

# Doxey Digest

Your weekly newsletter from the pupils and staff at Doxey Academy: Friday 17th April 2026



Year 4 had a wonderful time at Gladstone Pottery Museum exploring the different types of pottery and how it's made! They were fascinated by the different stages of the process, from shaping the clay to decorating and firing it in the kiln. The children particularly enjoyed seeing the huge kilns, and we learnt all about Gladstone's history and why the factory was important during the Industrial Revolution. They represented the school brilliantly, showing excellent behaviour, curiosity, and enthusiasm throughout the visit. It was a valuable experience that brought our learning to life.

## Dream Big. Fly High!

This week saw the launch of our revised behaviour procedures. The policy is now available on the school website and children have been given their own guide. We also have a new school council who have been consulted on the changes—they met on Thursday of this week and gave lots of positive feedback about the changes. Ava in Year 1 said: "My friends think it is very good." Lili from Year 6 told us that she liked the fact that "multiple children are recognised for being good at the same time," and Nicola in Year 4 commented that the new stamp cards were helping her classmates to make the right choices. They were all looking forward to finding out who will be receiving the first Doxey Merit Awards in Friday's assembly.



Year 2&3 children visited Stafford Castle, where they enjoyed an exciting and educational day exploring the historic site. During their visit, they took part in activities such as dressing up in traditional costumes and trying their hand at coin minting. The children also explored the castle grounds, learning about its past and discovering interesting facts along the way. Throughout the trip, they behaved exceptionally well, showing enthusiasm, curiosity, and respect, and were excellent ambassadors for the school.



The PTFA Easter Bingo was a lovely evening enjoyed by all. Thank you so much to everyone for their continued support and for making it such a success.

## Entering school

The wall along the side of school building leading onto the play-ground should **not** be walked along. Please reinforce this with your children.

## Dates

20/4/26	Y4—Carding Mill Valley trip
23/4/26	Performing Arts Club—Gotta Dance
4/5/26	May Day Bank Holiday—School closed for Pupils
11/5/26—14/5/26	Y6—SATs
22/5/26	Y2&3 (Mrs Leighton's Class)—The Wolseley Centre trip
25/5/26—29/5/26	Half Term
26/6/26	Inset Day—School closed for pupils
17/7/26	Last day of term
20/7/26—31/8/26	Summer Holiday

## Attendance

Y1—93.2%	Y2&3—91.2%
Y3—95.6%	Y4—88.8%
Y5—87.1%	Y6—94.5%

**Message from the Head** As well as welcoming everyone back to school this week, we have celebrated the news of who will be joining us for Reception. We are so pleased for all our nursery children continuing their journey with us, as well as all the new families joining us in September.