



10th May 2019

A little wet and wild in weather terms, but an active and productive week here at Duncombe. Year 6 worked through their GL assessments and will be completing their Duncombe SATs next week. Year 3 braved the weather and enjoyed a Bushcraft experience being engaged in a number of outdoor pursuits and activities. They represented the school extremely well and took full advantage of getting stuck in. Well done to them all and to the staff who attended.

2W provided another enjoyable assembly focused on 'Share a Story'. As ever, the work commitment and progression was there for everyone to see. Miss Watson and Mrs Hills were rightly proud of the children who really did rise to the occasion. Well done to all!

Our Music at the Heart of Duncombe was a wonderful night where Mrs Sutton shared the progression and journey of music here at Duncombe School, along with the many benefits learning a musical instrument provides. Supported by our peripatetic team, Mrs Turner and our current music scholars, we were treated to some exceptional performances and very insightful reflections of music and its role here. With parental experiences from Miss Cartwright and Mrs Kirby about concerning supporting children in their musical pursuits we also heard from former pupil Lucy H about how Duncombe had prepared her for her senior school musical experience. A delightful evening, surrounded by some examples of pupil art work across the year groups. Thank you to all who attended and to Mrs Sutton for pulling it all together.

Sunday sees our annual Parents' Association May Fair from midday to 3pm. These events are always such a great experience, and with all great experiences this is down to hard work and commitment. So in advance I do want to say thank you to the PA Team and all who are supporting them for what I know will be a lovely event.

Have a great weekend and I'll see you on Sunday! *Mr Phelan*

## Well done to these pupils who received a Headmaster Award!



## Diary Dates

**Sunday 12th May** - May Fair. Time: Midday to 3pm.

**Monday 13th May** - Exam Week for Year 6  
No Toddler Group.

**Tuesday 14th May** - Year 5 to Rye Meads.  
Lower School Bake Off - 2nd Round.

**Wednesday 15th May** - Year 4 River Trip to Ware.

**Thursday 16th May** - Upper School Bake Off—2nd Round.

**Friday 17th May** - Music Assembly in Old Hall at 8.50am.

## Looking Forward

**Monday 20th May** - Year 6 to France.  
Toddler Group resumes.

**Tuesday 21st May** - Year 4 Come Dine with Us and York Meeting. 4.30pm start in 4C.

**Thursday 23rd May** - Year 2 Sleepover.

**Friday 24th May** - Half Term - School Closed.

**Monday 3rd June** - Second Half of Summer Term starts.  
Year 6 Cycle Proficiency Week.

**Tuesday 4th June** - Year 1 to Woburn Safari Park.  
Year 2 Parent to Lunch. Times TBC.

**Wednesday 5th June** - Whole School Photo.

**Friday 7th June** - Sports Day (Reception to Year 6) at Wodson Park.

## Sports Fixtures

**Wednesday 15th May** - U10 Girls Cricket v Westbrook Hay (away). 3pm start.

U10 Boys Cricket v St Nicholas School (away). Time TBC.

**Thursday 23rd May** - U8 Cricket v St Edmund's Prep (home). Time TBC.

**Wednesday 12th June** - U10 Boys Cricket v St Christopher School (away). 2.15pm start.

## Well done to 2W for a great class assembly today!



### Past Pupil Success

Congratulations to Maddi B who continues her fencing success and has just become the U12 Girls Foil Fencing British Youth Champion 2019. Maddi was introduced to fencing when she was at Duncombe.



Bethany N, who is in her second year as a clay shooter, recently took part in two shooting competitions. Bethany and her team achieved the highest score of the day in the first competition and came 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in the second one. Bethany has been identified a future talent

and has been invited to join The Academy which is a shooting pathway developed specifically to train potential national champions. So watch this space....

Finally congratulations to Hodge MacDonald who has been retained by Tottenham Hotspur Football Academy for the 2019/2020 and 2020/21 seasons. Hodge was awarded this for his continued progression shown in Tottenham's programme over the last 12 months.

### Whole School Photo

The whole school photograph will take place on Wednesday 5th June. All children should have neat hair and smart Summer uniform please, including blazers. Due to the fact the photographers will need to set the scaffolding up from 8am, we will not be able to use the car park for drop off that morning. Therefore, we will adopt the 'kiss and drop' system for this day. Year 6 and staff will be on hand to escort the children to the New Hall and Old Hall. Treetops children should be walked across by their parent/guardian please. Children attending Breakfast Club will need to enter via the double white doors at the front of the school

### Nursery Stars of the Week

Congratulations to Elowen who reached her class goal this week.



### Music at the Heart of Duncombe

Our four music scholars were guests of honour this Wednesday at our parent event: Music at the Heart of Duncombe. The children spoke from the heart, and with great eloquence, about the importance music has played in their lives. They followed this with an accomplished performance on their main instrument.

We were all most impressed with their maturity in delivering their speeches and performances.

Our thanks to all the parents who came to support and to Miss Cartwright and Mrs Kirby for their honest reflections on parenting a musically gifted child.

*Mrs Sutton, Head of Music.*



# Warren Restaurant Menu for the week commencing 13th May 2019



Duncombe School Lunch Menu - Week 1 (22/04, 13/05, 03/06, 24/06)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>The SOUP Kettle</b> Seasonal soup with 50/50 homemade bread	<b>The Soup Kettle</b> Seasonal soup with 50/50 homemade bread	<b>The Soup Kettle</b> Seasonal soup with 50/50 homemade bread	<b>The Soup Kettle</b> Seasonal soup with 50/50 homemade bread	<b>The Soup Kettle</b> Seasonal soup with 50/50 homemade bread	<b>The Soup Kettle</b> Seasonal soup with 50/50 homemade bread
<b>TASTEY ENTREES</b> Beef Chilli con Carne Served with sour cream and Guacamole	Butchers Sausages with Onion Gravy	Turkey and Butterbean Casserole	Spiced Roast Chicken	Cod Fish Fingers	
<b>VEGGIE LOVERS</b> Cherry Tomato and Basil tart	Vegetable Sausages with Gravy	Stuffed Mushrooms	Halloumi & Rocket Buns	Roasted Tomato And Pasta Bake	
<b>Light BITES</b> Baked Jacket Potato Chef's Special	Pasta Penne with Tomato Sauce	Baked Jacket Potato Chef's Special	Pasta Spirals with a Nut-free Green Pesto	Baked Jacket Potato Chef's Special	
<b>on the SIDE</b> Braised 50/50 Rice Broccoli Corn with Roast peppers	Mashed Potatoes Savoy Cabbage Cauliflower	Steamed New Potatoes Green Beans Roasted Parsnips	Rustic Roast Potatoes Steamed Carrots and Peas Corn on the Cob	Chips Peas Baked Beans	
<b>TASTY PUDS</b> Baked Rice pudding with cinnamon topping	Yoghurt Sundae with Mixed Berry puree	Apple Crumble	Yoghurt Sundae with Mixed Berry puree	Chocolate Ice-cream	

Salad Bar available everyday  
Chunks of fresh fruit and Homemade Wholemeal bread

