Brave, Unique, Caring and Kind
All learning together

Damers First School
Weekly Newsletter

Announcements & Reminders

Communication with school
Please ensure that you **check your emails** (and spam folder) regularly for any communications from school. This may include important details regarding after school club changes, school trips, performances etc. We always aim to get information to you in a timely manner and if we need to communicate with you more immediately we would use the contact telephone numbers you have provided. **Please ensure that your contact numbers on Arbor are up to date** and that we are able to make contact with you during the school day in case of emergencies. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Reporting absence on Arbor
Please see **page 2** for details on how you are now able to inform us of your child's absence on Arbor if it is due to illness.

PE kit reminder
A reminder that on the days your child comes to school in their PE kit it should be inline with our school uniform policy:

- **White t-shirt** (optional strand t-shirt*)
- **Navy PE shorts***
- **Navy sweatshirt / jogging pants** (no brand logos or non navy please)
- **Trainers**

* available to order through the school office or online through School Trends

This week in pictures
Check out what we've been doing this week here.

Date

Friday 27th November 2026

Dates to Know

4th Dec
PTA Secret Shop
8th Dec @ 9.15am
Yr2 Christmas Show
9th Dec @ 9.30am
Yr1 Christmas Show
9th Dec @ 6pm (St Mary's Church)
Yr4 Carol Concert
10th Dec @ 8.30am
Year 4 Stay and ...
10th Dec @ 6pm (St Mary's Church)
Yr3 Carol Concert
11th Dec @ 8.30am
Year 3 Stay and ...
11th Dec (pm)
Reception Christmas Shows:
GR 1.30pm MR 2pm SR 2.30pm
16th Dec
Christmas lunch
16th Dec @ 2pm
Base Christmas café
17th Dec
LAST DAY OF TERM
5th Jan
CHILDREN BACK IN SCHOOL
12th Jan
Yr3 Rainforest Day
20th Jan @2.55pm
Yr1 Stay and ...
21st Jan @ 8.45am
Yr2 Stay and ...

my Happy mind

This week we've been thinking all about our 'happy places'. Why not ask your child what their happy place is?

Contact Information

01305 264924
office@damers.wessex.ac

REPORTING AN ABSENCE ON ARBOR FOR DAMERS FIRST SCHOOL AND NURSERY

You can now report your child's absence directly through the Arbor app.

HOW TO REPORT AN ABSENCE

1️⃣ Open the Arbor App
2️⃣ Tap the three lines (≡) in the bottom left-hand corner
3️⃣ Select Attendance
4️⃣ Tap the green LOG ABSENCE button at the top of the screen

⚠️ IMPORTANT INFORMATION

✅ Absences can only be reported for the current day
✅ A reason for the absence must be provided
✅ Please provide as much detail as possible about your child's illness or absence
✅ All absences are reviewed daily and staff may contact you if further information is needed

❌ Do not use this feature for:
Planned absences
Holidays
Medical appointments

🦠 NHS GUIDANCE

If your child has experienced vomiting or diarrhoea they must remain at home for 48 hours after their last episode. This helps reduce the spread of illness within our school community.

THANK YOU

We hope this new feature makes reporting absences quicker and more convenient while helping us maintain accurate attendance records.

FREE CREATIVE CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY



Create seasonal crafts for free
at the children's activity section
in the AiP Pop-Up Shop

CROWN SQUARE CHRISTMAS MARKET 28/11



December Around the World
Bovington

Bovington Academy, Wareham

21, 22, 29 & 30 December 2026

9 am–3:30 pm

AGES 5–11

WHAT'S INCLUDED

Festive crafts and games • Dance and hula hooping

A different country theme each day • Lunch included

Funded HAF & paid places

Scan QR to open



suggested donation £15

Book a collection for your real Christmas tree

Weldmar Hospicecare

Christmas Treecycle

Turnyourrealchristmastreeinto hospice care!

Find yourlocal collection datesonline, or call 01305 261800.Covering:

DT1	DT4	DT7 3	DT10	SP8
DT2	DT5	DT8	DT11	
DT3	DT6	DT9	SP7	

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