



DUDLEY NEWS

GOODBYE YEAR 2

It's hard to believe that another academic year is coming to an end. Once again, the term has flown past and what a lot we have managed to pack in. The children have been offered some wonderful enrichment opportunities to support their learning and development and we are so proud of all that they have achieved. Sadly, this afternoon, we said goodbye to our wonderful Year 2 children at their Leavers' Ceremony, and I think it is fair to say



that there were a few tears shed! It was so special to hear the children's favourite memories of their time at Dudley and to reflect on all they have achieved over the past three years. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them and know they will go on to achieve great things at their new schools. They will be greatly missed by all of us. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank our amazing Year 2 families for their support throughout their child's journey at Dudley. It has been a pleasure getting to know you all and working alongside you as part of our Dudley community. We wish all of our children and families the very best for the future and hope they leave us with many happy memories of their time here.

POD SUMMER FAYRE

We would like to say thank you to everyone that joined us at our Summer Fayre this term. It was a lovely afternoon and a great deal of fun was had by all. And of course, a big thank you to members of POD, who worked tirelessly to organise the day. We are delighted to share with you that we raised an amazing £1646!

GOODBYE & THANK YOU MRS ANDERSON & HAMAH

We would like to say goodbye and thank Mrs Anderson, our Tiger Class Teaching Assistant. Thank you for all of your support and dedication to our children this year. We wish you every success and happiness in your new role at your new school. A special thank you too to Hamah for all you have done for our Dudley community during your time as POD Co-Chair. Alongside Max, you have dedicated so much time to organising wonderful events and opportunities for our children and families. We are especially grateful for your support in helping provide our fantastic Forest School shelter. Thank you for your hard work, care and commitment to Dudley – you will be greatly missed.

TIME TO DANCE 2027

We are delighted to share that Dudley will once again be taking part in Time to Dance at the White Rock Theatre next February! If your child would like to be involved, bookings are now open for the Thursday after-school dance rehearsals. Places can be booked directly through www.funkfusionfitness.com.

SEPTEMBER INSET DAY

A reminder that we have an inset day on Wednesday 2nd September. Term starts for the children on Thursday 3rd September.

END OF YEAR NEWS LETTER

PARENT OPEN AFTERNOON & TERM 1 ARRANGEMENTS

As we look ahead to the start of Term 1, in early September we will be inviting parents and carers into school to meet their child's new class teacher and visit their classroom. This will be a valuable opportunity for class teachers to share important information about the year ahead, including curriculum topics, PE days, planned trips and visits, and other key arrangements. It will also provide an opportunity for parents and carers to ask any questions and discuss any concerns they may have as their child settles into their new class.

A reminder that from September, all Year 1 and Year 2 children should enter school each morning through the main blue door. At the end of the school day, Year 1 children will be dismissed from their classroom doors onto the playground, while Year 2 children will leave via the main blue door. Thank you for your support, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting year at Dudley.

THANK YOU MRS BRAZIER

We would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Brazier for delivering our after-school choir club over the past two years. We are incredibly grateful that she has given up her time to provide this wonderful opportunity for our children. At the end of term, we were treated to a fantastic performance from the choir, and what a delight it was! The children sang beautifully and performed with great confidence and enthusiasm. Opportunities such as these are so important, allowing children to develop their musical skills, creativity and confidence, while experiencing the joy of performing in front of an audience. On behalf of everyone at Dudley, thank you, Mrs Brazier, for everything you have done for our children. We wish you all the very best for the future.



YEAR 2 CINEMA VISIT

As an end-of-year treat, our Year 2 children enjoyed a fantastic trip to the cinema to watch Toy Story. There was lots of excitement and fun throughout the visit, and it was a wonderful way to celebrate the end of their time at Dudley. The children were a credit to our academy, demonstrating excellent behaviour and representing us so well. A huge thank you to POD for kindly funding this special experience – we are incredibly grateful for your support.



FOREST SCHOOL

This year, our Forest School sessions have provided children with wonderful opportunities to learn outdoors, develop new skills and build their confidence in a natural environment. It has been especially lovely to make use of our new shelter, which has enabled sessions to continue in all kinds of weather and created a fantastic space for learning and exploration. This term, it has been Year 1's turn to enjoy Forest School, and the children have had tremendous fun while learning a range of practical skills, working together and developing their curiosity about the world around them. A huge thank you to Crystal and Gareth for delivering such engaging and enjoyable sessions throughout the year. We are delighted to share that EFT will once again be delivering Forest School for all children next year.



PIRATE DAY!

Friday was Pirate Day at Dudley - a much loved tradition, ahead of Hastings' Pirate Day. The children thoroughly enjoyed a day jam packed full of pirate fun, including watching Mrs Luke, Mrs Bowles and Mr Barker 'walking the plank' in our whole school pirate assembly! Thank you for supporting the day and providing so many fantastic pirate costumes and accessories!



EYFS VISIT TO ASHBURNHAM PLACE

Last week, our EYFS children had the wonderful opportunity to visit Ashburnham Place as part of the Closer to the Land programme. They learned all about where food comes from and the importance of healthy soil, before harvesting their own vegetables, including potatoes, beetroot and tomatoes. The children also enjoyed a mini-beast hunt and finished the day by making and tasting their own flatbread with beetroot hummus. It was a fantastic day of hands-on learning and exploration. A huge thank you to Tim at Ashburnham Place for hosting us, and to the staff and parent helpers who supported the visit



I ROCK CONCERT

On Friday, we were treated to the most amazing rock concert from our talented iRock performers! Each band bravely took to the stage and performed confidently in front of a large audience, showcasing not only their musical skills but also their resilience and determination. We were incredibly impressed by every single performer. The children also looked wonderfully edgy in their pirate costumes, which added to the fun and excitement of the event. We particularly loved the rock parrot! A huge well done to all of our iRock stars for putting on such a fantastic show – we are very proud of you all!



ZUMBA PERFORMANCE - GOODBYE BETH!

A big well done to the children that performed some fantastic Zumba routines to parents and carers last week. We would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you and goodbye to Beth, who leaves us after delivering Zumba lessons to the children of Dudley for the past year. We wish her lots of luck for the future. Don't forget to book your child's place at our after school Zumba sessions next year!



SUMMER FAYRE 2026

A huge thank you to everyone who attended our Summer Fayre this term. Your support helped make the event such a wonderful success, and we hope you enjoyed the afternoon as much as we did!



GOLD AWARDS & VALUES MEDAL

Well done to all of our Gold Award winners and to Rose, who was awarded our very special Values Medal. We are so very proud of you all.



WELL DONE BERTIE

A big well done to Bertie, who passed his second Karate grading in June! Wow, what a fantastic achievement and a real display of determination and resilience!



SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2026

The 2026 Summer Reading Challenge in East Sussex runs from July 4 to September 5. Children aged 4 to 11 are challenged to read six books over the summer holidays to earn prizes. You can register for free at any local library branch or online through the East Sussex Libraries Portal.



DUDLEY DIARY DATES

Wednesday 2nd September - INSET DAY



Thursday 3rd September - First day of Term 1 for children

More dates to follow in September...

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It is fair to say that many of us are looking forward to the summer holidays and the well deserved rest. For some however, the long summer break can bring with it its own challenges. If there is anything that you are concerned about, remember that you can always contact a member of our safeguarding team and we will do what we can to support.

Please see our DSL email address written above and a reminder of our academy safeguarding officers on the final page of today's newsletter.

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another wonderful school year, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our families for your continued support, kindness and encouragement. We are incredibly proud of everything our children have achieved this year. They have worked hard, shown resilience, embraced new opportunities and made us smile every day with their enthusiasm and determination.

This year has also been a significant one for our academy as we joined DCAT. Thank you for your patience and understanding as staff have learnt new systems and processes to support this transition. Your support, encouragement and flexibility have helped make the move as smooth as possible.

We would also like to thank you for the many cards, kind words and generous gifts we have received. These are never expected, but they are always greatly appreciated and mean so much to our staff team. We wish all of our children and families a safe, happy and restful summer holiday, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

Thank you for being such an important part of the Dudley community and for making this year such a special one.

Mr Maclean, Mrs Luke & The Dudley Team



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