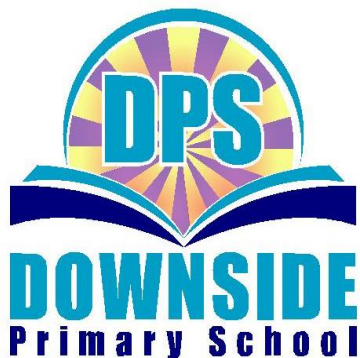




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25th September 2026

Dear parents,

Thank you to all those parents who attended our Year Leader meetings in the last couple of weeks, I hope you found them informative. These, alongside the Year Leader newsletters, are to keep all parents up-to-date about the curriculum, upcoming trips etc.

In the last few weeks, we have now been able to appoint our:

School Councillors – these children have been elected by their class to represent them in meetings in school, where we discuss school-related issues. They also attend Luton-wide events to work alongside other schools on community focused projects.

School Ambassadors – these children have also been elected by their class to support children in their class and welcome new class members.

Year 6 Prefects – these children have applied to be prefects and have been selected based on their application and recommendations from their teachers. They have a list of jobs around the school and will be welcoming parents on Parents' Evenings.

House Captains – these children have been selected by the whole school. Children who wanted to be House Captains all presented this week in front of their houses and an official democratic vote was held!

More elections will be taking place as the term continues.

Last week, our Year 3 children took part in some Stone Age days, to learn about daily life during the Stone Age.



Reading parent drop-ins

Year 1 and 2 parent drop-ins have now started. As a reminder, parents are welcome to come in to class on the following days to read with their child:

- Year 1: Friday morning – 8.45 - 9am
- Year 2: Thursday morning – 8.45 - 9am

Flu vaccinations

Thank you to parents who have completed and returned their flu vaccination forms. The NHS have all the forms and will be starting the vaccinations next week.

If you have not returned your form, there is still time! Please send it to the School Office and they can ensure it is handed to the NHS for one of the school's later vaccination dates.

End-of-day pick up / playground equipment

Please can I remind parents that the playground equipment on the Key Stage 1 and 2 playgrounds should not be played on, especially unsupervised, at the end of the day. Play equipment on the Key Stage 2 playground is only appropriate and safe for Key Stage 2 children due to their height and so younger/older siblings should not be on it.

Year 6 High School applications

All Year 6 parents should have received the instructions on how to apply for High Schools. If you need any help with the application form, Naz is holding some drop-in sessions to help parents on:

- Friday 2nd October 9am - 12pm
- Friday 9th October 9am - 12pm

The deadline is 31st October 2026.

If you can't make one of the dates but need support, please either phone or catch Naz on the school gate at the beginning/end of the day.

Key dates:

- **Open Classrooms** - Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th October at 3pm
- **Parents' Evenings** - Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd October (further details will follow)
- INSET Day on Friday 23rd October
- Half term holiday is Monday 26th to Friday 30th October

Yours sincerely,

