

Dear Parent/ Carers,

This week Rev. Simon Helme joined us for our Collective Worship on Monday and talked to us about this term's Christian Value -perseverance. This means to keep trying even when the going gets tough. We have been encouraging the children to have self-belief in order to keep on going and to speak out for what they believe is right, and reflecting upon God's persevering love.

The Reception children have enjoyed having their lunches with the rest of the school this week. The catering staff have been really impressed with their manners and respect when being served their food- well done Palm and Elm class children!

As I was writing this weeks newsletter a fire alarm went off! As it was unexpected we did have to phone the fire brigade to check the building was safe for the children to return to. It was; it looks as though a member of the public set off the alarm in our Fareshare room. The children were excellent and we were all super grateful it was dry whilst we waited. I know some children were quite worried, please continue to reassure them everything is ok.

**Thank you for your continuing support.**

**From Mrs Gregory and Team Dursley**

Together we shine brightly because together we make a difference



**Thank you so much for supporting your School Association**

This year we have funded Christmas crackers, PE kits, reception book bags, laptops, classroom resources, improved hall sound system, whole school treat day, new books, contribution to music lessons, bike shelter repairs and sensory room kit.

**Dates for your diaries 2024/2025**

<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September</b>	Choir starts this week (Mrs Gregory and Mrs Walton)
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Y1 and Reception Parents Phonics Information Meeting @430pm School Association AGM (EVERYONE WELCOME- drinks, and nibbles provided) 730pm @ School
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Coffee Morning with our SENCO New Reception Parents Afternoon Tea with the School Association 230pm in the Middle Garden
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Cedar class starts swimming lessons
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Open day for children starting Reception in September 2025 @930am
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Y6 Open morning @Rednock Open classrooms
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 22<sup>nd</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)
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Willow class starts swimming lessons
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October</b>	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
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Copper Beech class starts swimming lessons
<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> March</b>	Coffee morning with our SENCO
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Maple class starts swimming lessons
<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>	KS1 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)

### Travelling around the school

I spoke to a really upset parent regarding an road traffic incident nearby the school this morning. Sadly this parent experienced some abusive behaviour from a member of the public. The frustration appears to surround some unsafe driving around the avenues. Please can I ask that our families use the I way system (it is signposted) so that our families can safely travel to and from the school. Thank you so much for your support with this.



### PE and JEWELLARY

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

### SCHOOL ASSOCIATION UPDATES

**School AGM**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September**

**Time: 19:30**

**Venue: School Hall**

**Everyone is very welcome and drinks and nibbles provided!**



Due to a house move, over the coming months the position of Chair of the School Association will need to be transferred to another person(s).

The position of Chair of the School Association is essential to the association being able to continue. It is also an incredibly fulfilling opportunity; being involved with raising funds for the school and supporting our children's school is very satisfying. It is very motivating to be part of the team working on improvements to the school and enhancements for the children's education.

The commitment, hard work and motivation of the other active members of the School Association means you will not be short of support. Likewise, you will receive the backing of the staff at the school, who greatly appreciate and engage in School Association activities.

Previous Chairs of the School Association have approached the role in a variety of ways: from solely chairing the meetings and being the public face of the School Association, to being more practical and hands on. It has also been shared between two people. It is a role that can be tailored to fit with work and home commitments.

If you have any interest in taking on the role, or sharing the role, for one year or for many, I would encourage you, you will not regret it! **If you would like to chat about the role, or need more information, please approach me or contact me on 07739 183073 or email [pmorgan100@hotmail.com](mailto:pmorgan100@hotmail.com).**

**Values Leave Awards**

<b>Respect</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Thankfulness</b>
Ben G-T Beth T Jack W Toby	Josie E-M Alfie W-L	
<b>Forgiveness</b>	<b>Kindness</b>	<b>Perseverance</b>
Seren PO	Bailee C Abigale S	Sherlin M Evie-Jo G Josh G Daron J

**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) Eco club (Y1-6) WAITLIST IN PLACE	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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01453 542304

# 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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## 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)

