

# DORMANSLAND DAYS



## A message from the Heads

It has been an exciting and jam-packed fortnight across the school, especially for our Reception children. Their learning has been brought to life through a series of visitors. Last week, a local mechanic joined the class to show the children how a car works and to demonstrate some of the tools he uses. This was followed by great excitement earlier this week when the police came to talk about their important role in keeping people safe. And, as if that wasn't enough, Wednesday saw the children 'jet off on holiday' as a visiting pilot explained how airports operate and how planes fly. Each visit offered rich, hands-on learning opportunities, and we are extremely grateful to all our visitors for giving up their time.

Further up the school, Year 6 have been getting to know a new adult in their classroom. Mr Caffrey, joining us from a nearby school, is completing a three-week teaching placement with the class up until half-term, and the children have made him feel very welcome.

A reminder that next Friday is our 'Look into Learning' session. After collecting your child at 3.15pm, you are warmly invited into the classroom to browse their books and see what they have been working on so far this term. We hope many of you will be able to join us.

## SAFEGUARDING

Please keep a look out for the weekly '**Wake Up Wednesday**' flyers - these give parents up to date advice regarding all aspects of keeping children safe online and in the virtual world.

If you have a concern, contact Mrs Davies, Mr Cook, Miss Newns, Mrs Lochhead or Mrs Higginson.

## Amigos Spaces

We currently have spaces in our Amigos After School Club on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Please contact the office if you would like a space for your child.



## Art

Held every year without interruption since 1769, the Summer Exhibition in London displays a variety of artwork including sculptures, paintings, photography and film. For the last 8 years, the Royal Academy has showcased creations made by students aged 4-18 years old. I am excited to announce that this year's Royal Academy Young Artists' Summer Show submission is now open! If your child would like to be in with a chance of having their work up in the Royal Academy Gallery in London, follow these steps to submit their art work.

1. Use the following link to check the school is registered by typing in the school name and selecting from the drop down menu:  
<https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/schools/lookup>
2. Select 'parent' from the two options.
3. Complete the online form to create an account.
4. Follow the step by step guidance to submit your art work.

For the answers to any questions, please see the FAQs page of the website below:  
<https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/faqs>

Attached to this newsletter is the 'Submission Guidance' and 'Permission Form'.

**The deadline for submissions is 5pm on 4 March 2026.**

If there are any problems, please don't hesitate to get in contact via  
[info@dormansland.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@dormansland.surrey.sch.uk)  
FAO Miss Newns.



## Cold weather clothing

With the cold weather we are now experiencing, please can you ensure that your child wears a warm, waterproof coat to school every day. The children go out every day, a little rain or cold weather doesn't stop us, but the children do need to be wearing appropriate clothing.

# Morning drop off

Please can we remind you, all parents should leave children at the blue gate, and not walk round to the classrooms in the morning.

We also request that parents do not open the small blue gates to let their child in once they have been shut. This is for safeguarding reasons.

# Headteacher Drop in

Informal Headteacher drop-ins take place the last Tuesday of each month.

This is an opportunity to discuss specific issues with the heads The next session will be on Tuesday 24th February 2026; to book an appointment please contact the office.



Follow us on Instagram to find out what we have been up to at @dormansland\_pri



# Diary Dates

## February

- 6<sup>th</sup> Feb - Y2 @ forest
- 10<sup>th</sup> Feb - Y3 Roman Day
- 11<sup>th</sup> Feb - PTA Pancake flip
- 13<sup>th</sup> Feb - Parent look in to learning @ 3.15pm
- 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> Feb - half term
- 27<sup>th</sup> Feb - Y6 @ forest
- 4<sup>th</sup> March - Y2 class assembly
- 6<sup>th</sup> March - Y5 @ forest
- 9<sup>th</sup> March - Break the rules day
- 11-13<sup>th</sup> March - Y4 residential
- 13<sup>th</sup> March - Y3 @ forest
- 18<sup>th</sup> March - Easter Service at St John's @ 9.30am
- 20<sup>th</sup> March - Y4 @ forest
- 23-27<sup>th</sup> March - Y6 residential
- 27<sup>th</sup> March - Y2 @ forest
- 27<sup>th</sup> March - last day of term - **2pm finish (No Amigos After School Club)**

## INSET DAYS 2025-26

23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026

## INSET DAYS 26-27

1<sup>st</sup> September 2026

4<sup>th</sup> January 2027

26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> July 2027

To subscribe to our calendar please:

<webcal://www.dormansland.surrey.sch.uk/calendar/ics.asp?calid=1>

Ruby is cutting 30cm off her hair on the **21st Feb** and donating it to



The Little Princess Trust



Sponsorships & donations are welcome to help this amazing cause!

The Little Princess Trust provides wigs to children to help restore their confidence and identity. All costs, including the making, fitting, and styling of the wig, are met by the charity, and this free service is available to any young person up to the age of 24 with hair loss. As part of its Hair and Hope mission, The Little Princess Trust also funds childhood cancer research aiming to find kinder and more effective treatments.

[click here to donate](#)



Giving Hair and Hope to children with cancer



 **Louie's Hair Chop for Charity!**

My name is **Louie** and I am **12** years old.

**£1 can make a huge difference!** 

I have been growing my hair since 2020 and will be chopping it for charity! I will donate the hair to Little Princess Trust with money raised going to Momentum

  

**£1**

**My target: £1,000** I will donate all the money to **Momentum Children's Charity** 

I am asking people to donate **just £1** to help me reach my goal and donate my hair!  Supporting children with cancer and life-challenging conditions 

**Please donate here:**

[www.justgiving.com/page/louie-hair-chop](http://www.justgiving.com/page/louie-hair-chop) 

Every pound really helps. Thank you so much for supporting me and Momentum! 

# Young Artists' Summer Show

## Permissions form

The Young Artists' Summer Show offers students aged 4–18, and studying in the UK, the chance to exhibit their artwork at the Royal Academy of Arts, online and onsite.

Student's full name

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Student's signature

Student's age

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I am a student 13 years old or over and give my permission to participate in the Young Artists' Summer Show. I have read the terms and conditions and understand that:

- My artwork, first name, and age may be shared on the Royal Academy of Arts and Young Artists' Summer Show website and/or social media channels.
- The Royal Academy of Arts may use the image of the artwork to advertise the Young Artists' Summer Show.

I am a parent/guardian and give my permission for the named student to participate in the Young Artists' Summer Show. I have read the terms and conditions and understand that:

- Their artwork, first name, and age may be shared on the Royal Academy of Arts and Young Artists' Summer Show website and/or social media channels.
- The Royal Academy of Arts may use the image of the artwork to advertise the Young Artists' Summer Show.

Parent/guardian full name

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Relationship to student

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Parent/guardian's signature

Date

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# Guidance for submissions

The Young Artists' Summer Show is an opportunity for UK-based young artists aged 4-18 to make and share a piece of artwork that truly expresses their own voice. There is no set theme and we welcome submissions covering a range of techniques including drawing, painting, printing, photography, sculpture, textile, fashion, animation, video, and more.

## What we're looking for:

- Judges are looking for imagination, originality and skill.
- Each artist can submit one artwork along with a short artist statement or description, written in the artist's own words where possible. Rather than solely focussing on the artmaking process, we encourage artists to describe why an artwork was created and what it means to them. Descriptions must be no more than 80 words and, if the work is selected, it will be subject to editing by the RA ahead of display.
- Capturing a good image of the artwork is very important and could influence the way that the artwork is viewed by the judges. You can read more about photographing your artwork in our FAQs.
- If you are a teacher who intends to submit artwork for each student in your class, we advise against submitting visually similar works.
- We recommend submitting well ahead of the deadline to avoid last-minute or technical difficulties.

## We can't accept submissions that:

- Exceed 950mm wide x 3000mm high.
- Pose a health and safety risk.
- Are submitted late.
- Might infringe others' rights or break the law in any way, including copyright. Although many great artists 'copy' in creative ways, we are looking for original artwork.

So please avoid submitting artworks solely depicting characters from popular culture, including TV, animation or comic books, for example.

- Are AI-generated.
- Contain content in the artwork or artist statement that may be sensitive or otherwise unsuitable to display publicly in an exhibition for artists aged 4–18.

The RA is committed to freedom of expression and, at the same time, has a duty to safeguard the young people involved in and visiting the show. All submissions must therefore be considered within this context. This is not always possible to predict in advance and for that reason submissions will be subject to review, through the selection process described in the Terms and Conditions of Entry.

Supporting young artists to create and submit original artworks is an achievement and something worth celebrating. We encourage this to be the focus over being accepted into the show. We enjoy seeing each and every artwork submitted and can't wait to see what our young artists will make this year!

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If you would like further support submitting artwork, please contact us at

[YASS@royalacademy.org.uk](mailto:YASS@royalacademy.org.uk)

# Young Artists' Summer Show

Have a look at the previous exhibitions on our website to give you some inspiration and here are some good examples of original ideas and interesting descriptions to get you started.



***A Collection of Numbers (sculpture)***  
by Ethan, aged 5

A collection of numbers were having a lovely day, when bad guy 7 comes along to eat them. But never mind, superhero 1 is going to save the day!



***Here Comes the Kickflip (painting)***  
by Oskar, aged 11

This is me, the feeling of determination mixed with a sense of freedom and taking off into the air when I try to do a kickflip when I'm skateboarding. I wanted to focus just on my legs, the board, and the landscape around. It's the moment when you have to trust your legs and psyche yourself up to do this difficult move. I wanted it to feel full of movement and excitement.



***I Just Want To Be Seen (mixed media)***  
by William, aged 18

I adore film and TV, but where were my role models whilst growing up? I never saw myself represented so in my film poster homage to Edgar Wright's 'Hot Fuzz', I have made myself the "hero" that I wanted to see on the big screen. I have studied the work of Cindy Sherman, Cold War Steve and Jo Spence ('Putting Myself in the Picture') to solidify my ideas about myself and how the world sees me. #EndAbleism #DontDismissDis

Online  
Course

# Stronger Relationships

For parents and other adult carers living together or apart. **For Parents of Year Six Students Only, group starting Monday 9 March at 1:00pm**



- Do you want to get some new ideas to help you be an even better parent?
- Would you like to reduce the arguments and disagreements in your family and cope better with stress?
- Would you like to enhance your relationship with your current partner, or improve communication with your ex or the other people helping to raise your children?
- How about learning at a time that suits you?



**6 online  
sessions**



**6 group  
discussions**



**Certificate on  
completion**

## What to expect...

- Information on strategies to identify and reduce arguments.
- Hear from other parents and carers.
- Downloadable worksheets and hand-outs.
- Videos, quizzes and interactive activities.
- Do sessions at a time that works for you.
- Weekly support from our course experts.

## Topics covered...

- Healthy adult relationships.
- Identifying and managing disagreements.
- Understanding how conflict affects your children.
- Enhancing parent-child relationships.
- Managing stress, anger and emotions.
- Strategies to resolve conflict and create a parenting agreement

## Group discussion...

1. Speak to a course expert and get answers to some of the questions you might have
2. Talk about how the strategies are going at home.
3. Address other difficulties relating to your relationships.
4. Hear from others about what works for them.

Find out more or register for the course by scanning the QR code or emailing us at: [sfscparent@racefound.org.uk](mailto:sfscparent@racefound.org.uk)



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# Support programmes for parents and carers of children with autism

On behalf of Surrey County Council's All Age Autism Strategy, the Autism Outreach Service is coordinating a series of support programmes for parents and carers of children with autism or suspected autism in Surrey.

Each programme includes six sessions of 2½ hours, delivered by experienced professionals through a mix of in-person and online formats. To book, parents must either live in Surrey or have a child who attends a Surrey-based setting. The programmes running include:

## **The National Autistic Society Early Bird Programme for parents of children aged 5 years and under which covers:**

- Understanding autism
- Communication
- Understanding autistic experiences
- Supporting daily living
- Health and wellbeing
- Connections

## **Barnardo's Cygnet Programme for parents of children aged 5-18 years old which covers:**

- Introductory session
- Overview of autism with parent and carer experience
- Thinking & sensory
- Social interaction & communication
- Understanding & supporting behaviour
- Analysing behaviour

## **The National Autistic Society Teen life Programme for parents of children aged 10-16 years old which covers:**

- Understanding autism
- Understanding autistic identity
- Stress, anxiety and understanding behaviour
- Health and wellbeing
- Puberty
- Education and transitioning into adulthood

To book on one of these programmes, parents can register their interest here to sign up to the mailing list. They will then be emailed each time a new set of courses are added and available for booking. If you have any questions please email [parenttraining@freemantles.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:parenttraining@freemantles.surrey.sch.uk).

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# Class Schedule !

**Dormansland Primary School**

**RH7 6PE**



**Wednesday**

**3:15-4:15 after school class in the school hall**

Our after-school gymnastics class to build strength, flexibility, and confidence in a fun, structured environment. With expert coaches guiding students through skill development while fostering discipline, teamwork, and a love of movement.

( sibling discounts available....! ✨ )



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