

NEWSLETTER

Friday 27th March 2026



DUDLEY NEWS

SHELL OUT FOR DUDLEY - POD FUNDRAISER

POD will again be inviting you to "SHELL OUT FOR DUDLEY" this Easter! Coloured eggs will be coming home with the children this week, a colour allocated to each class. Children are challenged to fill their egg with as much money as they can over the Easter Break by things such as Chores For Change, Litter Picking and Artwork Selling! The money raised will go towards a curriculum show for the whole school to enjoy. The class that's raises the most will win an extra playtime with ice lollies! Plus certificates awarded for the best fund raising ideas and top fund raisers for each class so please don't forget to add a note inside to tell us all how about the fantastic ways money was raised! Please see attached poster for further info.

EASTER BONNET PARADE

This year's Easter bonnets were fantastic! We thoroughly enjoyed watching the children in their Easter playground parade this afternoon and it was lovely to be able to share this much loved Dudley tradition with you all. Once again, we would like to say a big thank you for supporting this event.

ART ENRICHMENT - PEARLS OF THE SEA PROJECT 2026 & FAMILY DAY

This year, our Year 2 pupils have taken part in The Pearls of the Sea art project at Hastings Contemporary, and we are thrilled to share that their work will be exhibited from 28th March to 31st May. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to showcase their creativity as part of a wider community project. We do hope you have received your ticket, which provides free entry for each family of the children involved - these were handed out yesterday. On Thursday 2nd April, there will be a special Pearls of the Sea Family Day at the gallery with a variety of different activities.

BIFFA WORKSHOP

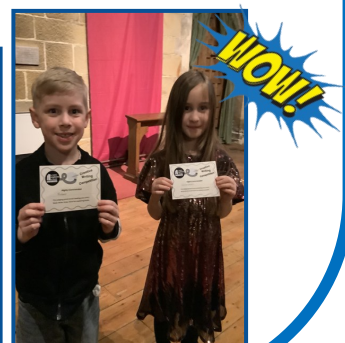
We were pleased to welcome a visit from Biffa last week, where their team delivered engaging workshops to every class. The sessions focused on the impact of waste and the importance of reducing, reusing and recycling, sharing an important message for us all. It was a valuable opportunity to promote our school value of respect for the environment, and the children gained a greater understanding of how their actions can make a positive difference.



A TOWN EXPLORES A BOOK 2026 - FESTIVAL AWARDS

The children in Year 1 and Year 2 entered this year's, A Town Explores a Book writing competition. The festival received hundreds of entries this year and we are delighted to share with you that Dudley had many shortlisted entries. We would like to say a huge well done to Bluebelle, Freddie, River, Ruben, Felix, Eva, Serena and Gwen who received a commendation for their fantastic writing and a special shout out to Scarlet in Class Rhino, who was awarded as the overall winner in her age category! WOW! To take a look at the free festival activities on offer, take a look here:

<https://atownexploresabook.com/whats-on/>



DUDLEY DUCKLINGS

We sadly said goodbye to the ducklings this week as they left us for their new homes. We have thoroughly enjoyed watching them hatch, grow, and learn to swim - a wonderful opportunity for all of the children to be involved.



POLICE VISIT TO EYFS

This week, Class Tiger and Class Lion were visited by local police officers as part of their topic, "People Who Help Us." The children learned about the important role of the police in our community, including how to call them in an emergency and how they keep everyone safe. This was another great example of working with our Dudley community, and the children thoroughly enjoyed the visit, asking lots of thoughtful questions and engaging enthusiastically with the officers.



WHITE ROCK CHOIR

Our Year 2 choir had a wonderful experience taking part in the Schools Choir Day at the White Rock Theatre on Thursday, as part of the Hastings Musical Festival. They performed two songs, including one about minibests and, our favourite, *Dudley*, celebrating how special our school community is. The children then joined all the other school choirs to sing *I Am Me*, a truly moving performance. We were incredibly proud of the children's bravery performing in front of such a large audience, and even more impressed knowing we were one of the youngest choirs taking part!



ROCK PERFORMANCE

On Friday last week, children in EYFS, Year 1, and Year 2 took to the stage for an amazing Irock concert here at Dudley! We were so impressed by their talent and how confidently they performed in front of a large audience - especially knowing some have only been part of their bands for three weeks. We think you are all total rockstars - just don't forget us when you're older and out on your world tours!



VISIT TO OLD HASTINGS HOUSE

This week, a group of children from Class Rhino and Class Turtle visited Old Hastings House to read to the residents. This is a much-loved, special visit, and we are so proud of the children for the kindness and respect they showed throughout. It was clear to see how much this visit meant to the residents, as they enjoyed interacting, sharing stories and chatting with the children.





RAINBOW READERS

Well done to Ada and Thomas in Year 2, who were awarded their Rainbow Reader certificates this week in assembly. Testament to their hard work and determination!



EXCITING GARDEN UPDATE

We are delighted to share an exciting update to our back garden plans. This week, our new wooden shelter was successfully built, something the Dudley community has been looking forward to for a long time, despite the various challenges along the way. This wonderful addition will provide a fantastic space to further develop our outdoor learning provision, and we are especially excited that, after Easter, our Forest School can be delivered there for Class Tiger and Class Lion.

It is incredibly rewarding to see the result of such hard work, particularly the efforts of POD in raising funds for this project.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to all our Dudley families who have supported events to make this possible. We are excited to continue developing this area, with even more plans to come - so watch this space!



WELL DONE MAISIE!

Congratulations to Maisie, who was awarded a trophy at the weekend for her hard work and determination in her dance classes at The Hastings Stage Studio.



SAFEGUARDING CONTACT

INFORMATION

Designated Safeguarding team (for Dudley Infant Academy) -
DSL@dudleyinfantacademy.org.uk



DUDLEY DIARY DATES

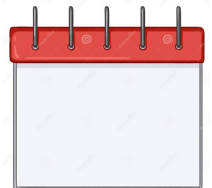
Monday 13th April - Start of Term 5

Friday 17th April - Jack in the Green school workshop

Monday 4th May - Bank Holiday

Friday 22nd May - End of Term 5

More Term 5 Dates to follow soon.



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another term, we reflect on what a truly great term it has been. As ever, we are incredibly proud of our children and all they have achieved. It has been a busy period, including our transfer to our new trust, DCAT, which marks an exciting new chapter for our school. We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to the Dudley community for your continued support. We now look ahead to another term with many exciting opportunities in store.

Wishing you all a wonderful Easter and a relaxing time with your families.

Mr Maclean, Mrs Luke & The Dudley Team

SHELL OUT!

FOR DUDLEY

THE CHALLENGE:

FILL YOUR EGG WITH
AS MUCH MONEY AS
YOU CAN BY
17TH APRIL!

IDEAS:

Chores for change
Sponsored silence
Dog walking
Toy/ Bake sale
Sell your art
Car wash...
Anything you like!

All proceeds from
this event will go
towards a curriculum
enrichment show for
the whole school.

Please remember to
include a note with your
child's name, class and
total raised inside
the egg.

The class with the
highest total raised
will receive an extra
playtime and
ice lollies!

Plus certificates for the
best fund raising ideas
and the top fund-raiser
in each class!

POD

Old Hastings House Care Home

Easter Fayre

Saturday, 4th April

2 PM – 4 PM

132 High Street, Hastings, TN34 3ET

Tel: 01424 425640

Raffle • Tombola • Cakes

Bric-a-Brac • Family Friendly Activities • Easter Egg Hunt

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Dudley Safeguarding Officers



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Mrs Luke



Mrs Froude



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Mr Wilkinson

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