

Friday 15th November 2024

Dear Parents and/or Carers,

Over the past week, we came together as a school community to mark Remembrance, reflecting on the importance of this occasion with respect and gratitude. Additionally, we participated in *Children in Need* with a vibrant non-uniform day, helping to support such a meaningful cause- thank you for your generosity and involvement.

On attendance, I recently met with our Inclusion Officer to review progress. While it is encouraging to see an overall improvement in attendance across the school, we remain aware that some pupils are still classified as persistently absent. Being in school regularly is vital for your child's learning, social skills and development. Please also be mindful that persistent lateness may result in a *Notice to Improve* or a fine.

More information about attendance can be found on our website: [Attendance | Dursleyprimaryacad](#)

We understand that this time of year brings bugs and illness. However, in line with NHS guidelines, children should attend school if they feel well in themselves, even with coughs and colds. The exception to this is when your child has sickness or diarrhoea, where they must stay at home for 48 hours after the last episode. We have implemented increased cleaning measures in high traffic areas, and are asking the children to wash their hands or use anti-bacterial gel regularly throughout the day. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child attends school as much as possible. If you are experiencing difficulties getting your child in, please do speak to the classteacher who will be able to offer advice or point you in the direction of support.

Let's continue to work together to make every school day count, so that we can shine brightly and make a difference!

From Mrs Gregory and Team Dursley

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Remembrance ready here at Dursley. A beautiful welcome to our school. Thank you Mrs Dobbs and the children for creating these stunning poppies.



**NEURODIVERSE
SKILLS BUILDING
WORKSHOP**

ENHANCE YOUR SKILLS TO GAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF YOURSELF, YOUR FRIENDS AND YOUR FAMILY. THIS FREE WORKSHOP FOR 11 - 24 YEAR OLDS IS LED BY THE ADHD FOUNDATION AND WILL BE DELIVERED OVER FOUR AFTERNOONS AND COVER TOPICS INCLUDING RELATIONSHIPS, SLEEP AND NUTRITION.

**21, 22, 28, 29 NOVEMBER
4 - 6PM**

GL11 COMMUNITY HUB, FAIRMEAD, CAM, GL11 5JS
BOOK BY CALLING 01453 548530 OR EMAILING
OFFICE@GL11.ORG.UK

 

Dates for your diaries 2024/2025	
Friday 29 th November	Coffee morning with our SENCO
Thursday 5 th December	Cherry class Strings Performance to parents @11am.
Friday 6 th December	Open day for children starting Reception in September 2025 @930am Christmas Bazaar
Wednesday 11 th December	KSI and EYFS Christmas Play (2pm)
Thursday 12 th December	Copper Beech class starts swimming lessons KSI and EYFS Christmas Play (930am)
Friday 13 th December	Christmas Jumper Day – all children invited to wear a Christmas jumper or T shirt CHANGE OF DATE
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day – all children invited to wear a Christmas jumper or T shirt
Thursday 19 th December	Christmas craft afternoon
Friday 20 th December	Whole School Panto- gift to the children from the School Association
Friday 24 th January	Coffee morning with our SENCO
Thursday 6 th February	Sequoia class starts swimming lessons
Friday 14 th February	School Disco
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	KSI 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
<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
Thomas D, Bruce B, Jack P, Aurora S, Verity S, Harry Collin,	Neva L, Finley H, Layton B, Levi C, Beth T, Freddie R, Louie M, Alex C-B	Niko M, Mattie S,
Forgiveness	Kindness	Perseverance
Hattie R, Sophia C-B	Leon R, Millie M, Jessica B, James B, Evie S, Lyla R	Asker W-W, Abhinav N, Arthur T, Taylor P, Sophie F-P,



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UNLOCK YOUR CHILD'S ARTWORK ONLINE

CLASS FUNDRAISING

We have extended the deadline for placing orders. If you would like to order some Christmas cards or other items with your child's unique Christmas design please visit the website:

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

They make fantastic, treasurable gifts for all your family and friends.

Headteacher: Mrs Heather Gregory

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



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.



DURSLEY C of E
PRIMARY ACADEMY 



Hamper Donation Day

Friday 22nd November

Please can you bring in a tombola type item in the colour that represents your child's year group (see below) and we'll put them altogether to create seven beautiful hampers to raffle on the night of the Christmas Bazaar. The items could be, bottle of shampoo, sweets, crisps, candle, teddy; a small something in those colours would be fantastic.

Reception	BLUE
Year 1	ORANGE
Year 2	GREEN
Year 3	PURPLE
Year 4	PINK
Year 5	YELLOW
Year 6	RED

Contact the School Association if you have any questions:
schoolassociation@dursley.dgat.org.uk

Dursley C of E Primary Academy Could you be our next parent governor?

What does it mean to be a parent governor?

Being a parent governor means that you will:

- Develop a greater role in pupils' education.
- Become a key player in monitoring the progress of the school.
- Be part of the local leadership team.
- Be asked to dedicate time to the development of the school to ensure the best possible outcomes for all pupils.
- Learn new skills or develop as a strategic leader with an opportunity to make a real difference to the school and its pupils.
- Secure an active role in all aspects of school life – from policy development to recruitment!

What would the parent governor do?

As the elected parent governor, you would:

- Make decisions in collaboration with the rest of the local governing board.
- Bring a parental viewpoint and perspective to discussion and debate—remembering the role is not to represent individual parents' views (including your own).
- Support the local governing board in its strategic monitoring of the school's improvement priorities.
- Ask questions and provide challenge to support the local governing board's monitoring activities.

Who is the school looking for?

We are looking for a dedicated and motivated parent who is keen to learn more about the school and contribute to school life. You will learn more about the governance of the school and DGAT and work with the rest of the local governors and school community. This is a great opportunity to develop skills in leadership, strategic planning and monitoring and teamwork. We welcome a diverse range of views and roles on the local governing board.

We are looking for someone who is able to ask questions and is curious. You don't need to have been a governor before, the governing board will support you with an induction and relevant training.

Becoming the parent governor

If you would like more information on time commitments or specific duties please email Carole O'Donnell, Chair of governors, on chair@dursley.dgat.org.uk who will answer any questions that you may have.

The position of parent governor is an elected role, and all parents of children registered at the school are entitled to stand for election and vote in an election. You are welcome to self-nominate or be nominated. Please see the attached letter for further information about how to stand for election as parent governor.

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New Reception Open Days

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!

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

CHRISTMAS MENU 2024

Wednesday
18th
December

Please return your child's
lunch order slips by Friday
22nd. Thank you!

Christmas Turkey
with Roast
Potatoes, Stuffing,
Sausage and
Gravy

Parsnip and
Sweet Potato
Loaf with Roast
Potatoes, Stuffing
and Gravy

Decorated
Christmas
Cookie

Peas,
Carrots &
Cranberry
Sauce