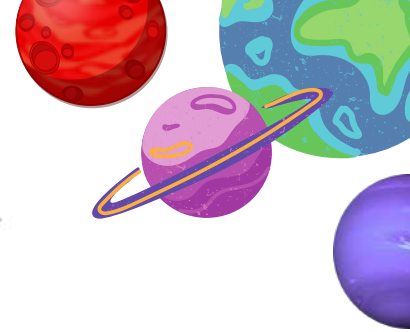


# Newsletter



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Dear Parent/Carers,

*I hope that the final edition of our 2022 newsletter finds you all well and looking forward to the festive break. Sadly, snow stopped play and we had to cancel our Christmas Extravaganza. However, we are planning on having a Winter Fayre in January - so, ditch Harrods and Selfridges and come to Danegrove for your January Bargains!*

*Christmas has been in full swing at Danegrove - the children began their Christmas fun by watching the fabulous pantomime 'Beauty and Beast', where there were lots of fits of laughter and the joining in of songs. A great time was had by all!*

*The children have also been very busy developing their D.T skills by making many Christmas goodies and gifts including: Light up Tree Ornaments, Christmas Stockings, Christmas Crackers, Cross Stitch Decorations and Sweet Sliders for the Christmas Table, to name a few. They had to make sure they planned how they were going to make their product, design them, create them and then evaluate them. I am sure you will agree - when you see them - that they have all done an amazing job!*

*This week the children also enjoyed a delicious Christmas lunch (a big thank you to our wonderful catering teams) and had lots of fun taking part in the KS1 and KS2 Christmas Quizzes. Well done to 1KP for winning the KS1 quiz and to 6JJ for winning the KS2 Christmas Quiz. Let's not forget the visit from Santa and his two Elves - Elvo! and Elveel; they created a really excited buzz around the school as they happily delivered presents to all classes.*

*We ended the Christmas celebrations today with two very exuberant Singing Assemblies, whereby the children sung their hearts out and danced the morning away to such classics as 'Last Christmas' 'Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer' and 'Rocking around the Christmas Tree' to name a few. They then shared hot chocolate and biscuits with their friends - what a way to finish the term!*

*We hope you and your families have a very happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year. We look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday 3rd January 2023.*

*Have a good couple of weeks, keep safe and take care,*

*Miss Oliver.*



***A big thank you to Emma Godly for nominating Danegrove Primary School to receive some new IT equipment, and to Stephen J Brown from SJB Consultancy Ltd for the donation of 3 computers and 3 fire 7 tablets .***



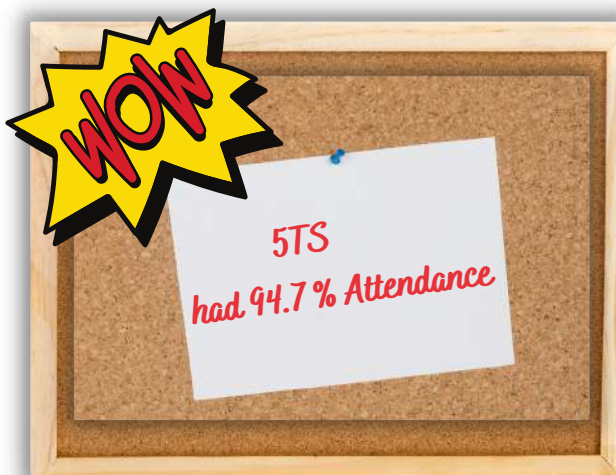
***We wish a fond farewell to Mr. Timi and wish him good luck in his future endeavours! Thank you for working hard and for making such a difference to the pupils at Danegrove. You will be sorely missed!***



# Attendance

## Statistics

Class	Percentage
Fox	89.1%
Hedgehog	90.1%
Squirrel	90.9%
1JS	91.8%
1KP	90.5%
1SG	89.9%
2EH	90.5%
2KS	92.5%
2LC	90.9%
3EB	94.2%
3JC	92.8%
3SC	89.9%
4AJ	92.1%
4SI	93.1%
4TK	93.3%
5CB	93.3%
5ML	95.9%
5TS	94.7%
6JJ	94.3%
6LR	94.0%
6RR	94.0%



*Did you know that the Government's  
Attendance Target is 96%?  
Our current Attendance is 79.3%  
We really need to improve this!*



## Present!

Regular school attendance is an important part of giving children the best possible start in life. **The aim should be to attend 100% of the time.** Pupils who miss school frequently can fall behind with their work and find it difficult to catch up.

As well as this, going to school helps to develop:

- Friendships
- Social skills
- Team values
- Life skills
- Cultural awareness

## Reminder!

**The school day on W/D starts at 8.50am** – children may enter the classroom from 8.40am.  
**On R/Ave the school day starts at 9am.**

Any child that arrives between 9–9.15am on W/D and 9.10– 9.25am on R/Ave will receive a late mark (L). If your child arrives after these times they will be marked as late after the register closes.





# Danegrove Activities



## Our Christmas Performances

The children worked very hard on their Christmas performances. They loved singing and playing their parts!

Reception Children sang beautifully in their "Winter Pop Party" performance. Year 1 gave us a wonderful performance of a "Present for the Baby" and Year 2 were amazing in their performance of the "Big Little Nativity"

**Well done to all our children who sang and danced with such joy!**



## A fantastic fundraising effort Lily!

A huge congratulations to Lily Phillips in year 5 who has raised over £200 for dyslexic friendly reading books for our school Library. Lily had a great idea to raise money to purchase dyslexic books, and so organised a bake sale on her road! She baked the cakes too! Thank you Lily for a wonderful donation, one which I am sure many children will access, read and enjoy over the coming years. Thank you, and well done!

Mrs Osabu-Matthews







# Santa's visit at Danegrove





## Santa's visit to Danegrove



*Santa and his elves had a very busy day at Danegrove, having fun with the children and sharing presents!*

*Santa and his helpers were exhausted by the end of the day!*





# Community News

Barnet Active Creative Engaging holidays - BACE

## BACE HOLIDAYS

Have you signed up for your child's FREE place with BACE?

Free holiday club activities are available for eligible\* children in Barnet - from Reception to Year 11!

have fun get active learn new skills

BACE holiday clubs offer the chances for your child to:

- take part in fun, creative activities
- make friends
- get physically active, and
- enjoy free nutritious meals each day!

\*eligibility criteria apply - (benefits-related free school meals)

Visit [barnetyouth.uk/BACEHolidays](http://barnetyouth.uk/BACEHolidays)

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# Keeping our Community Safe

## Just a reminder regarding the recent increase in cases of scarlet fever and STREP A and the signs to look for

### Signs and symptoms of scarlet fever

Scarlet fever is a common childhood infection caused by *Streptococcus pyogenes*, or group A Streptococcus (GAS). It is not usually serious, but should be treated with antibiotics to reduce the risk of complications (such as pneumonia) and spread to others.

The early symptoms of scarlet fever include:

- sore throat
- headache
- fever
- nausea and vomiting.

**After 12 to 48 hours**, the characteristic red, pinhead rash develops, typically first appearing on the chest and stomach, then rapidly spreading to other parts of the body, and giving the skin a sandpaper-like texture. The scarlet rash may be harder to spot on darker skin, although the 'sandpaper' feel should be present.

Patients typically have flushed cheeks and may be pale around the mouth. This may be accompanied by a bright red 'strawberry' tongue.

### If you think you, or your child, might have scarlet fever:

- contact your GP or NHS 111 as soon as possible
- make sure that you or your child take(s) the full course of any antibiotics prescribed. Although you or your child will feel better soon after starting the course of antibiotics, you must complete the course to ensure that you do not carry the bacteria in your throat after you have recovered

### Invasive Group A Strep (iGAS)

The same bacteria which cause scarlet fever can also cause a range of other types of infection such as skin infections (impetigo) and sore throat. In very rare cases, the bacteria can get into the bloodstream and cause an illness called invasive group A strep (iGAS). Whilst still very uncommon, there has been an increase in iGAS cases this year, particularly in children under 10 years old.

**As a parent, if you feel that your child seems seriously unwell, you should trust your own judgement.** Contact NHS 111 if or your GP if:

- your child is getting worse
- your child is feeding or eating much less than normal
- your child has had a dry nappy for 12 hours or more or shows other signs of dehydration
- your baby is under 3 months and has a temperature of 38C, or is older than 3 months and has a temperature of 39C or higher
- your baby feels hotter than usual when you touch their back or chest, or feels sweaty
- your child is very tired or irritable

### Call 999 or go to A&E if:

- your child is having difficulty breathing – you may notice grunting noises or their tummy sucking under their ribs
- there are pauses when your child breathes
- your child's skin, tongue or lips are blue
- your child is floppy and will not wake up or stay awake

### Stop the spread

Children and adults with suspected scarlet fever should stay off nursery / school / work **until 24 hours after the start of appropriate antibiotic treatment.**

Good hygiene practice such as hand washing remains the most important step in preventing and controlling spread of infection.

