

DUDLEY NEWS



YEAR 2 FRIENDSHIP AMBASSADORS

Applications have been handed out for our 2026 Year 2 Friendship Ambassadors! Our School Council members are now hard at work preparing questions for the interviews that they will be conducting before the end of term. We look forward to reading the applications as they come in and wish everyone the best of luck!

DRESS TO EXPRESS DAY - THURSDAY 12TH FEBRUARY

Children's Mental Health Week is taking place nationally from the 9th to the 13th February and this year's theme is 'This is my Place', aiming to support the systems around children and young people to help them feel they belong. To mark this important event, on Thursday 12th February, children are encouraged to express themselves by wearing a colourful outfit or an outfit of their choice to express themselves. Throughout the week, we will be discussing the importance of looking after our mental health in our assemblies and in class. If you have any questions about the event, please do speak to a member of staff.

UMBRELLA PARADE - HASTINGS FAT TUESDAY

Year 1 are delighted to have been invited once again to participate in Hastings Fat Tuesday Umbrella Parade, on Sunday 15th February. On Tuesday 10th February, the children will be working with local artists to decorate umbrellas. If you have any unwanted umbrellas that you would be happy to donate to the parade, we would be very grateful. This is a great event and anyone is welcome to join the parade and festivities - all you need to take part is a decorated umbrella! The parade begins at the Seafront Promenade (bottom of London Rd, St Leonards) at 12pm and finishes at the White Rock Theatre. To find out more about Hastings Fat Tuesday Festival, you can visit [Hastings Fat Tuesday Festival Returns for 2026 - Hastings Fat Tuesday](#)

WELL DONE TO OUR GOLD AWARD WINNERS!



A message from Helena Dollimore (member of Parliament for Hastings, Rye and the villages)

"I wish to make you aware that, following numerous complaints from residents, I have organised a community bus meeting to be held at 4.30pm in Hastings, on Thursday 12th February.

The main purpose of the meeting is for bus users to have the opportunity to give feedback on what's working well with the local bus service and to identify areas where improvements are needed".

Further details and a 'register of interest' form can be found on my website at <https://www.helenadollimore.com/busmeeting>

OUTSTANDING CITIZENSHIP

WOW!



We are incredibly proud of two of our Dudley students, who have demonstrated such kindness and compassion. River undertook a litter pick, raising over £1000 for Al Mawasi and



WOW!

Tilly cut and donated her hair to The Little Princess Trust. We think you are outstanding citizens of Dudley!

RAINBOW READER

Congratulations to Ned, who was awarded his Rainbow Reader certificate. A fantastic achievement!



DREAMS & GOALS

Well done to Fergus, who showed determination and resilience and achieved his goal of learning to fly a kite! Great work!



SAFEGUARDING CONTACT INFORMATION

Designated Safeguarding team (for Dudley Infant Academy)

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DUDLEY DIARY DATES

Tues 3rd February - A Town Explores a Book workshop (in school)

9th - 13th Feb - Children's Mental Health Week

Mon 9th Feb - Time to Dance rehearsal and performance 2pm

Tues 10th Feb - Safer Internet Day

Tues 10th Feb - Umbrella Art Workshop Yr1

Thurs 12th Feb - Year 2 Art Workshop (Pearls of the Sea - in school)

Thurs 12th Feb - Dress to Express Day

Friday 13th Feb - INSET DAY

Sun 15th Feb - Umbrella Parade (FAT Tuesday event)

16th Feb to 20th Feb - HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 23rd Feb - START OF TERM 4

6th March - Year 2 visit to Lewes Castle

17th March - Year 1 visit to Science Centre

Dear Parents and Carers,

It continues to be a very busy term here at Dudley! We have lots of exciting events still to come and we would like to say a big thank you for your continued support of these.

Mr Maclean & Mrs Luke



HASTINGS FAT TUESDAY 2026

**WE NEED YOUR
UMBRELLAS!**



**IF YOU HAVE A SPARE BROLLY YOU'D
LIKE TO DONATE, YOUR SCHOOL WILL
DECORATING THEM TO CARRY IN THE
PARADE ON SUNDAY 15TH FEBRUARY
PLEASE DROP OFF AT THE SCHOOL
RECEPTION - THANK YOU!**

Dudley Safeguarding Officers



Mr Maclean



Mrs Luke



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