



Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely, well-deserved rest over half term. It has been so lovely to see lots of smiling faces around school and everyone getting stuck into our new topics. EYFS will be working on the theme of “Up and Down” enjoying nursery rhymes like “The Grand Old Duke of York” and practising lots of gross motor skills. Key Stage 1 will be enjoying “Room on the Broom” ;

retelling the story, thinking about being in a team, just like the characters, and exploring light and dark. Finally, Key Stage 2 are focusing on James and the Giant Peach- already children have been exploring different insects linked with the text and enjoying a sensory story going through the tunnels just like James! Of course we also have lots of celebrations and festivals to learn about over the next few months too, including Diwali, Bonfire Night and Christmas! What a fun-filled half term I am sure we will have!

*Vicki*



It has been a really positive start to the half term and it has been lovely to see everyone settling back in so quickly. The new phone system is now in place please remember to listen to the recorded message in full when contacting school. We have also reviewed our procedures around visitors to school and would like to ask parents if visiting school for a meeting where possible to carry photographic identification when visiting the school such as a driver’s license. As the admin team can be working at different sites they do not always know parents and if you do not have identification with you they will ask the class teacher to confirm who you are.

*Kelly*

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

- Thurs 7th Nov • School Photos
- Tue 17th Dec • Christmas Dinner
- Wed 18th Dec • Santa in school
- Wed 18th Dec • Christmas Dinner
- Fri 20th Dec • Last day before Christmas break
- Tue 7th Jan 2025 • Back to School for Spring term

**LUNCHES**

w/c 4th November: Week 2 Menu  
Primary School Meals: £2.30 per day

[Click here for Lunch Menus](#)



We have a no-debt procedure for our school meal service. If your child is not entitled to free school meals, they **MUST** be in credit if they wish to have a school dinner, you can pay via Arbor. Please keep us updated with any dietary requirements for your child. Information regarding eligibility for Free School Meals is available [here](#)



You may have seen that Asda have started a ‘Cashpot for schools’. Dorothy Goodman Primary School is one of the listed schools. You can find more information [here](#)



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