

Friday 12th June
2026

Queen Victoria Primary School Newsletter



Key Dates

- 18th June**—Year 2 Trip
- 26th June**—Careers Day
- 26th June**—Summer Fayre
- 30th June**—Year 2 and 4 Music Performance
- 6th July**—Class Photographs/Individuals catch ups
- 7th July**—Year 6 Production at Dormston
- 10th July**—Year 3 Art Exhibition
- 14th July**—Y6 Leavers' Party
- 15th July**—Y6 Leavers' Trip
- 17th July**—Y6 Graduation
- 20th July**—INSET Day

Sports Day

Friday 19th June

- Year 1 and 2—9.15am–10.30am
- Year 3 and 4—10.40am–12pm
- Year 5 and 6—1.30pm–3.10pm

Wednesday 24th June

Reception—9.30am

Tuesday 30th June

Nursery AM—9.30am
Nursery PM—2.00pm

Term Dates

- 22nd May**—End of Summer Term 1
- 1st June**—Children return to school.
- 17th July**—End of Summer Term 2
- Tuesday 1st September**—INSET Day (school closed)
- Wednesday 2nd September**—Start of Autumn Term 1 2026

This week's News

What a memorable and important week it has been at Queen Victoria Primary School.

Ofsted Visit

On Monday morning, we received a telephone call from Ofsted to inform us that the school would be receiving a full inspection. Our previous inspection took place in 2019 and, under the current arrangements, schools are generally inspected around every four years. However, when a school converts to academy status, as Queen Victoria Primary School did in July 2023, schools can expect to be inspected within three years. In that respect, the inspection arrived exactly when we might have anticipated it.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in the inspection process. The children were absolutely fantastic throughout the two days. They spoke confidently, behaved impeccably and demonstrated everything that makes us proud to be part of the Queen Victoria community. A special thank you goes to those pupils who met with inspectors and shared their experiences of school. They represented the school brilliantly.

I would also like to recognise our dedicated staff team. Over recent years, staff have worked incredibly hard to improve the school and it was pleasing to have the opportunity to showcase that work. The inspection gave us the chance to highlight the many developments that have taken place since our last inspection and to share our ambitions for the future.

Thank you also to the parents and carers who completed the Ofsted Parent View questionnaire or took the time to speak with inspectors during their visit. Your support and feedback are greatly appreciated.

We must now wait for Ofsted to finalise and publish the inspection report card, which is likely to take around a month. As the inspection process is not yet complete, we are unable to discuss any provisional findings or outcomes. We look forward to sharing the full report with families as soon as it is published.



Queen Victoria Primary School

Attendance



Attendance Matters – Let's Finish the Year Strong!

Thank you to all our families for supporting good attendance throughout the year. We have seen some fantastic improvements, and we want to finish the final half term with the same determination and commitment.

Every day in school counts, and with lots of exciting learning and end-of-year activities taking place, now is the perfect time to make every day matter. Let's work together to ensure all children are in school, on time, every day, so they can make the most of every opportunity.

To celebrate the end of the school year and the excitement of the World Cup, we will be hosting a series of themed Friday Festivals in school. Children can look forward to:

World Cup-themed Friday Festival activities

Special treats from the kitchen

Watching highlights from the England matches

Lots of football fun and celebration across the school

Don't forget our popular End of Year Attendance Raffle! Any child with 96% attendance or above will be entered into the draw for the chance to win some fantastic prizes.

Remember: You have to be in it to win it!

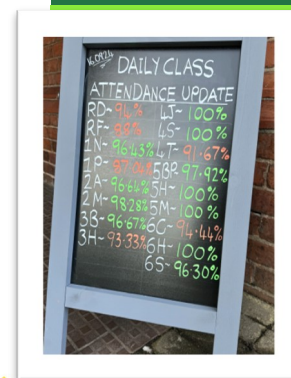
Let's all play our part and finish the year with our strongest attendance yet!

Class Attendance

	Attendance (%)
RD	84.5
RF	88.9
1S	95.7
1P	93.6
2J	94.3
2O	93.4
3B	86.3
3M	97.9
4CB	97
4P	97.8
5H	95.5
5S	97.9
5M	86.3
6C	90.6
6H	83.7

School Attendance this week: 92%

**Keep checking
the attendance
boards each
week!**



Queen Victoria Primary School



Let's Celebrate!

Children at the Heart. Aspiration. Responsible. Excellence



Positive Notes & Behaviour Recognition

We love letting our families know when their children have been caught doing something great in school! All staff give out **Positive Notes** regularly for children who are going out of their way in role modelling our school

CARE values. We also love recognising children who follow our school rules: Ready, Respectful & Safe, and conduct themselves well in school by adding them to class recognition boards. Children who demonstrate exemplary behaviour are awarded a **Behaviour Recognition Note** to bring home to let their grown-ups know they have been golden.

CARE Awards

Each week, teachers award one child in their class who has had a remarkable week in demonstrating our school values or going above and beyond to follow our school Golden Rules: Ready, Respectful and Safe.

Children are awarded these certificates during our Friday Celebration Assemblies and are invited to have squash and biscuits with a senior leader as a special treat.

A huge well done to this week's super stars!

CARE Award Winners

Nursery:

Oscar

Reception:

Lily and Archie

Year One:

Joesph and Freddie

Year Two:

Rylie-May and Isabelle

Year Three:

Heidi and Aliha

Year Four:

Indy and Chloe

Year Five:

Sofia, Eden and Mayleigh

Year Six:

Charlie and Finley



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Clubs



Gardening Club

Gardening club made bird feeders and did some weeding in our wild garden.



Cooking Club



Cooking Club - Week 2
Our skills we focussed on this week

- *Tasting new foods
- *Teamwork
- *Turn taking
- *Understanding the importance of food hygiene and safety



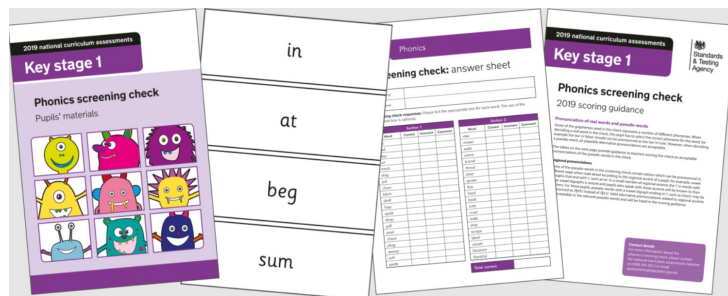
Cooking Club - Week 1
Our skills we focussed on this week

- *Slicing vegetables
- *Listening and following instructions
- *Problem solving
- *Taking turns and sharing



More News

This week has also been an important one for many of our children. Our Year 4 pupils have been completing the Multiplication Tables Check, whilst children in Year 1 and some pupils in Year 2 have been taking part in the Phonics Screening Check. We are proud of the effort, determination and positive attitudes shown by all of the children. These assessments provide an opportunity for pupils to demonstrate the knowledge and skills they have worked so hard to develop throughout the year.



On Tuesday, our Year 3 children were delighted to work alongside artist Sarah Williams as part of a project celebrating the National Year of Reading. The children produced some fantastic work and we are excited that their creations will soon be displayed as part of an exhibition at Priory House in Dudley. We look forward to sharing more details with families soon.

On Wednesday, our Year 5 children took part in a puberty education session delivered by the School Nursing Team. These sessions form an important part of our PSHE curriculum, helping children to understand the physical and emotional changes that occur as they grow older. The children approached the session maturely and respectfully, engaging thoughtfully with the discussions.

Today was also our Summer Fair Mufti Day. Thank you for the wonderful generosity shown by our families through the donations sent into school. These contributions will help make our Summer Fair a great success and raise valuable funds to support opportunities for our children.

As preparations continue for the Summer Fair on Friday 26th June, we are still looking for parent volunteers who may be able to help with setting up, running stalls or supporting the event in any way. If you can spare some time and would like to get involved, please contact the school office. Any help, no matter how small, would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to another exciting week ahead.

Have a wonderful weekend.

QUEEN VICTORIA PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUMMER FAIR

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

FRIDAY 26TH JUNE

3:30PM - 5:00PM

QUEEN VICTORIA PRIMARY SCHOOL

STALLS & GAMES

INFLATABLES

RAFFLE

TOMBOLA

ICE CREAM

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

♥ Come along and join the fun - we can't wait to see you there!



Notices

COME ALONG AND JOIN IN THE FUN WITH US AT
**ELLOWES HALL SPORTS COLLEGE,
STICKLEY LANE, DUDLEY, DY3 2JH**

BLACK COUNTRY FESTIVAL

GORNAL FUN DAY
SATURDAY 27TH JUNE
12noon to 4pm

ARCHERY
RAFFLE PRIZES
GORNAL CHAMPION
BC BAND
STALLS
VINTAGE CARS
WRESTLERS
ICE CREAMS
FAIR RIDES
PUNCH & JUDY
OWL MAN

AND MUCH, MUCH MORE

FREE ENTRY

NO DOGS ALLOWED ON FIELD ONLY GUIDE
& ASSISTED SERVICE DOGS
LIMITED CAR PARK SPACES

BLACK COUNTRY FESTIVAL

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS
OPENING AT 12 NOON
MC FOR THE DAY STEVE WELCH BLACK COUNTRY RADIO

12.30pm BLACK COUNTRY BRASS BAND
1.15pm MAYOR WELCOMES ALL TO EVENT
1.30-1.50pm PUNCH & JUDY SHOW
2pm ENTERTAINMENT
2.30-2.50pm PUNCH & JUDY SHOW
3.00pm ENTERTAINMENT
3.30pm ANNOUNCEMENTS OF
WINNER OF VINTAGE CAR AND
RAFFLE PRIZE DRAW
4pm EVENT CLOSES

ALSO AROUND THE ARENA
VARIOUS STALLS TO VISIT
FAIR RIDES
OWL MAN, EXHIBITIONS, WRESTLING, RAFFLES,
ARCHERY, TOMBOLAS, REFRESHMENTS
PLUS
VARIOUS KIDS ACTIVITIES AROUND THE ARENA TO ENJOY



for children and families in Dudley

Summer water safety

As the weather gets warmer, consider the dangers of open water to keep your family safe. Top tips from the Royal Life Saving Society UK:

- Stop and think – assess your surroundings to look for signs giving advice and look out for dangers.
- Stay together with friends or family and only swim at a lifeguarded venue.
- Float to live – float on your back, stay calm and call for help.

To view and download the summer water safety poster scan the QR code or visit [Healthy Dudley](https://www.healthydudley.co.uk).



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ALWAYS FOLLOW THE WATER SAFETY CODE



Whenever you are around water:



In an emergency:



Enjoy Water Safety

Learn basic swimming and CPR skills. Visit www.rls.org.uk

Dudley FREE swimming

Did you know that there is free swimming for children aged 16 and under during Dudley borough school holidays?

The free swimming scheme will take place during May half-term, from Saturday 23 to Sunday 31 May.

For more details scan the QR code or visit [Free Swim Dudley](https://www.healthydudley.co.uk).



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Commissioned by Dudley Council

Arrange free one-to-one support with a Dudley Family Wellness Coach who will help you and your kids eat well and move more

Ready for a healthier lifestyle? Talk to the Your Health Dudley team today

Your Health Dudley
01384 732 402
yourhealth.dudley@nhs.net
www.yourhealthdudley.co.uk/your-wellness-journey

QR code linking to the service.

Family Wellness Team

Your local Family Wellness Team can help your family start new healthy habits that are both realistic and enjoyable.

Topics include portion sizes, fussy eating, healthy lunchboxes, keeping active and more.

Sessions are flexible to suit your family needs and even just a few sessions can get you on your way to a healthier future.

Get in touch to find out more by scanning the QR code or visit [Healthy Dudley](https://www.healthydudley.co.uk).

Parenting drop-in sessions

Parenting information drop-in sessions at Cable Plaza, Waterfront West, Brierley Hill, DY5 1LW.

Meet the Dudley Parenting team at Cable Plaza in the breakout room for parenting information drop-in sessions 2026 to 2027.

Find out what programmes are available for parents/carers in Dudley, from pregnancy to adolescence. No need to book, just pop in.

Scan the QR code or visit [Healthy Dudley](https://www.healthydudley.co.uk) for upcoming session dates.



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Keeping up-to-date with vaccinations

Find information on immunisations including meningitis vaccines for babies and children in year 9.

To read the update from the Dudley Health Protection team for families, which includes details on the MMR and MMRV vaccines, scan the QR code.



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Phases physical activity programme

"Great opportunity for the family to improve fitness and wellbeing" - Phases parent / carer.

"I really enjoy PHASES Programme and I look forward to coming every Saturday" - Phases participant.

Find out more about the free gym-based physical activity programme for 11 – 16 year olds by scanning the QR code or visit [Healthy Dudley](http://HealthyDudley.org.uk).



PHASES

FREE gym-based physical activity programme*

Dudley's Local Offer

Dudley's SEND Local Offer, has been redesigned and is now on the Dudley Council website to make it easier for parents, carers, children, and young people (aged 0–25) with additional needs or disabilities to find the right information and support.

The new site www.dudley.gov.uk/localoffer brings together advice and guidance on education, health, social care, and community services across the borough, all in one easy-to-navigate place.

The offer has been co-produced with local partners and parent carers, working together to shape the directory. It will continue to grow and improve in response to feedback.

Dudley is committed to making sure the Local Offer remains relevant, clear, and useful for everyone.

Parents, carers, young people and professionals can also get involved in shaping the directory by completing the feedback form [here](#), or scan the QR code



www.dudley.gov.uk/localoffer

CRANSTOUN Here4YOUth

Are you a parent/carer concerned about a young person's alcohol and/or other drug use?

You are not alone...We are here to help.

Come along to our parent/carer support group at our warm and friendly Dudley service

Mondays 10-11am

- Great opportunity to meet other parents and carers, share experiences and build connections.
- Have an informal chat with a team member and other professionals about practical approaches to support your child.
- Experience a supportive, nonjudgmental space to ask questions and find helpful resources.
- Find out more about harm reduction advice.
- Supporting to other services.



Contact Dave for more information

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a Centre for Young People, Dudley, West Midlands, DY1 1AA
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Email: here4youth@cranstoun.org.uk

cranstoun.org



Super 1s



DUDLEY

WHEN:
EVERY THURSDAY 5-6pm
25th February to 26th March INDOORS
23rd April to 27th August
OUTDOORS - Russell Hall Park

WHERE:
REGANES ACADEMY
DUDLEY
Scots Green Close
Dudley
DY1 3JG

CONTACT:
NIC BUCKLE
0121 355 1234
nick.buckle@worcestershirecricketfoundation.org.uk

LORD'S TAVERNERS
Sponsorship programme through order

www.lords-taverners.org/super1s
Registered Charity No. 304054 | OSCR No. 00040205



ALL DISABILITIES
WELCOME
AGES 8+
FREE INCLUSIVE CRICKET
SESSIONS
ALL EQUIPMENT
PROVIDED
GET ACTIVE AND MAKE
NEW FRIENDS!

Starting well

The Starting well section of the Healthy Dudley website has lots of information to support healthy pregnancy, infancy, childhood and adolescent health, up to age 19.

Scan the QR code or visit [Healthy Dudley](http://HealthyDudley.org.uk).



Talking to children about their developing bodies and feelings

As a parent or carer, how confident do you feel talking to your primary-aged children about their body, puberty and development?

Hear from Brook specialists in this free webinar to learn how to take a positive, age-appropriate approach, by helping you feel more confident having those important (and sometimes awkward) conversations.

- Understand why a positive approach to children's bodies and development matters
- Feel empowered to have clear, factual conversations about bodies and puberty
- Manage awkwardness with confidence
- Adapt conversations to meet your child's individual needs (only include the yellow highlighted text if there is room)

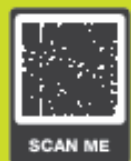
The webinar includes a Q&A where specialists had lots of interaction with parents and carers.

A recording of the session is available on the [parent/carer section of the Brook website](#) or scan the QR code to view the video on YouTube.



Free street cricket

Sessions take place in Brierley Hill, Lye, Central Dudley and Bromley Pensnett. Scan the QR code or visit [Worcestershire Cricket Foundation](http://WorcestershireCricketFoundation.org.uk) for more information.



NHS Healthy Choices Quiz

Get your score in just 5 minutes. Take the free NHS Healthy Choices Quiz to find where you could make some changes to live a healthier life and receive support and guidance to get going. Scan the QR code or visit the NHS website and start the quiz!



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Reading at the Heart



Reading is not just a good way to fill the time. It has important and far-reaching benefits which go beyond a love of a good book. When children and young people enjoy reading, they are more likely to create a habit and read more often which in turn will help to build vital reading skills and bring with it a wider range of benefits...

Reading for pleasure can help grow empathy

Enjoying books and discovering new perspectives within the pages of a story can be a great way to introduce children to a range of experiences and viewpoints. The more a child reads, the more likely they are to be exposed to new narratives which can help them develop empathy.

A love of reading can build a child's confidence

In fact, National Literacy Trust's research showed that 26.0% of children and young people who read in their free time at least once a month said it helps them to be confident.

Reading for enjoyment can spark imagination...

...and provide escape as well as inspire creativity. Even fantasy can still speak truth to a child about their place in this world.

Reading can expand horizons

A book can provide children with a way to discover new worlds, meet new people and learn about the past. Whether that's through non-fiction books and autobiographies, or books and magazines exploring historical events or figures.

Reading for pleasure can support your child's learning

Recent National Literacy Trust research also revealed that twice as many children and young people who enjoy reading in their free time have above average reading skills than children who don't enjoy it (34.2% vs 15.7%) – reading skills which will support them in their school journeys and beyond.

How much should my child read a day?

It can feel daunting to factor in more time for activities such as reading with your child each day or encourage your child to find time to read on their own in their free time. We know that life is busy for many reasons, with competing priorities on your time. As children get older, they are also more likely to have higher demands on their own time from homework and sports to other activities including simply spending time with friends. We want to encourage you that it is not about the specific length of time a child reads that is significant, although we love the idea of even finding time to take 10 minutes a day to read. Finding ways to make reading fun, fit it into your day-to-day routine and not becoming stressed or overly caught up with the length of time your child spends reading will help build a manageable habit and grow a love of reading, rather than it feeling like a chore.

Grow a love of reading

What you are doing as parents and carers at home has a significant impact on your child. Finding time to read with your children or encouraging your less-than-enthusiastic readers at home to pick up a book can feel like a challenge. However, there are lots of simple, everyday ways you can encourage your children to grow a love of reading.

[See the National Literacy Trust Website for more ideas!](#)



10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

ESSENTIAL ONLINE SAFETY

Children and young people use the internet every day to learn, play, and connect, but the online world is not always safe. For adults, it can be hard to keep up with the risks, including harmful content, cyberbullying and scams. These 10 tips provide clear and practical advice to support safer and healthier digital habits, helping young people to make informed, secure choices when using technology.

1 START EARLY CONVERSATIONS

Begin talking about online behaviour from the moment children start using devices. Use age-appropriate language and revisit topics regularly, making it clear they can speak to you about anything that upsets or confuses them. Keeping these chats open helps build trust, so children are more likely to come to you when needed.

2 PROMOTE SAFER SHARING

Children can overshare without understanding the risks. Remind them that photos, locations, or messages can be copied or shared beyond their intended audience. Explain how even private messages or group chats can be saved and/or misused. Talk about what is appropriate to post, message, and who it's safe to share with.

3 ENCOURAGE DIGITAL BALANCE

Many apps and games are designed to keep users engaged through rewards, likes, or constant updates. These features can make it hard for children to switch off. Talk openly about how these systems work and help children recognise when it's time to take a break. Building in tech-free routines supports a healthier balance and awareness of their screen time.

4 CREATE A SAFE SPACE FOR CONCERNS

When children come to you with a concern, respond with interest and care, rather than with alarm. Keeping your reaction measured helps them feel safe and supported. This doesn't mean ignoring serious issues; it means showing that you're there to help. When children trust that they can speak openly, they're more likely to feel supported through unpleasant online experiences, and to ask for help in future.

5 STAY INFORMED AND CURRENT

With emerging technologies like AI moving and changing so quickly, it's important to stay updated on how children are using new platforms, apps and games. Ask them to show you what they use and let them take the lead as you explore together. This opens up valuable conversations and helps you stay ahead of emerging risks and trends.

6 TEACH CRITICAL THINKING

Talk to children about how to recognise unreliable information or scams online. With AI-generated videos, photos, and stories becoming harder to spot, help children question what they see and encourage them to look for evidence, check sources, and ask questions. These skills will help them avoid risks, make smart choices, and develop healthy habits for the future.

7 SET CLEAR BOUNDARIES

Involve children in conversations about device usage so they feel included. Agree on digital rules such as screen-time limits, age-appropriate apps, and no devices in bedrooms overnight. Use parental controls to block or filter harmful content and explain that rules are there to protect and support them, not to spoil their fun.

8 LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Children often copy the behaviour of adults around them. Show them what balanced, respectful, and mindful use of technology looks like, such as avoiding scrolling during family time and speaking kindly in messages. If you expect certain behaviour from them online, make sure your own habits reflect the same standards.

9 EXPLORE PRIVACY SETTINGS TOGETHER

Show children how to use privacy tools on apps, games, and websites. Teach them to use strong passwords, block or report others in response to problems, and avoid sharing personal details. Explore settings together so they feel confident and in control, and explain that these features are there to help them stay safe online.

10 KNOW WHERE TO GET HELP

Familiarise yourself with tools and organisations that support online safety. The National College offers online safety guides and webinars which provide tips on staying safe. Websites like Report Harmful Content and CEOP can be used to report when something goes wrong. Show children how to report or block users, and where to go if they feel unsafe. Make sure they know that asking for help is always the right thing to do, and be prepared to support them.

Meet Our Expert

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See full reference list on our website

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