

Parent Newsletter

Friday 5th July 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you're well and have had a good week. Only 11 more days left until the end of term but still lots to pack in!

On Tuesday we held our main Year 6 Transition Day and Evening, it was brilliant to see so many happy faces throughout the day. The children took part in a range of lessons and 'getting to know you' activities. I'm so glad it was a positive experience for them all; it was lovely to see so many parents in the evening too. We really enjoyed having them for the day and are very much looking forward to welcoming them on September 3rd, 2024. Many thanks to our wonderful PTA for supporting us once again.

Congratulations to our KS3 pupils who attended the Hampshire Book Awards on Tuesday, they were great ambassadors for our school and we're very proud of them. Many thanks to Miss Barton and Miss Sandilands for creating this opportunity. Reading is a vital skill and helps pupils access the curriculum more easily and positively impacts on academic outcomes. It's lovely to see so many pupils reading in tutor time, at break times and in their own time. One of our school priorities for next year is developing a wider range of reading skills. In September we are introducing DEAR time (Drop Everything And Read), for 20 minutes a day, the whole school (including staff) will stop what they are doing and silently read. We will be using the Accelerated Reading Programme to monitor and celebrate improvements in our pupils' reading skills.

The exam season finally ended on Wednesday for most, Year 10 have now completed their first round of mock exams. Staff are marking and moderating this week and next, initial feedback from science is that some pupils have achieved Grades 7 and 8, this is incredible, and they've still got a year to go! Well done to our Year 10s for their excellent attitude during the mocks. Our budding chefs have been busy during their GCSE Food practical Mocks, staff are invited to taste test once the exam is finished – such a lovely perk of the job! We were blown away by the high standards of dishes created, well done to all.

In the run up to the General Election, pupils have had sessions and or an assembly about Fundamental British values. We've revisited democracy, rule of law, liberty, mutual respect, faiths and beliefs, to highlight the values underpinning our society. With the news of a change of government on Friday morning it will be interesting to see what changes are made to our education system.

As previously communicated, our new uniform for September can now be ordered in store at stitch-a-logic. Apologies to those who will find it difficult to go to the store in Andover before 9th August 2024, I was unaware that the store isn't open at the weekend. I've got a range of sizes in school, if it's easier for you, please ask your child to come and see me, they can try a range of sizes and I can complete the order form for them and send it to the shop. You can place orders online if you are ordering additional items which aren't included in our free start up uniform pack and which you are purchasing.

On Friday we had our final School Improvement Visit of the year. Senior and Middle Leaders were challenged to provide evidence of impact towards the School Improvement Priorities they've been working on this year. We also carried out learning walks around lessons and spoke to the pupils about their work. Initial feedback has been positive, which is pleasing and reassuring for us all. Our School Improvement Priorities for next year have been established, we move into the next academic year knowing our school is moving from strength to strength with each term that passes.

We have very few members of staff leaving us this year, which is very reassuring, and a huge relief given the current recruitment and retention crisis within our profession. I will share more with you next week on this, but for now I'd like to wish Mrs Andrews all the best as she starts her Maternity Leave on Wednesday. Mrs Andrews has worked incredibly hard since she started a year and a term ago, she has had a huge impact as our SENCO and as a member of SLT. We will miss her hugely but look forward to welcoming her back next year. I wish her lots of love and happiness with her family as it grows.

Have a lovely weekend.
Warm wishes

Mrs N Goodridge
Head of School

More about all the activities occurring in and out of lessons at Test Valley School can be found on our Facebook page: Test Valley School, Twitter Feed: @testvalleysch and Instagram Account: testvalleyofficial. Reshares and likes are always appreciated!

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Vacancies

Please see our website for current vacancies: [Test Valley School - Vacancies](#)

Venue Hire

Do you require a room for a meeting or sports event? School facilities are available to hire outside of the school day. Please email leisure@testvalley.hants.sch.uk for all enquiries.

Forthcoming Dates

w/c July 8th, 2024 - Week 2

Monday 8th July – Coffee Morning for Parents of EAL pupils at 10.00 am

Tuesday 9th July – Year 10 Trip to Andover College – Taster Day

Thursday 11th July – Year 4/5 Festival of Languages (morning) & Taster (afternoon)

Friday 12th July – Activities Day All Years

Friday 12th July - Residential Trip to Osmington Bay

Attendance

Appointment reminders: Medical and Dental appointments should, where possible be made for outside of school hours. If your child has an appointment during school hours, please email us at absence@testvalley.hants.sch.uk with the details and proof of the appointment giving at least 24 hours' notice where possible.

Key Stage 3



Today, 2nd July, four year 8 students took part in voting for the 'Best Book in Hampshire 2024'. They all had a wonderful time talking with other schools, having deep and meaningful discussions about the books. When taking part in games, we were very competitive, even though we did not win. To quote Riley S in YR8, 'It doesn't matter because we are from the best school anyway'. The behaviour and attitudes of the pupils involved was impeccable and they were an asset to our school. Well done to

all.

Key Stage 4

Top of the pops last week

Josie	Cahill	10CE
Oliver	Levy-Clinkard	10CE
Bethany	Halliden	10GR
Rosie	White	10PH
Evie	Laurence	10PH

MFL



MFL Stars of the Month for June



German
Yr 7 - Maisy K
Yr 8 - Raya B
Yr 9 - Zac B
Yr 10 - Everyone!

French
Yr 7 - Ellie O'S
Yr 8 - Violet H-S
Yr 9 - Julita C
Yr 10 - Iris V



Opportunities – Outdoors & Environment

GEOGRAPHY / DUKE OF EDINBURGH / PSHE / UCAS SUPPORT

As we look ahead to the Summer, we are delighted to announce more FREE outdoor / practical sessions for local young people to explore the impact of climate change within their local communities through positive youth social action. The programme is part of the YouCAN youth for climate and nature scheme, in partnership with the New Forest National Park Authority, supported by National Lottery Community Funding.

Suitable for young people **aged 14-25 years old**, passionate about making a difference in their communities, the programme can also support skills development for Duke of Edinburgh qualifications / endorse personal statements for UCAS.

We will escort young people from Southampton on the train to some of the locations. This includes SEVEN interactive and site-specific sessions with climate scientists, marine biologists, park rangers and creative practitioners from May to September 2024. We will be using youth voices and findings around climate change in our local communities to inspire the creation of a brand-new theatre production - *Generation Anthropocene*.

CITY CENTRE - SOUTHAMPTON

13th July

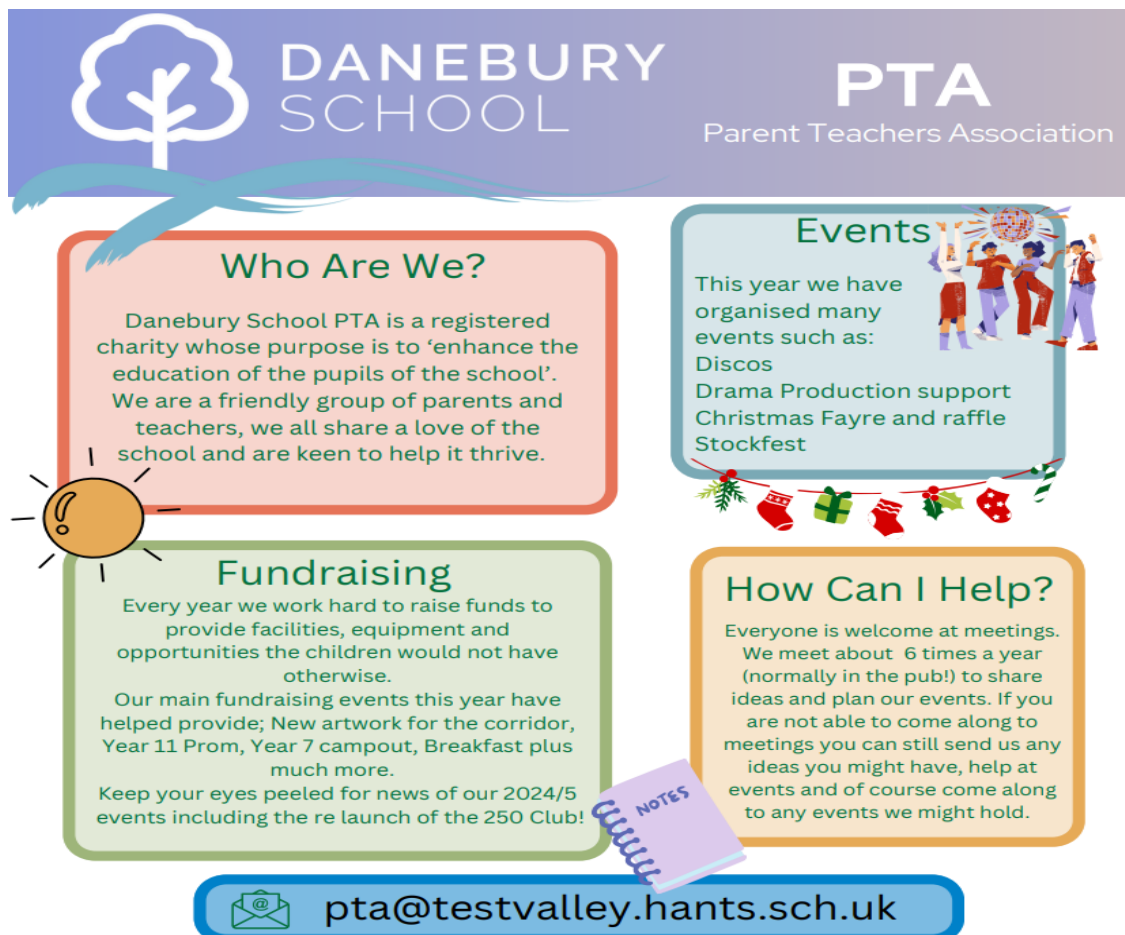
7th September

...with Southampton National Park City Project and Sholing valley study centre.

Working in the heart of Southampton City, in the National Park and surrounding areas, exploring air pollution, travel and the impact of City life on our environment.

[SIGN UP HERE](#)

PTA



DANEBURY SCHOOL

PTA
Parent Teachers Association

Who Are We?

Danebury School PTA is a registered charity whose purpose is to 'enhance the education of the pupils of the school'. We are a friendly group of parents and teachers, we all share a love of the school and are keen to help it thrive.

Events

This year we have organised many events such as:
Discos
Drama Production support
Christmas Fayre and raffle
Stockfest

Fundraising

Every year we work hard to raise funds to provide facilities, equipment and opportunities the children would not have otherwise.

Our main fundraising events this year have helped provide; New artwork for the corridor, Year 11 Prom, Year 7 campout, Breakfast plus much more.

Keep your eyes peeled for news of our 2024/5 events including the re launch of the 250 Club!

How Can I Help?

Everyone is welcome at meetings. We meet about 6 times a year (normally in the pub!) to share ideas and plan our events. If you are not able to come along to meetings you can still send us any ideas you might have, help at events and of course come along to any events we might hold.

pta@testvalley.hants.sch.uk

College Information

There is information on our website regarding forthcoming College open events, including dates and how to book a place.

Salisbury 6th Form College: www.salisbury6c.ac.uk

Peter Symonds College: www.psc.ac.uk

Open Evenings: 5.30 to 8.30 pm 3rd & 4th July 2024 or 1st & 2nd October 2024

Andover College: www.andover.ac.uk

Also, it is not too late to apply to Andover College as applications are still open and Year 11 students can still apply by visiting the Andover College website or by using [Apply - Full Time and Part Time courses - Andover College | Hampshire](#).

Sparsholt College – www.sparsholt.ac.uk

Also, it is not too late for year 11s to apply to Sparsholt College as applications are still open and students can apply by visiting the Sparsholt website or by using [How to Apply - Sparsholt College and University Centre Sparsholt](#).

Basingstoke College of Technology - www.bcot.ac.uk



 **SPARSHOLT**
CAMPUS

OPEN EVENTS

- Wednesday 13 June 2024
- Saturday 5 October 2024
- Saturday 9 November 2024
- Saturday 1 February 2025
- Saturday 1 March 2025
- Wednesday 30 April 2025
- Thursday 12 June 2025

Visit sparsholt.ac.uk to register or scan the QR code!





Engineering Apprenticeships Vacancy Bulletin

Vacancies live as at 1 July 2024

All the vacancies listed can be found on the [SETA Apprenticeship Vacancy web page](#). Throughout the coming months more vacancies will go live. Make sure you visit our webpage regularly for the latest additions!

Employer	Vacancy	No. of positions	Level	Location	Duration (months)	Closing Date
TSI Turbo	Engineering Fitter Apprentice	2	3	Totton	42	8 Jul
Four-Tees Engineers Ltd	Plate Welder Apprentice	1	3	Fareham	42	8 Jul
Toomers Ltd	Metal Fabricator Apprentice	1	3	Downton	42	10 Jul
Toomers Ltd	Plate Welder Apprentice	1	3	Downton	42	10 Jul
IMI Thompson Valves	Machinist Craft Apprentice	3	3	Poole, Dorset	42	10 Jul
Williams Engineering Solutions Ltd	Plate Welder Apprentice	1	3	Hardley, nr Hythe	42	14 Jul



Scan the QR code to visit
SETA's vacancy webpage



www.setatraining.co.uk/apprenticeships/current_vacancies

Pop Up Ensemble

FREE



**Pop Up Ensemble
Winton School, Andover**

JMST Theatre, London Road, Andover,
Hampshire SP10 2PS
Sunday 14 July 9.15 - 13.15

Beginner to Grade 4



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County Council

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SUMMER TIMETABLE

Talks are delivered online via zoom 7pm to 9pm £24 each
 Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

2 FREE SESSIONS Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness Supporting Kids with School Anxiety	30 JUL 26 SEP
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	11 JUL, 8 AUG, 5 SEP
Understanding the Teenage Brain	15 JUL
Raising Self-Esteem	16 JUL
Supporting a Child with ADHD	18 JUL, 15 AUG, 24 SEP
Anxiety Explained	25 JUL, 22 AUG
Understanding Anger	29 JUL, 26 AUG, 23 SEP
Introduction to OCD	6 AUG
Improving Family Communication	12 AUG
Autism: Improving Communication	8 JUL, 5 AUG, 2 SEP
What is ACT?	9 JUL, 3 SEP
Decreasing Depression	23 JUL
Supporting Healthy Sleep	20 AUG
Today's Teens & Today's Drugs	27 AUG

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CELEBRATING NEURODIVERSITY

A TRAINING DAY FOR PARENT/ CARERS & PROFESSIONALS

19TH JUN 2024

Celebrating Neurodiversity Training Day

A day that focuses on learning skills and strategies for parents, carers and professionals who are supporting an autistic young person.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SCHOOL AVOIDANCE

Emotionally Based School Avoidance is a term used to refer to reduced attendance or non-attendance at school by a child or young person. It's often rooted in emotional, mental health or wellbeing issues. The rate of children who miss school more than 10% of the time in England has more than doubled since before the pandemic, rising from 10.5% in 2018-19, to 22.3% in 2022-23.

UNDERSTANDING SCHOOL AVOIDANCE

REASONS FOR ABSENCE

School avoidance is sometimes underpinned by several factors rather than one single cause. This could include something going on for the child or young person within the home or at school, a child may have caring responsibilities at home, for example, a change in family dynamics, bullying and friendship difficulties at school, pressure to achieve in schoolwork and exams, or moving from primary school to secondary school.

PATTERNS OF ABSENCE

You may notice patterns in regular absences or children regularly expressing that they don't want to attend school (particularly during school holidays or on school days). It's a child or young person's behaviour. There is some evidence to suggest there are more reports of school life which can cause distress such as changes in the environment, changes of routine and sensory stimuli.

COMPLAINTS ABOUT PHYSICAL SYMPTOMS

There may be an increase in a child or young person's complaints about physical symptoms, particularly on school days or the evening before school. These could include complaining of aching aches, headaches, or aching the feet. If when there doesn't appear to be a medical cause, always check with the GP first to rule out medical causes or illness.

IMPACT OF SCHOOL AVOIDANCE

LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT

School avoidance can negatively impact a young person's learning and development. Accessing academic materials may be only important for the development of key skills and the growth of children and young people as citizens.

LONG-TERM OUTCOMES

The difficulties associated with school non-attendance can be far reaching and may have long-term impacts on long-term educational attainment. For example, lead to reduced future opportunities, limited academic progress and restricted employment opportunities.

CYCLE OF ABSENCE

Consistent absences may contribute to a continued school avoidance over time. As a result, the longer a pupil is out of education, the more likely it is that there is a risk to their ongoing need to avoid the activity which is making them anxious - increasing their desire to stay at home.

Advice for Parents & Educators

WORK TOGETHER

If there's a concern about a child's absence and emotional wellbeing, it's important that there is clear communication and a consistent approach between the child's parents and the school, so you can take a child-centred approach together towards a plan of support or reintegration. This ensures a consistency of approach from both home and school, creating better outcomes for the child.

MANAGING OVERWHELMING FEELINGS

While there may be times you feel frustrated or angry, try to stay calm, acknowledge the child's worries, listen and discuss a range of coping strategies together to help them face the discomfort and overwhelming feelings. These could include mindfulness, deep breathing or going for a walk and practice the strategies in less overwhelming situations first.

FOLLOW REGULAR ROUTINES

Children can benefit from a regular and consistent routine. This could be a morning routine, from waking up and having breakfast through to getting dressed, packing their bag and leaving the house. A consistent evening routine which is calm and limited time on screens can also give children much needed predictability and consistency. Schools can help create a timetable routine for the child's school day required.

REDUCE STIMULATING ACTIVITIES AT HOME

If a child is avoiding school, reduce their access to more stimulating activities (such as watching television, playing games and spending time with friends) during school hours, where possible. This reduces the potential for the child having rewarding experiences at home, which could be interpreted as a positive aspect of avoiding school.

Meet Our Expert

With 30 years experience as a teacher, trainer, consultant and interim executive board member, Anna Barman has a superb understanding of what works in practice, school improvement and leadership. She has also advised the Department for Education on their mental health green paper.

Wake Up Wednesday
The National College

Source: See full reference list on guide page at nationalcollege.com/guide/school-avoidance

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Hampshire Parent Carer Network (HPCN) in partnership with Hampshire CAMHS are delivering monthly meetings across the County. For more dates and venues click here.

FUTURE IN MIND PARENT PEER SUPPORT

PARENTS & CARERS MEETINGS

31ST MAY 2024

Please find our Raring2go! Summer magazine link below. It's full of things to do for families during the summer break,

The image shows the cover of the Raring2go! Summer 2024 magazine. The central part of the cover features a photograph of five diverse children lying on their backs on a grassy lawn, smiling and laughing. In the top left corner, there is a large purple and white logo that says "2 go!" with "Raring2go!" written below it. In the top right corner, there is a table of contents with three columns: "SUMMER ACTIVITIES P8-9" with a photo of children, "WATERPARKS P12-13" with a photo of a child on a water slide, and "FESTIVALS P33" with a photo of children with face paint. A blue banner across the top right of the cover says "SUMMER 2024". At the bottom, there are two blue banners: the left one says "MAGAZINE & WEBSITE" and the right one says "THE GO-TO GUIDE FOR YOU AND YOUR CHILD". Below these, the website "raring2go.co.uk" is listed on the left and "SUMMER 2024" is listed on the right.

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FREE Family Fun Day



BULA FESTIVAL

Join us for a day of free family orientated fun, Saturday 3rd August. There will be live rugby, local food and drink vendors, stalls and many other offerings to create a truly vibrant festival atmosphere.

Learn more about your Army and how you can get involved as well as the opportunities available.

03 August 10 AM - 9 PM

Queens Avenue
playing field
Aldershot, GU11 2JN

Activities:

- Rugby
- Live music
- Amusements
- Hang tough
- Helicopter
- Plus more



Scan here to learn more about the Army

Get your **FREE** Tickets here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bula-festival-uk-24-tickets-929058588247>



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Library Service

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This summer we need volunteers in
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Summer Reading Challenge!

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please speak to a member of staff or scan the code to
find out more and apply:



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CREATE
ARTS PROGRAM

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Other Events

Annual "Trout n About" street festival in Stockbridge

This year it'll be held on **Sunday August 4th**. The whole of the High St will be filled with artisan food, drink, crafts etc. And there is a Festival Field which has music, children's activities, circus skills, face painters etc food trucks and a picnic area.

Pupil Anonymous Reporting Function

Have a concern about you or
someone else?



At Test Valley we are committed to building an engaging inclusive environment where success and excellence is experienced by all. We will achieve this by ensuring:

KINDNESS

We always show care, respect and consideration for each other. Test Valley is a warm, welcoming and safe place for all.

RESILIENCE

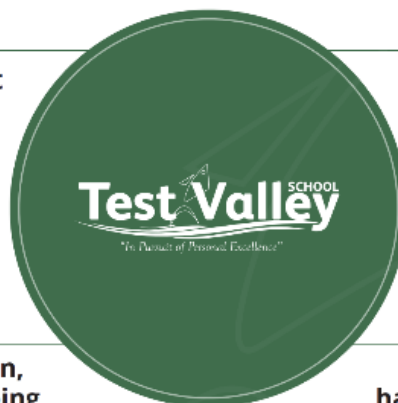
We show courage by not giving in, challenging ourselves, stepping out of our comfort zones and not fearing failure.

EXCELLENCE

We are relentlessly determined to strive for the best in all we do; developing excellent learning habits which help us to grow.

EMPOWERMENT

We help pupils to evolve into happy, independent, knowledge rich citizens who have the skills to make a real difference in our ever changing world.



In pursuit of personal excellence you must dream big work hard and make it happen.