

Dovestone Learning Partnership (DLP)

KS2 Spelling Bee 2026



What is a Spelling Bee?

A spelling bee is a competition in which contestants are asked to spell a broad selection of words, usually with a varying degree of difficulty.

Children are asked to stand up in front of an audience and spell a word that is given to them. They will be given the word and will then hear the word used in a sentence. If they spell the word correctly, they move forward into the next round. The rounds continue until a final winner is found.

What is the DLP Spelling Bee?

The DLP Spelling Bee is a competition that all KS2 pupils in our Dovestone Learning Partnership can enter. Each school will hold their own Spelling Bee to find their 'top spellers' and the winner from each individual school will then compete together in the DLP Spelling Bee Final. It will be a fun event, held at Delph Primary School.

Individual school competitions will be held during May and June, and the DLP final will be held on Tuesday 23rd June 2026.

What words will the children have to spell?

To ensure that the competition is fair for all children in all schools, everyone will be given a copy of the same booklets. The booklet contains three sets of words. Children will need to learn the words in the booklet. In the competition, there will also be words that they might not have learnt before but they will have the same spelling patterns.

What can I do as a parent/carer?

Please help your child to learn these words at home. Practise spelling the words whilst you are walking to school, travelling in the car, or in the queue at the supermarket! Have your child write words with pencils or paint, with chalk on the garden path or on the computer!

Choose 4 or 5 words to focus on at a time but remember to re-visit the words you have already learned.

Keep a dictionary in your home and help your child look up unfamiliar words. Encouraging your child to read and reading with them is a great way to improve spelling!

There are also some great free interactive websites such as www.spellingcity.com where children can practise their spelling skills. Children type in the words they are learning. The site recognises any misspellings and asks them to check and re-enter. The children can choose whether to be taught how to spell the word or can pick from several games all using their specific words. If they are unsure of the meanings of any words, please help them by checking in a dictionary or online.