

d'Auvergne Weekly Update



Dear Parents and Carers,

Head Teacher's Comments

What a week! Your children have thrown themselves into the spirit of d'Auvergne and have settled so well in their new environment / classroom. This is a testament to your efforts too in preparation for the start of the new year – so thank you very much!

Building Works.

We hope that you like the look of the efforts we have gone to over the summer to improve our outdoor spaces. Further to my communication on Tuesday, I have decided that the gate leading to the woods (back of Badminton Hall) will be open for around 45 minutes at the start and end of the day (from 8.00am and 2.45pm respectively). My thanks to Mr Coyne and Mrs Nelson for their management of the building works.

Watch this space, though, as we have plans developing for even more improvements!

Summer School

For many pupils and staff, school continued in August. Well done and thank you to all involved in making our academic summer school another success. We look forward to seeing the impact on children's standards this term and beyond.

PolyTunnel Summer Holiday Team

You know who you are! Our very grateful thanks to all involved in maintaining the fruit and veg – hope you enjoyed the produce! Any families wishing to help out over the next term, (only 1 hour after school or at the weekend each week) please let me know. Thank you.



Tuesday 12th September – Industrial Action

As previously shared and at the time of writing, school will be closed to children on Tuesday 12th. Please don't forget that we are also closed on Thursday 14th, so that children may enjoy the International Air Display.

No Nuts

A firm reminder that we are a no-nut school. This includes cereal bars and certain chocolate spreads. Thank you so much in helping us keep our children safe.

Pride of Jersey Volunteer Fundraiser of the Year

Our very own PTA Chairperson, Charlie Quenault-Walker, has been nominated for the Pride of Jersey Volunteer Fundraiser of the Year for her efforts on behalf of your children at d'Auvergne. Please click on this link and give her your support!

<https://prideofjersey.com/volunteer-fundraiser-of-the-year/>

VOTE CHARLIE!

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Meet the Teacher

You are warmly invited to the important 'Meet the Teacher' event in 2 weeks' time.

- Key Stage 1 6pm – 7pm: Wednesday 20th September
- Key Stage 2 6pm – 7pm: Thursday 21st September

These are important sessions, that we strongly encourage all parents / carers to attend.

Eco Committee

Our Eco Committee is excited to get going again this year. Children from Year 3 upwards can apply to join the lunchtime club via a form found on their Google classroom. We have already received interest from several of last year's participants to re-join. On top of this, we have created an interactive and open for all eco board where children have been answering the question as to what eco activities they participated in over the summer. We have heard of many bike rides, some litter picks and other eco-friendly activities.

A huge well done to all children for taking their eco initiatives home over summer!

Today we welcomed representatives from the Parish of St. Helier, including Constable Crowcroft, as our Year 6 Eco pupils officially opened the new zebra crossing. Their letters to the Parish finally persuaded this important ambition to become a reality. Well done – great 'Pupil Voice'.



Democracy Week

The banner features a red background with a white silhouette of a crowd of people celebrating. The text 'DEMOCRACY WEEK' is prominently displayed in white on a red rectangular background. To the right, the States Assembly logo and name are shown, along with the dates '25 - 30 September' and the text 'FREE EVENTS FOR ALL AGES Book now at statesassembly.je'.

DEMOCRACY WEEK

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Jersey will be celebrating its fourth annual Democracy Week between the 25th-30th September, in line with the anniversary of the Corn Riots. In order to celebrate our democratic system, there will be events and exhibitions throughout the island during the week in places such as the library and Royal Square. Events include free tours of the States Chamber with accredited Blue Badge Guides, a walking tour through St Helier and a 'Why Politics Matters' breakfast event hosted by Simon Jupp MP. All events can be found on Eventbrite through this link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/democracy-week-2568369>. Full information can be found on the States Assembly website here: [Something for everyone during Democracy Week 2023 \(gov.je\)](https://www.statesassembly.je/something-for-everyone-during-democracy-week-2023).

Have a great weekend everyone.
Enjoy the sunshine!

Mr Cooper and Team

Year Group Updates

Futures

A warm welcome to you all. It has been a rather hot and sticky week, but we are pleased to say that the children have coped brilliantly (with the help of lots of water play) and all have settled in extremely well. To our new parents and students, we are all so happy that you are a part of our Futures community.

During these first few days we have been getting used to new routines, new learning areas and new staff. In the next week we will endeavour to provide you with a clearer timetable of when your child has P.E. and swimming lessons etc. but please bear with us whilst we work out how this will best fit each child individually.

There are always many questions at the beginning of each new school year so please do not hesitate to use the email addresses below if you are not able to catch us during drop off or pick up.

Whilst it seems incomprehensible in this weather, we will soon be requiring a pair of wellies and a set of waterproofs that we can keep in school so your child can access our outdoor learning whatever the weather. Please begin sending these in as soon as you have them.

Wishing you a sunny weekend,

The Futures Team

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Nursery

It has been wonderful welcoming so many of the children into Nursery this week for their induction sessions. We are amazed at how well the children have said their goodbyes and come in with a smile 😊. They have all started to become familiar with the environment and are making some new friends! We are looking forward to seeing you all at 8:25 on Monday morning.

Things to remember:

- named lunchbox
 - named spare clothes
 - named hat
 - sun cream - please ensure that you have applied this to your child before they arrive at nursery. They will be encouraged to reapply this independently throughout the day when necessary (we will of course be providing guidance and help!). Please note that we will close the outside area if it becomes too hot.
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To help the children to settle, we kindly ask that you bring in a family photo for us to display on the wall. The children can then look at this during the day if they wish and can also be used as a discussion point if required.

Please remember that a member of staff will always be on the gate in the morning and at the end of the day if there is anything that you wish to share with us. Alternatively, please feel free to email h.fage@dauvegrne.sch.je.

We are extremely excited for the year ahead and hope that your little ones are too!

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Fage and the Nursery Team

Reception

Wow, what a super first week in Reception! Your children have settled really well, and we can already see that this year ahead is going to be jam packed with fun experiences, exciting opportunities and lots and lots of amazing learning.

Our first topic is 'Dream Team' which will involve lots of learning about ourselves, our friends, and our families. We would love to see photographs of the people (and even pets) that live in your home. You can either send in an actual copy of the photograph or email it to your child's class teacher and we'll print it out at school. It will be a good opportunity for the children to talk about their families and who is important to them. **Please send these photographs in by the end of next week so we can get started on our topic.**

We have been working on routines and expectations and the children are being supported by not only the Reception Teachers but lots of other wonderful Learning Mentors and Key Workers in d'Auvergne's Early Years Team. A huge thank you to you as parents for encouraging your children to be independent. We know it's tricky at the beginning of term, but they are making fantastic progress with this already. Thank you!

PE days: Mondays and Thursdays. Children will need to come into school wearing their d'Auvergne PE kit (t-shirt, shorts, tracksuit (if chilly) and suitable trainers)

Home Learning Diary: We will send this out next week. Please use this to record any reading you do together at home; this might be sharing a bedtime story or looking at a picture book together. Books from school will start to come home in a few weeks when we have assessed the children on their phonic knowledge.

We are really looking forward to working with you in partnership this year to give your children the very best start to their school education. If you have any worries, concerns, or questions, please don't hesitate to email us directly.

Have a lovely weekend 😊

Mrs Rachel Lutkin-Clarke and Miss Jodi Shurey (The Reception Dream Team)

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Year 1

What a fantastic first week in Year 1!

The children have settled in really well to their new classes and have gotten to know the adults that will be supporting them over the year.

The children have enjoyed exploring their new classrooms and the resources that they have.

The children have also done a range of activities to settle them into life in Year 1. These have included some whole class Read Write Inc sessions, some handwriting and maths activities. The children also had their first PE session on Wednesday and have enjoyed an art activity at the end of the week.

NOTICES

- As the weather is hot, please ensure your children come in with a labelled hat and suncream. Children are to apply their own suncream should they need a top up throughout the day.
- Please label EVERYTHING. This will help locate items should they go missing.
- Please send your child in with a lunchbox, book bag and homework diary every day. We ask that no backpacks are brought in to class due to the space that we have for belongings.
- Please encourage your child to read with you for at least 10 minutes every day. This should then be recorded in your child's homework diary.
- Please encourage your child to practice their spellings every day. There is a space towards the back of homework diaries where weekly spellings are stuck in and can then be practiced.
- Meet the teacher evening will be held on Wednesday 20th September at 6pm. This will be held in IAB.
- PE days will be a Monday and Wednesday. Please send your children in PE kit on these days.

If you have any questions or concerns please email your child's class teacher.

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Thank you for your support.

Mrs Andre Brown and Miss Aubert

Year 2

What an exciting week welcoming back our new year 2 classes. The children have settled in well and are already immersed in our new topic 'The Great Fire of London.' In topic, we

have been asking and answering questions about the fire and looking at how London has changed since then. In art, we have started making our own fire backdrop, using various materials and colours to reflect what we imagine the fire to have looked like.

Continents have been our focus in Geography this week, the children have learnt the continents song and sing this brilliantly! We looked at the world map and labelled each of the seven continents. 2H's class capital is Jakarta and 2S's class capital is Edinburgh – both classes have been using their technology skills to research and find out facts about each place.

This week, we have started to introduce dictionaries to the children, we have been excited to look up what new words mean and have worked alongside our classmates to practice how we use them. If you have a dictionary at home, please could you practice this with your children.

Our PE days for this half term are **Mondays and Thursdays in both classes.**

We look forward to meeting you all at Meet the Teacher next week and are excited for the year ahead!

Enjoy the weekend in the sunshine!

The Year 2 Team

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Year 3

What a great first week in Year 3! All the children have settled well and are showing they are ready for Year 3. We started the week by looking at our class contracts and what we feel is important to us in a classroom and school environment. We discussed our rights including the right to be heard, the right to play and the right to learn.

In English, we have started learning about myths from Ancient Greek. We have read Pandora's Box and made predictions throughout of what we think might happen next whilst using evidence from the text to explain our thinking.

In Maths, we have started our first chapter: numbers up to 1000. We are counting in 10s and 100s. We are also practising spelling the words of numbers correctly.

This term our PE days are on Monday and Tuesday. Children should come to school in school uniform on the other days apart from if they have a sport after school club.

Over the next couple of weeks, we will be using our laptops in school and learning how to use them correctly. Laptops will then be allowed to be taken home if we have received the signed AUP and the deposit.

Spellings will be given out on a Friday and the test will be taken the following Friday. Every child should be reading every day, with this being signed in their home learning planner. We hope everyone has a restful weekend, ready for week 2 of Year 3.

Miss Chadwick, Mrs Harris and Mrs French

Year 4

What a wonderful first week of Year 4 we have had! The children have enjoyed the sunshine and settling back into their routines. We have seen some fantastic work from all of the children in just a few days and are looking forward to the year ahead.

In reading, we have started our class text – The Demon Dentist – and we are linking our book to our writing too. The children have done a fantastic job of reading and understanding this book so far. We are starting the year focussing on a character description. In P.E., we have started developing our kicking skills. The focus during our Art lessons is printing and we are looking at the work of William Morris, leading to the children creating their own print in a few weeks' time.

P.E days are Wednesday and Thursday for Year 4.

We have thoroughly enjoyed teaching the children on the first week back. We look forward to your help and support over the next year.

Kind regards,

Mr. Worthington and Miss Bolton

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Year 5

It has been a busy first week in Year Five!

In English, we have started our new class book 'Cosmic' and have also been writing mnemonics about the planets in our Solar System! We are now making these into Art Displays which will look wonderful in our Year Five corridor area.

In Maths, we have started looking at place value and numbers up to 1,000,000. The children have been using counters to apply this in the classroom and using different place value headings!

The children have also been using watercolours to create Art displays and have started their Year Five Swimming lessons, which went brilliantly! We swim on a Thursday and PE is on a Friday.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend and look forward to a super second week!

Thank you for your continued support,

Kirsty Lee and Miss Condlyffe

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Year 6

What a tremendous week we have had getting to know all of your wonderful children. They have shown us incredible enthusiasm for all tasks presented and have also shown us a high-level of respect whilst displaying maturity around the school.

In true Year 6 fashion, we started off this week with a lesson from Mr Cooper on how to tie a tie. The children all looked incredibly smart when they left Mr Cooper's company. Some children may need to continue practicing this skill as part of their morning routine. Until they are proficient in this, we are more than happy to assist them when they arrive in the classroom. Also please ensure that your child's name is clearly recorded on their tie.

In Writing we have refreshed our Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar skills, whilst linking it to our topic on Charles Darwin / Victorians. In Reading we have continued to develop our comprehension skills and used Cracking Comprehension to expose the children to a Year 6 level text. During Maths we have stuck to our focus of 'Shapetember' and learnt all about angles within various shapes and how they relate to each other. In our topic lessons we have mainly focused on Charles Darwin and his theory of evolution through Natural Selection.

A reminder for parents of children in 6H: Your John Muir Trip begins this Monday coming (**11th September**). Please refer to the letter handed out or Google Classroom where there is also a copy of the letter, for information about what your child is required to bring.

CATS (Cognitive Ability Tests)

Throughout every school on the Island, Year 6s shall be taking their initial CATS Assessments over the coming weeks. Firstly, please do not panic – these assessments are not something that the children can prepare for and are completely random. Secondly, please ensure that your child brings their laptop to school fully charged every day so that the assessments can run as smoothly as possible. We shall have a CATS parents meeting (date yet to be confirmed) to give you more information about CATS and how your child attained. If you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to ask.

A few quick reminders:

- The Year 6 Google Classroom is up and running – please ask your child to login on their laptop and show you.
- Please remind your child to fully charge their laptop and bring it to school every morning (laptops are prohibited from being charged in school).
- PE days for this Half Term are **Monday** and **Wednesday**.
- Please ensure your child records their home learning in their diary and asks you to initial it. Diaries shall be checked every Friday.
- We look forward to meeting you all on **Thursday 21st September, 6pm–7pm** for our 'Meet the Teacher' evening. Should you have any questions in the meantime, please email your child's class teacher.

Home Learning

- Reading: Daily for 20mins.
- Spelling: Practice of weekly spelling words (please see the letter handout or google classroom for these).
- Maths: more information on Maths Tutor to come.

Achievers:

6H: The achiever in 6H this week is Mason! What an absolutely outstanding start to Year 6 this young man has made. He has taken every lesson in his stride and given everything 100% effort. He has shown enthusiasm and been a pleasure to teach this week. Mason, Mrs Reskana and I are so proud of you! Keep it up!

6G: The 6G achiever this week is Martin! He has been an absolute pleasure to teach this week. His independence and attitude to learning has been phenomenal. I have been especially proud of his effort in Reading, where he has made some amazing progress. I look forward to seeing this continue throughout the rest of the year!

6B: The achiever in 6B this week is James. He has shown a great deal of interest in both Maths and our Charles Darwin topic. He has worked well with his learning partner and contributed great ideas to class. I look forward to seeing how his curiosity grows throughout the year. Well done James.

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