

# NEWSLETTER

Friday 31st January 2025



## DUDLEY NEWS

### FRIENDSHIP AMBASSADORS

Interviews are well underway this week for our Year 2 Friendship Ambassadors. Our School Council members have been very busy conducting the interviews today and have many more to undertake next week. They look forward to announcing our 2025 ambassadors next week. We would like to say a big well done to all of the children that have applied - we have had 29 applicants this year, which is amazing.



### YOUNG ARTISTS' SUMMER SHOW

A reminder that this year, we have signed up to The Young Artists' Summer Show. We will be submitting work here at Dudley, but children are also welcome to create work at home which could be photographed and shared with us to send in. Along with the artwork, children need to write a short description of their work, why it was created and what it means to them. Descriptions must be no more than 80 words. There is no theme and work could include drawing, painting, printing, photography, sculpture or textile.

### DRESS TO EXPRESS DAY - FRIDAY 7TH FEBRUARY

Children's Mental Health Week is taking place nationally next week from the 3rd to the 9th February and this year's theme is 'Know yourself, Grow Yourself'. To mark this important event, a reminder that on Friday 7th February, children are encouraged to express themselves by wearing a colourful outfit or an outfit of their choice to express themselves.

### NATIONAL ONLINE SAFETY DAY

National online safety day takes place on Tuesday 11th 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. Safer Internet Day 2025 is on Tuesday 11th February with celebrations and learning based around the theme 'Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online'. Remember, if you have any concerns or questions regarding online safety, please do speak with a member of our academy safeguarding team. You can also find our Online Safety policy on our website which includes a list of useful websites, offering advice and practical tips.

### UMBRELLA PARADE

Year 1 are delighted to have been invited once again to participate in Hastings Fat Tuesday Umbrella Parade, on Sunday 2nd March. If you have any unwanted umbrellas that you would be happy to donate to the parade, we have a collection box in the academy office. We look forward to sharing further parade details with you soon. Thank you.

### POLITE PLAYGROUND PLEA

Please could we politely ask that older siblings are encouraged to take care in the playground and reminded not to run around at school collection time, particularly on a Tuesday and a Friday. The safety of the children and other members of the school community is always our priority and we wish to avoid any incidents or accidents occurring. Thank you for your support.

## GOLD AWARDS

A big well done to our Gold Award winners this week.



### **SAFEGUARDING CONTACT INFORMATION**

Designated Safeguarding team (for Dudley  
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### DUDLEY DIARY DATES

3rd Feb - Children's Mental Health Week &  
Enhanced Art Day

4th Feb - A Town Explores a Book workshop

10th Feb - Time to Dance performance 2pm

11th Feb - Safer Internet day

13th Feb - Dudley Art Gallery

**14th Feb - INSET DAY**

17th Feb to 21st Feb - HALF TERM HOLIDAY

24th Feb - START OF TERM 4

2nd March - Umbrella Parade

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy week here at Dudley and we thank you for your continued support of our academy.

We hope you have a lovely weekend and look forward to welcoming you all on Monday morning.

Mr Maclean & Mrs Luke

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## Call for entries

An exciting opportunity for students aged 4–18, who are living and studying in the UK, to exhibit their artwork on site or online at the Royal Academy of Arts.

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### Open for submissions

6 January – 5 March 2025

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### Find out more and enter

[roy.ac/youngartists](https://roy.ac/youngartists)

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# Young Artists' Summer Show

2025



HASTINGS  
**FAT TUESDAY**



**WE NEED YOUR UMBRELLAS!**

This year for the Hastings Fat Tuesday  
umbrella parade on March 2nd  
we'd like to upcycle as much as we can -  
do you have a spare unwanted brolly  
you could donate?

Please help if you can before Friday 21st February  
There is a collection box in the school reception  
**THANK YOU!!!**



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# Dudley Safeguarding Officers



**Mr Maclean**



**Mrs Luke**



**Mrs Froude**



**Mrs Sankey**



**Ms Durban**

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