

Friday 19th June
2026

Queen Victoria Primary School Newsletter



Key Dates

- 26th June**—Careers Day
- 26th June**—Summer Fair
- 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

Wednesday 24th June
Reception-9.30am

Tuesday 30th June
Nursery AM-9.30am
Nursery PM-2.00pm

Term Dates

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

It has been another busy and exciting week in school, with plenty of opportunities for learning, creativity and enrichment.

On Tuesday, Year 3 welcomed local artist Sarah Williams into school to work with the children on a special art project linked to the National Year of Reading. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and produced some fantastic artwork inspired by their love of books and reading. We are delighted that their work will form part of a gallery exhibition at Priory House in July, alongside artwork created by pupils from schools across North Dudley.

On Wednesday, we were pleased to host another parent workshop focused on supporting children with fussy eating habits. Delivered in partnership with the local Family Hub, the session provided practical advice and strategies for families. Thank you to those parents who attended and engaged so positively with the discussion.

Year 2 enjoyed a wonderful trip to Wolverhampton Grand Theatre on Thursday to watch The Enormous Crocodile. The children had a fantastic time seeing the much-loved story brought to life on stage and represented the school brilliantly throughout the visit. Experiences such as these help to bring learning to life and inspire a love of reading and storytelling.

Today, children in Years 1 to 6 took part in our annual Sports Day. Despite some warm weather, the children demonstrated excellent determination, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the event. We were incredibly proud of the way they encouraged one another and gave their best in every activity. Thank you to all the parents and family members who joined us to support the children and help make the event such a success. Your encouragement from the sidelines was greatly appreciated.

A Reminder About Respect

As role models for our children, we ask all members of our school community to treat one another with courtesy and respect at all times, including during drop-off and collection. By working together positively and setting a good example, we help to create a welcoming environment for everyone and reinforce the values we promote in school every day.

As always, thank you for your continued support and 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



SPLAT THE
TEACHER



SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

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

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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!

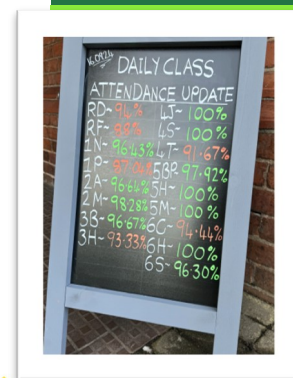
Let's all play our part and finish the year with our strongest attendance yet!

Class Attendance

	Attendance (%)
RD	88.5
RF	93.9
1S	97.3
1P	95
2J	93.8
2O	95.9
3B	94.6
3M	92.5
4CB	94.8
4P	92.9
5H	92.3
5S	92.2
5M	90.4
6C	91.3
6H	83.7

School Attendance this week: 92.59 %

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



Year 2 Theatre Trip

Year 2 had a magical time visiting Wolverhampton Grand Theatre and watched 'The Enormous Crocodile' the musical. They have been reading the story in class.



"I liked all the sound effects and the garden smoke. The theatre was amazing!" Scarlett

"I liked the bubbles that exploded into smoke and I liked the enormous greedy crocodile. I want to go there again" George



More News



Making this summer more affordable for families across the country

Wider cost of living support

These summer measures are part of a broader package the government has put in place to help households with the pressures of rising costs, made worse by the conflict in the Middle East affecting global supply chains and energy markets.

Energy bills

£150 off bills through the Warm Home Discount. Insulation grants. Tariff switching support.

[See energy support →](#)

Fuel costs

Fuel duty frozen. Fuel Finder to compare prices. £3 bus fare cap extended to April 2027.

[Find cheaper fuel →](#)

Families and children

Free breakfast clubs. Free school meals. Holiday Activities and Food programme.

[Children's support →](#)

Wages and work

National Living Wage up 4%. 2.7 million workers receive at least £900 more a year.

[Check your pay rate →](#)

Please use the link below for more information

[Summer Savings – Cost of Living Help](#)



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 life saving 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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FREE HEALTHY LIFESTYLE SUPPORT FOR YOUR FAMILY

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

www.yourhealthdudley.co.uk/your-wellness-journey

Your Health Dudley
01384 732 402
yourhealth.dudley@nhs.net

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).



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, non-judgemental space to ask questions and find helpful resources.
- Find out more about harm reduction advice.
- Supporting to other services.



Contact Dave for more information

Here4YOUth
a Centre for Youth, Health and Wellbeing, Dudley, UK
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Email: here4youth@cranstoun.org.uk

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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

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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).



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)

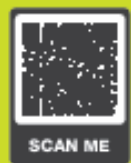
The webinar includes a Q&A where specialists had lots of interaction with parents and carers.

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) 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.

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