



Weekly Newsletter 2025-6

Dear Parents & Families,

Welcome to this week's newsletter! We have a lot of important updates and milestones to share as we head into the final part of the school year.

Firstly, a massive well done to our Year 11 students who have successfully navigated another intense week of exams. We are now officially approaching the final stretch, with their last examination this coming Monday!



Next week marks the beginning of a series of open events and exciting opportunities for primary school students and their families to visit us ahead of this autumn's secondary school selection process. We will be holding an Open Morning on Wednesday 17th June between 9-11am, followed by our Year 5 transition day on Thursday 18th June. We are looking forward to welcoming these families and showing off everything that makes our school community so special.

Finally, we are pleased to announce that this newsletter is now being shared with our incoming Year 6 families who will be officially joining us this September! If you are a Year 6 family reading this for the first time: Welcome to our community! It is great to have you on board.

Have a wonderful, restful weekend everyone!

Warm regards

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P Balkwill



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Key Dates

Monday 15th June- Year 10 exams start

Wednesday 17th June & Tuesday 23rd June- Open mornings

Thursday 18th June- Friday 19th June- Bronze DofE expedition

Tuesday 23rd June- Year 10 Swanage Field Trip

Wb 22nd June- Year 7 Normandy Trip

Important Information

Dates of the final term

Just a quick reminder that the term will finish on Wednesday 15th of July.

Year 10 Exams

Year 10's End of Year Exams start on Monday 15th June. Please be advised that this exam window is a compulsory part of our programmes of study. Students who are absent will be asked to sit these and catch up upon their return.

Enrichment Week

Payments for enrichment week trips are now open on Arbor. Please log in a complete the payment to secure your child's place

Start of the new 2026-7 Academic Year

Following on from previous years, we will continue our staggered start to the school year. On Monday 7th September our new Year 7s and Year 11s will return followed by all other year groups on Tuesday 8th September. More information around the start of the school year to follow in the coming weeks.

Celebration Carnival

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
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**ON
TRACK**

St Dunstan's School
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**CELEBRATION
CARNIVAL**

Join the fun on 6th July!



**ALL STUDENTS WHO MEET OUR ATTENDANCE AND 'ON TRACK'
POINTS TARGETS WILL BE INVITED!
SPEAK TO YOUR TUTOR AND HEAD OF KEY STAGE FOR MORE
INFORMATION ABOUT HOW TO SECURE YOUR PLACE.**

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Announcement

Summer Open Mornings



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Wednesday 17th & Tuesday 23rd June
9:00-11:00am



'Come and see what makes our school such a great place to be.'

To register your interest in attending, please email:
secretary@stdunstans.mnsp.org.uk
Or visit our website: www.stdunstansschool.com





Attendance Update

Band	Percentage	Number of days attended this year to date	Potential Days of Absence across the year if this continues	Potential hours of lost learning	Classification
1	100%	155	0	0	Exceptional
2	98% to 100%	152	4	20	Strong Standard
3	96% to 98%	149	8	40	Expected Standard
4	93% to 96%	145	14	70	Needs Attention
5	90% to 93%	141	38	190	Urgent Improvement
6	Below 90%	140	40	200	Critical Action

Countdown to Celebration

I'm not quite sure how we have already reached the end of Week 2 of the final term of the year, but somehow we have! As always, the weeks seem to be flying by, and there is certainly no slowing down as we head towards the end of another successful school year.

This week has seen the launch of our Summer Games programme, and there has already been a real buzz of excitement around school. Plans are now firmly in place for our weekly events, and students have been eagerly discussing which activities they would like to take part in. In preparation for today's lunchtime competition, staff were even spotted practising their egg-and-spoon racing skills during breaktime! Whether those practice sessions paid off remains to be seen, but it certainly provided plenty of entertainment for anyone lucky enough to witness it.

One of the great things about our Summer Games is that they give students and staff the opportunity to come together, have fun and create some lasting memories during the final weeks of the year. We hope that as many students as possible will get involved, whether they are competing, supporting their friends or helping to create a fantastic atmosphere.



Attendance Update

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Discover the benefits of consistent attendance

PERFORMANCE

Consistent attendance leads to improved academic performance and higher grades over time.



TEAMWORK

Regular attendance fosters better teamwork skills, enhancing group dynamics and collaboration among peers.



RELIABILITY

Consistent attendance builds a reputation for reliability, making you a valued member of any team.



BE PRESENT

Commit to showing up for success and growth.



The excitement continues next week as we reveal the next Summer Games event. Students will be able to sign up on Monday, and we are hoping Tutors will also get involved to earn valuable points for their Tutor Group as the Tutor Group League Table gets underway.

With just three weeks to go until our End of Year Celebration Event, preparations are well underway. We have partnered with a company that will be bringing a range of exciting activities for students to enjoy. For now, all I can reveal is that there will be plenty of inflatable fun, with more details to follow each week!

As we enter the final weeks of the year, there is still everything to work hard for. Next week, students will find out who has already secured their place at the End of Year Celebration Event and who needs to maintain their focus, effort and attendance over the coming weeks to earn their invitation.

We are looking forward to seeing students finish the year strongly, embracing the Summer Games and making the most of every opportunity as we count down to the end of term.

Your attendance shapes your future!

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On Track Update

CONGRATULATIONS STUDENTS!



412,980
POINTS ACHIEVED
SINCE SEPTEMBER

**How high can the total reach before the
academic year concludes?**



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Young Carers Trip

Our Young Carers enjoyed a fantastic trip with Ms Ardeshir and Miss Stead to Weston Dome Activity Centre yesterday.

The day was packed with fun activities including axe throwing, archery, darts, pool, arcade games, crafts and Laser Quest. They also enjoyed some delicious pizza and snacks together.

A fabulous, fun-filled day was had by all!



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Recovery 4 All Workshop

Year 8 attended an assembly this week led by Recovery4All, focusing on online gambling and gaming. Students explored four key areas:

Making safer choices around gambling and understanding how some games can resemble gambling.

Recognising the signs and impact of gambling-related harm.

Knowing where and how to access support for themselves or others.

Staying safe while gaming, including understanding loot boxes, microtransactions, and managing screen time and spending.

There were some great contributions from our Year 8 students throughout the session.

We look forward to Year 9 having this opportunity later in the term!



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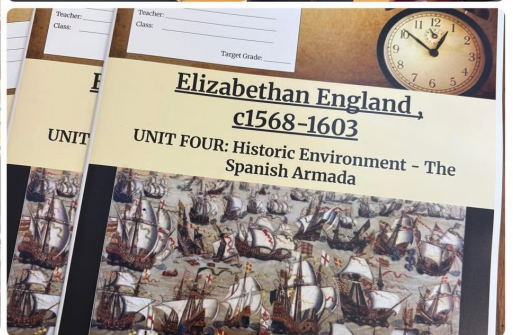
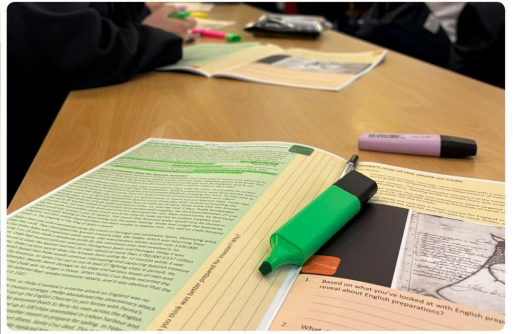
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Year 10 History

Our Year 10 History students have been exploring the Spanish Armada in depth today as part of their preparation for the upcoming mock exams.

Well done to all the students for their hard work and dedication - keep up the fantastic effort as you head into your mocks!



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St Dunstan's Library presents...



THE BOOK NOOK



Just Write Club

Many of our students spent last half term working on pieces to enter into the Frome Young Writers' Competition 2026. While we wait with our fingers crossed for our entrants, we've been getting stuck into new stories and new ideas. It is truly wonderful to see the dedication and enthusiasm our students have for writing, and we'll be sharing some of their works in progress in the next few newsletters!

Bermuda - by Eden and Faelen (year 7)

It started with shouts. Lights were flashing. Compasses were spinning round and round like a Ferris wheel. Suddenly the lights went out entirely. The metal creaked and groaned, then the metal shuddered and jolted. An electrical light shot through them like lightning. The objects around him went wobbly and before he knew it water was up to their necks. He swam toward the exit, others following. The water got exponentially hotter, bubbles started to rise out of the grime, the metal creaked and moaned again it shuddered and sunk lower into the aquamarine void below. Water now came over their faces, smothering them. He could feel the metal wheel in his hand now, he twisted it and his hand slipped like a snake on ice. He fell but recovered his hand position. He tried again, kicking his feet like mad trying to twist his body left then right then left and bit by bit it came undone. As it creaked open, he could see iridescent oil leaking out a crack. He kicked with all his might and the door swung open. He swam, not thinking about what happened to the others. The air in his lungs was getting harder to keep under control...

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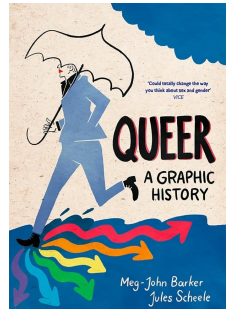
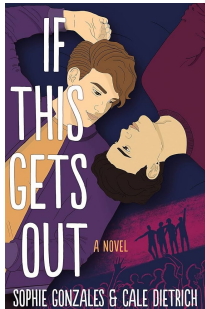
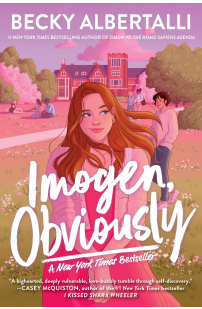
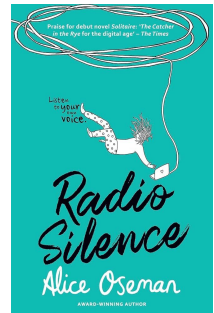
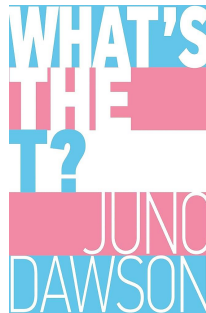
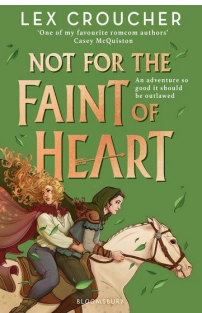
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Pride Month!

June is Pride Month, a time to celebrate love in all forms, but in the library, we celebrate pride all year round. It is important to us that the library is always a welcoming and inclusive place, where everyone feels safe and supported every single day!

Check out some more of our highlighted pride books that we've got on display this week:



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Uniform Exchange

We are keen to replenish our stocks for our uniform exchange scheme in order to support families with growing costs, as well as our environment.

We are gratefully accepting:

- Blazers, ties, and plain navy V-neck sweaters.
- Trousers, skirts, and school shoes.
- All items of PE kit.
- Revision guides and stationery equipment.

If you have any items, please drop them in to our reception at any time. We will contact you later this term with dates and times for the summer "Exchange Days" where you can source items for the next year. Please note, this is for all families to access.

Thank you for your support.

UNIFORM EXCHANGE SCHEME



ONLINE GAMING & GAMBLING RISKS: GUIDANCE FOR PARENTS



WHY THIS MATTERS

70,000 young people in the UK are experiencing **harm from their own gambling.**

1.6 million young people in the UK are impacted by **someone else's gambling.**

GAMING & GAMBLING

Did you know some games contain 'loot boxes' which are proven to **lead to gambling harms for young people?**

FREE ONLINE WORKSHOPS

Open to all Guardians

Wed 10th June 6pm to 7pm

Guardians of Yr 6 & below

Fri 26th June 10am to 11am

Would you like to know more about how to spot the signs, start the conversation, and find support?

LEARN MORE ABOUT:

- LOOT BOXES & gaming risks
- WARNING SIGNS of harm
- SOCIAL MEDIA & influencers
- ONLINE gambling trends
- CRYPTO & digital betting
- Finding a HEALTHY BALANCE
- SUPPORT & advice

Book your free place via AdeleBourne@recovery4all.co.uk

