

Friday 11th July 2025

## DUDLEY NEWS



### SPORTS DAY

On Wednesday, the children in EYFS, Year 1, and Year 2 had a fantastic Sports Day, showing great enthusiasm and energy despite the warm weather. They participated in a variety of activities, displaying teamwork, determination and big smiles throughout the day. Everyone gave their best effort and it was lovely to see their confidence grow. Thank you all for joining us, your cheers and encouragement made it a memorable and successful day for all involved. Well done, everyone!

### PIRATE DAY!

Next week, Friday 18th July, we will be holding our annual Dudley Pirate Day. This is a much loved tradition at our academy and we are all looking forward to a day packed full of pirate fun! Children may come to school dressed in a pirate themed costume, but we do ask that swords remain at home!

### ART GALLERY

Next Friday afternoon, we will be holding a special art gallery to celebrate the children's creativity and give them the opportunity to showcase their wonderful artwork to parents and carers. Throughout next week, the children will be exploring the work of local artist Marianne North, whose detailed botanical paintings will inspire their own creations. The gallery will be a chance for the children to share what they've learned and take pride in their artistic achievements. In the afternoon, children will be brought out on to the playground to meet parents and carers as per our usual end of day arrangements, just at an earlier time. You may then collect your child and they will accompany you to the gallery taking place in the hall. Please note, after you have visited the gallery, children may leave at this earlier time and are not expected to return to the classroom. For those children attending after school wraparound provision, this will still go ahead from 3.30pm, as per usual. We of course completely appreciate that not all parents and carers will be able to attend and children will remain in class until the end of the school day. The end of day timings and year group gallery time slot in the hall will be as follows:

EYFS - 2.30pm (collect from EYFS gate)

Year One - 2.45pm (collect from playground - children will leave via usual Year 1 classrooms)

Year Two - 3pm (collect from playground - Children will leave via YEAR 1 CLASSROOMS)

### YEAR 2 LEAVERS SERVICE

On Tuesday 22nd July, the last day of term, we will be holding our Year 2 Leavers ceremony on the school playground. Please do join us at 3.45pm, where we will say goodbye to the children, sing some songs and share some of their favourite Dudley memories.

### TRANSITION

Over the past two weeks, the children have been undertaking their class transition sessions. They have had the chance to spend time in their new classrooms, meeting their class teachers and teaching assistants and learning about some different routines. For many children, moving to a new class can be challenging and we are so incredibly proud of all our Dudley children and the resilience that they have shown. We would like to say a big well done to our Year 2 children, who were able to spend an afternoon and a morning at All Saints Junior School and a big welcome to the children who undertook their first visit to EYFS.

## YEAR 2 VISIT TO BLUE REEF AQUARIUM

This week, as an end of year treat, our Year 2 children visited the Blue Reef Aquarium. We would like to thank POD for generously funding the trip - it was a lovely morning and a great opportunity to reward the children for being outstanding members of our academy.



## I ROCK PERFORMANCE

A big well done to our I Rock Bands, who bravely and confidently performed today in front of a large



## GOLD AWARDS

Well done to our Gold Award winners and to Aween and Eevee, who were awarded with our Values Medal.



## RAINBOW READERS

Well done to the children that have achieved their Rainbow Reader certificates. We are always so proud of all of the children here at Dudley and their determined attitude towards their reading.



## SAFEGUARDING CONTACT INFORMATION

Designated Safeguarding team (for Dudley Infant Academy) -  
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## DUDLEY DIARY DATES

Monday 14th July - Art Week  
Thursday 17th July - Zumba performance 4.15pm  
Friday 18th July - Pirate Day  
Friday 18th July - Art Gallery pm (see newsletter for specific year group timings)  
Tuesday 22nd June - Year 2 Leaver's Service (3.45pm, playground)  
Tuesday 22nd July - Last day of term  
Friday 5th September - Start of term



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week at Dudley, we have been incredibly proud of the children's behaviour during their transition sessions. The children have enjoyed visiting their new classrooms and have behaved in such a sensible manner.

Enjoy the sunshine this weekend,  
Mr Maclean, Mrs Luke & The Dudley Team



THE  
READING  
AGENCY

Summer Reading Challenge



Starts 5 July 2025 Ends 6 September 2025

Join this year's Summer Reading Challenge at

[www.eastsussex.gov.uk/src](http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/src)



The Summer Reading Challenge is a national scheme produced by the Reading Agency and delivered by public libraries that encourages children to keep reading during the school summer holidays - and to enjoy anything they like to read! Children aged 4-11 are invited to take part and collect rewards for their reading, giving them a positive experience of reading for pleasure.

It's FREE to take part. Sign your child up at [www.eastsussex.gov.uk/src](http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/src) You can ask a one of our volunteers or a member of staff for help if you need it.

The Challenge will begin in [East Sussex libraries](#) on Saturday 5th July and end on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

The Challenge is to read any six books borrowed from the library or downloaded from our [ebook library](#). For children under 4 we have the Pre-school Challenge, where you can collect stickers for each book shared and a special medal sticker at the end.

Children signing up for the Challenge get a character sticker and a Reader Record. Children will be able to collect a prize for each of the six books they have read. When they finish the [Challenge](#) they will get a certificate which they can receive in school or at the library. The Challenge is for all children, whatever their reading ability. Children who are not reading independently can share their books with a family member or friend, or they might prefer to listen to audio books.

To take part in Story Garden children need to have their own library card and PIN. It is easy and free to become a member of the library. Take something with your name, address and signature to the library and you can join the whole family. You can [reset your child's PIN online](#) if you can't remember it, or ask in the library for a new one. You will need the PIN to sign up to the Challenge.

We have lots of free events over the summer holidays happening in our libraries. You can also visit <http://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/> for online fun games, author interviews and book recommendations.





**DUDLEY'S  
SUMMER FAYRE**

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**POD would love to say a big THANK YOU to everyone who came along  
to support this fantastic event!**

**We hope everyone had fun!**

**Funds raised at events like this pay for exciting and fun things for  
the children such as Pantomime's, Chicks & Ducks, Class Trips,  
Disco's, History Shows and so much more!**

**As wonderful as Dudley School is, they just do not have the budget  
for such things so the more you can support and get involved, the  
more we will be able to fund for our wonderful kids!**

**Thanks again for your continued support!**

**From the whole POD Team!**

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# Dudley Safeguarding Officers



**Mr Maclean**



**Mrs Luke**



**Mrs Froude**



**Mrs Sankey**



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