

Friday 11th October 2024

Dear Parent/ Carers,

This week we celebrated Harvest. Thank you so much for your very generous donations. These were shared with the Dursley Food Hub, and they were blown away with the amount of products donated.

The children took some time this week to reflect about the meaning of Harvest with Reverend Juliet. We thought about the three 'ts': 'Trust', how we trust in God to provide and support us; 'Thankfulness', how we are grateful for what we have and for what the Lord provides; 'Turning', how seasons turn and change over time.

I would also like to say a huge thank you on behalf of the School Association for the donations for the Christmas Bazaar. If you would like to donate, if you have not already, please do drop them in.

Coming up over the next few weeks, we have Cake Sale's (Friday 18th), School Photo Day (22nd), Parents evening (22nd and 24th) and our first ever, Break the Rules day (25th), please add these dates to your diary!

From Mrs Gregory and Team Dursley

Together we shine brightly because together we make a difference



Dates for your diaries 2024/2025

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

MORE DATES TO BE ADDED

SEND UPDATES

We are approaching the end of the current cycle for pupils on the graduated pathway. Meetings are being held on the 16th and 17th of this month for pupils with a MyPlan+, you should have received an email to arrange this. Children on a MyPlan and EHCP will have their plans discussed during parents meetings. The reviewed MyPlans along with your child's new one will be sent home the week of the 14th for you to return, signed to school, for the final week.

We have reviewed our current register, and are really pleased to see that lots of pupils have made progress, and as a result they maybe moved down the pathway, for example some may not require a MyPlan any longer, or will move from a MyPlan+ to a MyPlan due to the reduction of external agency involvement. Please remember, if your child has met their targets and does not require a MyPlan, they can be placed back on one in the future- this is a fluid process where they can come on and off at any point in their school life (also in secondary).

Many thanks,

Zofia Woods

SENCO



Friday 18th October we have a cake sale after school- please don't forget to bring some change to purchase the delicious cakes made by children and families from Magnolia Class!

CAKE SALES

The dates for the cake sales are as follows:

Friday 18th October (Magnolia)

Friday 22nd November (Willow and Copper Beech)

Friday 6th December (Cherry and Oak)

Friday 31st January (Elm and Palm)

Friday 7th March (Sequoia)

Friday 4th 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

| Respect | Responsibility | Thankfulness |
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| Ellen S Leila C Lottie W Kai R Izzy S Ellie P Poppy R Blake | Ben T Molly K, Gwen B, Jaxon Seb, Emily G, Daniel B, Simeon, William P, Purdie, Jaxon, Oliva H, Minnie W, | |
| Forgiveness | Kindness | Perseverance |
| Iola M Benji | Alexia D William Louis R Ella V Aminah A Mrs Delmaine Paloma Evie-Jo Melissa | Arabella H-A Murph H-M Hallie B Neva L Harper |

As you already know, we are a Nut-Free school... This means that the following items should not be brought into school:

- Packs of nuts
- Peanut butter or Nutella sandwiches
- Fruit and cereal bars that contain nuts
- Chocolate bars or sweets that contain nuts
- Sesame seed rolls (children allergic to nuts may also have a severe reaction to sesame)
- Cakes made with nuts
- Any home cooked meals for packed lunches that are made from nuts
- Pesto sauce



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PRIMARY ACADEMY 

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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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Active Environment Group

The Active Environment Group are setting everyone a challenge to make an

OUTDOOR WATERPROOF POPPY

These poppies will be part of our

REMEMBRANCE DAY DISPLAY

at the front of school during November and then they will be moved to the

REMEMBRANCE CORNER

in our new Wild Flower and Sensory Garden for the rest of the school year.

If you wish to take part please bring your completed Poppies to Mrs Dobbs by the end of this term

Friday 25th October



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

