



Dingle Community Primary School Tuesday 1st July 2025 Newsletter

It's approaching that time of year when the children and staff begin to think about next year, what class they will be in and who their new teacher will be. As you may have heard, Miss Taylor-Hems and Mrs Ellerton will be leaving us at the end of this year. Miss Taylor-Hems will be embarking on an exciting adventure, teaching in Thailand. Mrs Ellerton will be taking up a new post in a Wolverhampton school. I would like to thank them both for all of their hard work and dedication over the last two years and wish them well in their new ventures.

I am pleased to share with you that we have two experienced additions to the Dingle Teaching Staff, who will be joining us in September. Our new Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Richardson, will also be joining our team in the new academic year. Please see below the new classes and their teachers for September, the children will have an opportunity to meet their new teacher over the next few weeks.

Reception: Mrs Kitching

Year 1: Mrs Round (new member of staff)

Year 2: Miss Fernihough

Year 3: Mrs Miller and Miss Bull (new member of staff)

Year 4: Miss Potter

Year 5: Mrs Mullard

Year 6: Mrs Wallis and Mrs Danks

Teaching staff are looking forward to meeting their new children and welcoming them back in September.

Due to space and resources, the current Year 1 class will remain in their classroom during their time in Year 2.

To our Year 6 Leavers, good luck, have fun and work hard. We know you'll be amazing.

It remains for me to thank you for your support throughout this year, and wish you and your family a safe and happy holidays!

Yours sincerely,

Ms N. Heather



Our new library installation is almost complete! We can't wait for the children to see the result and continue their love of reading. Thank you to our very talented Mrs Miller who has designed and lovingly created our amazing artwork!

Important Information (calling/voicemails and riding bikes/scooters to school)

Calling/voicemails:

We kindly ask that if we have missed your call, **please leave a voicemail** as we cannot see the contact numbers of who our missed calls are from.

When leaving a voicemail, please ensure you follow the instructions below so that your voicemails are correctly saving to our inbox, as we are hearing from multiple parents that they have left a voicemail and unfortunately we have not received these.

1.) After the tone record your message, then press hash

2.) You will need to listen to your message then press 1 to keep/save to our inbox, or 2 to record your message again

3.) The call will then end automatically once you have saved your message

Over the summer holidays we will be changing our telephone number. A redirection voicemail will be placed on our current answering machine but we will also let parents/carers know this new information as soon as we can.

Riding bikes/scooters:

We like to encourage children to ride their bikes/scooters to school, however we strongly recommend that a lock is provided when leaving them on school site. We also politely request that EYFS and KS1 children, park/lock their bikes/scooters on the KS2 playground as the current storage area is now used as playground and we cannot ensure that personal equipment will not be used by the children.

The last session for all after school club activities will be next week (week commencing 7th July), there will be no after school club activities during the last week of term.

On Friday 18th July, our wrap-around after school club will only be open until 4:15pm, please ensure you bare this in mind when booking.

Upcoming Dates



- **Thursday 3rd July 5:30pm:** Year 6 evening performance to parents, details regarding tickets to follow
- **Friday 4th July:** Elevate Performance Academy taster day - Children in Years 1-5 will need to wear their PE Kit for the whole day. Year 6 and Reception will not be taking part but can still wear PE Kit if they wish to

- **Monday 7th July:** Cricket trip for Year 5 & 6
- **Tuesday 8th July:** Reception open evening for September starters 5:00pm-5:30pm
- **Thursday 10th July:** Silent Disco D, I, and N 3:30pm-4:30pm. G, L, E and S 4:45pm-5:45pm. Tickets available on School Money.
- **Friday 11th July 2:00pm:** Family picnic and ice cream on the field - Ice creams will be sold, proceeds to Mary Stevens Hospice, please bring cash on the day
- **Monday 14th - Wednesday 16th July:** Year 6 Residential trip
- **Friday 18th July 9:15am:** Year 6 leavers assembly
- **Monday 1st September:** INSET Day
- **Tuesday 2nd September:** INSET Day
- **Wednesday 3rd September:** Reception - Year 6 return to school
- **Monday 8th September:** Dingle Ducks return to nursery

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- Just a reminder that any children in years 1, 2 and 3 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 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.**
- All children should be entering school through either KS1 entrance or KS2 entrance unless special arrangements have been made with school.

- 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.

Curriculum Information



Reception and Year 4's last Forest School session will be Tuesday 15th July.

Trips and Visits



1 - Cricket trip Year 5 & 6 - Monday 7th July 2025



2 - Year 6 Pioneer Centre Residential Trip - Monday 14th July - Wednesday 16th July 2025

Summer Activities 2025



ELEVATE
PERFORMANCE ACADEMY

SUMMER RUGBY CAMP

What to expect:

- Learn new skills
- Improve your rugby knowledge
- Make new friends
- Win awards
- Lots of fun!

Ages:
5-11

WEEK 1 July 21st 24th 25th

WEEK 2 July 28th 29th

WEEK 3 August 4th 5th 6th

WEEK 4 August 11th 12th 13th

WEEK 5 August 18th 19th 20th

WEEK 6 August 25th 26th

DON'T FORGET YOUR PACKED LUNCH!

Stourbridge Rugby Club

9:00am - 15:00pm

https://www.elevate-performance.uk

admin@elevate-performance.uk

ELEVATE
PERFORMANCE ACADEMY

DUDLEY
HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Dingle Community Primary School

SUMMER MULTISPORTS CAMP

- Multi-sports
- Food included
- Cooking master class
- Arts & Crafts




WEEK 1	July 21 st 22 nd
WEEK 2	July 28 th 29 th
WEEK 3	August 4 th 5 th
WEEK 4	August 11 th 12 th

£25pp
HAF spaces available

Ages:
5-12

10:00am -14:00pm


Dingle Primary School

admin@elevate-performance.uk

<https://www.elevate-performance.uk>

Dingle Community Centre, Kingswinford, DY6 8PF
(next to Dingle Primary School, High Acres estate)

LYNN'S TODDLER GROUP



No need to book!

FRIDAYS
9-11
During term time
£2 Entry

Toys, craft activities & sing alongs
come along have a cuppa, everyone welcome!

Dudley Performing Arts News and Events Summer Term 2025



You can enrol students for music lessons in school with Dudley Performing Arts for as little as £9.00 a session. Lessons will start in September, they will take place in school and are delivered by experienced teachers from Dudley Performing Arts. <https://cas5-0-urlprotect.trendmicro.com/wis/clicktime/v1/query?url=https%3a%2f%2fwww.dudley.gov.uk%2fthings%2dto%2ddo%2fdudley%2dperforming%2darts%2finformation%2dfor%2dparents%2dand%2dyoung%2dpeople%2fmusic%2dlessons%2din%2dschools%2f&umid=9f90a369-a9af-461e-a4e7-c13faea59e8e&rct=1749112593&auth=98d1c7e40b25ebf6b44748a3ee920845ce32a6e1-cdc68d92ff31caefec1ad4247f33eaddc09dd324>

Come and Play Sessions Instrumental and Vocal Workshops

These sessions are aimed at any children receiving a whole class instrumental or vocal lesson. DPA staff will teach the music in class sessions then parents are invited to bring their children to an after school rehearsal at Cable Plaza and bring them to perform (weather permitting) at our Festival in the Park event on **Sunday July 6th**.

Special Schools Music Morning – Tuesday 8th July at Cable Plaza 9.40 – 12.00

This will be our 4th morning of music making for children and young people in Dudley's Special Schools. Choose which session best suits the needs of your children:

Harmony Session 9.40 – 10.40 – this session is for children who are able to join in singing and playing percussion instruments along with the DPA staff band.

Sensory Session 11.00 – 12.00 – this session is designed for children with more profound needs and takes the children on a sensory and musical journey.

Email claire.pennycooke@dudley.gov.uk to book onto the Specials Schools morning.

Recorder Festival – Friday 11th July 9.45 – 12.00

After many years of absence, and due to popular demand the DPA Recorder Festival is back! It is taking place at **Brierley Hill Civic Hall on Friday 11th July 9.45 – 12.00**. Over 300 children are already signed up to come and join in massed recorder playing.

Reverb – Children in Care Band Rehearsals

This term sees the continuation of Reverb. This group has been designed as a band experience specifically for children in care. The group will meet twice this term to rehearse, before taking part in the DPA Festival in the Park event on Sunday July 6th. All designated teachers and carers have been sent information about this. If you have any children in care in your schools who you know would love this, please encourage them to come along and try it out.

Contact Anna.Green@dudley.co.uk for more details

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Arts. <https://www.dudley.gov.uk/things-to-do/dudley-performing-arts/information-for-parents-and-young-people/music-lessons-in-schools/>



3 - Sassy Sensory Surprises are hosting another Talent show and are looking for children to showcase their talents. The Sassy Sensory Surprises team is on the lookout for local dance and gymnastics groups to join us for our "Sassy's Got Talent" session this summer! Do you know a group that would love to showcase their talents in a relaxed, sensory-friendly environment? This isn't your traditional talent show—it's an interactive experience with workshops happening around the room, designed to support children with SEND. If you can help or know someone who can, please get in touch with Toni at toni@sassysensorysurprises.co.uk.

[Follow this link for more info](#)

Health Update

Measles and the MMR Vaccine

Measles cases in the Midlands are rising. Measles is an infection that spreads very easily and can cause serious problems in some people. Having the MMR vaccine is the best way to prevent it and protect our communities.

Symptoms of measles include:

- a high fever
- rash
- cough
- runny nose
- watery eyes.

If you have symptoms of measles, stay at home and phone your GP or NHS 111 for advice. Stay away from GP surgeries and A&E departments.

Stay off nursery, school, or work for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears.

It's never too late to be vaccinated. You need two doses of the MMR vaccine to be fully protected against measles, mumps, and rubella.

For more information on the MMR vaccine, visit the NHS website2

[For more information on the MMR Vaccine, visit this link](#)

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 Wallis 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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