



NEWSLETTER

December 2024

Merry Christmas

The past couple of weeks have been truly magical and brimming with activity here at Dursley CE Primary Academy. Our Key Stage 1 and EYFS children wowed us all with their Born in a Barn performances. It was amazing to see nearly 100 children on stage, singing and dancing with such enthusiasm and joy—it was a heartwarming reminder of the incredible talent and energy our young learners bring to the school.

Across all classes, children have been busily completing their Design and Technology topics, creating a buzz of creative excitement throughout the school. From moving pictures and pneumatic toys to designing and cooking their own spaghetti Bolognese recipes, the projects have showcased the children's creativity, collaboration, and hard work.

This week, we embraced the festive spirit with Christmas lunches and craft activities, which were thoroughly enjoyed by the children. On Thursday, we were delighted to welcome Rev. Juliette from St. James, who joined us for our Christmas Praise worship. It was a reflective and joyful time for the whole school community.

Finally, today, the children were treated to a Christmas pantomime—a special treat generously provided by our School Association. The excitement and laughter in the air were the perfect way to round off a busy term.

As we head into the Christmas break, we want to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone—our dedicated staff, wonderful children, supportive families, and the wider school community—for making this term so special. We wish you all a restful and joyful Christmas and look forward to seeing you in the new year.

From Mrs Gregory and Team Dursley

Congratulations

We want to take a moment to celebrate and thank our incredible Out of School provision, DOOSC. The team works tirelessly to provide a nurturing, creative, and fun environment that aligns beautifully with our school's vision and values.

Their dedication and care make a real difference in the lives of our children, offering the children a safe and inspiring space to grow, learn, and play beyond the school day.

Thank you to the DOOSC team for all you do—you are a vital part of our school community, and your impact on our children is deeply appreciated.



Home-Start Gloucestershire offers invaluable support for parents, providing practical and emotional assistance to families with young children. This service is designed to help parents navigate challenges, build confidence, and create a positive home environment.

Whether you're feeling overwhelmed, in need of advice, or simply looking for someone to talk to, Home-Start can provide tailored support to meet your family's needs.

If you feel this service might be beneficial, please email the school, and we will assist in making a referral. You are not alone—support is available.

Black
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FREE WEEKLY MEET UP
TERM TIME ONLY

BUMPS & BABIES GLOUCESTER

A space for Black and Mixed Black women and birthers.

MONDAYS 10:30-12:30
STROUD ROAD COMMUNITY HUB

153b Stroud Road, Gloucester, GL1 5JZ



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POSTNATAL SUPPORT

COMMUNITY

JOIN US FOR

- Advice & support put together with Black birthers in mind.
- Weekly discussions and information covering: staying active; healthy eating; feeding your baby; self care; labour preparation and more.
- Meeting other local parents.
- Comfortable setting and refreshments.
- Hosted and led by Black experts

LET US KNOW YOU'RE COMING

Message on Facebook or Instagram @blackmothersmatteruk
@blackmothersmatteruk | Text or WhatsApp 07547 248135

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Hot Chocolate with the Headteacher

Congratulations to the children selected for demonstrating outstanding behaviour across the school this term! These pupils were rewarded with a very special treat: hot chocolate with the Headteacher at The Bank on the High Street. It was a delightful experience for both the children and adults, filled with smiles and a well-deserved moment to celebrate their achievements.

At the end of each term, class teachers nominate one pupil from their class for this special recognition, making it a highlight of the school calendar. Well done to all our nominees—you make us proud!



Dates for your diaries 2024/2025

Tuesday 7th January	Back to school
Wednesday 8th January	Open morning for Reception
Friday 24th January	Coffee morning with our SENCO
Thursday 6th February	Sequoia class starts swimming lessons
Tuesday 11th February	Parent and Teacher meetings (345-6pm -face to face)
Thursday 13th February	Parent and Teacher meetings (345-6pm- virtual)
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	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
Friday 4th July	Summer Fayre- from 6pm
<p>MORE DATES TO BE ADDED FIND THE TERM DATES HERE</p>	



Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfoc>.

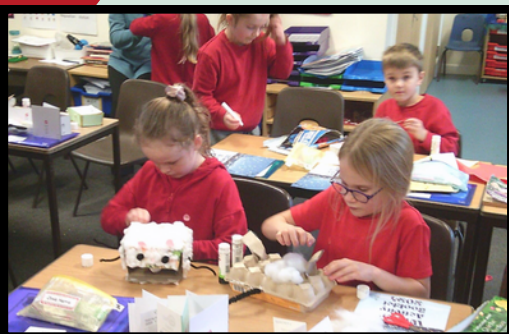
St James The Great, Dursley



Crib & Christingle Service



4pm
24th
December
2024



A reflective prayer as we end the term

Dear Lord,

As we come to the end of this busy term, we pause to reflect with gratitude on the blessings of our school community. We thank You for the dedication of our staff, the enthusiasm of our children, and the support of families who make Dursley such a special place.

Grant us rest and renewal as we spend time with loved ones, and help us cherish the moments of joy, laughter, and togetherness. We also hold in our hearts those who face challenges, those who feel lonely, or those who struggle during this season. May they find comfort, strength, and hope.

Guide us to return refreshed, ready to continue learning, growing, and supporting one another as we shine brightly together.

Amen.