

DUDLEY NEWS



TIME TO DANCE 2026 - WHITE ROCK THEATRE

We would like to say a big well done to the children that participated in a Time to Dance at the White Rock Theatre on Monday afternoon. We were immensely proud watching the children bravely perform in front of such a large audience and their Disney routine was fantastic - a result of their hard work and determination. We would also like to say a big thank you to Beth from Funk Fusion, who put together such a brilliant routine.



NATIONAL ONLINE SAFETY DAY

National Online Safety Day took place this week, on Tuesday 10th February. This is celebrated globally in February each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and to inspire a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully and creatively. This year's theme was centred around the safe and sensible use of AI and we were all very impressed at the mature and thoughtful answers that children gave during our online safety assembly, delivered by Mr Rose.

INSET DAY

Just a quick reminder that tomorrow is an Inset day at Dudley. Term 4 will begin on Monday 23rd February.

PRE-WORLD BOOK DAY COSTUME SALE

POD will be selling pre-loved costumes after school on Thursday 26th February, ahead of World Book Day on the Thursday 5th March. If you have any good quality used costumes that your child has outgrown, we would be grateful if you could consider donating them to POD. Thank you for your support.

WORLD BOOK DAY

On Thursday 5th March, Dudley will be celebrating World Book Day and children are welcome to come to school dressed as their favourite book character!

A TOWN EXPLORES A BOOK 2026

Dudley are delighted to be invited once again to participate in this year's local festival, A Town Explores A Book. This year, the festival is based around John Agard's, *My Name is Book*. Last week, the children enjoyed a sketching assembly, whilst listening to extracts from the book, accompanied by live music for inspiration. The children have also been asked to enter a piece of creative writing about a book in a form that hasn't yet been invented! Entries may be in the form of a poem or a short story, it's completely up to the children! We will be working on our entries here at Dudley, but children are welcome to create their own story at home too and bring this in to school for us to submit on their behalf. For more information, take a look at the poster in today's newsletter.



PEARLS OF THE SEA ART WORKSHOP

Today, the children in Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed spending the morning working with local artists and facilitators from the Hastings Contemporary. They produced some fantastic, creative artwork that will be featured in the upcoming exhibition, *Pearls of the Sea*. More details coming soon!



DRESS TO EXPRESS DAY

Today, to mark the end of Children's Mental Health Week here at Dudley, we held our annual 'Dress to Express Day'. This was a lovely opportunity for our academy to come together and celebrate what makes us all so unique!



UMBRELLA PARADE WORKSHOP 2026

A reminder that FAT Tuesday's Umbrella Parade takes place on Sunday 15th February. This will start at 12pm, at the bottom on London Road in St. Leonards on Sea and go on to the White Rock. This is a community event and all are welcome to join! The children enjoyed decorating umbrellas on Tuesday this week and these have been sent home today. Many of the children worked in groups and the umbrellas were handed out fairly amongst each class for the parade.



GOLD AWARDS



DUDLEY DIARY DATES

Sunday 15th Feb - Umbrella Parade (local event)

Monday 23rd Feb - Start of Term 4

Thursday 26th Feb - POD World Book Day

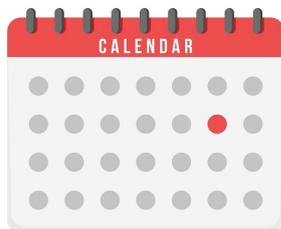
Costume Sale

Thursday 5th March - World Book Day

Friday 6th March - Year 1 trip to Science Centre

Tuesday 17th March - Year 2 trip to Lewes Castle

More Term 4 dates to follow soon...



SAFEGUARDING CONTACT INFORMATION

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SAFEGUARDING

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is difficult to believe that we are now halfway through the school year. This term has flown by and has been filled with exciting opportunities for the children. It has been a pleasure to work with our local community and we continue to be incredibly proud of the children and the values that they uphold.

We do hope you have a good half term and thank you for your support.

Mr Maclean and Mrs Luke



a town
explores
a book

ages 5-11
years old

Creative Writing Competition

In the #ATownExploresABook26 festival, we are exploring John Agard's vibrant children's book, *My Name Is Book*.

Imagine a book in a form that hasn't yet been invented...

What does it look like?

What's it like exploring this book?

Word count: up to 150 words

The judges are looking for the most creative writing

Deadline:
20 March
2026



 atownexploresabook.com/2026-competition

WE ARE LOOKING FOR
GOOD QUALITY, PRE-LOVED
COSTUMES AND DRESSING UP ITEMS

PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING TO POD -
FIND US IN THE PLAYGROUND
OR GIVE TO A MEMBER OF STAFF





HASTINGS
FAT TUESDAY
MUSIC FESTIVAL
5 DAYS OF MARDI GRAS ON THE SOUTH COAST



COMMUNITY UMBRELLA DECORATING WORKSHOPS

COME AND DECORATE YOUR
BROLLY WITH RADIATOR ARTS
TO CARRY IN THE
PRESERVATION SUNDAY PARADE
ON 15TH FEBRUARY AT 12PM!

FRIDAY 13TH FEB
HYPHA STUDIOS | 3-5PM

SATURDAY 14TH FEB
HASTINGS MUSEUM | 11AM-1PM
WHITE ROCK THEATRE | 2-4PM

BRING YOUR OWN BROLLY
ALL MATERIALS PROVIDED ALL AGES WELCOME
CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED PLEASE