

DUDLEY NEWS



YEAR 2 FRIENDSHIP AMBASSADORS

Applications have been handed out for our 2026 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. To find out more, visit <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>

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. If you have any unwanted umbrellas that you would be happy to donate to the parade, we have a collection box in the academy office. To find out more about Hastings Fat Tuesday Festival, you can visit [Hastings Fat Tuesday Festival Returns for 2026 - Hastings Fat Tuesday](#)

RAINBOW READERS

Congratulations to Ivy, Poppie and Eli in Class Rhino, who have achieved their Rainbow Reader certificates. This is a great achievement and testament to their hard work and determined attitude.

SAFEGUARDING CONTACT INFORMATION

Designated Safeguarding team (for Dudley)

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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 performance 2pm

Tues 10th Feb - Safer Internet Day

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

Thurs 12th Feb - Dress to Express Day (more information to follow)

Friday 13th Feb - INSET DAY

16th Feb to 20th Feb - HALF TERM HOLIDAY

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,

Mr Maclean & Mrs Luke

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>

Dudley Safeguarding Officers



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