

Friday 17th April 2026

## DUDLEY NEWS



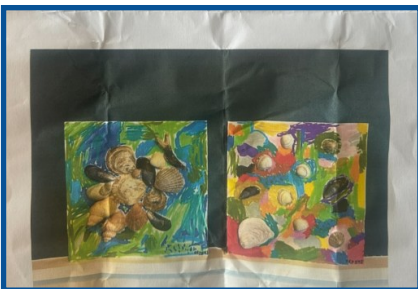
### WELCOME BACK TO TERM 5

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to Dudley after the Easter break, and we hope everyone enjoyed a happy and restful holiday. It has been lovely to see the children settled back into school life so quickly, and we especially enjoyed awarding our PDA badges on Tuesday to celebrate their hard work and the positive values they show every day. We are looking forward to another exciting and busy term ahead.

### SHELL OUT FOR DUDLEY 2026 - POD FUNDRAISER

At the end of last term the children were given an empty plastic Easter Egg as part of the fund raising event, Shell Out for Dudley. A big thank you for supporting this and well done to the children who thought of some creative ways to raise money, including Ava who cleaned her Grandad's house and Fergus who made and sold her own artwork! Ruby in EYFS and Ada in Year 2 both organised bake sales and Zyra sold some of her toys at a car boot sale! We were also very impressed at Dexter's fundraising video and Ralph's car washing services! Do please continue to share your photos with us so we can celebrate them in our upcoming newsletters.

We are delighted to share that our Dudley fundraiser raised an incredible **£1,152.52** in total. This fantastic achievement was made possible by the efforts of all our classes, with Turtle raising £290.52, Wolf £202.65, Lion £190.14, Panda £168.40, Rhino £161.37, and Tiger £139.66. The money raised will go towards funding a special enrichment day for all of the children at Dudley, giving them a memorable and rewarding experience. A huge thank you to everyone who supported this event, and to POD for organising it so successfully for our school.



### SUMMER FAYRE

We are looking forward to our Summer Fayre on Saturday 20th June, from 1.00–3.00pm, which promises to be a fun afternoon for the whole Dudley community. Events like this are only possible thanks to the support of our families, and any help on the day would be hugely appreciated. If you think you may be able to volunteer, even for a short time, please speak to a member of POD, as your support would make a real difference.

### SCHOOL LUNCHES

A reminder please that school lunches need to be ordered via ParentPay. If there are any issues, the office team will be happy to help. Thank you.

## JACK IN THE GREEN COMES TO DUDLEY

Today we were delighted to celebrate Jack in the Green Day at Dudley Infant Academy. As a school based in Hastings Old Town, it is important for our children to learn about the history and traditions of this special local event.

We were very lucky to be visited by Lorna, Bryony and Rhys from the Jack in the Green Education and Outreach Committee, who shared their knowledge and enthusiasm with us. In Year 1, the children enjoyed making traditional sashes and belts, and in the afternoon the whole school came together in the playground to perform traditional ceilidh dancing. It was an absolute joy to be part of and a wonderful celebration of this local tradition.



## JACK IN THE GREEN FAMILY EVENTS

### Sunday 26th April

Leafy Jack Workshop at Hastings Museum and art gallery (book online) 12.30pm

SEND friendly Leafy jack Workshop at Hastings Museum (book online) 2.30pm

### 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)**

## DUDLEY FRIENDSHIP AMBASSADORS

Well done to our new Year 2 Friendship Ambassadors. The School Council organised and led the interview process and did a fantastic job, showing real responsibility, confidence and teamwork throughout. A big well done also to everyone who applied and took part in an interview — we were so impressed with all the children. Our Friendship Ambassadors are now proudly wearing their jackets on the playground and are enjoying helping other children - they are a wonderful example of kindness at Dudley Infant Academy.



### **SAFEGUARDING CONTACT**

#### **INFORMATION**

Designated Safeguarding team (for Dudley

Infant Academy) -

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David Marks (Chair of Local Board)



### DUDLEY DIARY DATES

Mon 20th April - Year 2 Rainforest Workshop (in school)

Fri 24th April - Jack in the Green dance workshop (EYFS)

Mon 4th May - Bank Holiday Monday

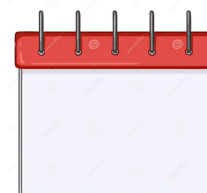
Tues 12th May - Chicks arrive at Dudley!

Fri 22nd May - End of Term 5

Mon 1st June - Start of Term 6

8th - 12th June - Phonics Screen Check

Fri 26th June - Inset Day



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for a fantastic first week back in Term 5. We hope you all have a good weekend and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday.

Mr Maclean & Mrs Luke

DUDLEY INFANT ACADEMY

# SUMMER FAYRE

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY  
JUNE 20

1:00PM – 3:00PM

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

CAN YOU HELP?

# Dudley Safeguarding Officers



**Mr Maclean**



**Mrs Luke**



**Mrs Froude**



**Mrs Sankey**



**Mr Wilkinson**

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