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Dates for your diary!

AUTUMN TERM 2024

Inset days - 3-4th Sept

Registration morning 0900-1200 - 3rd Sept

Autumn term starts - 5th Sept (phased start for FS2 pupils)

TEACHER TRAINING DAY - Fri 20th Sept

Fraser Portraits (Individual photos)- 10th Oct

HALF TERM - 28th Oct - 1st Nov

TEACHER TRAINING DAY - Mon 4th Nov

Last day of term - Fri 20th Dec

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Another school year has come to an end and we have a super busy last few weeks.

Sports Day

When the scores were counted for all three events (EYFS, KS1, KS2), **Falcons** came out on top!

1st	4th	3rd	2nd

Final Attendance

Congratulations to **Jaguar** who are the overall winners of the House Attendance competition.

95.1%	95.4%	95.3%	94.6%

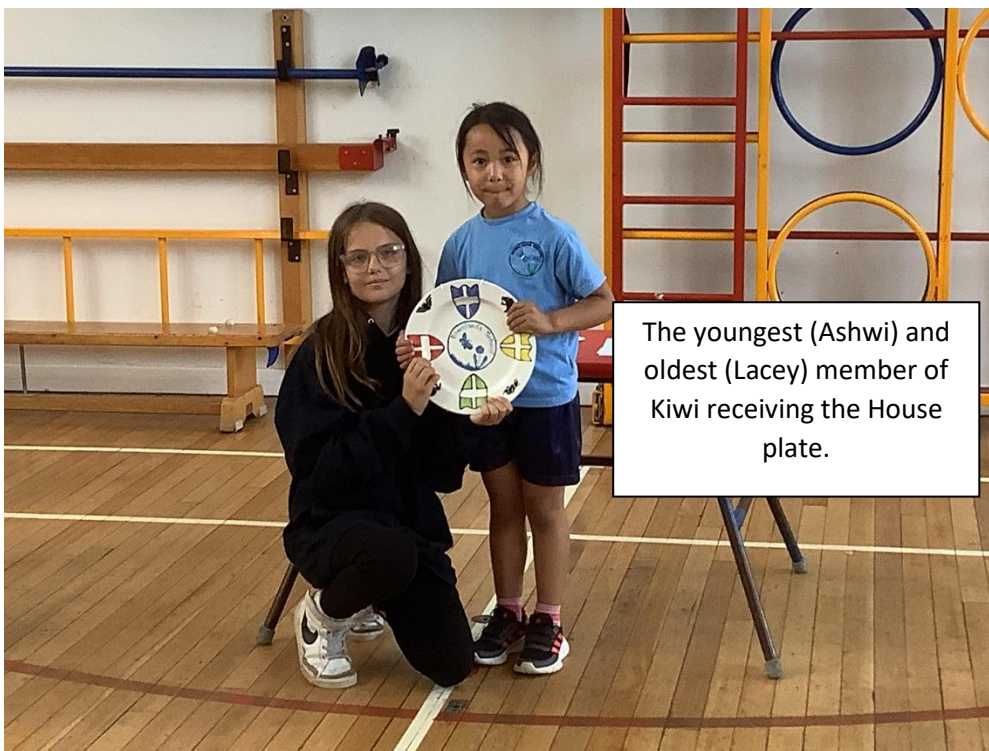
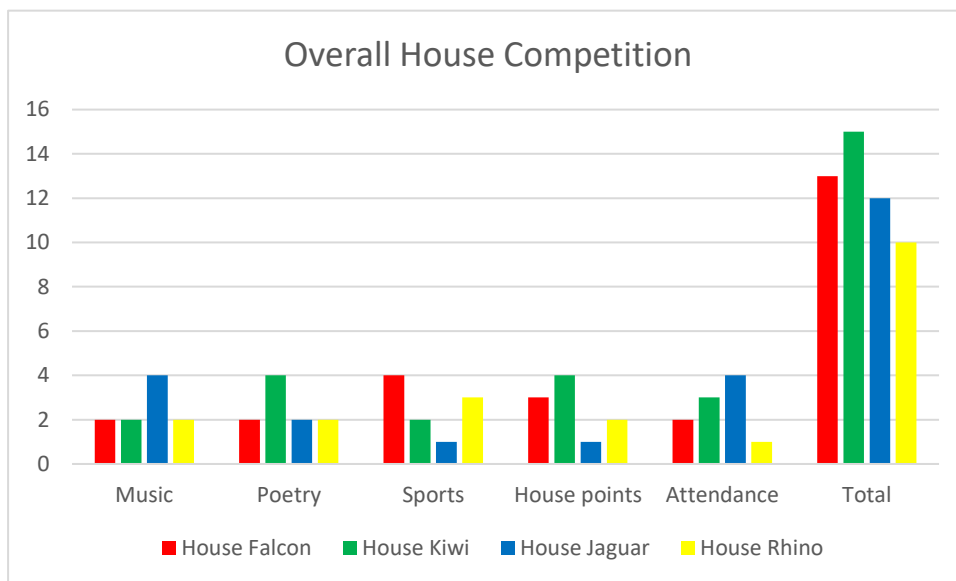
Final House points for Values Awards

Congratulations to **Kiwi** who are the winners of the House Points competition.

285	208	289	240

Overall House Plate Winners

Huge congratulations to **Kiwi** who were the first ever overall winners of the House Competition, receiving the House Plate as a result.



Dorset Library Service - Summer reading challenge event

Monday, August 19th · 9 - 9:40 am GMT

To celebrate children taking part in the 2024 Summer Reading Challenge, Marvellous Makers, Dorset Library Service has an exciting online event taking place over the summer. Join Cassandra Wye for a whirlwind of adventure across the Earth and Sky in celebration of those who make and mend to save our world! Told in song, sign and story - with an amazing array of textile props.

All children will need to be accompanied by an adult. Attendees will need to have cameras switched on to ensure that everyone attending the event is a child. Please mute your microphones before joining the event. Book tickets [Online - Sensory interactive storytelling with Cassandra Wye Tickets, Mon, Aug 19, 2024 at 9:00 AM | Eventbrite](#)

Registration morning – Tuesday 3rd September

Between 0900 and 1200hrs on Tuesday 3rd September, we will once again be running our Registration Morning. This is primarily an opportunity for children and families, who are new to the school, to have a tour, see their classroom and meet their teacher. It is also an opportunity for new and old families to purchase school uniform for the new year ahead. We will have new and 'pre-loved' items available and colleagues ready and willing to help with all queries and concerns.

If your child(ren) are starting new schools in September then we wish them all the very best. Likewise, to families that are resettling in different parts of the UK (and world), we wish you every prosperity. Nevertheless, everyone in the Downlands family looks forward to welcoming returning children in September, with the first day back for most children being Thursday 5th September. I will send a 'welcome back' letter to all parents (via email) in the week beginning 2nd September.

Finally, I would wish you and your family a happy and healthy summer holiday period.

Mr J Rielly
Headteacher

Extra-curricular events

Y3/4 trip to Swanage



Y5/6 residential trip



Y5/6 residential trip



Circus workshop with Reception



Pre-school pirate themed day



Y5/6 Bridge building D&T Projects



Y5/6 non residential trip





Downlands Dance Morning

