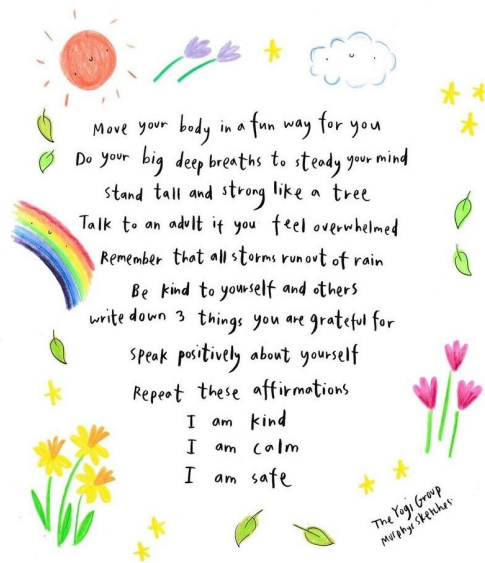




**DODFORD FIRST SCHOOL  
NEWSLETTER**  
*Achieve, Believe, Create and Fly High*

'We are thinking about the value **COURAGE** this half term...



**Children's Mental Health Week**

This week has been Children's Mental Health Week with the theme being Every Voice Matters. This also ran alongside Safer Internet Day on Tuesday. We have been encouraging the children to speak up if they are worried or concerned about anything, including to what they may see through using the internet, be this browsing or playing games. The link for support and tips for yourself or for your child is listed below.

[Schools - Children's Mental Health Week \(childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk\)](https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk)



It was lovely to see the children express themselves in any way they chose. It was a very colourful school today and it was good to chat to individuals to find out why they had chosen to wear their outfit.

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**CLUBS**

No football this evening.

Clubs to start first week back.

**COMING SOON!**

Fri 9th Feb—Break up for Half Term

Sat 17th Feb Random Acts of Kindness Day

Mon 19th Feb—Children return to school

Mon 19th Feb—British Values Day

Mon 26th Feb—Super Values Dress Up Day

Thu 7th March—World Book Day—PJs and favourite bedtime story





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### Polite Reminder—Pe Kit

PE kits will be coming home to be washed. Can you please check that everything is labelled and in your child's bag on return to school after the holiday. Staff have commented that there is a lot of lost PE time at the start of lessons trying to find PE kit items for the children as they are missing or not labelled. We are also still finding children that do not have their indoor and outdoor winter PE kit in school. Your help will be much appreciated, thank you.

### Polite Request

Please can I ask for a little patience in the morning. The school day officially begins at 8.50am, but we have made the decision that the children can come into school from 8.40am as we know this helps working parents and the road congestion outside of school. We attempt to open the gates at 8.30am, as we know this is a social time enjoyed by many of our children, but occasionally this may not happen due to unexpected events in school or staff illness.

### Measles and MMR Jabs

NHS Herefordshire and Worcestershire and Public Health are holding pop-up MMR vaccination clinics in these areas. If your child hasn't had the MMR vaccination just turn up. You can ask for an MMR vaccine which does not contain pork ingredients if you prefer.

Not sure if you or your child have, had it? Just check your red NHS book or ask at your local GP.

The clinics are being hosted in libraries on the following dates:

- Kidderminster Library – 10<sup>th</sup> Feb, 9.30am until 4pm
- Wythall Library – 10<sup>th</sup> Feb, 9.30am until 4pm
- Redditch Library – 10<sup>th</sup> Feb, 9.30am until 4pm
- Evesham Library – 17<sup>th</sup> Feb, 9.30am until 4pm
- Malvern Library – 17<sup>th</sup> Feb, 9.30 am until 4pm
- The Hive – 17<sup>th</sup> Feb, 9.30 am until 4pm

The pop-up MMR clinic is free, and no appointment is necessary but if you'd prefer an appointment, you can also book ahead by calling 01527 390030.

### Message from Mrs Parkes

*We have come to the end of another half term, officially reaching halfway through the school year! Thank you for all of your support over the past half term, your children have worked their socks off (as have the staff) so we are all in need of a quick rest before we head into the second Spring term and we look forward to seeing you all back in school on Monday 19th February. Have a lovely half term break,*

Mrs Parkes

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### Headteacher Award

**Wrens— Teddy**

**Robins 1— Freddy**

**Robins 2— Meila**

**Owls 3— Theo**

**Owls 4— Beatrice**

### ATTENDANCE

**Wrens—81.9%**

**Robins 1—79.6%**

**Robins 2—91.2%**

**Owls—3—98.4%**

**Owls —4—97.1%**

**39 children achieved  
100% attendance this  
half term!**

**Housepoints—new running total for term**

**Avon— 305**

**Teme— 302**

**Severn— 312—well done!**