

d'Auvergne Weekly Update 2.5.25



Dear Parents and Carers,

Head Teacher's Comments

It was great to see so many parents in school this week, learning more about our wider curriculum offer. I am sorry that I wasn't able to see Nursery and Reception parents myself this morning, but I am currently at a school leaders' conference in Yorkshire for the weekend. I attend opportunities, such as this, to find more about what's working well in schools at a national level and how we might be able to adopt / adapt this best practice for d'Auvergne. Many of our team are working with other settings to broaden our awareness and to improve our school. Furthermore, many colleagues are undertaking significant educational or pedagogic (teaching!) professional studies in their own time to get better in their roles – ultimately, improving outcomes for children.

Sometimes, this means sacrificing family time; thank you and keep going!

School Walk, Thursday 8th May

Next Thursday is our school walk. Whilst specific instructions for each Year Group are being shared, I want to inform you of some broad details.

Firstly, we shall be raising money for **Lily McGarry. Lily was a d'Auvergne student** and, now 23, attends Cardiff University as a medical student. She recently suffered from septic shock and has had all four limbs amputated as a result. This could be any of our children. It's appropriate and important that we support a d'Auvergne girl, whom many in school know well.

We do hope that every effort is made to fund raise through our School Walk Sponsor Money. Thank you.

Children will be encouraged to complete the walks, which are a challenge but not too much for them. We will always make provision along the walk for any child who needs support. Please do not arrange, in advance, to pick your child up along the route because you / they think it's going to be too hard. This sends the wrong message.

Whilst not obligatory, it would be great if the children could wear **red and white**, to reflect the Jersey flag on the eve of our Liberation Day. If they want to bring a small Jersey flag, that would be lovely but, again, not essential.

Liberation Tea Party, Wednesday 7th May

We are very much looking forward to welcoming families and grandparents to our Liberation Tea Party on Wednesday evening. It promises to be a lovely event – thank you, Charlie, for organising!

Celebration of Africa

Similarly, we are very excited about our **'Africa Night'** on **Thursday June 19th**. We need support, and direction, from our families whose heritage is in Africa. If you are keen to get involved, please email me directly (s.cooper@dauvergne.sch.je) or pop in so we can start planning. Food, music, dance, art...!

am sure the multiple African countries represented in d'Auvergne will have much you want to educate us about!

Our Polish and Portuguese nights were a great success – let's go again, d'Auvergne!

Rights Champions

This week we talked about the right to reliable information and spent our meeting learning how to tell 'Fake News'.

BBC Bitesize have a fun quiz to do at home here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z86xjsg>

Macmillan Cancer Support Jersey

On Saturday 28th June 2025, The Royal Square, St. Helier, will be transformed into a high-energy, open-air dance space for The Macarenathon – Jersey's Biggest Ever Dance Off.

From 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, this free public event will feature non-stop music, carnival-style entertainment, and one bold objective:

To break the Guinness World Record for the most people dancing the Macarena at once.

This is more than a celebration of music and movement – it's a chance for young people to come together in support of local cancer care while being part of a record-breaking community experience.

Event Highlights:

Jersey's largest ever coordinated dance event

DJ-led music and carnival atmosphere

A chance to contribute to a world record attempt

A meaningful way to support Macmillan Jersey's work in the community

Register here: <https://www.macmillanjersey.com/event/macarenathon>

Sports Days / Timings

Nursery and Reception	Thursday 10 th July	8.45am – 10.00am
Key Stage 1	Thursday 10 th July	10.30am – 12.00pm
Key Stage 2	Friday 11 th July	9.30am – 11.30am

I really hope you all enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend.

Kind regards,

Mr Cooper

Year Group Updates

Futures 1

What a glorious weather we have had this week! The children have loved having free access to play outside, using the water trays, bikes, scooters and messy play.

Please could we ask that you ensure you have applied suncream to your child before coming to school and also send in some named suncream that we can reapply throughout the day. We have a selection of sun hats here but if you think your child may have a personal preference then please send in a named hat too.

During water play, it is inevitable that your child will get wet. Please could you ensure that we have plenty of spare clothes, once again, please make sure that everything is clearly named.

We aim to continue soft play on a Monday for as long as possible – long trousers or leggings are definitely preferable for this activity as the slide can cause friction burns (we found out the hard way!)

Finally, we look forward to our Liberation celebrations next week, starting with the family tea party on Wednesday (have you booked your place yet?) and the school walk on Thursday. I will send out a further email on Tuesday ahead of the walk outlining all the details.

Have a great long weekend!

Many thanks

Mrs Mason and the Futures Team

Futures 2

Hello!

This week has been full of sunshine, both figuratively and literally!

We hope that the great weather continues and in preparation for staying sun safe we are again asking parents to provide sun cream for every child – where possible this should be applied before school, and we will reapply throughout the day as needed. Also, sunglasses, water bottles and a sun hat would be welcome addition every day.

This week's learning has been centred around measuring: our height, the length of our limbs and even the circumference of various body parts. Our challenge this week was to use these measurements to measure and draw a friend from our link class! The results were... Varied.

Next Thursday morning (8th May) Futures 2 will be involved in the whole school walk! Just like last year, we will be casually walking to La Frégate Café whereby each child will buy a much-deserved snack or beverage before returning to school via the minibus. On this day all you need to do is ensure that children have suitable shoes, their sun hat and their water bottles.

We have been looking at the unusual timetable for next week and will send a social story home with each child.

Kind regards

The Futures 2 Team

Nursery

First full week back and what a week! ☀️

This week the children have enjoyed the sunshine, we've spent lots of time outside, playing in the water trays and utilising the shade. If you haven't already, please ensure your child has both a **named hat** and **suncream** in nursery.

On 'Woods Wednesday' we had our first adventure down to the **'big woods'** in preparation for our whole school walk on Thursday 8th. The children walked beautifully and we're now feeling ready for the week ahead! A huge thank you to those parents who will be supporting us on our first school walk!

In our key group sessions this half term we're beginning to think about **3D shapes** and looking for these in and around our environment, please support with this by helping your child to name these at home, using language to describe these such as 'sides', 'corners', 'straight', 'flat' and 'round'.

We are also **counting beyond 5** and thinking about **more than** and **fewer than** when comparing two sets of objects e.g. *who has more grapes? who has fewer blueberries?*

Finally, thank you to those parents who joined us for our **RWINC session** on Friday to collect your set of flashcards. We hope you found this session valuable and now understand how to support your child with their early reading journey. If you have any questions or would like some further guidance, please do not hesitate to speak to Miss Fage.

Have a lovely long weekend,

Miss Fage and the Nursery Team

Reception

What a super sunny week! It was lovely to see parents in on Friday; we really enjoyed sharing our learning with you. Thank you for your support.

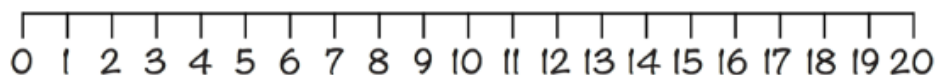
We started the week reading 'The Hungry caterpillar' which sparked lots of discussions about the life cycle of a butterfly and learning lots of wonderful new vocabulary – **chrysalis, metamorphosis, proboscis, symmetrical**. Ask your child what stage our caterpillars are currently at.

In writing, the children wrote about what the caterpillar ate during the week which has supported us with learning the days of the week. Children in Reception need to know the order of the days e.g. what day comes after Sunday? What day comes before Wednesday? Perhaps you could support at home with this. The children really enjoy this song: **Days of the Week Song - The Singing Walrus** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mXMofxtDPUQ>

In Maths, we have collected data based on our favourite fruits and created a pictogram. We then asked lots of questions about the information we'd found out and what was our most favourite and least favourite fruit. We are also ensuring that we are confident counting forwards and backwards

from 0 to 20. To check understanding, please ask your child questions like – ‘what comes before 13?’, ‘What comes after 18?’

You could use a number line to show your child the order of the numbers and ask them to recognise the number by pointing to it.



Reminders:

Bank Holiday Monday – 5th May (school closed)

School walk – Thursday 8th May

Liberation Day – Friday 9th May (school closed)

Pinecones – we still need more please, the bigger the better.

PE days – Wednesdays and Thursdays

Uniform – Summer uniform can now be worn, striped dresses (not checked) or shorts.

Water bottles, hats and suncream please!

Wishing you a very happy long weekend, we'll see you all on Tuesday 6th May 😊

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Year 1

It was lovely to have some parents in on Thursday to see your children in their learning environment and get a snapshot of what our lessons look like.

In Maths, we have continued to look at numbers to 40. We have used tens frames to group our numbers into groups of 10, and then we can add on our ones. For example – if we had 34 counters, we would firstly count in tens – 10, 20, 30 and then add on our ones – 31, 32, 33, 34.

On Monday afternoon, we watched a fantastic performance celebrating Earth Day. The children learned about why bees are so important in keeping our planet healthy – can your child tell you their favourite part of the show and what they learned from it?

We are lucky enough to have another sports specialist teaching us P.E this half term, we are practising catching and throwing skills.

Reminders –

Next week, we have a Bank Holiday on Monday and a Bank Holiday, for Liberation Day, on Friday. On Thursday, we are doing our school walk. **For our school walk, please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather (it is forecast to be sunny and warm so please ensure your child comes to school with sun cream on, a sun hat and they have plenty of water). We will be eating**

lunch on our walk so please provide your child's lunch in a disposable bag, with as many disposable bits as possible, as this will save them carrying lunch bits back to school.

Please continue to read with your child every evening and write this in to their homework planner.

This half term, **our P.E. Days are Tuesday and Wednesday.**

Only book-bags to be brought into school, please no backpacks as we don't have space to store them.

Many thanks for your support.

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Year 2

Thank you to all parents who came to see our Art lessons this week. It was great to have your support and the children enjoyed doing something creative with you!

In Literacy we have been looking at vocabulary for our book Grandad's Island. We have been thinking of questions to ask Grandad and did some hot-seating. We also created poems about fantasy islands.

In Maths we have continued our learning on fractions. Focusing on halves and quarters of shapes and numbers. Children would benefit from consolidation with this at home.

In Science we have been looking at materials. This week's focus was on recyclable and non-recyclable materials. The children had lots of different materials and grouped them.

In RE this week, we have been discussing receiving good and bad news. The children made some good news cards and discussed how it feels to receive good news.

Reminders:

-Spellings and reading daily.

-Hats and water bottles now the weather is getting warmer please.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Aubert and Mrs Harris.

Year 3

The sun has come out!

Highlights this week have included our open morning! It was wonderful to see so many Y3 family members in school – we hope you enjoyed your time in school and your sample of what DT looks like in Y3!

In Maths this week, we have completed our unit on volume and capacity and have moved onto learning about money. In writing, we have been generating facts about Stone Age creatures for our own independent writes. We have been really enjoying our time in the MakerSpace, we have been developing coding skills using lego technology.

A few notices:

–We have our whole school walk on **Thursday 8th May**. Children will need to wear PE kits. Please can you make sure that your child brings the following: a packed lunch, plenty of water, comfortable shoes, suntan lotion and a hat/sunglasses.

–Thank you so much to the many volunteers who have agreed to join us on the walk, it is very much appreciated!

As always, thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards,

Miss Bolton and Mrs Davies

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Year 4

In **Writing**, we've been following Stanley's adventure across the ocean, gathering a variety of vocabulary to describe the characters, setting, and Stanley's emotions throughout the story. This vocabulary is being used to create our independent writing pieces, which include a missing poster and a first person message in a bottle from Stanley.

In **Maths**, we've continued our focus on decimals, specifically tenths and hundredths. We've been learning how to divide decimals by 10 and 100. For additional support at home, please check out this helpful resource: [BBC Bitesize – Decimals](#).

In **PE**, we've started rounders, concentrating on throwing, catching, and teamwork skills. The children have engaged in many discussions about the importance of collaboration and supporting each other on and off the field.

This week, we were delighted to welcome parents into the classroom for an art session. We've been exploring the works of Georgia O'Keeffe, specifically her close-up depictions of flowers. The children have been closely observing flowers to capture details and textures in their own artwork.

Looking ahead to next week, our **school walk** is on Thursday. Please ensure that your child wears appropriate walking shoes, brings suncream, a hat, a packed lunch, and plenty of water. Children are expected to carry their own lunch, so please provide a suitable bag for the day.

We hope you have a lovely bank holiday weekend.

Year 4 Team

Year 5

Please see below the newsletter for this week:

It has been a brilliant week in Year 5!

We have been continuing our work on our Oliver Twist reading book, focussing on adjectives and character descriptions. We have also focussed upon inferring how Oliver might feel in different parts of the book and what 'inference' means. We have also been looking at the details of a persuasive letter in our writing lessons, looking at real life examples together with getting ready for our upcoming States Chambers Trip soon!

In Maths, the children have been working hard on our Geometry topic, enjoying exploring around the classroom to find real life angles! The children have been experimenting with using a protractor for the first time—can they explain to you how they did this? We have also started our Computing topic this term, Creating Media. Here, the children are learning how to create videos and, in a few weeks, will be using the iPads to make a video in groups which they will then edit ready to present.

We had a super visit from a lifeguard on Thursday morning and the children enjoyed learning how to stay safe in the Summer at the beach! They have also been doing well with their Gaelic football skills and practise and will be a strong team for our upcoming tournament in May!

Next week, we have YouMatter on Tuesday, focussing on relationships with one another together with our School Walk on Thursday! We hope you all enjoy a lovely bank holiday Monday and celebratory Liberation Day next Friday—remembering such an important historical moment.

Miss Condlyffe and Mr Worthington

Year 6

This week we have started our new class text in Reading – The Secrets of Platform 13. We have used our prediction skills to guess what the book may be about based on the front cover, but also used our retrieval skills to find key pieces of information. In Maths we have continued our revision and looked at the topic of Ratio alongside enlarging and decreasing the size of shapes. Mr Livesey has continued his work with the children on their design structures, with this week focusing on planning their final design. Lastly, in Science we have started looking at genetics and how characteristics can look similar in parents and their offspring.

Jersey Sings

An exciting event in the Year 6 calendar is approaching quickly – Jersey Sings Across the Bay!

On Thursday 26th June 2025, we will be heading down to the Beach Arena being set up by La Frégate Café to sing and hopefully enjoy the sunshine alongside other schools. Jersey Sings relies on ticket sales to ensure that the event can continue to run and develop, so the children can continue to benefit from these amazing opportunities! So, if you would like to find out more information / purchase a

ticket, please follow this link <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/jersey-sings-2025-dauvergne-tickets-1309552860859?aff=oddtcreator>

We look forward to seeing you there!

A few gentle reminders:

- Please ensure your child brings their library books to and from school every day.
- **Our PE days are Tuesday and Wednesday this half term.** The children will have a Gymnastics session with their class teacher on Tuesday and their regular PE slot with Rob on Wednesday
- Laptops need to be brought in to school every day fully charged.
- Please keep yourself updated with any Parent Mails regarding the England Trip.

Home Learning

- Reading: Daily for 20 minutes.
- Spellings: Practice daily. Spellings can be found on Google Classroom or on the physical handout.
- SATS: Revision books are now looking full. Please encourage the children to look over them (Maths and SPAG).

Achievers

The achiever in 6G this week is Lucas! This young man has shown a fantastic commitment to his reading this week as we started our new book. He has made some brilliant predictions, which he has backed up with evidence and he has contributed to some fascinating class discussions about what we have read. I am really looking forward to continuing reading this book with him and hearing more of his brilliant reflections on this story. Well done Lucas!

The achiever in 6H this week is Morgane! This young lady is an arithmetic whizz! She has absolutely smashed her last 2 arithmetic papers and she should be incredibly proud of her efforts. The hard work that Morgane is putting into not only this, but all elements of her learning is wonderful to see! Her secondary school will be incredibly lucky to be receiving such a motivated student! Great job, Morgane!
