

d'Auvergne Weekly Update 11.7.25



Dear Parents and Carers,

Head Teacher's Comments

Next week, I am prioritising being a dad and am away for a couple of days at a university graduation. So, this will be our final newsletter of the year ahead of the children finishing next Friday. Our final week will, as always, be particularly busy as we celebrate all the achievements of the year and say goodbye to our leavers (pupils and staff).

Our amazing Year 6 are heading to pastures new. They have been a delight to get to know over the years and we shall all miss them very much. The year group is packed with real characters, appropriate high spirits, kindness and a positive work ethic. I have no doubt that they will be individually successful in their future careers and will make good life choices. From us all children, we wish you all the very best – don't be a stranger, come back and let us know how you are progressing.

To the staff who are leaving: Miss Fern, Miss Vetier, Miss Lee, Miss Condlyffe, Mrs Harris and (temporarily) Mrs Tostevin we should THANK THEM for your commitment to our children and wider community. They have all, in different ways, demonstrated a selfless dedication to their roles, which many will not see. To wherever they are heading, I am sure the children, parents and staff wish them every best wish. Go well, everyone.

In this final newsletter, I should like to express my thanks to you – **our parents and carers** – for your support. Our school is a community, it has a unique feel as such and that is down to everyone associated with it. At the heart of this community are some key players. **Our PTA is SECOND TO NONE!** Thank you to Charlie and her amazing support team for providing us with such a rich variety of experiences, which bring us together and unite us.

Our support staff, in whatever role, are so dedicated to making our school better. The admin team / caretakers / kitchen crew / Key Workers / Learning Mentors/ Sports Coaches all pull together in a common cause – your children.

The teaching team push themselves to improve, every day. Their reflection and insight into pedagogy makes learning stronger. They are always thinking about 'Even better if...' and I thank them for their professionalism.

Being Head Teacher of d'Auvergne School is a privilege as it is the best, because of everyone involved. Thank you, one and all.

Have a fabulous summer everyone. Keep safe.

Kind regards,

Mr Cooper



Safeguarding Concerns Over The Summer Holiday

Looking after children is everyone's responsibility. If you consider a child is at immediate risk, call 999.

For other safeguarding concerns contact the Children and Families Hub on 01534 519000 or childrenandfamilieshub@gov.je.

Thank you.

September Back to School

For those pupils returning on September 3rd, please do so in the **correct uniform**. Summer dresses (striped, NOT checked) may still be worn. Remember (as per your Parent Handbook), haircuts must not attract unwarranted attention – no tram-lines/colouring/mohawks....thank you.

Summer School

We are looking forward to welcoming 20 children (their parents know who they are) to our **Summer School** from 4th August. It is so important that the children do attend, and I look forward to seeing them.

Polytunnel Helpers

As in previous years, we need some assistance maintaining the fruit and vegetables growing in the polytunnel. One day a week per family has worked well – getting in to water twice a day, some weeding and (of course) taking some produce home for dinner!

If you are keen to help, please contact me or Mr Blake (r.blake@dauvergne.sch.je).

Miss Kruk's MLL Message

How to support your child in becoming highly multilingual in a global world where multilingualism is an asset:

Please read the attached CYPES leaflet with useful tips about how to encourage your child to use home language everyday and become highly bi/multilingual. Below there is a link to the leaflet in more languages and the recordings with d'Auverne pupils speaking about using their home languages in various context:

<http://gov.je/education/schools/childlearning/pages/multilinguallearners.aspx>

Kupala Festival – Ancient Slavic summer tradition – at Grève de Lecq Barracks & the beach on Saturday 19th July from 2pm to 7pm. This family friendly festival is organised by Art House. Link to the webpage with more information:

<https://www.arthousejersey.je/news/jersey-welcomes-kupala-festival-this-month>

Year Group Updates

Futures 1

Unfortunately, both staff and students seem to have been plagued by illness this last week or so. We kindly ask that any children who are feeling unwell remain at home until they are fully recovered. This helps to ensure the health and well-being of all students and staff, and allows your child the time they need to rest and feel better. If your child is experiencing symptoms such as fever, cough, sore throat, or general illness, we appreciate your support in keeping them home to prevent the spread of germs. Thank you for helping us maintain a healthy and safe environment for everyone.

As this is the last newsletter of the year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff across Futures 1 and 2 as well as our lunchtime supervisors and those who come in to cover me on Annual Review meetings etc. Their continued hard work, commitment, and dedication help the ARP run so smoothly and successfully. Their care, professionalism, and teamwork make a real difference every day, ensuring our children feel supported, safe, and happy. We are incredibly proud of the positive and nurturing environment they create, and we truly appreciate all that they do.

I would also like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all our parents and children for the warm, positive relationships we share. Your ongoing support, trust, and open communication make a huge difference in helping us create a nurturing and collaborative environment. It is a pleasure to work in partnership with you, and we truly value the strong sense of community that we build together.

Have a great weekend,
Mrs Mason & The Futures 1 team

Futures 2

This week has been an extremely active – and sweaty – time: last swimming, last cycling and last Sports Bug.

Also, by the time you read this, KS2 Sports Day would have been a resounding success, and all the children are no doubt sporting winner's badges. Next Thursday we have Healing Waves – weather permitting, even those children who are not surfing can come along and enjoy lunch at the beach.

We are hoping that the weather holds so that we can also have along-awaited water balloon fun! Thank you to those parents that have provided extra clothes, and I would encourage everyone to pack an extra t-shirt as water balloons have been promised and will be delivered.

The final week of the 2024-25 school year is approaching, and sadly it is time to say goodbye to three children who are graduating. We will miss them enormously, especially as they are the founding 'OG' members of d'Auvergne's ARP. We are grateful for the time we have spent together and wish you all the love and best wishes as you continue on your journey. Luckily, Jersey is a small island and we will see you around no doubt... so, it's not goodbye

Thank you to all the parents for your support over the past year. As I'm sure you're aware, the relationship between parents and our team is especially important in order to support the needs of each and every child, and to ensure their continuing happiness. Furthermore, working in such a dynamic and changeable environment, it is a pleasure to work with such supportive and caring adults. Futures is a special place to work and of course at the heart of this is the children themselves.

We will see most of you in the new school year. Have an amazing Summer and we'll see you in September, when we welcome: new students, a new team member and (hopefully) a brand-new playground space for Futures!

Lots of love

The Futures 2 Team

Nursery

Update coming on Monday.

Reception

Another lovely week with your wonderful children. What a pleasure to see so many parents popping in on Wednesday to see the children's learning! They were so excited to prepare their trays for you and show you what they have been getting up to this year. Work in their books is just a snapshot of what your children have completed this year; so much more learning has happened through play, curiosity, collaborative work in floor books, phonic sessions, maths on whiteboards and just through using our Oracy skills together. We are so proud of each and every one of them; they are a superb cohort and a credit to you all.

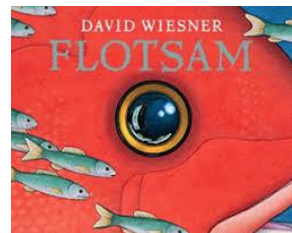
On that note, as their teachers and from the whole Reception Team, we'd like to say thank you to you all for your continued support with your child's progress; all the home learning you have supported with, your kind words and your smiles on the gate every morning and afternoon. We have thoroughly enjoyed working with you all this year and the new Year 1

teachers are lucky to have not only your amazing children but all of you as a smashing set of parents 😊

As we come to the end of the term, please could you send in a named carrier bag so your children can bring home their wellies, waterproofs and any pictures or paintings they have in their trays.

All their workbooks will go up to their Year 1 teachers so they can have a look at the progress made and where they are at in terms of their attainment and then they should come home to you for you to keep.

Next week, we will continue our work on the picture book Flotsam, using it as a stimulus for more story writing, underwater pictures and detailed drawings of the eye.



We were so proud to see the children perform their poem on Tuesday out on the field in front of the whole school. We know lots of them were practising this at home and their hard work paid off. One of the bigger children said that Reception's performance was 10/10!!

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

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Year 1

On Tuesday, we performed our Farm poem to the rest of the school and the children did a great job, well done!

Our Sports Day on Thursday was a huge success! Well done to all of the children for taking part.

In Maths, we learned about equal groups. The children used the following sentence stems to discuss the groupings. We grouped counters in groups and then in rows.

- There are ___ in each group.
- There are ___ groups.

We also introduced the children to the basics of multiplication -> if 3 groups of 2 = 6, we can also write this as $3 \times 2 = 6$.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zbm239>

In Writing, we continued our work on Supertato. By the end of next week, the children will have written their last Independent Write, in the style of the Supertato story. We will use the areas of setting, character, problem and solution to help plan the children's stories.

Reminders –

Please provide your child with a plastic bag on Monday so we can start sending home any books that have been completed this year. Any books that are incomplete will go up to Year 2 with your child.

Please make sure your child comes to school with a balanced lunch, with some form of healthy sandwich or main part, as well as snacks.

Please ensure your child has a water bottle for school that can be filled up throughout the day when needed and a sunhat, the weather for next week is to be sunny and warm.

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

Many thanks for your continued support.

Year 1 Team

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Year 2

Hello parents,

We can not believe that we only have one more week with all the lovely children we have taught this year! All the children have been amazing and they should be very proud of themselves in what they have achieved this year. They will be very missed but we wish them all good luck as they head in to Year 3!

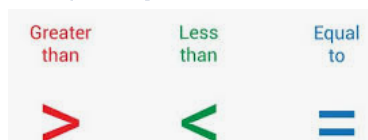
This week we have been busy in all our subjects. Making sure we have consolidated what we have learnt and putting it into our final Independent writes of the year.

The children have all been able to show how well they can proof read their writing and then edit it to make it even better.

In Science we identified that some materials can change shape by squashing, bending, stretching and twisting, and others can't. Working in small groups we investigated using different objects and recorded the information we found out. This was a very eventful lesson with some great ideas on why some materials can't change back even if we blow on them!

In Literacy we have been learning how to use Contracted apostrophes combine two words into one shorter word, using an apostrophe to replace missing letters. For example, "do" and "not" become "don't". The apostrophe acts as a placeholder for the missing letters. [How to use apostrophes in contractions - BBC Bitesize](#)

In Maths we have started a new unit Volume, the children have been choosing and using which units they need to estimate and measure capacity (litres/ml) to the nearest unit. By comparing the volume and capacity in the beakers and recording them using:



All the children took part in our final Poetry performance that had an added addition to it, where the children had learnt the sign language to go with the words that they spoke clearly and with great enthusiasm, Well done Year 2!

The children really enjoyed there sports day and all did amazing, great team spirit and showed fantastic encouragement to one another.

Please can your child bring a named carrier bag in to school next week as we will be sending home some finished books.

Wishing you all a lovely Summer and enjoy the holidays. We look forward to seeing you all again in the new term.

Thank you for your continued support this year.

Miss Aubert and Mrs Harris.

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Year 3

It has been a busy couple of weeks in Year 3!

In science, we have been exploring animals including humans. As part of this, we have explored the difference between vertebrates and invertebrates as well as looking at different habitats and food chains. We had a look at the BBC bitesize website and practised identifying the different stages of food chains [Year 3 Science – BBC Bitesize](#). We then moved on to looking at how muscles work [How do your muscles work? – KS2 Science curriculum – BBC Bitesize](#). and why our skeletons are important to us [What does your skeleton do? – KS2 Science curriculum – BBC Bitesize](#).

In reading we have finished reading the Stolen Spear and have been enjoying the next adventure, The Whispering Stones. We will probably get to the end of this adventure but there are two more stories in the series; The Mysterious Island and The Wolfsong. If your children enjoy stories based on real history these are great books and there are others too! [Historical Fiction – stories are forever](#)

In writing we have started to explore the book Stone Age Boy and have been using it as a starting point to our own writing, which is based on a boy from modern times meeting a stone age girl and going on an adventure together. Our final piece of writing in Year 3 will be a diary entry based on this.

Our maths has been all about shape and perimeter. We have done lots of exploration around this and have been using our multiplication and division facts successfully to work out the perimeter of regular and irregular shapes. [What is the perimeter of a 2D shape? – BBC Bitesize](#).

And finally, our highlights of this week have been performing our Stone Age Boy poem to the rest of the school and listening to the poems that have been learned and performed by other classes. Some of us really liked the Year 6 poem and want to learn it! We also enjoyed being involved in Sport Day on Friday. We are always impressed with the sporting attitude displayed and the encouragement that the children give their class peers as well as those in the houses.

Next week... we will be sending home some of the children's completed books which we are sure they would love to share with you. In preparation for this, please could they be given a plastic bag so that they have something to bring them home in.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support, it is appreciated.

Warmest regards,

The Year 3 Team.

Year 4

As we near the end of Year 4, it's been another busy week in school! We've been finishing off our topics and doing lots of sorting and reflecting on everything we've learned. Miss Morris has really enjoyed working with 4d this week and getting to know the children.

Looking Ahead to Year 5

Year 5 promises to be an exciting and eventful year, filled with new learning opportunities and special experiences. In addition to our daily lessons, the children can look forward to swimming lessons, Bikeability, a residential trip to Crabbe, a visit to the States Chamber, Victorian Week, Egyptian Day and much more!

Residential Trip to Crabbe

We're thrilled to confirm that we've secured two days and nights at Crabbe for each Year 5 class! The residential dates are as follows:

- 6th and 7th October
- 8th and 9th October
- 13th and 14th October

We are still finalising which class will attend on which dates and will share further details soon, including payment information.

Victorian Week – Autumn Term

In the Autumn Term, we will be learning all about The Victorians. As part of this topic, we're planning a Victorian Week in November. We'd love the children to dress up in Victorian-style clothing for this special week.

This could be:

- **Aristocratic or wealthy outfits** (top hats, dresses, waistcoats)
- **Poorer attire** (caps, aprons, patches, oversized clothing)

There's no need to buy anything new, second-hand shops are great for finding creative options, and the children's outfits certainly don't need to be perfect. Think character and imagination!

We'll confirm exact dates and more details closer to the time.

Swimming

Swimming lessons are expected to take place on Thursday mornings during the Autumn Term (to be confirmed). We'll need parent volunteers to help walk the children to and from the pool. More details will follow as soon as arrangements are finalised.

We hope you all have a wonderful summer break and enjoy some well-earned rest! Mr Blake and Mrs French are really looking forward to welcoming their classes back in September, and Miss Morris is very excited to begin teaching her Year 5 class.

Remember to continue to read, read, read, read, read, read, read, read, read, read and read some more over the summer.

Thank you for your support this year.

Year 4 Team

Year 5

It has been an action-packed week in Year 5!

The children have thoroughly enjoyed their Victorian Week. On Monday, we went to the graveyard opposite school with Mrs Willis and PJ to learn all about ghost stories. This included writing our own imagine sentences which the children then wrote out in their Writing books to help their ghost narrative planning process. On Tuesday, we had our year group poem performance outside. This was a super display of our Oracy work and practise- well done Year 5! In the afternoon, the children enjoyed their trip to Highlands to learn about Safety in Action. The following morning, Year 5 were greeted by Mr Cooper at the door ready for our Victorian day! This included having Victorian style lessons, washing the wagon (in our case- minibus!) and cutting the grass with scissors! We also incorporated some Victorian style games to the day. On Thursday, the children went to the Maritime Museum, Victorian House and a town walk to see the Victorian's mark on Jersey. Finally, we concluded the week with Sports Day on Friday. Well done to everyone who did a super job!

Next week, is our last week in Year 5. We have our Achiever's assembly at 1.15pm on Monday, and we are watching the Year 6 leavers' assembly on Wednesday at 1.15pm. We have also managed to secure another Jersey Cricket session for Tuesday afternoon and our Year 5 Movie afternoon on Thursday afternoon before our final day of fun on Friday.

We wish you all a wonderful Summer and the very best for all Year 5's next steps and adventures into Year 6!

With very best wishes,

Miss Condlyffe and Mr Worthington

Year 6

This week, the Year 6s have been an absolute credit to themselves whilst practicing their Leavers' Assembly. They have delivered speeches and performances of a high standard and are just putting the finishing touches together for you to watch next Wednesday (16th). We would love to see as many parents, carers, grandparents etc at our final few Year 6 events. You should have received a parentmail this week outlining the final events of the year.

If you missed this, please find them below. Finally, the children have enjoyed and participated in their final sports day. What a lovely morning it was.

Leavers' 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
 - <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)

Key Dates Reminder

- Tuesday 15th July 6pm-7pm - Leavers' Disco (run by our lovely PTA). For the children only.
- Tuesday 15th July 7pm-8pm - Leavers' BBQ. We encourage parents, carers, grandparents, etc, to attend this event. Your child will be receiving their leavers' pen and book from Mr Cooper.
- Wednesday 16th July 1:15pm-2:45pm - Year 6 Leavers' Assembly. Again, we encourage parents, carers, grandparents, etc, to attend this event.
- Friday 18th July 2:45pm - Year 6 Leavers' clap (please get to school for around 2:30 so you are set up for the children to come down at 2:45pm). The more parents, carers etc the better!

Laptops

Most laptops have now been handed in, however, we still have a few missing. Please may all **laptops, cases and chargers** be returned so they can be ready to clear for September.

Home Learning

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

There are no achievers in Year 6 this week in anticipation for our final achievement assembly of the year on Monday 14th at 1:15pm. We are, however, super proud and impressed with everyone's commitments to the Year 6 Leavers' Assembly. So well done all, you are preparing yourselves immensely for a new start at secondary in September.
