

Friday 12th September 2025



DUDLEY NEWS

Welcome back to a brand new school year at Dudley! We hope that you all had a good summer and the children enjoyed the time off. We're sure that they are feeling refreshed and excited to start a brand new year group. It has been lovely seeing the children come back so enthusiastically and spending time with their friends and new class teams. We would also like to welcome the children starting with us in Lions and Tigers and we look forward to seeing what adventures the year has in store for them. The term ahead is already shaping up to be a busy one and I know the staff have been working incredibly hard to ensure that the children have a great start to the year. If you have any concerns as the weeks go by, please come and speak with us, as working together we can achieve the best for every child.

CONTACT DETAILS

We are aware that some families have moved house during the holidays or parents may have changed their telephone numbers. If your contact details have changed please can you advise the academy office so that your child's details can be updated. Thank you.

NUT FREE ENVIRONMENT

Just a reminder that at Dudley we continue to be a **nut free** environment. This is part of our safeguarding duties as we have children in the academy who have severe nut allergies. Please can we ask that if your child brings in a packed lunch that you check items are nut free and do not contain traces of nuts. This particularly applies to certain types of chocolate spread. Thank you for your continued support with this.

MEDICINES IN SCHOOL

If your child requires an inhaler or other medicine on a regular basis in school, please ensure that you take it to the academy office and complete an Individual Health Care Plan (IHCP). Staff are unable to administer medicines without this plan in place. If you have any questions relating to this matter, please do speak with Mrs Froude in our academy office.

LUNCH ORDERING

Please do remember to order your child's lunch via Parentpay. This week, we have had a number of children without an order and this has inevitably had an impact on our lunch processes. Please may we also ask that children have been reminded about their lunch choice for the day to avoid any confusion and ensure that children receive the correct option. For children joining us this year, please check your child's bookbag for login information.

GOLD AWARDS & CELEBRATIONS

Each week, on a Friday afternoon, we hold our Gold Award and celebratory assembly. We are so proud of the children here at Dudley and this is a wonderful opportunity to recognise their achievements and celebrate the behaviour and values they uphold each and every day. If your child is receiving an award, a member of our office team will contact you on the Monday before. We of course completely appreciate that taking time off from work and other commitments you have may be a challenge, but we do hope that you will be able to join us. The assembly will start at 3pm and last for approximately 25 minutes. We look forward to sharing the celebrations with you.

WELCOME TO TIGERS AND LIONS!



SAFEGUARDING

Our academy's Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy and Online Safety Policy have been updated in line with Keeping Children Safe in Education 2025 and all staff received training focusing on the updates during our September inset day. Our key safeguarding policies can be found on our academy website and a reminder of our Safeguarding Officers has been added to the final page of today's newsletter.



SAFEGUARDING CONTACT INFORMATION

Designated Safeguarding team (for Dudley
Infant Academy) -
DSL@dudleyinfantacademy.org.uk
David Marks (Chair of Local Board)
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COMMUNICATION

If you have questions or queries for your child's new class teacher, you may contact them via the class email address. However, please do bear in mind that class teachers may not be able to respond immediately. If you have an urgent question, please do telephone the academy office or speak with a member of staff on duty at the start of the school day. If you wish to contact a member of the EYFS team, you can do so via the online platform, Seesaw. Thank you.

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email address = classpanda@dudleyinfantacademy.org.uk

Class Wolf
email address = classwolf@dudleyinfantacademy.org.uk

Class Turtle
email address = classturtle@dudleyinfantacademy.org.uk

Class Rhino.
email address = classrhino@dudleyinfantacademy.org.uk

DUDLEY DIARY DATES

30th Sept - School Photographs

24th Oct - INSET DAY

27th Oct - 31st Oct - HALF TERM HOLIDAY

3rd Nov - INSET DAY

Tuesday 4th Nov - Start of Term 2

More dates to follow soon.



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic week we have had and a great start to the new academic year. The children have returned with a positive and determined attitude and it has been a pleasure to watch them settle in so quickly and happily to their new year groups. We are looking forward to a great year ahead and having the opportunity to work with our Dudley community.

Have a great weekend.

Mr Maclean & Mrs Luke

Dudley Safeguarding Officers



Mr Maclean



Mrs Luke



Mrs Froude



Mrs Sankey



Ms Durban

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