

Headteacher's Newsletter



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Dear Parents/Carers and Families,



Welcome to the first newsletter of the summer term. I hope you all had a wonderful break, and those who celebrated it had a lovely Easter.

At just four weeks long, this term is a very short one, but so much is going on both in and out of school. There's lots to cover, as always, so I will jump straight in!

Warm Weather

We glimpsed some very warm weather at the start of this term. Hopefully with more to come. With this in mind, please ensure pupils arrive each morning wearing high-factor sun cream, and bring a labelled sun hat for break times and outdoor lessons. A reminder that PE kit is only permitted on designated PE days; on other days, children should come in their normal uniform, although our summer options (lightweight gingham dress, or tailored shorts with a cotton shirt) are now welcome. When forecasts predict particularly hot conditions, staff will advise classes to remove ties, so keep them in book bags just in case. Thank you for helping everyone stay smart, safe, and sun sensible.



KS2 SATs Week

Our Year 6 pupils have worked hard and are well prepared for next week's Key Stage 2 SATs, which run from Monday, 12th May to Thursday, 15th May. A good night's sleep, an unhurried breakfast, and arriving in good time will help everyone feel settled. Over the weekend, gentle revision, outdoor play, and relaxing activities, such as deep breathing exercises or listening to favourite music, can keep worries at bay. For more information, please visit our [Parent Workshops](#) area of our website to view the KS2 SATs workshop we held last term. Also, you can find information from the DfE about the [KS2 SATs](#), and also about [Assessment Results](#). Thank you for your calm encouragement and support.

This Term's My Happy Mind Module



This term our *My Happy Mind* lessons are exploring the Engage module, which helps children turn positive thoughts into positive actions. Pupils are learning how small acts of kindness, setting achievable goals, and contributing to their community boost both personal wellbeing and the wellbeing of others. Through class discussions, reflection journals, and practical projects, they will practise noticing opportunities to help, planning steps to succeed, and celebrating their impact. You can reinforce this at home by talking about family goals and spotting everyday moments to lend a hand. Together we are building confident, compassionate learners who know they can make a difference.



Value of the Term: Collaboration

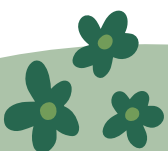
Our value this term is Collaboration, and we are highlighting teamwork in every classroom. Pupils are practising listening to one another, sharing ideas, and combining strengths to solve problems. From group science investigations to paired reading, they are discovering how working together leads to richer learning and stronger friendships. Please celebrate cooperative moments at home and ask your child how they helped the team today.

Mrs Woodhouse

We are sad to say that Mrs Woodhouse is currently taking some time off due to illness and is not likely to rejoin us before the summer holiday. She sends her love to the children and is looking forward to returning to school once she is better. We know you will join us in wishing her a gentle, speedy recovery. In the meantime, her lessons have been carefully reorganised, with familiar staff members, Mrs Fowler, Miss Bill, and Mrs Round stepping in so that every child continues to feel supported. If your child has any worries, please let their class teacher know so we can help.

VE Day Celebrations

To mark the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day (VE Day), which commemorates the Allied acceptance of Nazi Germany's unconditional surrender on 8th May 1945, our school gathered at the church for a reflective service. Children from Year 2, Year 3, Year 5, and Year 6 shared poems and sang wartime songs, pausing to remember the courage and sacrifice that defeated fascism and secured peace. Afterwards, we enjoyed a traditional British picnic lunch on the lawn while music from the era played gently in the background. Sunshine, thoughtful reflections, and spirited singing came together to create a memorable day of gratitude and community.



Exciting News: In-School Wrap Around Care - Starting September

We're excited to announce that, starting this September, we will launch our own *in-school Wrap-Around Club*, offering both breakfast and after-school sessions to give families the reliable, affordable care you asked for in our recent parent surveys. Children will be able to start their day with a healthy breakfast and wind down after school with fun, well-supervised activities, all with familiar staff and surroundings of school. This new provision will run alongside the privately run *Jack in the Box Nursery*, which will continue to offer its own wrap-around services, giving you the flexibility to choose the option that best suits your family's schedule. Further details on booking and fees etc. will follow soon.

Library Fundraiser

Thanks you so much for all of your support with our library fundraiser. We have raised almost £3000, which is a massive achievement!

Children who raised the most sponsorship will be announced in school next week and will be presented with their prizes. Thanks again for your support!

There is still time for one last push, so please share our link on your social media channels and let's see if we can hit that £3000 mark!

<https://gofund.me/4ce65543>



PTA Easter Fete

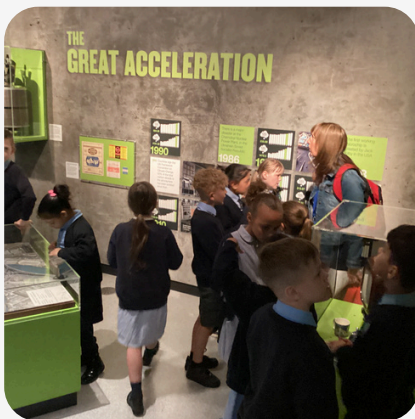
Our PTA held a wonderful Easter Fete before the holidays and thanks to the support of all of our families and friends, they managed to raise almost £900 - funding that will be used to provide resources and opportunities for the children in our school.

Free Parenting Support

Parenting can be the most rewarding, yet challenging job in the world. Parenting is also different for every family, and sometimes an extra idea or two can make life easier. Through DudleyMBC you can access the free **Triple P Positive Parenting Programme**, an online course that works like a toolbox of practical strategies, letting you pick what suits your child and your routines, from calming toddler tantrums to guiding teens through homework challenges. You can work through the modules in your own time, and the friendly Parenting Team is on hand for advice; call 01384 813 954 or visit dudleyparents.co.uk to request your access code. If you would like to chat privately about whether Triple P might help your family, please contact the school office and we will be happy to help you get started.

Year 4 Trip to Think Tank

On Thursday 8th May Year 4 attended the Think Tank for our latest school trip. They had an amazing time exploring the incredible interactive museum. Each floor was split into The Past, Our World, and The future. They discovered so much about modern medicine, how our bodies work and how we can reverse damage to our oceans! The children watched an amazing 'Electrifying Electricity' show, learning about the discovery of electricity and how electrons are charged. They had an amazing day exploring local and national history, how STEM impacts our world and the children represented the school excellently.



Science Club

Last half term, our Science Leaders (Mrs Woodhouse and Mrs Cross) led a special science club for some of our Year 5 and 6 children. The club ran for 3 weeks and was for selected Yr5 and 6 pupils. They experimented with Diet Coke and Mentos to create a fizzy eruption; made bubble snakes by investigating the properties of different cloth; added warm water to Skittles to see how the sugar melted; made a gloopy mess when making stretchy slime and also created lava lamps by experimenting with chemical reactions between vinegar and baking soda. The children had lots of fun and learned lots about science at the same time. Many thanks to Mrs Woodhouse and Mrs Cross for providing this experience for the children and sharing your enthusiasm for science!



Egyptian Feast

Year 3 had a wonderful end to their topic on Ancient Egypt. They made flatbreads and also prepared some accompaniments - cheese, cucumber, watermelon and pomegrate. They then enjoyed tasting this Ancient Egyptian-style food at their feast and finished off with some dancing!



School Improvements

Lots of improvements have been happening to the building over the Easter break. Most of the KS2 carpets were replaced (as many were completely worn through to the floor beneath) which has made the school look much smarter.

Old Library/Corridor - Redecoration



I was joined by Ms Meadows and a group of her colleagues from Mitie, over the holidays and we spent a day painting what was the old corridor/library. This is now a break-out learning space. Thank you so much for your support, Ms Meadows and the team! Take a look at the before and after pictures!

Before



After



School Improvements - Continued

Nurture Room

Another room we developed over Easter was the Nurture Room. I am sure you will agree it is a great addition to the school and a lovely resource for our children.

Before



After



Can you help?

If you would like to get involved, or your workplace runs community volunteering, we can always use your skills and expertise. We have much more painting to do, as well as some planting/gardening. In addition, if your employer offers grants, materials or resources, we would love to be considered, as we are working really hard to improve our school. It really is a community effort!

Book Amnesty



Please can we make a plea for everyone to check bookshelves at home for books belonging to school. We know how easy it is to merge our books without meaning to, but we'd really love to make sure all of our children have a chance to experience as many books as possible. It's easy to recognise a book that belongs to school as it will have the school's name and address stamped inside the front cover. Books can be returned (without judgement) to a box that will be situated in the office reception area. Thank you!

Picking Children Up On Time

A friendly reminder to all parents/carers: our school day finishes promptly at 3:15pm, and children rely on you to be here on time. Recently, staff have noticed a growing number of late collections (some consistently so), which can cause children unnecessary worry and disrupt our after-school routines. Please plan your journey so you arrive before the bell, and let the office know straight away if an emergency delay is unavoidable. Your punctuality helps us keep every child safe, calm, and ready to enjoy their evening. Thank you for your cooperation.

Early Years' Police Visit

















Our Reception classes enjoyed a visit from the one of our parents, Sergeant Patterson, this week as part of their learning about People Who Help Us. They talked about how the police help us, dressed up as police officers, sat in the police car, and even got to turn the sirens on. Thank you so much Sergeant Patterson!



Have a wonderful weekend!
Miss Wilson



Fortnightly Class Attendance: 28.04.25 - 09.05.25

 Apple - 94.81%	 Cedar - 96.77%	 Hawthorn - 93.33%	 Pine - 93.75%
 Apricot - 97.22%	 Cherry - 95.59%	 Hazel - 93.52%	 Poplar - 92.65%
 Beech - 96.74%	 Elder - 95.79%	 Larch - 97.32%	 
 Birch - 95.70%	 Elm - 91.22%	 Lime - 95.56%	

Fortnightly House Points: 28.04.25 - 09.05.25



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Mentions - Week One (28.04.25)

Apricot - Bella
 Apple - Bellatrix
 Beech - Max
 Birch - Avleen
 Cedar - Jianna
 Cherry - The Whole Class
 Elder - Lilah
 Elm - Eliza
 Hawthorn - Willow
 Hazel - Zach
 Larch - Zohra
 Lime - Molly
 Pine - Olivia
 Poplar - Deen



Mentions - Week Two (05.05.25)

Apricot - Robyn
 Apple - Ted
 Beech - Pavan
 Birch - Ibrahim
 Cedar - Tristan
 Cherry - Frasier
 Elder - Emily
 Elm - Elsie
 Hawthorn - Felix
 Hazel - Archer
 Larch - Paravita
 Lime - Lyra
 Pine - Inaam
 Poplar - Finley