



Durley C of E Primary School Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 – 15th October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

It was lovely to welcome so many of you to both our harvest service on Thursday 2 October and also to our fun run last Friday, an amazing £1,285 was raised. Both events were lovely and it was great to see each class play their part for the harvest assembly and for the children to be so enthusiastic at the fun run.

Amazing Children

A special well done to two of our pupils from Green class who came to show me their amazing Science work as part of their space topic. Mr Firth and I had the pleasure of accompanying a group of Year 5 and 6 girls to a cluster football tournament on Tuesday. The girls were a credit to our school and played brilliantly – really well done girls!

Harvest

It was lovely to bring our school community together for our harvest service. As Headteacher, this was my first 'event' and I was so proud of the children.

Well done to...

Congratulations to one of our pupils in Year 4 who was the first to collect their bronze Do-Jo award, congratulations. Others are quickly following, well done to you all on this amazing achievement and we look forward to handing many more out.

Parking before and after school

We continue to have daily complaints from residents living along Durley Brook Road, who have raised concerns about the un-safe nature of the parking of some of our parents. I am sorry to have to raise this with you again, but it is making things very difficult. Our school is located along a very busy road and only last week, we had a nasty incident between two members of the public driving at high speed past our school. I appreciate that parents are keen to get to work quickly and so want to drop off as close to school as possible, however, it is an accident waiting to happen. We have approached our local PCSO for support with this and I would urge you to use the memorial hall rather than parking along the main road if possible. Thank you ever so much for your support with this.

Promoting School Values and Celebration Worship

We have continued to focus on one of our school values or a school rule each week and certificates have been awarded to children exhibiting this. Last week, we celebrated pupils showing 'perseverance' and this week we are focusing on 'respect'. This is one of Durley's core Christian values and also a key focus in our school rules.

Parent's Evenings

You should, by now, have received a letter informing you of your appointment time on either next Tuesday or Thursday evening. As previously outlined, we are organising Parent's Evenings a little differently but we hope that by having all staff in the hall, it will enable teachers to keep to their appointment timetables. As previously advised, our SENCo, Mrs Nikki Lawrence will be available on Tuesday evening. If you would like to make an appointment to see her, please contact the school office.

Shoe Boxes

Once again, we are happy to be supporting the Rotary Club's Annual Shoe Box Appeal for disadvantaged and displaced children in eastern Europe. This includes Moldova, Montenegro, Romania and Ukraine via Poland. You would have received a leaflet which provides all the instructions you need to put your boxes together. Boxes can be brought into school anytime from now with the main collection being Thursday 23 October. Please don't forget to attach the £2.00 donation which goes towards transportation costs. We have a small number of boxes in school if you do not have an actual shoe box.

DSA Christmas Cards

Please can all Christmas card designs be returned to the school office by Monday 20 October. This will ensure they are sent off and that you receive your cards well before the start of the season.

Holy Cross Christmas Card Competition

Once again, the children have been asked to design a Christmas Card for the front of the Holy Cross Church Christmas services leaflet. The theme of the drawing needs to be The Nativity and Angels. Please no glitter as this cannot be printed. Prizes will be given for the winners.

Can You Help?

If anybody has any Ikea Kallax shelving units and boxes that they are not using or are thinking of getting rid of and would like to donate to the school, please contact the school office.



Reminder – We are a Nut Free School

As we come to the end of this half term, can I remind you that we do not allow any children to bring nuts into school, this includes products that may contain nuts as we currently have a number of pupils with a severe allergic reaction.



We are a Banana Free School

We also have a pupil with a severe banana allergy. Like last year, we will not be offering bananas as part of our fruit snack for EYFS/KS1 children and urge you to ensure bananas are not part of your child's packed lunch. Thank you for your support with this.

Final Reminder

Please always use adminoffice@durley.hants.sch.uk in the first instance, should you need to contact anybody. Thank you.

Have a lovely rest of the week,

Best wishes,

Caroline Grist - Headteacher

Calendar Dates for 2025-2026

IN-SERVICE TRAINING DAYS (School Closures) for academic year 2025-2026

Wednesday 3 September 2025

Monday 3 November 2025

Friday 5 December 2025

Monday 1 June 2026

Wednesday 22 July 2026

**Diary Dates for the 2025-2026 school year – all dates can be subject to change.
All changes and new dates in the diary will appear in red.**

Autumn Term 2025

Thursday 4 September	8:50am start of Autumn Term 2025
Friday 19 September	First Year 3 and 4 swimming lesson
Thursday 25 September	Whole School Nasal Flu spray
Sunday 28 September	Café Church in school
Monday 29 September	Start of book swap
Tuesday 30 September	2:45pm Phonics meeting for parents of children in Year R
Thursday 2 October	9:15am Harvest festival in school – all welcome
Tuesday 7 October	OPEN DAY for prospective parents
Friday 10 October	DSA Sponsored Fun Run – all welcome
Monday 13 October	Years R/1 Little City roll play in school
Tuesday 14 October	2:45pm maths meeting for parents of pupils in Reception
Thursday 16 October	Family Reading Night – 5:30 to 6:30pm
Tuesday 21 October	3:00-5:00pm Parents Evening
Thursday 23 October	4:00-7:00pm Parents Evening
Thursday 23 October	Rotary Shoe Box collection
Friday 24 October	Non-uniform day in exchange for sweets for tombola for DSA Family Bingo Night
Sunday 26 October	Church Café in School from 9:30am

HALF TERM 27-31 October

Tuesday 11 November	10:45am Remembrance Service – all welcome
Friday 14 November	FINAL Red class swimming
Thursday 20 November	Portrait photos in school – pre-school children welcome
Sunday 23 November	Stir up Sunday service in school from 9:30am
Friday 28 November	Non-uniform day in exchange for bottles for DSA Family Bingo Night
Monday 1 December	School post Box Open for Christmas cards
Wednesday 3 December	DSA 12 Days of Xmas daily raffle starts

Thursday 4 December	5:00-7:00pm DSA Family Bingo Night
Friday 5 December 2025	INSERVICE Training Day – No school for children
Wednesday 10 December	Village Carols at Memorial Hall – all welcome 5:00pm
Wednesday 10 December	9:15am Blue and Yellow class Nativity play
Thursday 11 December	9:15am Blue and Yellow class Nativity play
Monday 15 December	Holy Cross Church Angel Festival starts
Wednesday 17 December	pm Christmas parties
Thursday 18 December	Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day for Children's society
Friday 19 December	1:30pm Christmas Carol Service in Holy Cross Church
Friday 19 December	No after school childcare club
Sunday 21 December	Village Carol Service at Holy Cross Church – all welcome 3:30pm

XMAS HOLIDAYS 22 December – 2 January

Spring Term 2026

Monday 5 January	Spring term starts
Thursday 8 January	Year 6 Bikeability
Thursday 8 January	3:40pm SATs meeting for parents of Y6 pupils in Green class
Friday 9 January	Y6 Bikeability
Friday 30 January	1:30 Christingle service in Holy Cross Church, Durley
Tuesday 10 February	Safer Internet Day

HALF TERM 16-20 February

Tuesday 24 February	3:00-5:00pm Parents Evening
Thursday 26 February	4:00-7:00pm Parents Evening
2-4 March 2026	Year 3 and 4 residential trip to Home Farm, Beaulieu
Thursday 5 March	World Book Day
9-13 March 2026	Year 5 and 6 residential visit to Little Canada, Isle of Wight
Thursday 12 March	Wyvern Cluster Vocal Festival
Sunday 22 March	Mothering Sunday Café Church in school
Monday 23 March	2:30 Music concert
Friday 27 March	1:30pm Easter service in Holy Cross Church, Durley.
Friday 27 March	No after school childcare club

EASTER HOLIDAYS 30 March – 10 April