

Friday 24th October 2025



DUDLEY NEWS

HATS, HAIR & A JAR FOR THE FAYRE

On Friday 7th November, our Parents of Dudley (POD) team are holding a Crazy Hair & Hats day for the children. If they wish to, children are invited to come to school with 'wacky' hair or a hat and, in return, POD are asking that a jar is possibly donated for the Christmas Fayre. Please see the poster in today's newsletter for ideas for filling your jar. We would also like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you for your generous bottle donations yesterday.

GOOD LUCK MRS HOPKINS

From all of the staff and children at Dudley, we would like to say goodbye and good luck to Mrs Hopkins, as she leaves us to embark on a new role at a new school. Mrs Hopkins joined us in 2022 and has been an invaluable member of our academy, whose kindness and nurturing support have made a lasting difference to so many children - we will miss her greatly and wish her every success in her new adventure.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2025 - ODD SOCKS DAY

This year's Anti-Bullying week takes place from the 10th to 14th November 2025. The theme this year is 'Power for Good'. Here at Dudley, we have been raising awareness and promoting kindness through our school assemblies, class discussions and our much loved, Personal Development Awards. On Monday 10th November, we will be recognising Anti-Bullying Week by participating in the national event, Odd Socks Day. Children may wear odd socks to school to celebrate what makes us all unique, helping us to spread kindness and respect.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR KITCHEN TEAM

This week our team was visited by East Sussex County Council who carried out an annual Audit on the teams processes. The team scored 100%. This is the first 100% for the teams in our region, WELL DONE!

INSET DAY

A reminder that we have a staff training day on Monday 3rd November, therefore our first day of Term 2 is Tuesday 4th November.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2025

Congratulations to the children that completed the Library's Summer Reading Challenge. The children joined us in assembly this week to receive their certificates, well done!



GOLD AWARDS

A big well done to our recent Gold Award winners and to Dexter who was awarded with our Dudley Politeness Medal!



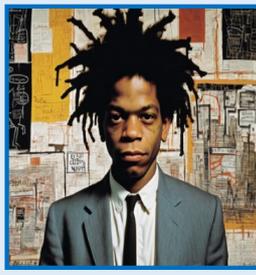
LIBRARY MONITORS

Well done to our new Library Monitors, who have been working hard as a team this term to keep our library looking tidy and organised!



ENHANCED ART DAY AT DUDLEY - BLACK HISTORY MONTH

This week, to mark the end of Black History Month, we had one first enhanced art day of the school year, during which the children looked at and recreated the work of the famous African-American artist, Jean-Michael Basquiat.



HASTINGS STORYTELLING WEEK 2025

Dudley were delighted to be involved in Hastings Storytelling Festival again this year. On Monday, we had the fantastic opportunity to meet author, Laura Mucha, who read her story, *Porridge Please*. On Thursday, Year 2 took part in an art workshop, making props for the parade as part of Children's Day and Carnival on Sunday. This year, the props were created in the style of Axel Scheffler, based upon the characters in his new picture book, 'Welcome'. If you would like to take part in the parade, please take a look at the information in today's newsletter that provides details of the weekend's events.



CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS

In PSHE this term, we have been recognising and celebrating achievements outside of school. A big well done to Bertie who demonstrated such determination whilst learning to ride his bike and use inline skates! We would like to continue to celebrate these achievements, so do please send your photographs in to the academy office for us to share, thank you!



SAFEGUARDING CONTACT INFORMATION

Designated Safeguarding team (for Dudley Infant Academy) -
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A MESSAGE FROM THE SALVATION ARMY

Dear Mr McLean,

What a wonderful harvest gift your wonderful students at Dudley Road Infant Academy gave to the Salvation Army Corps in Ore.

Please thank the children and ask them to thank their mummies & daddies, grandmas & grandpas, aunts, uncles, foster mums & dads, their neighbours and friends and all who contributed to the Harvest gifts.

Our church food bank is open every Tuesday morning and all the Harvest gifts will be given to those in need

in the Ore area.

We are absolutely overwhelmed by your school's generosity once again.

Very best wishes

Meg Bontell



DUDLEY DIARY DATES

24th Oct - INSET DAY

27th Oct - 31st Oct - HALF TERM HOLIDAY

3rd Nov - INSET DAY

Tuesday 4th Nov - Start of Term 2

Friday 7th Nov - Mufti day - Fill a jar for Christmas Fayre (see POD poster)

Monday 10th Nov - Odd Socks Day

Christmas dates on the next page...



Dear Parents and Carers,

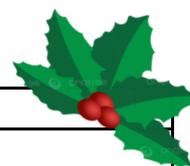
It's hard to believe we've already reached the end of our first term at Dudley Academy. We would like to extend a huge thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support, encouragement and partnership throughout the term. We are incredibly proud of all our children - their hard work, positive attitudes and the values they demonstrate every day truly make our academy a wonderful place to learn and grow.

A special well done to our Reception children, who joined us this term and have settled in so beautifully - we are so proud of how quickly they've become part of our school community.

We hope everyone enjoys a well-deserved half-term break, and we look forward to welcoming you all back refreshed and ready for another exciting term on Tuesday 4th November.

Mr Maclean, Mrs Luke & The Dudley Team

DUDLEY CHRISTMAS CALENDAR DATES



Date	Christmas Event
Monday 1 st December - 16 th December	Christmas Post Boxes out
Saturday 29 th November	Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 2 nd December 9.30am	EYFS Nativity (Class Lion)
Thursday 4 th December 9.30am	EYFS Nativity (Class Tiger)
Thursday 11 th December	National Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 12 th December	Pantomime (in school)
Tuesday 9 th December 9:30am	Year 1 Nativity (Class Wolf)
Wednesday 10 th December 9.30am	Year 1 Nativity (Class Panda)
Monday 15 th December 5.30pm – 6.30pm	Year 2 Carols by Candle Light (reserve date - Thurs 18 th Dec (in the playground))
Tuesday 16 th December	Class Christmas Parties
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas dinner day (Christmas jumpers)
Thursday 18 th December	Last day of Term 2
Friday 19 th December	Inset Day



All Saints CE Junior Academy



OPEN DAY

Tuesday 11 November

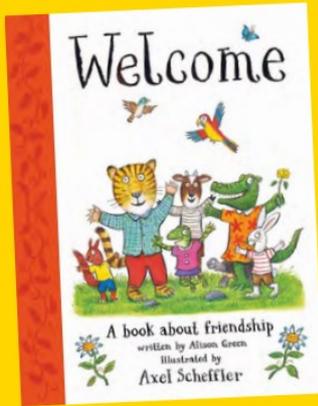
Join us for a tour of the school and brief presentation during the school day at 10am or after school at 5.30pm.

Please contact our office on 01424 421397 to book a place.

SAT 25 OCT
Axel Scheffler



Our newest Patron, **Axel Scheffler**, internationally acclaimed illustrator of some of the best-loved children's books, presents his picture book with Alison Green, 'Welcome'.



This joyful story celebrates friendship and togetherness, showing how everyone can be a good friend and help others feel included. With his fabulous, funny animal characters, Axel reminds us how to laugh and play together, and most importantly, how to make friends again after a quarrel.

Join us for stories, live drawings, and the chance to ask questions... and perhaps even spot a Gruffalo!



Don't miss Axel Scheffler's free exhibition at Hastings Museum and Art Gallery – open until January 2026



Axel will offer book signing after his talk, with books available from our book stall.

2pm – doors open at 1.30pm
White Rock Studio
White Rock Theatre
Hastings
TN34 1JX

Tickets:
ADULT aged 17+: £10
(comes with one free child ticket for children aged 0–10, on request)
Children aged 11–16: £5
and/or additional children aged 0–10

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hastingsstoryfest.org.uk



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SUNDAY 26 OCTOBER 12–4PM
Children's Day & Carnival
The Stade, Rock-a-Nore Road TN34 3DW

Join us for Children's Day 2025 and enjoy an array of live performances, puppet shows, storytelling and a lively 'toybox' themed parade.

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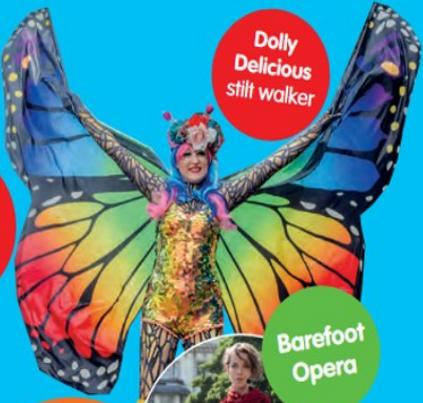
Ben Watson

Xena Flame hula hoop workshop



Myrle – Storyteller telling stories from Montserrat

Out of the Bag Theatre 'The Story Collector' walkabout show



Dolly Delicious stilt walker

Barefoot Opera

Hodman and Sally beautiful, funny walkabout puppet act from the Flying Buttresses



Richard Storybeard Enchanting stories told in a cosy yurt



Above: Long Nose Puppets 'Flyaway Katie' – a magical storytelling and puppet show based on the book by Polly Dunbar

See Donna Fox's costumes in the parade



Dress up or bring your favourite toy

Join our Toybox themed Parade at 3pm!

PROGRAMME SUBJECT TO CHANGE



If it's wet, don't fret! Most of our stories are under cover.

HAUNTED HALLOWEEN BASH



NOVEMBER 1ST

6 PM 'TIL DAWN
/ SHEARBARN HOLIDAY PARK
FUN & GAMES



PARENTS OF DUDLEY



HATS, HAIR &

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FRIDAY 7TH NOVEMBER

*Wacky hair and funny hats welcome!
Where possible, please donate a filled jar
for the Christmas Fayre.*

CRAFTS

Hairbands

SLIME

Stationery

GAMES



Sweets

TOYS

Stickers

BAUBLES

Baking bits

Dudley Safeguarding Officers



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