



Dingle Community Primary School
Friday 3rd October 2025 Newsletter

As the weather grows colder and the evenings draw in, life at Dingle Community Primary remains as busy and exciting as ever.

The Autumn term is always a highlight in our school calendar, filled with enriching trips, visits, and hands-on experiences that support and extend the children's learning in meaningful ways.

Later this month, we are very much looking forward to welcoming you into school for our year-group information sessions. These meetings will give you the chance to hear more about what the year ahead looks like for your child—the topics they will be exploring, the experiences they will enjoy, and the ways you can support their learning at home. We do hope you will be able to join us.

A reminder that registration time is from 8:40-8:50 am. **The KS2 door is kept open as a late door for a further five minutes until 8:55 am.** We would ask that children do not come through the main entrance as the office is incredibly busy at this time.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support and encouragement. Working in partnership with you helps us ensure that every child has the best possible opportunities to thrive, both in their learning and in their personal development.

Yours sincerely,

Ms N. Heather

Important Information and upcoming dates for the diary:



- Year 6: The deadline to apply for secondary schools is Friday 31st October 2025. The website to apply for secondary schools is [Secondary Year 7 Intake | Dudley Council](#)
- We would like to let parents of KS2 parents know that skorts and cycling shorts under skirts are allowed to be worn as part of our uniform
- Please can all parents be aware that only 1 pair of studded earrings are allowed to be worn in school. **These MUST be removed for PE days, alternatively your child will have to sit out of PE if their earrings are not removed**
- Polite reminder - Make up and coloured hair are not part of school uniform and should not be worn to school.

- **Meet the Teacher meetings:** Working in partnership with you as parents is something that we consider essential here at Dingle. We value those positive relationships and are always keen to welcome you into school to share the fabulous learning that our children are doing. On **Wednesday 22nd October** for the first time we will be hosting 'Welcome to year' meetings. This is an opportunity for you to meet your child's class teacher and learn about the year group expectations and the curriculum that your child will be receiving this year. **The timings for these are as follows: Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 3:30pm-4pm Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 4pm-4:30pm.** We appreciate that there may be clashes with these times for siblings, so will endeavour to share all documentation via our school website.
- **Our Harvest Foodbank Collection:** This year we are delighted to be supporting the Black Country Foodbank as part of our Harvest celebrations. Mrs Richardson and some of our ambassadors are looking forward to visiting the centre in Brierley Hill to find out more about the work and importance of this charity. The ambassadors will then be sending you a letter and delivering an assembly to the school. Look out for this correspondence soon!
- **National Poetry Day:** The children at Dingle have thoroughly enjoyed celebrating National Poetry Day this week. They have worked in classes, groups and as individuals to write their own poems and we enjoyed a special assembly where each class performed a poem of their choice. What confident and expressive speakers we have! A huge thank you to all of the children who entered the National Poetry Day competition. These winners will be announced in assembly next week and their entries will be posted on our school website.
- **Macmillan Coffee morning:** A huge thank you to parents for the donations of cake, the monetary contributions and if you took the time to visit us last Thursday. Our Macmillan Coffee morning was a success! We are delighted to announce that we raised £219.77 in total. Thank you Miss Jones for organising this for us all.
- **Book Fair:** We are delighted to announce that the scholastic bookfair will be visiting us on the final week of this half term. The range of books are excellent and all purchases made help to provide commission for us as a school to buy books for our class and whole school libraries. During this we will also be providing a revision guide service where you can order books for each year group to help with learning at home. We will be able to offer these with a significant discount from their RRP. More details of this and the catalogue of books will be provided in the coming weeks. The book fair will be open on Monday 20th October, Tuesday 21st October and Thursday 23rd October from 3:10pm-4pm. On Wednesday 22nd October due to our Meet the Teacher meetings we will be open from 3:10pm until 4:45pm

- **Visitors in school:** Over the last few weeks, we have been delighted to welcome a large number of prospective parents, a local authority advisor and other professionals to our school. They have all commented on the polite, calm atmosphere that children at Dingle are showing. We have felt very proud to show them our learning, classrooms and some of our fabulous work! Our next tours for Reception Intake 2026 are: Monday 13th October 9:30am and Tuesday 14th October 3:30pm. We also have a Pre-school tour on Tuesday 21st October at 9:30am.
- **Here Every Day On time:** We are delighted to share that so far this academic year, more children are becoming attendance heroes by being Here Every Day On time. Thank you for your support with ensuring children are arriving to school promptly and that they are wearing their uniforms smartly and with pride.
- **Young Voices Choir:** Rehearsals are well under way for our Young Voices concert on 12th January. Just a gentle reminder that if you wish to order tickets or t-shirts for this event, the deadline is 31st October. More details can be found under the 'club' section on our school website.
- **Head Pupils and Ambassadors:** After applying in writing, giving speeches to their classmates and a democratic vote, we are very proud to announce our Year 6 ambassadors for this academic year. They have already embraced their new roles superbly and are certainly setting a fantastic example to us all. Well done children!
- **Our School Vision, Values and Curriculum Drivers:** Over the last term, we have worked together with staff, pupils and governors to create our new vision and values. These underpin all that we do here at Dingle and are of paramount importance to us all. We are currently focusing on '**Respect**' and '**Tolerance**' in our assemblies and are looking forward to awarding some '**Values Stars**' very soon. More details of these can be found on the Curriculum section of our website.
- **Monday 6th October:** Photographer in school for Individual and sibling photographs. Any current pre-school children who do not attend on a Monday morning, please arrive for 9:35am at the school office.
- **Thursday 9th October:** Black History Month will be celebrated here at Dingle, by exploring significant individuals, past and present, who have made a positive impact to society. Please feel free to speak with your children about influential people such as; Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King and Mary Seacole.
- **Thursday 16th October:** Phonics workshop in school, parents invited for Reception Class 3:00pm-3:30pm and Year 1 is 2:30pm-3:00pm. Other parents who are invited have been notified via our text messaging system, Teacher2Parents.

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 - **Friday 31st October: Year 6;** This is the deadline for secondary school applications. Please apply via this website <https://www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/learning-and-school/school-information/school-admissions/secondary-year-7-intake/>
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- Just a reminder that any children who would like to come into school early for **sensory circuits** are welcome to do so. It runs from 8:20 until 8:40 and takes place in the hall. There are fun activities set up designed to improve the children's core strength which will support them with fine motor skills including handwriting.
- **Maths club** is also open at 8:20am to children in year 3,4 and 5 every morning. The children can practice their times tables on TT Rockstars and basic number skills.
- **Soft Start** is still available from 8:20 in the Nurture room for any children who are finding it difficult to transition into school at the start of the day.

Reminders:

- We ask that dogs are not brought onto the school grounds, even if they are carried.
- We are a nut free school and ask that parents do not send in items that contain nuts, especially chocolate spread, in children's lunchboxes. If it is necessary for your child to have chocolate spread, please ensure that it is nut-free and that you provide a note in their lunch box stating so, otherwise we will have to call to confirm. We have several children with severe nut allergies in school.

Trips and visits



Sensory Hub Little Owls Farm trip on Wednesday 8th October 2025

Sensory Hub will be learning about 'Living Things and their habitats' later in the academic year. They will be exploring how animals are suited to their environments, how animals obtain food using the idea of simple food chains and how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals.

As a fabulous enhancement to our Science topic, the children have an exciting opportunity to visit Little Owls Farm Park



Year 4 Thinktank trip on Thursday 23rd October 2025

Year We are excited to inform you that Year 4 will be visiting Thinktank Science Museum, Birmingham, to enhance our science and history learning this term. The trip will take place on Thursday, 23rd October 2025, and promises to be a fun-filled, educational experience that will support our curriculum in an engaging and hands-on way.



Year 3 Outback2basics workshop in school on Tuesday 18th November 2025

This term, Year 3 have been studying the Stone Age. In the past, Year 3 have visited a local, outdoor attraction to bring their learning to life. However, this is not possible this year due to a number of factors, including anticipated cold weather conditions during the winter months. Therefore, we have decided to bring the Stone Age to Dingle by arranging an interactive workshop right here in school. The day will begin with an introduction and an interactive timeline. After morning break, the pupils will have the opportunity to handle real furs and tools, allowing them to learn through hands-on experience. In the afternoon, the children will take part in practical workshops, including stone tool making and fat lamp making. The day will finish with a question-and-answer session, giving pupils the chance to reflect on what they have learned and ask any questions they may have.



Year 5 trip to The National Space Centre Friday 28th November 2025

As a fabulous finish to our topic, Year 5 will have the opportunity to visit The National Space Centre in Leicester on Friday 28th November 2025. During the visit, we will explore the exhibitions and galleries and see first-hand many artefacts and displays that detail space exploration from the past, present and future. Many of the exhibitions are hands on and interactive and will really bring our topic to life. We will also sit back and enjoy an amazing show in the Sir Patrick Moore Planetarium, the UK's largest planetarium.

There are currently trips for other year groups in the process of being organised.

[If you have any concerns about your child in school, please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance.](#)

The Dingle Parent Partnership is parents working together with Dingle Community Primary to organise fun events for our children and also raise funds to support school. **We are always in need of parental support as without this we cannot organise and run events which raise vital funds for the children to enjoy enrichment activities.** If this is something you are interested in or able to do, please contact school via phone or email.



[Dudley Healthy Lunch Box Ideas](#)

Please ensure you are providing your child with healthy choices in their lunch box and morning break snacks.

Children in Reception, Years 1 & 2 are provided with a free piece of fruit each day so do not need to bring in a snack from home. Children in KS2 (years 3-6) should bring a healthy snack such as a piece of fruit or breakfast bar (no nuts).

We would like to notify parents that energy drinks should not be coming into school with children, instead please provide them with healthier options such as water, squash or fruit flavoured water.

We would also like to ask that parents join us in promoting healthy food and drinks choices for example by not consuming energy drinks on school site at drop off or pick up times.

For more information about planning family meals, please visit [Healthy Dudley](https://www.dudley.gov.uk/healthy-dudley).



Starting primary school in September 2026

Why not apply for a place online?

If your child was born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022 they will be due to start primary school in September 2026.

You **MUST** complete an application form either online at www.dudley.gov.uk/admissions or by completing an application form from your home local authority by **15 JANUARY 2026**. You can include five school preferences on the application; there is nothing to gain by only putting one preference.

Applications will be available from **1 October 2025**.

Benefits of applying online

- E-mail decision received by 2pm on day of offer
- It's quick and easy to use
- You can apply 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- There's no risk that your application will be lost in the post
- You will get email confirmation that your application has been received
- It's safe and secure

The online system will be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week from 1 October 2025 until the closing date for applications on **15 January 2026**.

Please note: Even if your child already attends a school nursery or has an older sibling at school, do not assume that your child will automatically gain a place at that school. This is a common misconception and often the biggest cause of disappointment for parents who believe otherwise.

For further information please contact Dudley School Admissions Service on 0300 555 2345.

 **one click . . . makes it quick**
www.dudley.gov.uk/admissions



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You should not assume that your child will get a place at a secondary school without you having to apply, even if you have an older child already attending the same school. This is a common misconception and often the biggest cause of disappointment for parents who believe otherwise.

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IS MY CHILD TOO ILL FOR SCHOOL?

yes

until...

NHS

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.
HIGH TEMPERATURE	If your child has a high temperature, keep them off school until it goes away.
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 their 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



CONJUNCTIVITIS	You don't need to keep your child away from school if they have conjunctivitis. Do get advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.
COUGHS & COLDS	It's fine to send your child to school with a minor cough or common cold.
HAND, FOOT & MOUTH	If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.
HEAD LICE	There's no need to keep your child off school. You can treat head lice and nits without seeing your GP.
THREADWORMS	Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend treatment.
SORE THROAT TONSILLITIS	You can still send your child to school if they have a sore throat. But if they also have a high temperature, they should stay at home until it goes away.
SLAPPED CHEEK	You don't need to keep your child off school if they have slapped cheek syndrome because, once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious.

from beginners to ballers

BASKETBALL sessions

@ CRESTWOOD SCHOOL, Bromley Lane, Kingswinford, DY6 8QG

saturday 27th september
and
4th, 11th, 18th & 25th october

11am-12pm

ACE COACHING



The CAYP Webinar Series

Tuesday 30th September
8:00-9:00pm

Sleep, Screens and Stressed-Out Kids

with Consultant Clinical Psychologist
Dr Daniel Weisberg

Sleep is crucial for children's emotional and mental health, yet many families find it a constant struggle. In this free webinar, Consultant Clinical Psychologist Dr Daniel Weisberg will explore why so many children have difficulties with sleep, and how screen use, emotional overload and overstimulation can get in the way of restful nights. We will be sharing practical strategies for calmer evenings, better sleep hygiene and realistic boundaries around technology. The role of neurodivergence will also be considered, with time set aside to address your submitted questions.

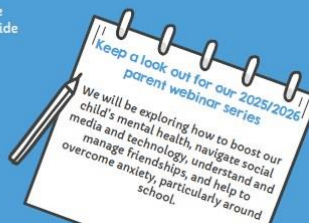
Overview:

- Strategies for better sleep without battles
- Common sleep myths and mistakes
- Why sleep is such a struggle for many children
- The connection between sleep, mood, and anxiety
- The impact of technology on sleep and mood
- The connection between sleep difficulties and neurodivergence
- When to seek further help

Who can join:

This session is primarily for parents of primary and high school aged-children, but anyone working with children is welcome to attend.

Click [here](#) to book your place or visit: www.cayp-psychology.com



About Dr Daniel Weisberg

Dr Daniel Weisberg is a Consultant Clinical Psychologist and the Managing Director of CAYP Psychology, an award-winning psychological healthcare service for Children, Adolescents, and Young People across the UK and online. Daniel has over a decade of experience working in NHS children's services and specialises in paediatric neuropsychology.

Daniel completed his PhD in children's emotional development and later trained as a Clinical Psychologist at the University of Manchester. His work has contributed to national and international research into child development, rare genetic and developmental differences, and paediatric neuropsychology. Daniel's psychological knowledge and understanding has been shared in social, local and national media. He founded CAYP Psychology in 2016 to ensure that children and families can access timely, high-quality independent psychological healthcare. CAYP has since grown into a team of over 100 clinicians, across 40 UK-wide clinics and online.

About CAYP Psychology

CAYP Psychology (pronounced "cape") is an independent, clinical psychology-led service offering expert therapy and assessments for children and young people aged 0-18 (or up to 25 for autism assessments). We support a wide range of emotional, behavioural, developmental, and learning needs, and provide outstanding specialist assessments for autism, ADHD, dyslexia, and intellectual disabilities.

We work closely with both schools and parents, and our reports are frequently used in EHCP applications and education tribunals. With nearly 100 highly qualified clinicians across more than 40 UK locations and online, we are proud to deliver thoughtful, values-driven support for children, families, and schools.

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Health & Wellbeing Update

Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council

for children and families in Dudley

Healthy families

HENRY supports parents and carers to change family lifestyle habits and behaviours and provides a healthy start in life for children.

In Dudley, a range of free HENRY programmes are available for parents and carers with children aged 0-12 and for those expecting a baby.

Scan the QR code to visit the **Dudley parenting website** for information about available courses and how to book your place.



SCAN ME

Dudley Healthy Lunchbox Resources

Smart lunches for every stage. Our new site makes it simple and fun for parents and carers to pack healthy, tooth-friendly lunchboxes for children from 2 years old to teens, with easy portion guides and balanced meal ideas tailored to each age group.

Scan the QR code to visit **Dudley Healthy Lunchboxes**.




SCAN ME

ParentLine

Confidential text messaging advice service for parents / carers of children aged 0-19 living in Dudley, or attending an education / childcare setting in the borough.

The service, delivered by Dudley health visitors and school nurses, can provide advice and support on many topics, including: emotional health and wellbeing, parenting, healthy lifestyles, infant feeding, sleep and behaviour.

For more information, scan the QR code or visit **Healthy Dudley**.



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CRANSTOUN

Empowering People, Empowering Change

A safe and accessible space open to young people aged 13 to 25 to drop-in and access information, advice and guidance to support their wellbeing and provide help when they need it.

For more information, scan the QR code to visit **Cranstoun Dudley**.




SCAN ME

Starting Well

The Starting Well section of the Healthy Dudley website has lots of information to support healthy pregnancy, infancy, childhood and adolescent health, up to age 19.

Scan the QR code to visit **Healthy Dudley**.




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Children & Young People's Public Health Team, Health & Wellbeing, Dudley Council

Parking

A reminder that the car park is for **staff and official visitor use only, unless prior arrangements have been made with myself or Mrs Hall**. If you do need to drive onto the car park outside of official school hours, for example when dropping children off for breakfast club, please drive slowly and with due care and attention as there may be children in the vicinity.

Uniform

School uniform helps to promote a sense of belonging and pride which we are committed to upholding. I would like to remind you of our uniform expectations which can be found on the school website at this link [Correct School Uniform Information](#) . I appreciate that uniform can be an added financial burden for families. We may be able to offer support to families if this is a concern. Please do not hesitate to speak to our friendly office team who will be able to help you. Children who are unable to take out their earrings will not be allowed to physically take part in P.E lessons.

Appropriate footwear is also expected. For health and safety reasons crocs and converse are not appropriate footwear.



Pupil Premium - are you entitled to claim?

It's really easy to do!

- Do you claim any of the following benefits?
- Income Support
- • Income based Job Seekers Allowance
- • Income based Employment and Support Allowance
- • Child tax credit and no working tax credit with a household income of less than £16,190
- • Universal Credit The 'Guarantee' element of State Pension Credit
- • Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

If so and your child is attending a Dudley school (even if you don't live in Dudley) you can claim free school meals. Even if you don't want to take the meals, making a claim will help the school as they will receive some extra funding for each child registered for them.

It's really easy and quick to apply – an online application can be made through via the website at [Free school meals](#) .

You'll need to have your date of birth and national insurance number or national asylum support service number, along with your address and the children's details with you when you apply – you can apply for several children at a time on one application even if they are all at different schools. Staffordshire County Council will check your information and give you

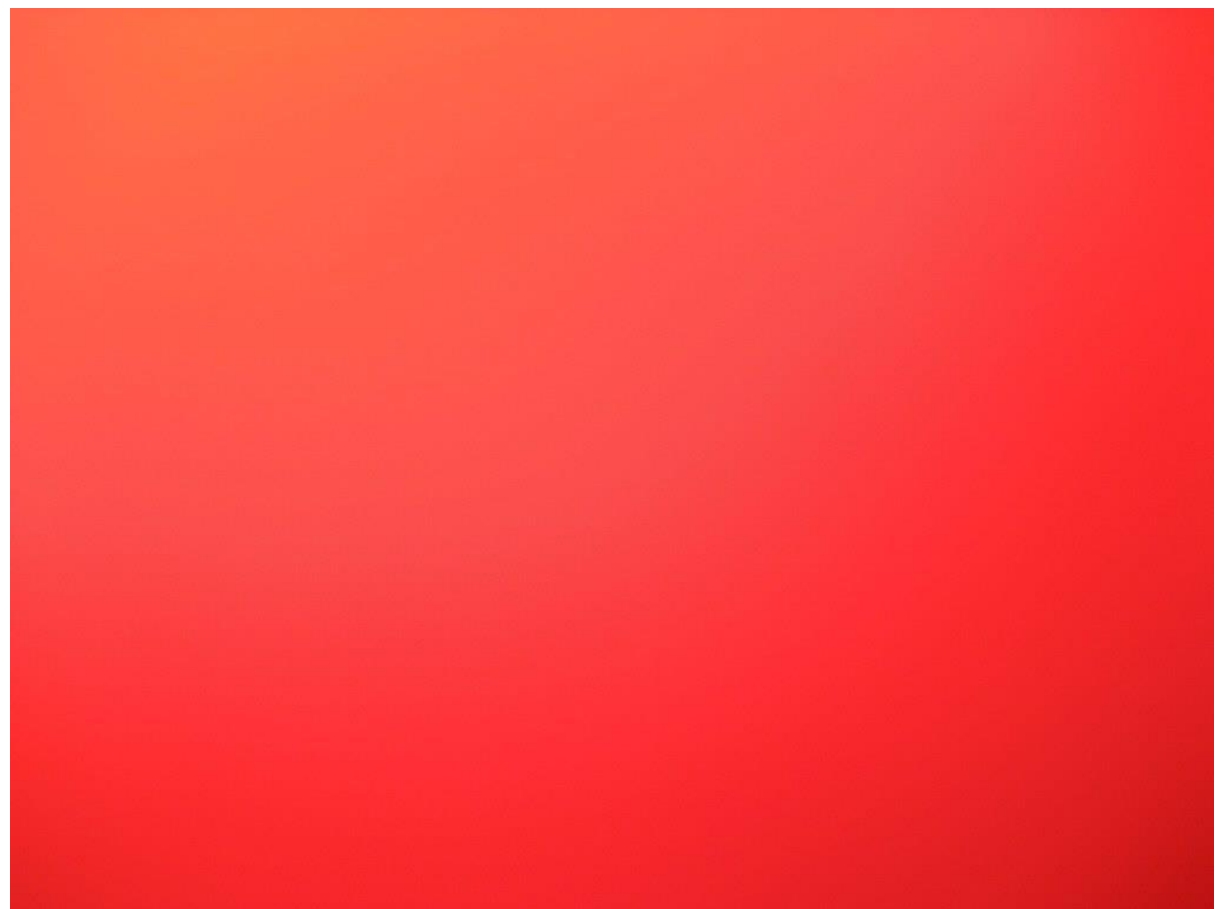
an immediate answer and the chance to print a confirmation. All children in reception, year 1 or year 2 are automatically entitled to free school meals, even if you don't receive one of the qualifying benefits or tax credits.

Income-related Free School Meals (FSM) claims added before 1 April 2025 are protected until the eligible child leaves primary school (children in Reception to Year 6 as of 31 March 2025) or secondary school (young people in Years 7 to 13 as of 31 March 2025), even if parents/carers have a change in circumstance.

If your child is entitled to Income-related Free School Meals (FSM) and in Year 6, your eligibility will be rechecked in readiness for them to start secondary school.

New FSM claims added from 1 April 2025 onwards are not protected. Eligibility for new FSM claims will be regularly checked. New FSM claims will be cancelled if parents/carers are not found eligible. This may mean some children in the same family will be entitled to FSM and associated benefits (e.g. Holiday Activities and Food – HAF – Programme) while others aren't.

Safeguarding



At Dingle Community Primary, safeguarding is of the utmost importance. If you have any concerns regarding the safety of a child, please contact Ms Heather or Mrs Richardson for advice or support. As a member of the community, you can report safeguarding concerns by

contacting: **0300 555 0050** (9:00 am -5:00pm) **0300 555 8754** (out of hours) If you believe a child is in immediate danger phone **999**.

Contact Information

Click here to [Visit our website](#)

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