1st – Friday 12th June Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check fortnight (no unauthorised absence permitted)

Monday 8th - Friday 12th June – Year 1 & 2 Phonics Screening week (no unauthorised absence permitted)

Friday 3rd July – Class 4 Enterprise Day

Celebration Assembly open to parents 3 – 3:25pm, doors open at 2:50pm and close at 3pm

Monday 13th July – Annual Reports to Parents

Tuesday 21st July – Year 6 Leavers' Assembly, 2pm

Wednesday 22nd July – School closes for the summer break

Term Dates 2025/26

Term 2 Monday 3rd November – Friday 19th December

Term 3 Tuesday 6th January – Friday 13th February

Term 4 Monday 23rd February – Thursday 2nd April

Term 5 Tuesday 21st April – Friday 22nd May

Term 6 Monday 1st June – Wednesday 22nd July (Tuesday 21st July for pupils in year 6)

Term dates 2026/27

Term 1 - Thursday 3rd September – Friday 23rd October

Term 2 - Monday 2nd November – Friday 18th December

Term 3 -Tuesday 5th January – Friday 12th February

Term 4 – Monday 22nd February – Thursday 25th March

Term 5 – Wednesday 14th April – Friday 28th May

Term 6 - Monday 7th June – Wednesday 21st July

With kind regards,

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