

Danes Class Information

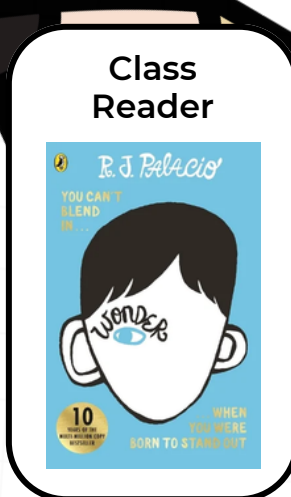
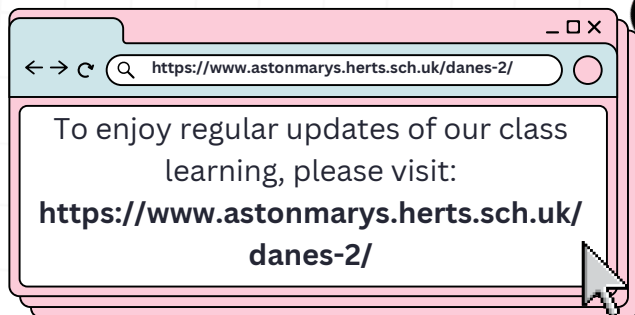
Summer Term 2025-2026

It has been lovely welcoming the children back to school after the Easter holidays; we hope you have all enjoyed a restful break and some special time with family and friends. We have many exciting learning opportunities planned for the weeks ahead and hope that your child is feeling refreshed and ready for the Summer Term.

This letter provides further details about our curriculum coverage for the coming weeks. This is a particularly busy and important period, especially for Year Six, as we approach their tests in May and, most importantly, prepare them for their transition to secondary school. The children will be working very hard, and any additional support at home will be extremely beneficial. A strong partnership between home and school, alongside good attendance and maximum effort from the children, can make a significant difference to the progress and outcomes achieved.

If you would like to discuss your child or their learning, please feel free to speak to me on the playground before or after school, or arrange an appointment via the school office.

Miss Branagan and Mrs Avis



School Trips

Wicksteed Park:
Wednesday 1st July 2026

Hazard Alley:
Monday 22nd June 2026

IT'S COOL TO BE KIND

Year Six Standard Assessments

Please make sure that your child has a break the weekend before testing, with plenty of time to relax. It is also important that they get to bed at a sensible time in order to ensure that they are not tired. Also, please make sure that they have time to eat a good breakfast before arriving in school. The timetable for the week is as follows (all tests will be completed in the mornings)

| Monday 11 th May | Tuesday 12 th May | Wednesday 13 th May | Thursday 14 th May |
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| English: Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling | English: Reading | Maths: Paper 1 Arithmetic and Paper 2 Reasoning | Maths: Paper 3 Reasoning |

Curriculum

| Subject | Summer | |
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| | 1 | 2 |
| English | Non-Chronological Reports (Spiderwick), Classic Fiction (Shakespeare) and Poetry | |
| Maths | Areas of learning will include area, perimeter, volume and ratio. Year Six will be well-prepared for their SATs assessments this term through regular practise of key skills and test questions. After SATs, we will be exploring circles. | |
| French | Regular Verbs & Irregular Verbs Transition Laptop for secondary school – Year 6 Year 5 French Project – Discovering Paris | |
| History | Thomas Clarkson and the Transatlantic Slave Trade | |
| Geography | | Twin Towns: Stevenage and Autun |
| Science | Animals Including Humans (The Circulatory System) | Living Things and Their Habitats (Classification) |
| Design Technology | Bread (Food Technology) | Pencil Cases (Textiles) |
| Art | What Stories Can We Tell Through Circles? (Painting – Wassily Kandinsky) | |
| Music | Plastic | Summer Production |
| RE | What would Jesus do? (Christianity) | Does belief in Akhirah (life after death) help Muslims lead good lives? (Islam) |
| PSHE | One World | Respecting Rights |
| PE | Golf (Y6), Swimming (Y5) & Athletics | Rounders & Cricket |
| Computing | Networks | Quizzing |

Every child is a *Treasure* small in size, growing in God's love.

Equipment

PE Kit

PE lessons will take place on Mondays and Fridays. Please ensure appropriate kits are in school all week (incase of timetable changes) and items clearly labelled (this should include both shorts and long trousers). Trainers will be needed EVERY DAY for the 'Daily Mile'.

Recorder

All children need to have their own recorder in school every Tuesday. These are available to purchase from the school office.

Water bottle

All children need to bring a named water bottle into school each day (we have a few children needing to use disposable cups on a regular basis). Please note, these should contain only water.

Pencil case

All children were provided with a named writing pen, purple pen and ruler at the beginning of the year; these must be looked after (if a child loses their pen, they will need to bring £1 in for a replacement). In addition to these resources that the school have provided, children should have a small pencil case which will fit easily into their tray. This should contain the following items: two pencils, a rubber, a sharpener and a few coloured pencils. You may also wish to have a ruler, some scissors, a highlighter pen and a glue stick. It is important that children look after their equipment carefully.

Home Learning

The key focus in Upper Key Stage Two is to ensure children are prepared as fully as possible for transition to secondary school. With this in mind, regular homework is set on different days with the expectation that all children organise their time to ensure that tasks are completed and submitted on time. Children should be encouraged to be as independent as possible in terms of organising themselves and ensuring all tasks are completed on time (though it is absolutely fine to support your child with their learning as appropriate).

| Subject | Day Set | Due In |
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| English | Monday | Friday |
| Maths | Friday | Thursday |
| Grammar (Year Six up until SATs) | Thursday | Tuesday |
| Times Tables Rock Stars | Wednesday | Wednesday |
| Reading | Daily | |
| Spelling | Practise in Spelling Journal 3+ times a week (5-10 minutes) | |
| History/Geography/Science | Ideas sheet to be handed out and posted via Seesaw (optional for Year Six this half term) | Any time before Wednesday 20 th May |



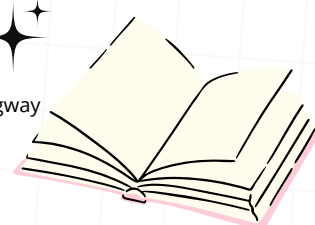
Homework is designed to be part of our home/school agreement, where children and parents work together to reinforce concepts learnt in class. In Years Five and Six, homework is also important preparation for the expectations of secondary school. Should your child experience any difficulties with their homework, please remind them that we are always happy to help them in school or online in advance of the submission deadline.

Reading

"There is no friend as loyal as a book."

Little People, BIG DREAMS

-Ernest Hemingway



Key Dates

| May | June | July |
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| Monday 11th - Thursday 14th - Year Six SATs Friday 15th - Sports Day (Afternoon) Friday 22nd - Reserve date for Sports Day | Monday 15th - Friday 19th - Bikability (Y6) Monday 22nd - Hazard Alley | Wednesday 1st - Wicksteed Park Tuesday 7th - Intervillage Thursday 9th - Changeover Day (Y6 to secondary schools) Monday 13th - Dress Rehearsal (AM), Year 6 Leavers' Trip (PM) Tuesday 14th - Production (1:30pm and 6pm) Wednesday 15th - Production (6pm) Friday 17th - Leavers' Service (9:30am), 1pm School Term ends |