

Friday 15th May 2026

DUDLEY NEWS

SPRING DISCO

We are excited to be holding our end-of-term school disco next Friday! EYFS and Year 1 will enjoy their disco during the afternoon, within the school day, and will finish at the usual end-of-day collection time. Year 2 will have their disco straight after school, finishing at 3:45pm. Children are welcome to come to school dressed in their disco outfits for the day - however, we kindly ask that sensible shoes are worn to ensure everyone can dance safely (no disco stilettos please!). This promises to be a fantastic, fun-filled event with music provided by our very own resident DJ Maclean - we can't wait to see everyone showing off their best moves! A huge thank you to POD for organising this special end-of-term treat - we are very grateful for all their hard work in making this happen.

A reminder that due to the Disco, the After School Sports Club for Year 1 and Year 2 will swap days. Year 1 will move to Friday 22nd May and Year 2 will move to Wednesday 20th May.

DUDLEY SUMMER BAKE OFF

We are delighted to announce the return of our Great British Dudley Bake Off, taking place on Friday 19th June! This year's theme is *Summer*, so we are looking forward to seeing a wonderful range of creative, seasonal bakes. All entries are welcome - sweet or savoury - however, we kindly ask that all bakes are nut free to ensure the safety of all our children. Bakes should be brought into school on the Friday morning, with name and class labelled and accompanied by a list of ingredients. Entries will be judged during the day, with our coveted Star Baker announced in a special celebration assembly at the end of the day. After judging, all bakes will be enjoyed by our wider community and sold at the Summer Fayre on Saturday - a perfect way to celebrate everyone's efforts!

STATUTORY PHONICS SCREEN CHECK

You may be aware that children in Year 1 are required to undertake a statutory phonics screening check in June. Therefore, we are writing to let you know that this will be happening during w/c 8th June. Please be assured that the experienced staff members who deliver the screen do so in a sensitive and nurturing manner. Your child's score from the screening is included in their end of year report. Should you have any questions relating to the above, please contact the academy office or speak to a senior leader who is on gate duty.

SPORTS DAY

We are excited to be holding our annual Sports Day on Wednesday 1st July at Sacred Heart School field, located next door to Dudley. The timings for the day are as follows:

Year 2: 9:15am – 10:30am

Year 1: 10:45am – 12:00pm

EYFS: 1:30pm – 2:15pm

We do hope you are able to join us to support the children.

Please note that in the event of rain, our reserve date will be Thursday 2nd July, at the same times.



TRANSITION DATES

As we fast approach Term 6, our academy team are finalising transition dates for children to meet their new class teacher and spend time in their new classrooms. These will take place in July, details of which will be shared with parents and carers next term. Thank you.

Withdrawal from Learning/holiday in term time

You may recall that we have previously written to parents and carers regarding requests for absences during term time. This year the academy has received an unprecedented number of requests for absence during term time. The majority of these are for family holidays and a high number have been requested for term 6. Currently, over twenty percent of our children have missed, or will be missing, key learning due to holidays in term time.

We need your support in ensuring that planned leave is not taken in school time so that your child has the very best opportunity to succeed. The DfE only allows a Principal the discretion to authorise an absence if they believe that there are exceptional or unavoidable circumstances.

Taking a pupil on leave during term time interrupts teaching and learning and can disrupt educational progress. Before completing the Withdrawal from Learning form, parents and carers are asked to consider the effect on their child's continuity of education. There are up to 190 statutory school days in one year and up to 175 days (weekends and school holidays) available to use for holidays. Your child may miss out on valuable group work with peers or miss key topics and themes that cannot be repeated. This could lead to gaps in learning. It may also be disruptive for other pupils in lessons when your child needs extra help to catch up. In some circumstances, children may also end up not being in school when statutory assessments are scheduled.

When deciding whether to authorise term-time leave, the academy will consider:

- the pupils age
- the time and duration of the leave
- the pupil's record of attendance, including any previous term-time absences
- whether there are exceptional or unavoidable circumstances relating to the request

Broadly speaking, exceptional circumstances could include;

- acute family trauma
- terminal illness or death of a family member
- rehabilitation from a physical or emotional matter that is supported with medical evidence
- mark of religious observation falling within term time (at discretion of the Principal)

A family holiday or birthday celebration is not an exceptional circumstance. Supporting evidence should be supplied prior to a requested absence, as absences cannot be authorised retrospectively.

Please be advised that in line with Local Authority expectations, term time holiday requests will not be authorised, and a fixed penalty notice could be requested by the academy.

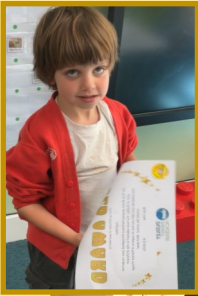
Your support with your child's regular attendance at school is greatly appreciated.

FOREST SCHOOL



GOLD AWARDS

Well done to our Gold Award winners this week!



GOVERNOR VACANCY

We are currently looking to recruit two Parent Governors to join our Governing Body. This is a great opportunity to play an active role in the life of the school, work alongside school leaders and help shape the future direction of Dudley Infant Academy. If this is something you are interested in, please do speak to a member of the Leadership Team.

DUDLEY DIARY DATES

Fri 22nd May - Spring Disco

Fri 22nd May - End of Term 5

Mon 1st June - Start of Term 6

8th - 12th June - Phonics Screen Check

Fri 12th June - Mufti Day (details to follow)

Fri 19th June - Dudley Bake Off Competition

Sat 20th June - Summer Fayre, 1-3pm

Fri 26th June - Inset Day

Weds 1st July - Sports Day

Thurs 2nd July - Reserve Sports Day

Tues 14th July - Class Tiger trip to Ashburnham Place

Thurs 16th July - Class Lion trip Ashburnham Place

Weds 15th July - Circus Skills Workshop (in school)

Fri 17th July - Pirate Day

Weds 22nd July - Year 2 Leaver's Ceremony
(playground 3.30pm)

Weds 22nd July - End of Term

SAFEGUARDING CONTACT

INFORMATION

Designated Safeguarding team (for Dudley
Infant Academy) -

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a great week it has been at Dudley! The children have worked incredibly hard across all areas of their learning and have shown brilliant enthusiasm, resilience and pride in their achievements. It has been wonderful to see such positive attitudes in lessons and around the school.

We look forward to another great week as we head towards the end of Term 5.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Maclean & Mrs Luke



PARENTS OF DUDLEY

Dudley Infant Academy's

GREAT BRITISH SUMMER BAKE OFF



FRIDAY 19TH JUNE

Sweet or savoury, all bakes welcome!
Bring your summer-themed creations at drop-off.
Please label with name, class, bake title
and ingredients list (for allergens).

***Dudley's Star Baker will be chosen
along with 2 runners up!
Bakes will be on sale the next day
at our Summer Fayre.***

Only kids can enter (adults may assist)

**NO NUTS ALLOWED -
We are a nut free school.**

Thank you!

BEACH

DUDLEY INFANT ACADEMY

SUMMER FAYRE

SAVE THE DATE

**SATURDAY
JUNE 20**

1:00PM – 3:00PM

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

CAN YOU HELP?

MAY SPORTS CAMP

26TH & 27TH MAY
AT CATSFIELD PRIMARY
SCHOOL, RUNNING 9 TIL 3



FOR AGES 5-11



FOOTBALL



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BOOKING LINK



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