

Friday 25th October 2024

Dear Parents and/or Carers,

As we reach the end of a bustling term, it's wonderful to reflect on the breadth of experiences our pupils have embraced with energy and enthusiasm. The term concluded with our vibrant Art Showcase, where the theme of *Line, Shape, and Colour* highlighted the hard work and creativity of pupils from all year groups. Our Year 5 and 6 pupils have embarked on an fantastic trip to Bristol, where they represented Dursley with exemplary behaviour at both the Hindu Temple and *We The Curious* science centre. Closer to home, local geography field trips have brought learning to life as children explored human and physical features right here in Dursley, building an appreciation for our own community. This week, we also had the pleasure of welcoming our DCEO, Helen Springett, who was thoroughly impressed by the warm greetings and insightful conversations shared with pupils excitedly discussing their term's projects. This has truly been a term that reflects our commitment to holistic education, and we look forward to building on these experiences as we journey through the year together. Thank you to everyone—children, staff, and families—who have made this term, my first term as substantive headteacher, so special.

From Mrs Gregory and Team Dursley

Together we shine brightly because together we make a difference



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

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Dates for your diaries 2024/2025	
Tuesday 5th November	Open day for children starting Reception in September 2025 @930am
Friday 15th November	Children in Need- Non School Uniform
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 – all children invited to wear a Christmas jumper or T shirt
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
<p>MORE DATES TO BE ADDED FIND THE TERM DATES HERE</p>	

CAKE SALES

The dates for the cake sales are as follows:

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
Kit N	Casper F, Scarlett L, Alicia-Mae G, Freya C, Thomas D, Oliver E, Joe A	William M
Forgiveness	Kindness	Perseverance
Sharaa S	Lyla W, Aurora R	Tyler B, Ralph G, Max C, Ivy P

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



SHINING BRIGHTLY TREE

As you enter the school building through our office we have a beautiful tree, which has been decorated by some candles. These candles represent and detail different examples of how our children have been living out our values, and using their special skills, and talents to 'shine brightly and make a difference' at home.

It is time to update our 'shining brightly tree'. Each child has received an outline of a candle flame. In it please write something your child has done to shine brightly over the half term. Please bring them in the first week back, and we will add them to the display.

Thank you – Mrs Elliott



CLASS FUNDRAISING

This week, your child has brought home order forms for this year's Christmas cards, which they designed themselves. The deadline for orders is the 11th November 2024.

Please order through the website:

<https://shop.classfundraising.co.uk>

FESTIVE DURSLEY
Run by the community,
for the community

HALLOWEEN FUN

Dursley's Halloween Hunts

In the Town Centre & Dursley Sculpture & Play Trail
From 21st October

Can you find all the spooky items in Twinberrow Woods?
How many broomsticks & pumpkins will you find around town?

Pick up a hunt form at the Library,
Jacob's House or at www.dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk

Halloween Fun in the Market Place

Saturday 26th October, 2pm- 4pm
Don't miss it!

Bring your decorated pumpkins & enter the competition
Watch Amy Addle Dancers perform a spooky dance at 3pm

Enjoy games & activities
Lucky Dip
Listen to Halloween storytime!

Follow Festive Dursley on Facebook for latest news
See www.dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk/visit-dursley for all the half term fun

Young actors needed for Beauty and the Beast
being produced by The DODS @ The Chantry Centre, May 2025

The DODS
Theatre in Dursley

Disney BEAUTY AND THE BEAST
THE BROADWAY MUSICAL

Music by Alan Menken Lyrics by Howard Ashman & Tim Rice Book by Linda Woolverton
Originally Directed by Robert Jess Roth
Produced by Disney Theatrical Productions

The musical production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International
All intellectual and artistic rights are reserved by MTI, www.mti.com

At Lister Hall, Chantry Centre, Dursley 5th - 10th May 2025
BOX OFFICE: 0300 102 3637
www.the-dods.com

The Dursley Operatic and Dramatic Society are looking for two young people aged 8-12 years to take part in their spring musical, Disney's Beauty and The Beast. The DODS are looking to cast two children between the ages of 8-12 to share the role of 'Chip' the teacup.

They must be under 5 ft tall and have a good singing voice but can be male or female.
We will be running a pre-audition workshop at The Chantry Centre, Dursley on Monday 28th October from 7pm-7.45pm.

Auditions will take place on the afternoon of Sunday 3rd November.
If you would like any further information regarding the show or the pre-audition workshops, please email helen@the-dods.com.

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
www.dursleycofeprimary-dgat.org
01453 542304

ABSENCE REPORTING

If your child is absent due to illness, please contact the school office on 01453 542304 before 9.30am. Please do this for everyday of the absence, unless the office have confirmed they do not need daily updates. Please do not use Class Dojo to report absence. If you do not contact us to inform of an absence, and we cannot get hold of you, the school will consider contacting the police to carry out a welfare check on the child.

If your child has an appointment, please let the office know as soon as possible, and provide evidence of the appointment. A reminder that appointments where possible should be booked outside of school time, but we realise that this is not always possible. If your child does have an appointment in the morning, please can you let the office know your child's meal preference for the day.



CROSS COUNTRY COMPETITION

A couple of weekends ago now, some of our children took part in the local Dursley District Cross Country Running Competition. Ms Barnes was tremendously proud of everyone who took part. They all showed our values of perseverance and responsibility during the races- well done! Ms Barnes is already looking forward to the next event! Thank you to Ms Barnes for her organisation with this competition. We are very lucky!

MEDICATION AND PRESCRIPTIONS

As per school policy, we are not allowed to administer non-prescribed medication to children. If your child has prescribed medicine, please consider if it is essential for your child to receive their course during the school day. If your child does require medication, please complete medication form in the school office.

[Supporting pupils with medical conditions and first aid policy](#)

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

