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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you of all of the events we have running in Term 2. I have attached links to letters for more information. Sometimes impromptu events come up within a term but we will try to give you as much notice as possible. *A paper copy can be available in the office if you would like one.*

Term 2 up and coming events:

Term 2	
Thursday 5th November	**Year 3 trip to Horley - Silver Birch** **Link to letter:** https://dashwood.academies.aspirationsacademies.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/8/2026/10/Horley-2026.pdf
Friday 6th November	**Year 3 trip to Horley - Ash** **Link to letter:** https://dashwood.academies.aspirationsacademies.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/8/2026/10/Horley-2026.pdf
Tuesday 10th November	Parents Evening 3.30 pm - 6 pm - Book via Arbor
Thursday 12th November	Parents Evening 3.30 pm - 6 pm - Book via Arbor
Thursday 12th November - 9 am	Parent Pod - Raising Little Readers - A session for parents of younger pupils to explore the benefits and joy of early reading
Friday 13th November	**Children in Need 2026**, the core active fundraising initiative is the **"Run for Pudsey" campaign**, which encourages the nation to get moving by running, walking, or rolling. On this day all children will take part in some activities that get them moving. As with tradition, all pupils and staff will be able to dress up in their spotty clothes on this day. We will be raising money for this great cause - suggested donation £1 - Tik Tock will be out with his collection bucket!
Monday 16-20th November Anti-Bullying Week In partnership with the Anti-Bullying Alliance, Dashwood pupils will share and grow their awareness of bullying through the ABA theme of 'Break the Silence' with lessons around kindness, empathy, inclusion and respectful relationships.	

Monday 16th November	**Odd Socks Day** - pupils can come to school in their full-school uniform on this day wearing odd socks in support of the Anti-Bullying Alliance 'Break the Silence' awareness campaign
Wednesday 18th November	**Year 5 trip to Black Country Museum** **Link to letter:** **https://dashwood.academies.aspirationsacademies.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/8/2026/10/Black-Country-Letter-2026.pdf**
Thursday 19th November	**Dashwood Open Evening at 4pm** An opportunity for prospective families, including those with children due to start Reception in September 2027, to enjoy a tour of our school, meet the principal and find out more about life at Dashwood.
Thursday 26th November	**EYFS Mini Medics Workshops** Plum - Safer eating workshop 'Sit, chomp and chew'. Peach & Pear - First Aid with Freddie **Link to letter:** **https://dashwood.academies.aspirationsacademies.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/8/2026/10/Mini-Medics-2026.pdf**
Friday 27th November	INSET Day - School closed for all pupils
Monday 30th November	Disaggregated Day - School closed to pupils and staff
Monday 7th December	**Reception classes trip to Marlborough Road Church** **Link to letter:** **https://dashwood.academies.aspirationsacademies.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/8/2026/10/Church-Trip-Letter-2026.pdf**
Tuesday 8th December	Year 5 and 6 Carol service at St.Leonard's Church 2 pm
Thursday 10th December	Year 3 and 4 Singing around the tree on the playground 2:15 pm
Friday 11th December	**Cherry Nursery Stay and Play sessions - 11 am & 2:30 pm** Parents and carers are invited to spend some time with their child in the Cherry nursery class taking part in some festive-themed activities.
Monday 14th December	**Plum Christmas Singing Showcase** 11am - morning session in Plum classroom 2:30 pm - afternoon session in Plum classroom
Tuesday 15th December	Maple and Hazel Carols in the hall 2:30 pm
Wednesday 16th December	Christmas Dinner day - Order via Arbor
Tuesday 15th December	Maple and Hazel Carols in the hall 2.30pm to parents of pupils in Maple (Year 2) and Hazel (Year 1)
Wednesday 16th December	**Reception Nativity** 2 pm - Performance to Reception pupils' parents and carers in the school hall
Thursday 17th December	Redwood and Holly Carols in the hall 2:30 pm to parents of pupils in Redwood (Year 2) and Holly (Year 1)
Friday 18th December	Last Day of Term - finish at 1.30 pm

	All pupils can dress in their Christmas jumpers or winter party clothes £1 donations for PTFA to enrich the opportunities and experiences for all of our pupils at Dashwood

Term 3	
Monday 4th January 2027	**INSET DAY - School closed to pupils**
Tuesday 5th January 2027	**Pupils return to school**