



Brave, Unique, Caring and Kind
All learning together

Damers First School

Weekly Newsletter

Announcements & Reminders



Art The Park in Poundbury

There is a free art day on the Great Field on Saturday 6th June for families - it is run by Lizzie Mehta who is a friend of the school and has led some wonderful free sessions for our children.

Card trading

We know that many of our pupils enjoy collecting and swapping trading cards, such as Pokemon and football cards. Please do not let your children bring in their cards to school to do this but only swap them outside school, for example when they are playing on the Great Field after school or when they're waiting to come in the gate before the day starts. If staff see any cards in school, they will look after them for the day and return them to the child at pick-up time. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

PTA Quiz night

Don't forget to book your tickets for the PTA quiz night next Thursday. Tickets can be bought [here](#).

Leeson House

A big welcome back to our Year 4 pupils and thank you to all the Damers staff who helped lead another wonderful residential week at Leeson House.

Date

Friday 15th May 2026

Dates to Know



20th May @ 8.45am

Y3 Stay and . . .

20th May @ 1.45pm

Y2 Sports Day

21st May @ 9.15am

Y4 Sports Day

PTA Quiz - 5.30pm

22nd May @ 8.45am

Y4 Stay and . . .

22nd May @ 2pm

FS Sports Day

22nd May

LAST DAY before half term break

1st June

BACK IN SCHOOL

3rd June

Languages Day

8th - 12th June

Healthy Week

17th June @ 9.15am

Yr3 Sports Day

18th June @ 10am

Yr1 Sports Day

26th June

Summer Fayre

30th June, 1st July, 2nd July

Yr4 Performances

7th July

Transfer Day

Online Safety

See page 3 for some info on screentime and how it can affect your developing child.

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Art in Poundbury presents

ART IN THE PARK

FREE CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY

A fun and free outdoor art activity taking place during the Dorchester Kite Festival.

If you are 17 or under, bring your parent or guardian and meet us at the red gazebos near

The Swales on The Great Field.

All materials provided.

Saturday 6 June 2026, 12 -2pm

The Great Field, Poundbury

Visit www.artinpoundbury.co.uk to find out more.

#KITES

#PRIZES

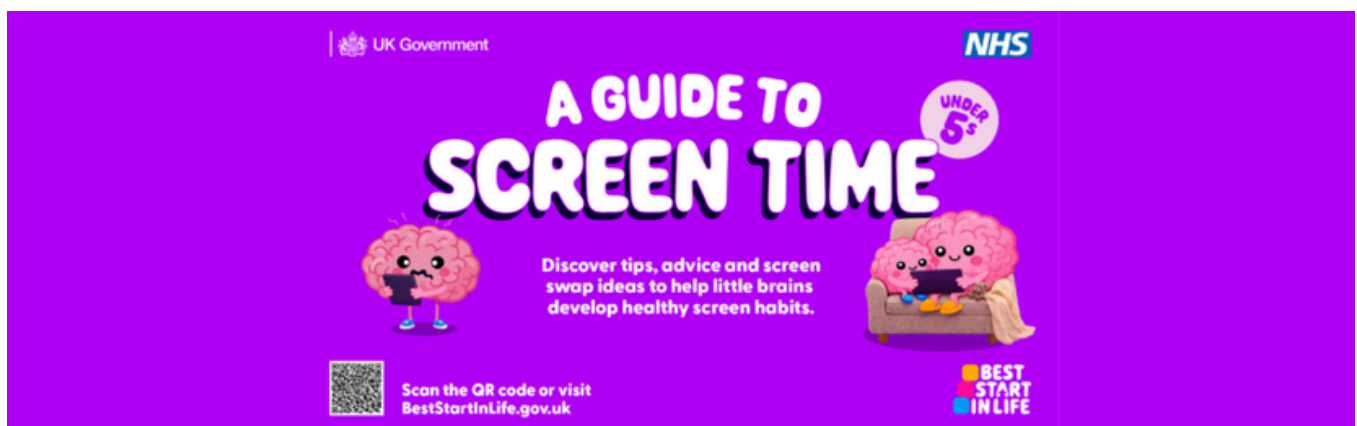
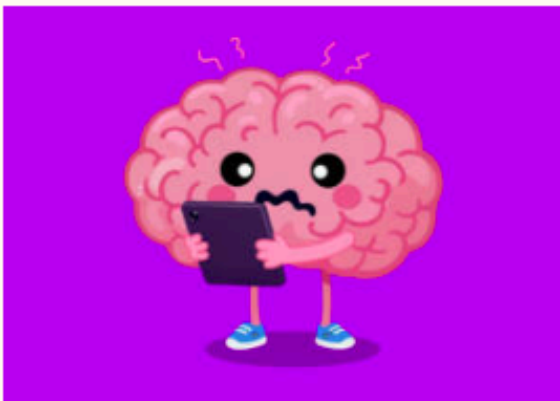
#ART





How does screen time affect my child's development?

- **90% of brain growth happens before age 5.** Young children learn best through warm, responsive interactions with parents and carers.
- **A large amount of screen time is linked with negative effects** on children's health and development. It can affect social, emotional, language and brain development, sleep, eyesight and healthy weight.
- Reading together, simple games, play and back-and-forth conversations all help them develop language, problem-solving skills, self-control and social understanding. **These early interactions, even before children can talk, create the foundations for every area of their lives.**
- Ensure screen time of any kind doesn't replace sleep, physical activity, active play or direct parent-child interaction.





Dorchester Fire Station **OPEN DAY**

Saturday 30th of May 10am-4pm

- Fire crew displays
- A family fun day out
 - Charity raffle
- Heritage fire engines
 - Food and drink

Raising money for The Fire Fighters Charity

See you there!

