

DAPS report to the Annual Parish meeting May 28th 2025

Number on roll: 185 (51.4% Boys and 48.6% Girls)

Pupils with SEND: 18.9% (National 17.1%)

Pupils with EAL: 2.7% (National 22.8)

Pupils considered disadvantaged: 7.6% (National 25.9)

Attendance to date: Whole school 95.7% (Above National 94.8%)

Dauntsey Academy Primary School has had a good year and is going from strength to strength in terms of their curriculum, enrichment offer and school improvement priorities. We continue to be a fully inclusive school who celebrate the difference between everyone, teaching our pupils kindness above all else. The DAPS pupils thrive in our care and strive to be the very best versions of themselves.

We introduced a new curriculum in September, which we felt was an ambitious, well sequenced curriculum that was the polished version of what we had been writing and developing ourselves since 2019. During our recent Ofsted inspection (7th & 8th May), they looked closely at our implementation of the curriculum and its positive impact on standards.

We look forward to receiving and sharing our report with you all and the wider community. It was our first inspection as a part of EQUA Mead Learning Trust and although the same rigorous process, felt a little less scary with the central team's support. Our pupils were a credit to our school, their parents and our community.

The staff and Governors spoke with such passion and commitment during the inspection, it was clear for the inspectors to see what a special place Dauntsey Academy is. The Ofsted inspectors particularly enjoyed meeting our two resident pygmy goats – Bert & Ernie. They were taken on a tour by six of our pupils and got to enjoy the delights of our stunning grounds, including Forest School, The Cwtch and our beautifully special new pond. The Cwtch is a summer house that has been installed by a school family in memory of their beloved father, who sadly passed away a few years ago. Pupils can use the Cwtch as a quiet, reflective space and get comfy in the arm chairs inside.

Our small but mighty POD Team (People of DAPS – PTA) continue to work hard for our pupils – providing vital funding as well as offering events such as Mothering Day and Father's day crafts where each pupil can make a carefully planned gift for their parent or carer as well as our Christmas Secret's Room to name just a few. They provide our Year Six leaver's with their much-loved Leaver's Hoodies and support our school events with tea and cake. Their fundraising is hugely appreciated by school due to diminishing budgets, and pupils are benefiting from their hard work every day – a set of class iPads, Class sets of all the Literature Spine books as well as other resources. This year they have paid for our pond area to be completely re-developed, with a new clay liner as well as a wooden jetty – it is stunning and such an amazing resource for our pupils to be able to use.

We are very grateful to our entire school community and feel proud to be a part of the West Lavington Parish.