

NEWSLETTER

WELCOME BACK

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are thrilled to welcome everyone back to school after the holiday break. It's been a fantastic start to the term, with the children settling back into routines wonderfully. Their excellent behaviour and enthusiasm have set a positive tone for the weeks ahead.

Despite some icy breaktimes, the children have remained safe while enjoying the frosty weather. They've had lots of fun playing outside, making the most of the wintery conditions.

This week, the whole school was treated to an energetic mini dance session with Miss Sophie. The children loved moving and grooving, and it was a brilliant way to kickstart the term with smiles all around!

The children have also begun exploring their exciting new topics for the term. You should have received a copy of the curriculum overviews; if not, these are available on Class Dojo for your convenience. Thank you for your continued support, and here's to a fantastic term ahead at Dursley Primary Academy! **From Mrs Gregory and Team Dursley**



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- A quick reminder that after-school clubs will begin next week. We look forward to seeing the children engage in a variety of fun and enriching activities!
- Please continue to send your child in with a healthy snack for breaktimes. Chocolate and sweets are not healthy options.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Parents Evening:

You will receive an invite over email to select an appointment to meet your child's class teacher. The Parent-Teacher meetings will take place week beginning the 10th February. If your child has MyPlan, there will be time to discuss their current targets and review together.

School Disco:

Look out for further information on our school Disco which will take place on Friday 14th February.

GOVERNOR CORNER

Thank you to all who took part in the parent governor election ballot. I am happy to announce that Naomi Ryan was successful and is now your new parent governor, joining Dr. Susanna Martin our other parent governor.

Please talk to both parent governors to ensure that your voice is heard at the governing trustee board.

Best wishes,

Carole O'Donell (Chair of Governors)

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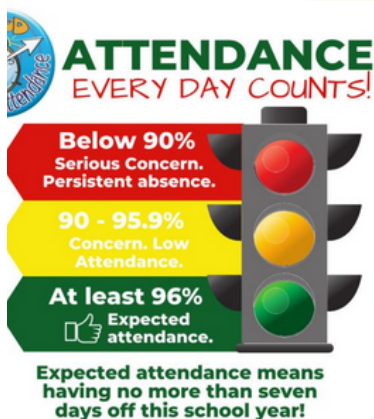
Dates for your diaries 2024/2025	
Friday 17 th January	Y4/5/6 Children to Young Voices
Friday 24 th January	Coffee morning with our SENCO
Thursday 6 th February	Sequoia class starts swimming lessons
Tuesday 11 th February	Parent and Teacher meetings (345-6pm -face to face)
Thursday 13 th February	Parent and Teacher meetings (345-6pm- virtual)
Friday 14 th February	School Disco (more information to follow)
Friday 14 th March	Coffee morning with our SENCO
Thursday 27 th March	Maple class starts swimming lessons
Thursday 10 th April	Easter Egg Hunt
Monday 12 th May- Thursday 15 th May	End of KS2 SATS week Breakfast club
Friday 16 th May	Coffee morning with our SENCO
Monday 19 th May	KS1 and Reception Sports Day (PM)
Tuesday 20 th May	KS2 Sports Day (PM)
Wednesday 21 st May- Friday 23 rd May	Y6 Residential (more information to follow)
Thursday 22 nd May	Magnolia class starts swimming lessons
Friday 4 th July	Summer Fayre- from 6pm
MORE DATES TO BE ADDED FIND THE TERM DATES HERE	

SPOTLIGHT ON ATTENDANCE

Our school attendance target is 96%. The overall attendance so far this year is 93.68%. Thank you to all those families who are working with us to prioritise their child's learning. We appreciate your working with us to achieve the best outcomes for your child.

What is persistent absence?

If your child takes too much time off school they will become categorised as PA or persistently absent. (Attendance below 90% = persistent absence). Missing school will make your child fall behind in lessons and will impact on their academic progress and achievement. Don't allow your child to become a PA student. This table shows how many days missed each half-term will make your child a PA student:



ATTENDANCE EVERY DAY COUNTS!

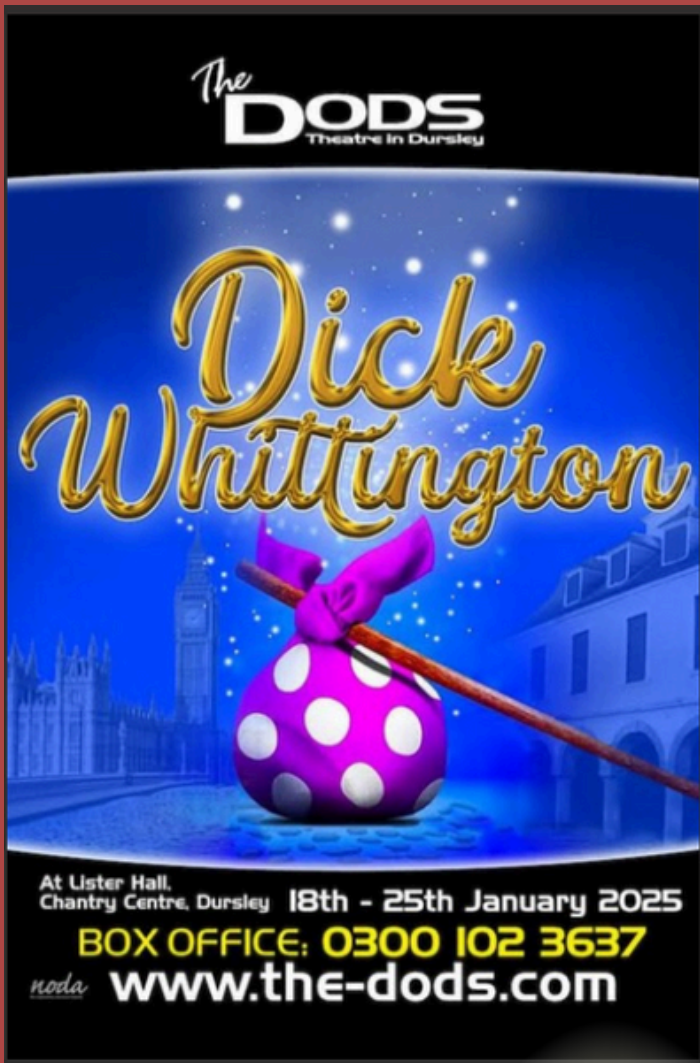
- Below 90%** Serious Concern. Persistent absence.
- 90 - 95.9%** Concern. Low Attendance.
- At least 96%** Expected attendance.

Expected attendance means having no more than seven days off this school year!

HOW MANY DAYS OFF WILL MAKE YOUR CHILD A PERSISTENT ABSENCE STUDENT?	
Half-term 1	3 ½ days off school from September until October half-term holiday will make your child a PA student.
Half-term 1-2	7 days off school from September until the Christmas holiday will make your child a PA student.
Half term 1-3	10 days of absence from September until February half-term will make your child a PA student.
Half term 1-4	Half-term 1-3 12 ½ days of absence from September until the Easter holidays will make your child a PA student.

Values Leaves Awards

Respect	Responsibility	Thankfulness
Fern H	Harry L, Sharaa S, Sapphire K-P, Alex C-B, Tilly H, Harry H, Jimmy S	Jemima H, Darcy B
Forgiveness	Kindness	Perseverance
	Iyla K, Gabriella J-G	Arthur P, Murphy H-M, Taylor-Rose P, Lara S, Scarlett L, Rex A, Jack C-B



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