



Dingle Community Primary School
Friday 7th November 2025
Newsletter

A message from Mrs Richardson (Deputy Headteacher)



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I'd like to start by saying a huge thank you to yourselves, your children and all of the staff at Dingle. My first half term as part of the team was wonderful and I feel so lucky to be part of such a special community.

The Autumn term is always an exciting term and at this halfway point, we reflect on the many successes of the last eight weeks. The end of term in particular was very busy, and we'd like to thank you for your support with our book fair and donating to the Black Country Foodbank. We also really appreciate your attendance at the 'Meet the Teacher' evenings, the phonics workshops and the Year 5 craft afternoon. We hope that you found all of the sessions useful and informative.

Working in partnership with yourselves is of paramount importance to us and we thank you also for supporting your children with reading and home learning, for ensuring that your children are 'Attendance HEROes' (Here Every day Ready Ontime) and for helping your children to look smart and wear their Dingle uniform with pride.

What a great start to the academic year!

With Remembrance Day, Children in Need, Anti-bullying week, our annual Scarecrow festival and the build up to Christmas around the corner, our second half term looks to be just as fun-filled and busy.

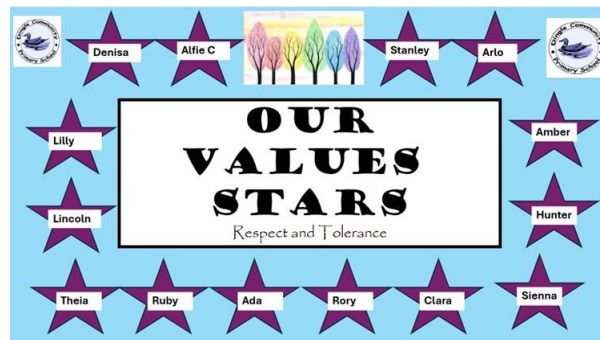
Wishing you a wonderful week ahead.

Mrs J Richardson

(Deputy Headteacher)



Congratulations to the children named below, who are our very first 'Dingle Stars'



They were nominated by teachers in the school for demonstrating our values 'Respect and Tolerance' They have a very special values star badge to wear on their uniform. This half term we will be focusing on the values 'accountability and resilience'.

Well done to Ash House, the winning house group for house points last half term



They were rewarded with a non-uniform day!

The Annual BBC 500 Words competition is open for entries. Stories can be submitted by 9pm on Friday 7th November. We would love as many of our children at Dingle Community to enter as possible.



More details can be found at:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words/articles/zctk7v4#zytbqyc>



Thank you for the extremely positive feedback that we have received about your children's Christmas card designs. To guarantee free delivery to school, orders need to be placed online by November 12th.



On Tuesday 21st October, Year 5 Dingle Football Team members played their first football match against Crestwood Park Primary in the Campbell Cup! The children gave it their all, and Miss Jones couldn't have been any prouder. They behaved incredibly well and showed great sportsmanship throughout the game. The final score was 5–3 to Crestwood.

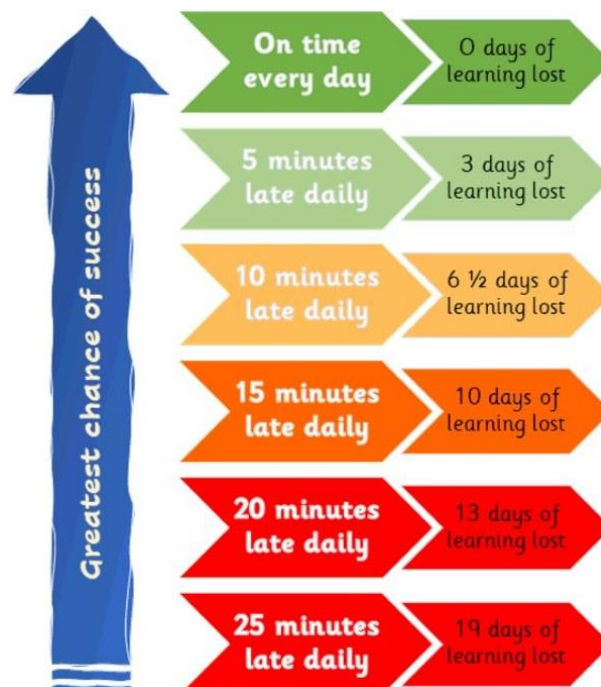


Important Information Regarding Attendance and Absence:



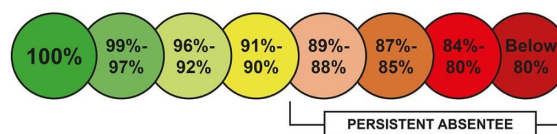
As stated in Section 3.7 on Page 4 of our Attendance Policy, all Parents/Carers must report their child's absence before 8:45am on the day of the absence and each subsequent day of absence. We are having a number of parents who do not report absence until after 9:00am, or not at all. For safeguarding and legal reasons, we must have any and all absences reported and recorded onto our registers. Please see our attendance policy for further information.

Attendance Policy



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

On Time: First Time, Every Time



Which CIRCLE are you in?



Upcoming dates for the diary and reminders:



Our KS1 and KS2 entrances are open until 8:55am, if you arrive on site any time after this, please enter through the main reception door.

- **Monday 10th November: Wear odd socks to school with school uniform!**
Throughout the week the children will be involved in assemblies and classroom activities. CBeebies star Andy Day and his band, **ANDY and The Odd Socks**, are supporting Anti-Bullying Week and are encouraging schools to wear odd socks to show their support during the campaign.
- **Wednesday 12th November:** Sensory Hub Parent Drop in **9:15am-10:15am**
- **Thursday 13th November:** Year 4 Bully4u workshop provided by Loudmouth Theatre Company

- **Friday 14th November:** To show our support for **Children in Need**, the children are invited to **wear something spotty to school. This can be an accessory, face paint or item of clothing.** Trainers should be worn as PE will go ahead as normal.
- [Remembrance Day information](#)
- [Anti-Bullying Week and Children in Need](#)
- **Friday 21st November:** Wear own clothes and bring a bottle of anything for our Tombola at our Scarecrow Festival
- **Thursday 27th November:** Scarecrow Festival 2:00pm-4:00pm. Parents, carers, family and friends are invited

- 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



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](#).

The collage features several promotional posters for health and wellbeing services in Dudley. At the top, a banner reads 'Autumn 2025 Health & Wellbeing Update for children and families in Dudley' with the Dudley Council logo. Below this are several posters: 'Healthy families' (HENRY programme), 'Dudley Healthy Lunchbox Resources' (featuring a cartoon tomato), 'ParentLine' (confidential text messaging advice), 'ChatHealth' (digital health support), and 'CRANSTOUN' (a safe space for young people). Each poster includes a QR code and a 'SCAN ME' button. At the bottom, a footer identifies the '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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