

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Parent/ Carers,

This past Tuesday, we held our School Association AGM, where we discussed various topics, including future fundraising initiatives. As a school, we require financial support to redevelop the Middle Garden and purchase ipads for the children- both of which are significant but essential investments. The School Association is actively generating ideas to support these efforts.

This AGM also marked the final meeting for our outgoing Chair, Pete Morgan. Pete and his family have been invaluable members of our Dursley community, from organising School Association activities to unofficially mentoring one of our pupils. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Pete and Jules and we wish them all the best as they embark on their next chapter.

We are pleased to announce that Emily Poskett will be stepping into the role of Chairperson. With her prior experience as Treasurer, we are confident the School Association will continue to thrive under her leadership. We also extend our gratitude to Laura Mercer, who has been elected as Treasurer and to Lou Peglar, who will continue as the Association's Secretary. A special thank you to Viv Le Fort, who has successfully secured a grant to for after school clubs- we are currently exploring ways to utilise these funds and will keep you updated- please let me know if you have any ideas!

Working alongside the School Association plays a crucial role in living out our vision: we working together to enable all to shine brightly and make a meaningful difference our school. We are always looking for new members to join and contribute – please don't hesitate to get involved if you are interested!

This term, some of our fundraising activities will include Christmas Cards, Raffle Prize gathering and the first ever (but guaranteed to be popular) Break the Rules day! Please see the poster below for further details.

**From Mrs Gregory and Team Dursley**

**Together we shine brightly because together we make a difference**

**Dates for your diaries 2024/2025**

<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Bookings for parents evening open
<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Working Party for the Middle Gardem
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Bring in a tinned food or item for the Dursley Foodbank as part of our Harvest celebrations.
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Open day for children starting Reception in September 2025 @930am
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Christmas Bazaar planning meeting @the Old Sport
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Please bring in wine or chocolate for raffle prizes (Christmas Fair)
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Cake Sale (Magnolia) Y6 Open morning @Rednock Open classrooms
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Parents Evening for all pupils <b>NO TEACHER CLUBS THIS WEEK- except for Choir</b>
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	Y5/6 Trip to Bristol to the Mandir (more information to follow) Y3/4 Diwali Festival
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Willow class starts swimming lessons
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Break the rules day! Whole school art showcase
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Open day for children starting Reception in September 2025 @930am
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Open day for children starting Reception in September 2025 @930am
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Coffee morning with our SENCO
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Open day for children starting Reception in September 2025 @930am Christmas Bazaar
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	KSI and EYFS Christmas Play (2pm)
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Copper Beech class starts swimming lessons KSI and EYFS Christmas Play (930am)
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children fundraising)
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Whole School Panto- gift to the children from the School Association
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Coffee morning with our SENCO
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Sequoia class starts swimming lessons
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February</b>	School Disco
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Coffee morning with our SENCO
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Maple class starts swimming lessons
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Easter Egg Hunt
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	End of KS2 SATS week Breakfast club
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Coffee morning with our SENCO
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May</b>	KSI and Reception Sports Day (PM)
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May</b>	KS2 Sports Day (PM)
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	Y6 Residential (more information to follow)
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	Magnolia class starts swimming lessons
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Summer Fayre- from 6pm
<b>MORE DATES TO BE ADDED FIND THE TERM DATES <a href="#">HERE</a></b>	

## HEAD LICE

Please be aware that there have been reported cases of head lice in a couple of year groups. We kindly suggest tying your child's hair up, as this can help reduce the chances of head lice spreading.

## PE and JEWELLERY

It has been brought to our attention that many children have been wearing earrings during PE lessons. Previously, we would tape them, however we have now been advised that this is not recommended due to the possibility of tearing the ear lobes. Going forward, we ask all parents/carers to ensure if your child has their ear pierced that they do not wear earrings on their PE day or they can confidently take their earrings out independently. We appreciate your cooperation.

Miss Lyons – PE lead



## CAKE SALES

The dates for the cake sales are as follows:

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October (Magnolia)

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November (Willow and Copper Beech)

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December (Cherry and Oak)

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January (Elm and Palm)

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March (Sequoia)

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April (Cedar and Maple)

We ask that each class brings in some cakes and other tasty treats for our School Association to sell at the end of the day.

Thank you for your support with this!

**Values Leaves Awards**

<b>Respect</b> <b>Finley C</b> <b>Lily</b>	<b>Responsibility</b> <b>Anastasia</b> <b>Dexter</b> <b>Tess</b> <b>Joshie</b> <b>Matias</b>	<b>Thankfulness</b> <b>Ella J</b>
<b>Forgiveness</b> <b>Artie</b> <b>Octavia</b>	<b>Kindness</b> <b>Zach L</b> <b>Maddie R-M</b> <b>Freddie R</b>	<b>Perseverance</b> <b>Skyla</b> <b>Isla M</b> <b>Lacey-Mae M</b> <b>Hallie W</b>

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
Choir (KS2 only) Hockey (KS2 only)	Young Voices *(Y5 and 6) Disney Drawing (Year 1 and 2) Netball (Y4,5 and 6)  Sports Project Football* - <a href="#">please follow this link to book</a>	Sports Project Bucket Golf*- <a href="#">please follow this link to book</a>	Girls football (KS2) COOL club (KS1) <b>Eco club (Y1-6)</b> <b>WAITLIST IN PLACE</b>	Cross Country club (KS2)

DURSLEY CofE  
PRIMARY ACADEMY 

Together we shine brightly  
because together we make a  
difference.



Give your child the best start  
at Dursley CofE Primary  
Academy!

With a nurturing  
environment, dedicated  
teachers, and a focus on both  
academic outcomes and  
personal growth, we inspire  
young minds to thrive. Join  
our welcoming school  
community and watch your  
child shine!

# New Reception Open Days

Wednesday 9th  
October  
@930am

Tuesday 5th  
November  
@930am

Tuesday 19th  
November  
@930am

Friday 6th  
December @  
930am

Wednesday 8th  
January @  
930am

Contact us for more information  
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# REASONS TO JOIN SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

DURSLEY COFE PRIMARY ACADEMY



- ## 1 SUPPORT THE SCHOOL

The school association is vital to the success of the school. All funds raised enrich your child's learning and make every student's experience better. Volunteering means you can directly influence this experience.


- ## 2 FOR THE CHILDREN

Become a role model to show your child you value their education. The events we plan will improve your child's school experience and create lasting memories for everyone.


- ## 3 FOR YOU

Volunteering is a rewarding experience sharing your skills and adding value. You can make a real difference to those around you and try new things too. Plus you will make friendships with like-minded parents.


- ## 4 BE CONNECTED

Become part of the school community and create closer links with the head, teachers and staff. It's an excellent way to gain a greater insight into your child's school.


- ## 5 ITS TOTALLY FLEXIBLE

It's less commitment than you may think and even the smallest job will make a difference to the team. From designing posters, to manning a stall at one of our events, whatever time you can give is so appreciated.


- ## 6 ITS FUN

Be part of the team which organises the best events and get together. We aim to enjoy ourselves from planning sessions to the events themselves, we have fun and work together as a team and celebrate our successes.



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[HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/DURSLEYCOFEPRIMARYSCHOOL](https://www.facebook.com/dursleycofeprimaryschool)

## We've got some exciting news to share with you.

The School Association have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative. To support our school, all you have to do is opt-in through the Asda Rewards app, shop and scan in store or shop online at [Asda.com](https://www.asda.com).

Between 2nd September and 30th November 2024 – every time you shop with Asda using your Asda Rewards app, Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to your chosen Primary school. Also, every time somebody opts-in to support our Primary school, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus, it doesn't stop there – Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started.

The supermarket has joined forces with Joe Wicks to support the initiative – look out for the TV advert, radio ads and social media coverage!

It's as easy as 1,2,3

1. Download the Asda Rewards app, register and opt-in to Cashpot for Schools (make sure you have the latest version of the app installed)
2. Choose our Primary School – either searching by name or postcode
3. Shop instore across Asda and George, or online at [Asda.com](https://www.asda.com) and start filling your Cashpot as you shop

Asda does the rest, all money raised will be donated to schools to spend on the things they need the most.

Remember, anyone can sign up – so start spreading the news and raising funds for our school.

This initiative is on top of the existing Asda Rewards benefits you get as a shopper – so you won't lose out on any of your own earnings or Cashpot, so everyone is a winner! For more details, visit [www.asda.com/cashpotforschools](https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools)

