

Dear Parent/ Carers,

It has been a fantastic start back here at Dursley CofE Primary Academy. We began the week with welcoming our staff back and completed our Annual Safeguarding updates, and diabetes training. We have also developed our curriculum to ensure it reflects our curriculum drivers: Active Environment, Me and My World and Reflect and Connect. You can read more about our curriculum drivers [here](#). You will receive your child's curriculum overview next week, which will detail the key learning taking place, and will be useful for you to support your child's learning at home.

We also welcomed some of our School Association members, who gave up time to clear and tidy our Middle Garden. The Middle Garden is used as part of our EYFS provision, and our goal this year is to redevelop it so that it becomes more manageable, as well as increase the space for the children to develop their gross motor skills. We have begun meeting with some designers to support the planning of this, so watch this space for more information! A HUGE thank you to the all of the families who came in on Monday and Tuesday, we are incredibly grateful- it is ready to welcome our Reception children this coming Monday!

I posted on ClassDojo, but want to repeat myself here. Thank for your support with ensuring that your child is adhering to the school uniform guidelines. It has made a huge difference to the children's self-esteem and confidence.

From Mrs Gregory and Team Dursley

Together we shine brightly because together we make a difference

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

After school clubs will begin 16th September. Our extra-curricular offer is listed below. Please keep an eye out for an email with all the links to sign up to the clubs. Please be advised that spaces in some of the clubs are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. All clubs finish at 4pm with the exception of the Sports Project who finish at 4:15pm. Please be advised that clubs with a * have costs associated. Through signing up to the club you are agreeing to pay these costs. Thank you to our teachers for agreeing to run these clubs in their own time.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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* - please follow this link to book	Sports Project Bucket Golf*- please follow this link to book	Girls football (KS2) COOL club (KS1) Eco club (Y1-6)	

Dates for your diaries 2024/2025

Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September	School closed for INSET days <i>School Association working party for the Middle Garden</i>
Wednesday 4th September	Back to school for Y1-6 pupils <i>Home visits for new reception children and families</i>
Thursday 5th September	315pm Meet the teachers information session
Monday 9th September	Reception pupils start school
Wednesday 18th September	School Association Pub Quiz 730pm @Parsonage 53 (book your table with Parsonage 53)
Tuesday 24th September	School Association AGM (EVERYONE WELCOME- drinks, and nibbles provided) 730pm @ School
Friday 27th September	New Reception Parents Afternoon Tea with the School Association 230pm in the Middle Garden
Thursday 12th September	Cedar class starts swimming lessons
Wednesday 9th October	Open day for children starting Reception in September 2025 @930am
Friday 18th October	Open classrooms
Tuesday 22nd and Thursday 22nd October	Parents Evening for all pupils
Thursday 24th October	Willow class starts swimming lessons
Tuesday 5th November	Open day for children starting Reception in September 2025 @930am
Tuesday 19th November	Open day for children starting Reception in September 2025 @930am
Friday 6th December	Open day for children starting Reception in September 2025 @930am
Thursday 12th December	Copper Beech class starts swimming lessons
Thursday 6th February	Sequoia class starts swimming lessons
Thursday 27th March	Maple class starts swimming lessons
Monday 12th May- Thursday 15th May	End of KS2 SATS week Breakfast club
Monday 19th May	KS1 and Reception Sports Day (PM)
Tuesday 20th May	KS2 Sports Day (PM)
Wednesday 21st May- Friday 23rd May	Y6 Residential (more information to follow)
Thursday 22nd May	Magnolia class starts swimming lessons
<p>MORE DATES TO BE ADDED FIND THE TERM DATES HERE</p>	

50/50 CLUB UPDATES

The School Association 50/50 was established during lockdown and will be wrapped up in September 2024. The most recent winners have been:

May - number 25, Viv Le Fort

June - number 3, Kerry Goodfield

July - number 48, Rachael Mills

They win £30 each. The final winner will be selected in September, and it will be a double prize - likely to be £60. If you want to enter this final draw for £2, please contact schoolassociation@dursley.dgat.org.uk

NUT FREE SCHOOL

Please remember that we are a Nut Free School. We have had a number of children who have come to school with Nut Based snacks this week. Due to pupils and staff members with serious nut allergies we cannot allow these to be opened. We will of course send them back home to be consumed with you.

Healthy snack suggestions...



MIDDLE GARDEN WORKING PARTY



Thank you to Ivy P, Tegan C, Polly S, Iola M, Jack and Lottie W, Joshie M-M, Bessie and Tilly H, Asker W-W, Leon R, Wilf and Molly A, and Freya P and their families for giving up time on their final days of the holidays to come in and sort out our Middle Garden!



Values Leave Awards

Respect	Responsibility	Thankfulness
Junior (Y6) Minnie (Y3) Seb (Y5) Tom (Y5) Billie (Y3) Kayden (Y1) Murphy (Y1)	Wilf (Y4) Bonie (Y4) Daris (Y4) Walter (Y1) Rex (Y1) Stella (Y2) Molly (Y2)	Charlie (Y5)
Forgiveness	Kindness	Perseverance
	Kacey (Y6) Grace (Y4)	Jacob (Y3)

SEND UPDATES FROM MRS WOODS

I hope you have all had a wonderful summer break and that your child/ children have enjoyed their first week back at school.

Looking at the new school year, I have planned SEND coffee mornings for each half term, please see the dates below.

These will fall on a Friday morning between 9-10am where I will provide refreshments and a chance for you to ask me anything SEN related as well as have a chance to meet other parents who have children with similar needs. It proved to be popular last year and I hope this continues to be a supportive space/ time for you all. You do not have to have a child who has a diagnosed need in order to attend.

Dates are as follows:

- 27th September
- 29th November
- 24th January
- 14th March
- 16th May
- 20th June

If you need to speak with me regarding your child/ children, please speak to the class teacher in the first instance, and they will pass on your concerns.

Many thanks, Mrs Woods

Pupil Elections

It is that time of year where the children being to think about joining one of our Pupil Parliaments.

The pupil parliaments actively promote pupil leadership opportunities, enabling the children to develop valuable communication, co-operation, organisational and debating skills, as well as developing a sense of responsibility and deepening their understanding of democracy.

We will be holding elections on Friday 13th September for each Pupil Parliament.

Children who were members of the committees last year can put themselves forward this year if they would like to be involved again.

This information has been produced for the children and to enable you to help your child. It will encourage them to think through the qualities that are needed as a class representative for each of the committees and prepare a short (maximum 2 minutes) presentation to their class on why they would make a good member of the Pupil Parliament.

The committees are:

Reflect and Connect

What is the Reflect and Connect Committee?

The Reflect and Connect Committee focuses on bringing our school vision: Together we shine brightly because together we make a difference, to life.

They have the opportunity to suggest and implement new ways for the school to promote our vision for pupils, staff, parents and the wider community through planning and organising events, looking at how to raise money for charities and helping to plan and lead class worship and the weekly Celebration worship.



Our Active Environment

What is the Active Environment Committee?

The Active Environment Committee will focus on enhancing the school environment– both inside and outside – looking at ways for the school to make the most of its fantastic resources. The committee will do many varied things such as:

- look at ways in which to develop the garden within school such as planting the raised beds with fruit, vegetables and flowers, nurturing and harvesting these for use within class and for sale;
- develop the Eco-Stations such as the Log pile, Bird Feeders, Wormery and Nature Table.
- be creative: designing Art in the style of Andy Goldsworthy and creating outdoor sculptures.
- be physically active and take part in team games.
- take part in activities in the wider community such as designing a wheel barrow for Nibley Festival, Planting Trees, Litter Picking and be involved in sporting events linked with other schools.



Me and My World

What is the Me and My World Committee?

The Me and My World Committee explores ways to connect and make a difference in 'our school, our town and the world'. There are many ways in which these connections could be made and in which they, as pupils, and we, as a school, can make a difference for example: inviting guest speakers in for topics, making friendships with Henlow Court residents, supporting Children in Need, running stalls at the Christmas Bazaar or Summer Fayre.



The Presentations – Instructions for Pupils

If you wish to stand as a Pupil Parliament representative on a committee you will be asked to prepare a short (max 2 minute) presentation which you will share with your class to persuade them to vote for you.

You will need to make sure that you convince the class that you will do a really good job in representing them. Your teacher will tell you which day and at what time you can make your presentation. If you decide to do a PowerPoint presentation, please let your teacher know.

Skills, talents and attitudes that a good Pupil Parliament representative may demonstrate

- Leadership skills
 - o Members must be able to promote the good ideas of their committees to the class and the wider school
- Organisational skills – to record suggestions in an organised way
- Communication skills



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

