



Dingle Community Primary School
Friday 17th July 2026 Newsletter



A message from Ms Heather



Wow... what a year it has been!

Before you begin, I should mention that this is a slightly longer newsletter than usual. As we have so much to celebrate and share, it also contains lots of important information and key

dates for the next academic year. Please do take the time, when you are able, to read through to the end.

As we reach the end of another wonderful school year, I find myself reflecting on just how much we have achieved together. It has been a year full of exciting learning, memorable trips and visits, new opportunities and many firsts for Dingle Community Primary School.

I honestly couldn't be prouder of every single one of our children. Throughout the year they have represented Dingle brilliantly at festivals, sporting events, performances, competitions and community events, always demonstrating our school values and making us incredibly proud.

There have been so many highlights to celebrate. Our Reception and Pre-school children have absolutely thrived, making fantastic progress as they begin their educational journey with us. We are delighted with our outstanding Year 1 and Year 2 phonics results, which reflect the dedication of our children, staff and families. Our Year 4 pupils achieved fantastic Multiplication Tables Check results. Year 3 threw themselves wholeheartedly into their Egyptian day and Year 5 children have continued to rise to every challenge with resilience, determination and positivity. Every child, in every year group, has made us proud in their own unique way.

This year has also brought many exciting firsts for Dingle. We continue to grow as a school, introducing new opportunities and experiences for our children. I am incredibly passionate about making Dingle Community Primary School the very best it can be for every child.

To each and every one of our families, thank you for your continued support throughout the year.

I would also like to recognise the dedication of all the staff at Dingle. Behind every trip, event, performance and learning opportunity is a great deal of planning, time and commitment. Their hard work has provided our children with a rich and memorable year, and I am grateful for the dedication they show to our school and, most importantly, to our children every single day.

Finally, to our Year 6 pupils, we wish you every success as you move on to the next stage of their educational journey. You have each brought your own unique character, talents and personality to our school, and we hope you continue to let those qualities shine as you embrace new challenges and opportunities. Believe in yourselves, work hard, be kind, and never stop aiming high. We are incredibly proud of everything you have achieved and know you will go on to accomplish amazing things.

I wish you all a safe, happy and well-deserved summer break. Take time to relax, enjoy making special memories together and have a wonderful summer. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year at Dingle Community Primary School, where every child has a **V.O.I.C.E.**

Goodbyes

As we come to the end of the school year, we would like to wish Miss Bull every success as she begins her exciting new role . We also wish Mrs Hall all the very best as she moves on to a new challenge.

We would like to thank them both for their dedication, commitment and contribution during their time at Dingle Community Primary School. They have each played an important part in the lives of our children, and we are grateful for everything they have done. We wish them every happiness and success in the future.

Goodbye Year 6!



It has been a busy and exciting fortnight for our Year 6s. Pioneer, Secondary transition, Leavers' Evening and a rounders match with their parents. We wish each and every one of you lots of luck on the next part of your journey. Keep us updated on your progress!

Upcoming dates for your diary



- **Monday 31st August:** Bank Holiday School Closed
- **Tuesday 1st September:** INSET Day School closed
- **Wednesday 2nd September:** INSET Day School closed
- **Thursday 3rd September:** Children return to school
- **Monday 14th September:** Year 5 Bikeability
- **Monday 14th September:** Playground ambassador applications
- **Tuesday 15th September:** Year 5 Bikeability
- **Wednesday 16th September:** Year 6 Bikeability
- **Thursday 17th September:** Year 6 Bikeability
- **Wednesday 23rd September:** (Year 1/ Old Reception class) Little Owl Farm Park Trip
- **Tuesday 2nd October:** Assembly for Black History Month
- **Wednesday 14th October 2:20pm-3:00pm:** Phonics Workshop for parents Year 1 and 2
- **Friday 16th October:** Book fair arrives, we will contact parent via text with dates and times to purchase books
- **Tuesday 20th October:** Parent's Evening 3:30pm-5:00pm
- **Wednesday 21st October:** Parent's Evening 3:30pm-5:00pm
- **Thursday 22nd October:** Parent's Evening 3:30pm-7:00pm

Meet The Teacher Dates

Please arrive at your child's classroom door.

Monday 14th September 3:30pm-4:00pm: The Sensory Hub and Year 1

Tuesday 15th September 3:30pm-4:00pm: Year 2 and Year 3

Wednesday 16th September 3:30pm-4:00pm: Year 4 and Year 5

Thursday 17th September 3:30pm-4:00pm: Year 6

Monday 28th September 3:30pm-4:00pm: Reception

PE Days

PE Days for this half term are:

Reception:

Year 1 - Monday's

Year 2 - Wednesday's

Year 3 - Tuesday's and Friday's

Year 4 - Monday's and Tuesday's

Year 5 - Monday's and Friday's

Year 6 - Thursday's

Children only need to wear their PE Kit on their PE Days.

Normal uniform is expected on any days that aren't PE days listed above.

Forest School Days

Reception - Thursday's - Please wear forest school clothes into school and bring a spare change of clothes and shoes

Year 1 - Friday's- Please wear uniform into school and bring forest school and shoes in a bag

Year 2 - Thursday's- Please wear forest school clothes into school and bring uniform and shoes in a bag

Sensory Hub - Friday's- Please wear forest school clothes into school and bring uniform and shoes in a bag



2026-2027 Academic Year Dates

Autumn Term 2026

Tuesday 1st September:	INSET DAY (School CLOSED for children)
Wednesday 2nd September:	INSET DAY (School CLOSED for children)
Thursday 3rd September:	Return to school
Friday 23rd October:	Last day of half term
Half Term:	Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October
Monday 2nd November:	Return to School
Friday 18th December:	Last Day of Term
Christmas Holidays:	Monday 21st December 2026 to Friday 1st January 2027

Spring Term 2027

Monday 4th January:	INSET DAY (School CLOSED for children)
Tuesday 5th January:	Return to School
Friday 12th February:	Last day of half term
Half Term:	Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February
Monday 22nd February:	INSET DAY (School CLOSED for children)
Tuesday 23rd February:	Return to School
Thursday 25th March:	Last Day of Term
Friday 26th March:	Good Friday – School Closed
Easter Holidays:	Monday 29th March to Friday 9th April

Summer Term 2027

Monday 12th April:	INSET DAY (School CLOSED for children)
Tuesday 13th April:	Return to School
Monday 3rd May:	May Bank Holiday (School CLOSED)
Friday 28th May:	Last day of Half Term
Half Term:	Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June

Monday 7th June: Return to School

Wednesday 21st July: Last Day of Term

Well done the children with 100% attendance this academic year!



They will be awarded with a trip to the cinema in our next academic year!

Well done to our 'Compassion' Values Stars this half term!



Annual Reports

To date we have received over 68 responses of feedback for our annual reports.

We thank you for your incredibly positive responses. It was wonderful to read words like:

- Brilliant
- Really pleased
- Personal

- Thank you
- Excellent
- My child is very settled
- My child has come on so much this year
- Informative
- Fantastic
- Detailed
- Very proud

As always, we value your feedback and if you would like to comment on your child's report than you can at [Annual Reports Feedback Form](#)

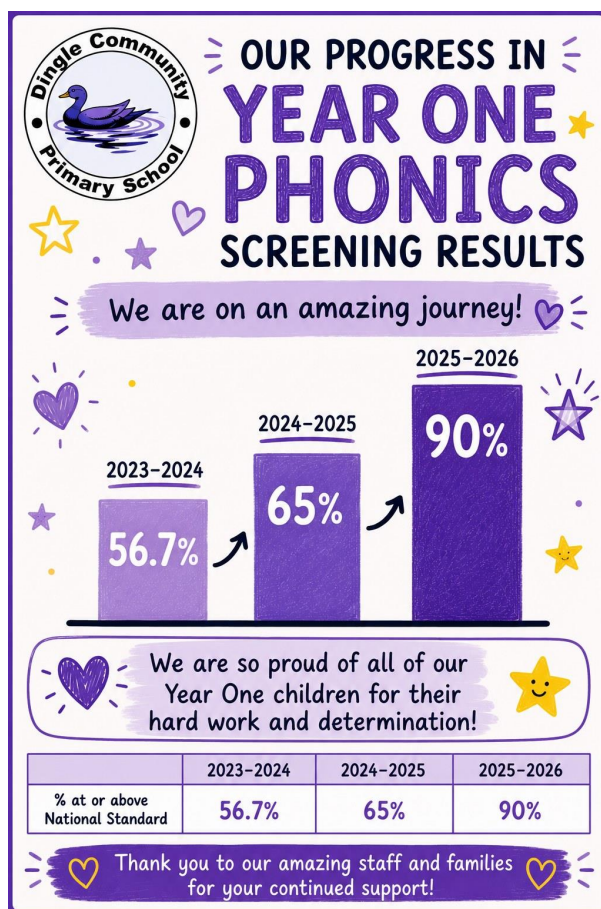
Money Raised This Academic Year



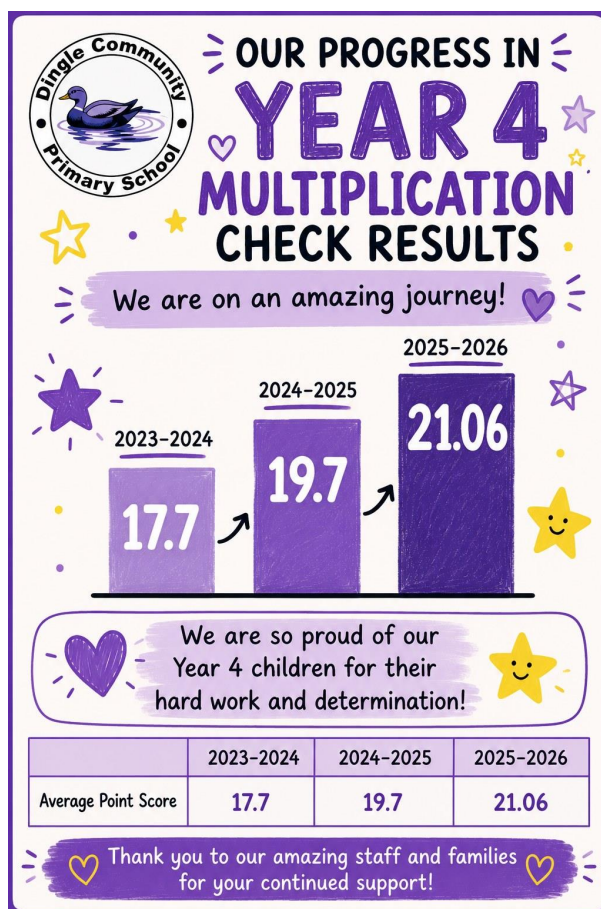
Reception GLD Results (Good Level of Development)



Year 1 Phonics Screening Results



Year 4 Multiplication Check Results



Unicef's Rights Respecting Schools



Dingle Primary are very excited to be launching Unicef's Rights Respecting Schools in September. Article 28 states that 'Every child has the right to an education.' We were delighted to donate lots of old books and textbooks to Project Gambia. We look forward to welcoming Bev and Alex into school to share more about the project's work.

Water bottle's



Next year, we will be providing all children with their own Dingle school water bottle. Not only are these a suitable size for classroom storage, but we are also hoping they'll promote children to drink water. Therefore, you do need to purchase bottles over the holiday.

Locker's



Next year, our Upper Years' children in year 5 and 6, for the first time, will have their own locker for their belongings. We therefore recommend that your child has a small

drawstring/pump bag rather than a large rucksack so that all of their possessions can be stored.

Primary Free School Meals

https://www.dingle.dudley.sch.uk/_site/data/files/users/3/A73AB4ED2BD843BA53F0651121ABEBA0.pdf

Holiday Food Voucher Scheme Ends

https://www.dingle.dudley.sch.uk/_site/data/files/users/3/C414D55BA2B33BE2D82AAF1B2154D5FB.pdf

Our School Uniform Policy



DINGLE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

OUR SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

We ask parents/carers to make every effort to send their child in the uniform listed below. It was a unanimous decision by parents/carers, to have a school uniform and we know it helps pupils to feel part of the school community and prevents any discrimination.

Please ensure your child's name and class is on all of their belongings. It will make it much easier locating their belongings if they happen to get misplaced.

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	REQUIRED / OPTIONAL	WHERE TO BUY
 Jumpers / cordigans	Royal blue (with or without school logo)	Required	Available to purchase new from Totally Uniform (both school logo) or unbranded from many retailers including supermarkets
 Pole blue shirts	Pole blue cotton or traditional shirt with collar	Required	Generic item available from many retailers including supermarkets
 Tie	Blue & silver striped tie	Optional	Available to purchase from Totally Uniform
 Trousers / skirts / pinafore dress / shorts	Charcoal Grey	Required	Generic item available from many retailers including supermarkets
 Summer dresses (Summer only)	Blue & white check gingham style	Optional	Generic item available from many retailers including supermarkets
 Socks	Grey, black or white	Required	Generic item available from many retailers including supermarkets
 Tights	Grey	Required	Generic item available from many retailers including supermarkets
 Shoes	Black flat shoes (plain black leather trainers are acceptable) Sandals with socks are permitted in summer	Required Optional	Generic item available from many retailers including supermarkets

P.E. KIT – UNISEX STYLE



- Black shorts or jogging bottoms
- Dingle PE t-shirt – available to purchase from Totally Uniform, Kingswinford
- Black pumps or trainers
- In colder weather a black track suit/sweatshirt/jogging bottoms may be worn for outdoor games sessions

Children are expected to wear the logo PE t-shirt from Totally Uniform for all PE days and sporting events.

WHERE TO BUY

Branded school uniform (Jumpers, Ties and PE t-shirt) are available from:
Totally Uniform
806 High Street, Kingswinford, DY6 8AB
Telephone 0184 270498
or shop online
<https://www.totallyuniform.co.uk/collections/dingle-primary-school>

OR

My Clothing
<https://myclothing.com/collections/dingle-community-primary-school-6729>

All other items are generic and can be bought from a variety of shops including supermarkets.

BOOKBAGS & RUCKSACKS

Children in Reception, Year 1 & 2 should bring bookbags to school and not rucksacks.
Children in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 are able to bring small rucksacks.

We sell bookbags with our printed school logo at a cost of £5.00. Parents should purchase these via SchoolMoney and then come to the school office to collect their bag.

FOREST SCHOOL

When the children attend Forest School, we will let parents know in advance so that the children can be suitably dressed for the visit.



JEWELLERY

For safety reasons, children should not wear jewellery to school. Children with pierced ears may wear small studs, providing that parents accept full responsibility in the event of any related accident. Children will be asked to remove any jewellery that breaches safety requirements.
Children must not wear jewellery, including earrings on PE days; if they do they will be unable to participate in lessons.



NAIL POLISH / FALSE NAILS / MAKE-UP

Nail Polish/Fake Nails/Make-Up – are not acceptable and should not be worn to school.



WE ARE HERE TO HELP

Please contact the school office if you are struggling to purchase the correct uniform or financial support or second hand uniform may be available.

For further information our Uniform Policy can be found in the Policies section of our website.

★ ☆ ♥ ≡ THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! ≡ ♥ ☆ ★

School uniform helps to promote a sense of belonging and pride which we are committed to upholding. We would like to remind you of our uniform expectations which can be found on the school website at this link [Correct School Uniform Information](#) . We 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 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.



We were delighted to be visited by Therese Hoyle in May as part of our Positive Playtime implementation. She was so impressed with our zones, 'Crazes of the Week' and Play Ambassadors. She has awarded us with 'Rising Stars' status and we are hoping to gain the full accreditation in the Spring term.

A poster for a 'LOVE YOURSELF' session. The background is light pink with faint silhouettes of hands. At the top left is a circular logo with a sun and the word 'Reflexions'. At the top right is the NHS logo and the text 'Black Country Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust'. The main title 'LOVE YOURSELF' is in large, bold, red capital letters. Below it, in smaller black text, is the description: 'A confidence-boosting session designed to help children explore what makes them unique, celebrate their strengths and develop a positive relationship with themselves.' To the right of this text is a small illustration of two children, a girl and a boy, in a friendly pose. Below the illustration is a large pink box containing the date and time: 'Thursday 13th August', 'Halesowen Family Centre Lye Bypass, Stourbridge DY9 8', and '10:00am - 12:00pm'. At the bottom left of the poster is a small red heart icon with a smiling face. At the bottom, in black text, is the contact information: 'For additional information or brief sign up form to register your attendance, please email bchft.reflexions@nhs.net'.



NHS
Black Country Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust

TRANSITION WORKSHOP

A fun and supportive workshop helping children and young people build confidence and develop skills to manage new transitions! Ideal for Year 6 children moving to Secondary School

Tuesday 18th August | Cotwall End Primary School
Thursday 20th August | Halesowen Family Centre
Tuesday 25th August | Cotwall End Primary School
Thursday 27th August | Halesowen Family Centre



🕒 10:00am - 12:00pm



For additional information or brief sign up form to register your attendance, please email bchft.reflexions@nhs.net



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FEELINGS AND EMOTIONS WORKSHOP

A creative, interactive session that helps children explore, understand and express their feelings and emotions.

Tuesday 21st July | Cotwall End Primary School

Thursday 30th July | Halesowen family centre

Thursday 6th August | Halesowen family centre

🕒 10am - 12pm



For additional information or brief sign up form to register your attendance, please email bchft.reflexions@nhs.net



BE KIND TO YOUR MIND

A supportive session designed to help children understand their thoughts and feelings and build confidence. Take part in creative activities and discussion to help young people learn that being kind to their mind is an important part of their wellbeing!

Tuesday 28th July | Tuesday 11th August

Cotwall End Primary School

10:00am - 12:00pm



For additional information or brief sign up form to register your attendance, please email bchft.reflexions@nhs.net



Join us for...

5 WAYS TO WELLBEING WORKSHOP

Discover the 5 Ways to Wellbeing through fun, hands-on activities that help children feel happier and more confident!

KS1 & KS2

Thursday 23rd July | 10am - 12pm

Tuesday 4th August | 10am - 12pm

STOURBRIDGE FAMILY CENTRE
5 FORGE RD, STOURBRIDGE DY8 1XF



For additional information or brief sign up form to register your attendance, please email bchft.reflexions@nhs.net





Free Family Hub Summer Fun for all the Family

Dudley Revival Fires
Wolverhampton St, DY1 3AL
Mondays 10am-12pm: 27th July, 3rd August, 10th August, 17th August
No booking required

Stourbridge Family Hub
Forge Rd, DY8 1XH
Tuesdays 10am-12pm: 28th July, 4th August, 11th August, 18th August
Booking required: 01384 816780

The Source Youth & Community Centre
Kingswinford, Barnett Lane, DY8 5PY
Wednesdays 10am-12pm: 29th July, 5th August, 12th August, 19th August
No booking required

Halesowen Leisure Centre
Great Cornbow, B63 3AF
Thursdays 10am-12pm: 30th July, 6th August, 13th August, 20th August
Booking Required: 01384 813954

Cosesley Family Hub
Bayer St, Bilston WV14 9DS
Fridays 10am-12pm: 31st July, 7th August, 14th August, 21st August
Booking Required: 01384 813096



Come along for messy and sensory play, crafts, small world play, water, sand and much, much more





YOUTH SERVICE

SUMMER Holiday Club

Enrol your child today

Hurry!
HAF places
are still
available!

FREE Cooking Activity with Deaf Punk Chef
A fun and inclusive session open to all children and young people, including Deaf, Deafblind, Hard of Hearing, CODA, and hearing participants.

When?
27th July 2026

Time?
From 10am to 2pm
(subject to change)

Where?
Yew Tree and Tamebridge
Community Centre, Redwood
Road, Walsall, WS5 4LB



Age 8 - 17 years old **FREE!** Registration is required. No registration, no place.

Hot/cold food will be provided

INTERESTED IN A PLACE FOR YOUR CHILD AT THE HAF SUMMER SCHEME?

PLACES ARE MAINLY FOR SANDWELL RESIDENTS AND PUPILS ATTENDING SANDWELL-FUNDED SCHOOLS, ALLOCATED ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS.

WE MAY ALSO CONSIDER CHILDREN LIVING OUTSIDE THE BOROUGH.
<https://app.holidayactivities.com/parent/providers/sandwell-deaf-community-association>



Sandwell Deaf Community Association
New Deaf Centre,
Summer Lane,
West Bromwich, B71 4JA

If you would like more information, please get in with:

Craig Potheary
Wellbeing Coach
Email: craig_potheary@sdca.co.uk
Text / WhatsApp / FaceTime: 07791 921011





Every Day Counts

At Dingle, we have high expectations for attendance. Being in school every day helps children make strong progress, build confidence, and develop positive habits for the future.

Poor attendance can quickly lead to gaps in learning, especially as lessons build on prior knowledge. Even small amounts of absence can affect progress, particularly in reading, writing and maths. Arriving on time is also vital, as phonics in EYFS and KS1 takes place at the start of the day.

Our attendance target is **95%**.

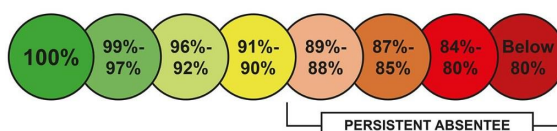
To promote good attendance, we offer:

- Termly rewards for 100% attendance
- An end-of-year raffle
- An Attendance Ladder of Success for year groups

Thank you for supporting us to ensure every child is in school, on time, and ready to learn.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

On Time: First Time, Every Time



Which CIRCLE are you in?



Illnesses

To ensure consistent care, staff will only contact parents if a child is too unwell to remain in school.

For minor injuries or mild illness, trained staff will provide first aid and monitor children closely.

Please do not send children to school with non-prescribed medication, including items such as Sudocrem or throat lozenges.

If your child is slightly unwell but able to attend, please give any necessary medication at home before school.

Thank you for your support.

IS MY CHILD TOO ILL FOR SCHOOL?

yes
until...


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.
WHOOPIING 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.



Reporting Absence's In The Morning

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. For safeguarding and legal reasons, we must have any and all absences reported and recorded onto our registers, this includes our Dingle Ducks in Pre-school. Please see our attendance policy for further information. [Attendance Policy](#)

Any Planned Absence Must Be Requested In Advance

Please ask for a Leave of Absence Request form at the office or, email info@dingle.dudley.sch.uk and return to the office completed.

Thinking about booking a holiday during term time?

REMEMBER: ANY ABSENCE MUST BE REQUESTED IN ADVANCE

Absence for an activity or holiday that can be arranged during the annual 13-week holiday time will not be authorised during the school term.

A penalty notice may be issued if there are five days/10 sessions or more of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period. This can include irregular attendance.

First offence - the first time a penalty notice is issued for term time leave or irregular attendance, the amount will be **£160** per parent per child to be paid within 28 days. Reduced to **£80** per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.*

A penalty will be issued for each child

A family of two parents and two children



£160 + £160 + £160
3 x children + 1 parent = £480
reduced to £240 if paid within 21 days



£160 + £160
2 x children + 2 parents = £640
reduced to £320 if paid within 21 days

Second offence (within 3 years) - the amount will be **£160** per parent per child to be paid within 28 days. No reduced rate will be offered.*



2 parents +



1 child
£320



2 children
£640



3 children
£960

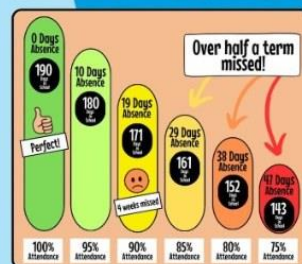
Third offence - a penalty notice will not be issued, the case will be presented to the Magistrates' Court for prosecution, where either a fine of up to **£2,500**, a community order or a custodial sentence of up to three months can be imposed. A conviction in the Magistrates' Court may be disclosed on future DBS certificates.

Dudley
Metropolitan Council

School Attendance Every day counts...

Good attendance helps with...

Academic Achievement Regular attendance helps children stay on track with the curriculum and achieve stronger academic results.	Social Skills Being in school every day helps children make friends, develop important social skills and feel part of the school community.	Routine & Responsibility Attending school regularly teaches the importance of commitment, routine and responsibility, helping children build valuable life skills.	Focus & Engagement Children who attend school regularly are more likely to stay engaged in their learning and develop a positive attitude towards education.	Building Confidence Regular attendance can boost a child's self-esteem and confidence, as they see their progress and achievements over time.	Enhanced Learning Opportunities School offers more than academic learning - it provides clubs, activities and enrichment opportunities that help children discover new interests and talents.
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Did you know there are...

- 365 Days in a Year
- 190 School Days
- 175 Non School Days

Having 90% over 5 school years, is half a school year's work missed!

Tips for Supporting Good Attendance...

Set a regular routine A consistent bedtime and morning routine helps children feel ready for school and reduces last-minute stress.	Aim for every day Try to make school attendance the default, only keep your child off if they are genuinely unwell.	Plan appointments carefully Where possible, book medical or dental appointments outside school hours or your child's school term.	Talk positively about school Talk about your child's day and celebrate the little things they enjoy. Your positivity helps them look forward to school.	Stay in touch When a child is struggling, early communication with the school helps manage their situation and ensure they stay on track for the year.	Prepare the night before Pack bags, lay out uniforms and check homework in the evening to make morning smoother and less stressful.
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Silly School Education

[MMR Vaccine update](#)

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.

If You Have Any Concerns About Your Child In School:

Please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance.



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](#)

Tel: 01384 283699

Email: info@dingle.dudley.sch.uk