

d'Auvergne Weekly Update



Dear Parents and Carers,

Head Teacher's Comments

Class Mixes

Our Transition Morning on Friday went very well, with children having the opportunity to meet their new teacher.

Each year, I am asked a few questions about the decision-making in respect to the classes. The rationale is always available on our website:

<https://www.dauvergne.sch.je/media/2257/class-mixing-policy-2021.pdf>

We take into consideration the needs of individuals, whilst maintaining a wider view of each year group. One certainty in our children's lives is that they will have to get used to change, and mixing classes is one way of developing resilience in this respect.

Once they have been agreed by our SLT the classes are fixed, other than for any safeguarding reasons that may present.

I am excited for every child for their year ahead and know they will adjust incredibly quickly. The class teaching team is as follows:

Class	Teacher
Nursery	Mr Louis du Feu
Reception	Mrs Rachel Lutkin-Clarke
Reception	Mrs Susie Wilkinson (Ms Alison Keogh on Fridays)
Year 1	Mr Aaron Worthington
Year 1	Miss Erin McEnery
Year 2	Miss Kirsty Aubert
Year 2	Miss Ellie Crocker
Year 3	Mrs Rhian Davies
Year 3	Miss Sarah Bolton
Year 4	Mrs Natalie Andre-Brown
Year 4	Mrs Michelle Hyde
Year 5	Mr Robin Blake
Year 5	Miss Talia Morris
Year 5	Mrs Katherine French
Year 6	Mr Thomas George
Year 6	Mr Kieran Henderson

RJA&HS School Garden Competition

Well done Mr Blake and his team! Great job all involved, as we received this message from the Horticultural Secretary of the RJA&HS:

*"Thank you very much for entering our Garden Competition this year, the judges thoroughly enjoyed judging your garden area and seeing what the children have helped to create and they were delighted by the enthusiasm of both the teachers and children. From this year, we changed the classes to only two classes to enter i.e. Nursery and Primary and we are delighted with the number of entries received, we also amended the judging criteria slightly this year and the points awarded are out of 200. I am delighted to let you know that **d'Auvergne Primary School have placed 2nd in the Primary School class with 173 points winning the Les Greffes Landscapes Prize which is for second place in this class.** Very well done to you and all the children that helped make your garden area look amazing this year."*

Mrs Kruk's Philosophical Question in Your Home Language for This Week:

What makes a good riddle?

Como saber o que vem a seguir em um padrão?

Co sprawia, że zagadka jest udana?

Ce face o ghicitoare sa fie bună?

French Festival in Jersey in July:

Please follow this link to information about the **French Festival from the 10th to the 14th July 2025** <https://www.lefrenchfestivalci.com/jersey>. Please see also the attached French Festival's programme full of interesting events for children and adults: concerts, artistic performances, outdoor screenings.

Year Group Updates

Futures 1

As we draw closer to the Summer holidays, I must sadly inform you that Miss Fern will be leaving us at the end of term. Miss Fern has been an integral part of our team, involved in setting up the ARP right from the very beginning. She has worked across both Futures 1 and Futures 2, as well as with individual children across the school. Before she joined the ARP she was a valued member of the Nursery team here at d'Auvergne. I hope you will join us in wishing her well in her future endeavours.

This week was also our last horse-riding session for this academic year. The team at Riding for the Disabled have been amazing at providing the most wonderful experiences for our children and we look forward to taking more children next term. Next week (Friday 11th) will be our final swimming session. The children coped very well with wearing their clothes in the swimming pool this week, even if they did think it was a little strange!

Finally thank you to those who support our Summer Fayre, the event was a huge success and it was lovely to see some of our ARP children joining in the fun!

Have a great weekend
Mrs Mason & The Futures 1 Team

Futures 2

This week's swimming sessions was highly unusual - keeping their clothes on in the pool! Although it was "hard" and "really difficult", the Futures 2 children had a fun time pretending to 'life save'. Sadly, we have only one session left this term, but on Tuesday we are promised fun water games! Once again, we are very grateful to our swimming instructors - Daisy and Noah - and for the opportunity to swim every week. Every child has made exceptional progress this year: in skills, tolerance, stamina and fun. We look forward to next year...

Speaking of which, two of our children have begun their transitions to their new school. Sadly, this is an avoidable part of primary school. We will miss them enormously but - as we say to the children - 'Change is a part of life. Change is good. Everything is fine'. Another firm fixture that will soon be changing is that Miss Fern will be leaving at the end of this term. She has been a crucial part in setting up and evolving the provision over the past three years and she will be missed as a colleague, trusted adult and friend. We wish her luck in her next adventure. Just remember, 'Change is a part of life. Change is good. Everything is fine'.

Futures 2 will be joining Sports Day on Friday 11th July: 9.30am - 11.30am! Just like last year, the Futures 2 children will stay together, supported by our adults as we move around the activities. Ear defenders are available and if there is any dysregulation we can step away to regulate. Some of our children may even choose a quieter, individualised sports experience away from the main field.

Happy Summer Vibes.
The Futures 2 Team

Nursery

This week, the children have continued to amaze us whilst constantly demonstrating just how **'Reception-ready'** they are. Whilst many of the adults have been out and about this week visiting our new Nursery children, we've had lots of new and different faces in Nursery which can sometimes be tricky for little people - but not the class of 2025 superstars! They have been **polite, helpful and welcoming** to all new people into our Nursery which has been lovely to see and is such a positive attribute to have, we are very proud. The children have continued to show high levels of wellbeing and involvement, despite the heat earlier

in the week, and showcase their **imagination** and experiences by making and selling 'ice creams', taking it in turns to be in the factory, the shop keeper or the customer.

We have been practising for **Sports Day** with Coach Rob and are excited to show you our new skills on Thursday morning. Please ensure that your child comes to Nursery wearing suncream (as always!) and with appropriate clothing i.e. shorts to participate in the various activities. Like everyday, the children should **NOT be wearing open toe sandals** into nursery as they are not supportive over long periods of time for growing feet nor do they allow the children to run, jump, climb and play as they should. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Fage and the Nursery Team 😊

Reception

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We have had a week of sunshine, showers and testing our boats on the windy ocean (water tray and fan!). The children learnt about floating and sinking and testing different objects to see which materials would be best to use to create our own boats. On Thursday, we then tested all our boats to see which ones floated and which ones sunk or tipped over. Which materials do you think were the best?



The children have also created collaborative story maps using pictures from The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch. They added their own drawings, words and phrases and enjoyed working together as a team.

By the time you read this newsletter, your child will have visited their new Year 1 class with either Mr Worthington or Miss McEnery. We have spent lots of time talking about transition and how it's time for them to learn something new in Year 1. Of course, there will be children who are anxious about this but please be reassured that we are doing everything we can in school to ensure they all feel as prepared as possible. Be positive at home too because your child will be looking at your reactions and will pick up on any uncertainties from you.

We still have two weeks together and we're looking forward to welcoming you all in on Wednesday 9th July 8.15 – 9am so your child can share their Reception learning with you 😊

Next week is set to be full of fun too...

On Monday, we are watching a performance by Flair Entertainment

On Tuesday, the children are performing their SUMMER poem in front of the whole school

On Wednesday, we are welcoming you in to look at our learning

On Thursday, it's Sports Day 8.45am–10am **PE kits, sensible trainers, hats, suncream and water bottles!**

On Friday – Friday is always fun!

Have a lovely weekend and thank you for your continued support 😊

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

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Year 1

We had a wonderful transition morning, and enjoyed spending time with our new teachers and friends, in our new classrooms. Well done Year 1!

We have continued to practice our performance poetry, any work you can do at home on this, would be greatly appreciated, please find attached.

In Writing, we have been enjoying our Supertato work. We have made predictions about what we think would happen in this story, and we have started work on Evil Pea 'Wanted' posters, with a focus on our use of adjectives.

We had a visit from Rozel Ecobichon, (Mrs Willis dressed as a framer from the past) who talked to us, and showed us how food was prepared in the past. We are coming to the end of this topic and thoroughly enjoyed it. A big thanks you to the teams at Woodlands Farm, who welcomed us for a year group trip.

In maths, we have continued to work on addition and subtraction words problems. We know that 'altogether' means we need to add.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zwv39j6>

We are moving onto multiplication.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zqbg87h>

As the weather continues to be warm, please ensure your child has a refillable water bottle and a sun hat. Should you wish them to wear suncream, please apply this at home. Children can top up their own suncream throughout the day.

Dates

-Sports Day; Thursday 10th July at 10.30.

-End of term; Friday 18th July.

Thank you for your continued support.

Year 1 Team

Year 2

We have had a fantastic week in Year 2 this week!

We started the week by completing our final independent writes for Year 2. The children have worked hard on re-writing the story of Seymour's Seaside Picnic, with their own characters and Jersey landmarks. The stories that they have produced are fantastic and really display their learning this year.

On Thursday, the children had a fantastic trip to The Royal Square! They had a great time learning about The Battle of Jersey this morning. They were very lucky to be joined by Major Peirson and Lady Georgina to talk to them about the battle. They learnt how the battle lasted only 15. Cannon balls were fired at a house in The Royal Square and the marks from the cannon balls can still be seen today. The children practiced loading and shooting muskets and practiced marching like a Red Coat. They also looked at different forms of evidence, the physical evidence seen in The Royal Square and the less reliable evidence in the form of a painting. Thank you to all parent helpers for your support on this trip.

Everyone had a fantastic time!

Year 2 ended the week as Year 3! The children spent Friday morning in their new Year 3 classes and had a lovely time, getting to know their new teachers, classmates and classroom.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Aubert and Mrs Harris.

Year 3

Update on Monday.

Year 4

We've had another busy and exciting week in class!

We started the week with a fantastic visit from the Jersey Arts Centre, who presented a performance all about beach safety. The children learned about the different types of beach flags and their meanings:

- Red and yellow – safe area for swimmers
- Black and white – for surfers
- Red – do not enter the water
- Orange sock – shows the wind direction

We were also reminded how important it is to tell someone where we're going and when we'll be back, to check tide times, and to always wear suncream, bring a bright towel, wear a hat, and use sunglasses. We even explored a beach scene to identify hidden hazards such as riptides, changing tides, and people swimming between the wrong flags. In Maker Space, we've been getting creative with our own sound instruments! The children used drills and saws to make holes in wood and cut metal, lots of hands on fun. We're looking forward to finishing them and bringing them home to show you!

In Maths, we've been revisiting past chapters, revising key concepts, and strengthening areas that need a little boost.

We've also been practising our poem for next week's performance. Please continue to support your child at home this weekend to ensure they feel confident and ready for Tuesday.

Next week, please send your child to school with a bag so we can begin sending home their finished books and clearing out trays.

Thank you for your continued support!

Year 5

It has been a good week in Year 5!

The children have now completed their work on Limericks, this involved creating and performing their own – well done Year 5! We shall now prepare for our ghost stories work, which PJ will be joining us for and it shall link with our Victorian week next week! We are now two thirds of the way through our class book 'Street Child'. The children are now very familiar with their reading terms. We are focussing on summarising currently and being able to explain a chapter either as a storyboard or in a summarising paragraph. Could your child tell you what summarising means? How do we summarise?

In Maths, we are now working on area and perimeter which the children are enjoying. We have used real life measuring tools and been outside to explore what perimeter really means. Can they tell you? What is the difference between area and perimeter?

We had a super time at our Speak Up Speak Out event on Wednesday. Well done to all of Year 5 for being a super audience for all those performers!

Next week, is a busy week for Year 5. We have our Victorian week (please see the Parentmail sent out about this). On Tuesday 8th July we will have our whole school oracy performance poetry and then in the afternoon our Safety in Action trip. This will involve a packed lunch again as we will need to eat at 11.15am, ready for our coach at 11.45am. Wednesday 9th July is our Victorian School Day where the children can dress up like a Victorian! We then have our all day trip on Thursday 10th July where we shall explore several areas of Jersey relating to the Victorians. Finally, on Friday 11th July it is our Key Stage Two Sports Day between 9.30-11.30am. We look forward to seeing many parents there before we enter our last week of Year 5!

We hope you all have a lovely weekend!

Miss Condlyffe and Mr Worthington

Year 6

This week, the Year 6s have only been with us for three days out of five, but they have been practising hard for their Leaver's Assembly, coming up on Wednesday 16th July at 1:15pm. They have been writing their speeches, learning their lines, practicing performances and practicing the songs with passion and pride. Alongside this practice, we have been in the MakerSpace with Mr Livesey, working with Microbits to enhance our coding / programming skills. On Tuesday afternoon we had the privilege of being joined by Christian Foley, a teacher from London, who formally went to school in Jersey. He delivered a workshop to the children all about expression through poetry and rap. If you haven't already, please see our Facebook page, which has some photos and videos of Christian working alongside many of the children in the school.

Leaver's Assembly

- Date: Wednesday 16th July at 1:15pm (please arrive for 1pm)
 - Please ensure your child practices their lines / performances, which they will be bringing home with them on Monday.
 - Please ensure your child also practices the 3 songs we will be performing
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- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zZ5ESYRgyyI> (only singing the first minute of this song)
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5CAL3OC-Qfk> (whole song, the children should be very familiar with this song)
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R533DDds3RY> (whole song, the children have sung this multiple times across their time at d'Auvergne so they should be fairly familiar with this one)

Laptops

Next week, we shall be collecting in all **laptops, cases and chargers** to stay in school for the remainder of the term so they can be ready to clear for September. So, can you please ensure your child brings the three items listed above into school so that we can check off their name on our system before the end of the year. If you have any concerns around this, please do email your child's class teacher.

Home Learning

- Reading: Daily for 20 minutes.
- Leaver's Assembly Practice
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Achievers

The achiever in Year 6 this week is everyone! We are super proud of all of you for tackling your transition days head on and representing d'Auvergne so well. We will miss you all dearly in September and we are excited for the next couple of weeks with you to round off a wonderful year! Well done Year 6, another big milestone for the year checked off!
