



Dear Parents and Carers,

The summer term is well underway, and rehearsals for this year's Key Stage 2 school play are in full swing. We are very impressed by how many children already know the songs and their lines—well done to everyone for their enthusiasm and hard work!

Last week, I emailed all Key Stage 2 parents and carers with details of our upcoming Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) programme, which focuses on relationships. If you did not receive this email or would prefer a paper copy, please contact the school office.

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for the **School Grounds Morning** before the half-term break. We are extremely grateful for the time, effort, and skills you brought with you—whether it was sweeping, clearing out the school pond, weeding raised beds, planting, or donating bedding plants. Many thanks to Mr Reeves for fixing our picket fencing. The new planter by the front door was purchased using funds raised by the school council during their "Bake Sale for Bulbs" in the autumn term—thank you for your continued support.



Before half term, we also had a wonderful **Buddy Bag Packing Day**. Every child in the school took part in helping to pack the Buddy Bags ready for delivery. It was a fantastic team effort, and we all felt very proud to be part of this event. Here are a few photos from the day.



Although we've had some lovely weather this term, it has unfortunately rained on most of the days we had scheduled sports fixtures against local schools. However, we finally managed to go ahead with our school Years 3, 4 and 5 **Cricket Afternoon**—at the third attempt! It was a huge success. A special thank you to Mr Pfeiffer for organising the afternoon and umpiring the matches.

We are incredibly fortunate to have the support of Neil Trundle, a grandparent of a Year 6 pupil, who is currently assisting with our Key Stage 2 STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Maths) **Formula 1 project**. As former Chief Mechanic for the McLaren Formula 1 team, Neil worked alongside legends such as Ayrton Senna and Alain Prost—a truly remarkable career.

The children have been thrilled to learn from his expertise as they design and build their own miniature racing cars. It has been a fascinating and inspiring experience for them, blending creativity, teamwork, and technical skills. They are now very much looking forward to race day at the end of June.

INTEGR8 DANCE-OFF

After weeks of hard work in their weekly dance lessons, the children had a fantastic time at the Integr8 Dance Off. They all performed brilliantly and were a real credit to Durley School. The Key Stage 1 class won the award for Most Creative, while the Key Stage 2 class received the award for Most Inspiring.

A huge well done to all the children involved—and a special thank you to their dedicated dance teachers!



SPORTS DAY – Wednesday, 1:30 PM

At the moment, the forecast looks good for **Sports Day**, which will take place this Wednesday 18 June at 1:30pm on the school field. Families are invited to join us for what promises to be an exciting afternoon.

Please make sure your child has with them:

- Full school PE kit and trainers that fit
- A named hat or cap
- A water bottle

If your child needs suncream, we are happy to help with its application.

There will also be races for pre-schoolers, parents and carers—so don't forget your trainers

🎵 CHURCH FETE – This Saturday

This Saturday is the **Church Fete** at Wintershill Hall, just off Sciviers Lane in Durley. It's always a lovely community event, and traditionally our children sing a few songs as part of the entertainment. We'd love to have as many children as possible join us for the singing. Please email the school office to let us know if your child will be attending.

DURLEY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Thank you to everyone who is taking part in the **bear hunt**. I understand that we have some hunters who have managed to track down all of the bears! The hunt does not close until **22**

June, so if you still want to a booklet to do the hunt, they can be purchased from the school office £3:00.

Please can you encourage your friends and family to purchase PRIZE DRAW tickets as there are many exciting prizes to be won. Please can return the ticket stubs and money for any tickets sold to the school office.

The committee are hard at work organising the **SCHOOL FAYRE** which is on **Saturday 5 July 3:00-5:00pm**. They have many new exciting stalls as well as the old favourites. Please can you let them have any unwanted books and toys for the toy stall from 30 June onwards. Although there will still be the option to use cash, the team are keen to make things simpler for everyone by going cashless. This year, you are able to purchase tokens in advance. Please see the letter sent out yesterday more information.

We have 2 non uniform days coming up over the next few weeks:

Friday 27 June	Non uniform day – sweets for sweet tombola
Wednesday 2 July	Non Uniform day – bottles for bottle stall

REMINDERS

We have many exciting events happening over the coming week, so a quick reminder:

Tuesday 17 June	pm Y5 and 6 trip to cricket T20 at Utilita Bowl (for those who signed up)
Wednesday 18 June	1:30pm Whole School Sports Day (parents and carers welcome)
Friday 20 June	Y6 leavers trip to Paulton's Park
Friday 20 June	KS2 Winchester University Student's final day in school
Saturday 21 June	Holy Cross Church Summer Fete at Wintershill Hall, Durley
Sunday 22 June	9:30am for 10:00am start. Café Church in school
Sunday 22 June	Final day for the Bear Hunt

THANK YOU

I'm sure you will all want to join me in thanking the Rappini family for the wonderful donation of Durley strawberries which we have all enjoyed. Another punnet will be coming home tonight!

SCHOOL OFFICE

A reminder that all enquiries need to be made via the admin office email address as follows – **adminoffice@durley.hants.sch.uk**

To alleviate the pressure on the school office, please could you ensure that we have at least **24 hours' notice** if you require your child to attend breakfast or after school club, or you no longer need the place.

Kind regards,

Kirstie Baines

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Headteacher

IN-SERVICE TRAINING DAYS (School Closures) for academic year 2024-2025

Monday 21 July 2025
Tuesday 22 July 2025

Diary Dates for the 2024-2025 school year – all dates can be subject to change. All changes and new dates in the diary will appear in red.

Tuesday 17 June	pm Y5 and 6 trip to cricket T20
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Sunday 22 June	9:30am for 10:00am start. Café Church in school
Sunday 22 June	Final day for the Bear Hunt
Friday 27 June	Non uniform day – sweets for sweet tombola
Monday 30 June	2:30pm - Music concert for KS2 pupils who have peripatetic music lessons
Wednesday 2 July	Non Uniform day – bottles for bottle stall
Thursday 3 July	Family Reading Night
Friday 4 July	Y6 Ancient Greece dress-up Day
Saturday 5 July	3:00-5:00pm School Summer Fayre
Tuesday 8 July	Wyvern Transition Day for new intake – Children make their own way to Wyvern – DATE CHANGE
Wednesday 9 July	1:30pm KS2 School Play – DATE CHANGE
9 and 10 July	6:00pm KS2 School Play
Thursday 10 July	Annual Reports to parents
Friday 11 July	Y6 to Portsmouth Cathedral for morning workshops and afternoon leavers service.
Friday 18 July	Final day of term. 1:30pm Leavers' service in Holy Cross Church (no after school childcare club)

Monday 21 July and Tuesday 22 July School closed for staff training

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

Spring Term 2026

2-4 March 2026

9-13 March 2026

Year 3 and 4 residential trip to Home Farm, Beaulieu

Year 5 and 6 residential visit to Little Canada, Isle of Wight