

# NEWSLETTER



Friday 1st May 2026



## PEARLS OF THE SEA EXHIBITION

It's not too late to visit Year 2's wonderful artwork as part of this year's Pearls of the Sea exhibition, *Our Future World* at the Hastings Contemporary. The exhibition runs until 31st May and celebrates the children's creativity, imagination and hard work. There will also be a Family Day during half term on the 28th May, giving families a great opportunity to visit together and enjoy the exhibition

## SUMMER FAYRE

Our Summer Fayre will take place on Saturday 20th June, 1–3pm. If you think you may be able to help on the day, even for a short amount of time, please do let a member of POD know. Any support would be very much appreciated.

## PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCIES

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. Further details can be found in the letter shared with you this week.

## INSET DAY

A reminder that Friday 26th June is an INSET day. School will be closed to pupils on this day to allow staff to take part in essential training. Thank you.

## THANK YOU!

Another big thank you to everyone who supported POD's Shell Out for Dudley event. We had a wonderful time in assembly this week celebrating the children's efforts, with certificates awarded to recognise their fantastic fundraising. A special well done to Class Turtle, who raised the most and are very much looking forward to their ice lollies next Friday! We thoroughly enjoyed hearing about all the creative and hardworking ways the children raised money – from squat challenges and car washing to boot sales and helping with chores at home. Bertie in Year 1 even received his very first payslip! The money raised will be going towards funding enrichment opportunities for our children, one of which will be an exciting circus skills workshop here at Dudley! A fantastic event and a brilliant example of our community working together to support the children. Thank you again for your generosity and enthusiasm.

Do keep an eye out for more exciting POD events coming soon!



## FOREST SCHOOL

Our EYFS children have been thoroughly enjoying Forest School this term, taking part in a range of exciting outdoor activities that encourage curiosity, teamwork and resilience. Sessions have been delivered by Gareth and Crystal from EFT (Education Futures Trust), and the children have made great use of our brand new garden shelter!

It has been wonderful to see the children exploring, creating and building confidence through hands-on Forest School experiences. We are already looking ahead to next term when it will be Year 1's turn to take part in Forest School, while Year 2 will be enjoying beach sessions with Shore Academy. Further details will be shared shortly, with letters being sent home soon. We are very much looking forward to another term of enriching outdoor learning opportunities for all our children.



## JACK IN THE GREEN FAMILY EVENTS

### Saturday 2nd May

Ed Boxall storytelling session at Hollington Library 11am

SEND headdress workshop at Stade Hall 11am

Ed Boxall storytelling session at Alexandra Park Greenhouse 2pm

Children's headdress making at Stade Hall 12.20pm, 2.30pm & 3pm

### Sunday 3rd May

Family sing along at Hastings Fisherman's Museum 1.15pm

Procession of Giants from Aspens to the Stade open space 2pm

Family ceilidh at the Stade open space (no ticket needed) 3.30pm



For a full programme of events, these are available from most Old Town shops and pubs for a small donation. To book tickets for some of the family events listed above and to help manage numbers, please visit [www.hastingstraditionalJackinthe.green.co.uk](http://www.hastingstraditionalJackinthe.green.co.uk)

## GOLD AWARDS

Well done to our Gold Award winners this week!



### **SAFEGUARDING CONTACT**

#### **INFORMATION**

Designated Safeguarding team (for Dudley  
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### **DUDLEY DIARY DATES**

Mon 4th May - Bank Holiday Monday

Tues 12th May - Chicks arrive at Dudley!

Fri 20th May - Spring Disco (details to follow soon!)

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

Fri 19th June - Dudley Bake Off Competition

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

Fri 26th June - Inset Day



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another great week at Dudley, with children showing real hard work and positive attitudes to learning across the school. We are very proud of the effort they continue to put into their learning and how they support one another each day. As we head into the Bank Holiday weekend, we hope you enjoy the break and, for those taking part, the Jack in the Green celebrations here in Hastings Old Town.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and we look forward to welcoming everyone back next week.

Mr Maclean & Mrs Luke

DUDLEY INFANT ACADEMY

# SUMMER FAYRE

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY  
JUNE 20

1:00PM – 3:00PM

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

CAN YOU HELP?

# Red & the Wilding Wolf

## SHOW AND OPEN DAYS

Barn Theatre and Museum, Rodgers Farm, Westfield, TN35 4PH

**28, 29 & 30 May 2026**

Gates open 10:30 to 3:30 daily

Experience **The Ballad of Red and the Wilding Wolf** – a specially commissioned theatre production and a bold, enchanting retelling of the classic tale of Little Red Riding Hood, woven with themes of wild places, curiosity, and caring for the world around us.

## EXPLORE THE STORY OUTDOORS

The story spills out into the landscape where children can journey through a series of immersive scenes inspired by the play – visit Grandma's House, crawl into the Belly of the Wolf, or gather round the Camp Fire to share stories.

Choose a grounds-only ticket to enjoy the activities and outdoor adventure or book a combined tickets to include the theatre performance as part of your visit.



## COST

£13 per adult / £7 per child for the performance and access to the grounds all day (Under twos go free); or £15 per car for grounds only (up to 2 adults and 3 children)

## PERFORMANCE TIMES

11:00 am and 1:30pm.

# MAY SPORTS CAMP

26<sup>TH</sup> & 27<sup>TH</sup> MAY  
AT CATSFIELD PRIMARY  
SCHOOL, RUNNING 9 TIL 3



FOR AGES 5-11



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*For more information:*

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**BOOKING LINK**



# Dudley Safeguarding Officers



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