

# NEWSLETTER

Friday 6th March 2026



## DUDLEY NEWS



### PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Thank you for signing up for an appointment for our parent consultations next week. . If you haven't yet made an appointment, you may have received a telephone call from our academy office team today to arrange a convenient time. As previously shared, for Class Wolf, Panda, Rhino, Turtle and Tiger the consultation sessions will be taking place after school on Monday 9th March and Thursday 12th March. However, please note that Class Lion's consultations will take place on Monday 9th and Monday 16th March. Class teachers are looking forward to seeing you next week.

### BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK AT DUDLEY

British Science Week runs from the 6th - 15th March and the theme for 2026 is, "Curiosity: what's your question?". This theme encourages children to explore their curiosity, sparking questions about the world around them. Science Week will begin at Dudley on Monday, starting with an exciting whole-school assembly. During the assembly, everyone will gather together to hear about the theme of the week and the many activities that will be taking place. Mrs Higginson, our academy Science lead, will introduce the purpose of Science Week and encourage the children to think like scientists by asking questions, exploring ideas and being curious about the world around them. Over the next week, children will take part in a range of science investigations and experiments, giving them the opportunity to explore different scientific ideas, test predictions and observe what happens. We will finish the celebrations on Monday 16th March with a visit from Andrew Smith, who will lead a minibeast workshop for each class. During the workshop, children will learn about different minibeasts, including their habitats, how they move and the different senses they use to explore their environment. Overall, Science Week promises to be an exciting and inspiring time for all at Dudley.

### ONLINE SAFETY - SMART RULES

As a part of our ongoing safeguarding routines, it is important for us to send timely reminders of key policies or guidance we adhere to. Here at Dudley we regularly refer to the online safety SMART rules, both in class and in our assemblies, and the children are very familiar with the acronym. Remember, if you ever have any online safety concerns, please do not hesitate to contact an academy Safeguarding Officer using the email address: [DSL@dudleyinfantacademy.org.uk](mailto:DSL@dudleyinfantacademy.org.uk)



### CHOIR PERFORMANCE AT THE WHITE ROCK

On Thursday 26th March, a group of Year 2 children will be visiting the White Rock Theatre to perform in the School's Choir as part of the Hastings Musical Festival. The coach will be leaving Dudley prompt at 9am, as the show starts at 9.30am and we will return to Dudley in time for lunch. Please note, this is a completely separate event to our new after-school choir, that begins this Monday.

### TELEPHONE SYSTEM

A reminder that, as our telephone system migrates to a new provider, our current school number may not appear on your caller ID. You are likely to see the caller ID of 'anonymous' instead. This may be the case for a few weeks. Many thanks for your continued support during this transfer period.

### EASTER BONNET PARADE

Our much loved Easter Bonnet Parade returns to Dudley on Friday 27th March, the last day of term. The children can make a bonnet/Easter themed hat at home, which can be brought in to school on the day of the parade.

The parade will take place in the playground at 2.40pm which parents and carers are invited to join (the academy gates will open at 2.30pm).

We will then have an early finish time of 3pm. However, for those children attending an after-school club, they will return to the classroom until our usual Friday finish time of 3.30pm.

We do hope you are able to join us.



### GOLD AWARDS

**A big well done to our Gold Award winners this week! We are very proud of you all!**



### **SAFEGUARDING CONTACT**

#### **INFORMATION**

Designated Safeguarding team (for Dudley Infant Academy) -

[DSL@dudleyinfantacademy.org.uk](mailto:DSL@dudleyinfantacademy.org.uk)

David Marks (Chair of Local Board)



### DUDLEY DIARY DATES

Mon 9th March - Parent Consultations

Tues 10th March - Ducklings arrive at Dudley!

Thurs 12th March - Parent Consultations

Mon 16th March - Parent Consultations (Lion Class only)

Tues 17th March - Yr 1 visit to Science Centre

Fri 20th March - iRock Easter Concert (approx. 9.30)

Tues 24th March - School Photos

Thurs 26th March - Choir performance White Rock

Fri 27th March - Easter Bonnet Parade 2.40pm  
(playground - 3pm finish)

Fri 27th March - Last day of term

Mon 13th April - Start of Term 5



**Dear Parents and Carers,**

**It has been a great week here at Dudley and the children have thoroughly enjoyed the variety of curriculum enrichment activities that have been provided.**

**We do hope you have a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing you all on Monday.**

**Mr Maclean & Mrs Luke**

## WORLD BOOK DAY AT DUDLEY

We saw some fantastic, creative costumes worn yesterday to celebrate World Book Day!  
Dexter in Year 1, even came as a character from his very own book, Pizza King!  
A big thank you for supporting this great event.



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# Dudley Safeguarding Officers



**Mr Maclean**



**Mrs Luke**



**Mrs Froude**



**Mrs Sankey**



**Mr Wilkinson**

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