

Parental Communication & Engagement



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Message from Headteacher

On Tuesday morning students who took part in the Dudley Children's Book Award attended the annual celebration event at Summerhill School. Students were treated to talks and presentations by Doug Naylor, Jenny Pearson and Patrice Lawrence and watched video messages from the remaining short-listed authors. A chance for students to ask questions was followed by the all-important and exciting announcement of the winners which were as follows:

- Short and Sweet Award: The Deadsoul Project by Dan Smith;
- Children's Award: Sin Bin Island by Doug Naylor;
- Teen Award: Cloud Nine by Sue H. Cunningham.

Dormston pupils have also represented the school fantastically this week at the Dudley Performing Arts Spring Festival Concerts at Dudley Town Hall. On Tuesday evening a choir of 36 pupils performed in the song festival, showcasing two songs as our own choir and then taking part in a massed performance of 'Greatest Show' from the Greatest Showman along with hundreds of other Primary and Secondary pupils from across the borough. The pupils performed exceptionally well and were a credit to the school and their families in their manner and approach. Here are the two songs performed by the choir;

Rhythm Nation: <https://youtu.be/wTYTo3Etui0>

Back for Good: https://youtu.be/TXZqzWr_GVw

Throughout the week the following pupils have also taken part in the Dudley Performing Arts instrumental concerts. George Dupree and Frazer Bateman performed in the Brass and Woodwind Festival and on Thursday Austin Durnin performed in the Guitar and Keyboard Festival. These pupils have shown excellent commitment by attending weekly rehearsals for this event and the standard of their playing really showed this. Well done to all involved throughout the week!



On a sporting front, there has also been lots to celebrate with our Year 9 Netball Team winning 29 - 11 against Wombourne to win the league and our Year 7 Football team winning 4 - 0 against Summerhill to also win the league!



Year 9 Netball Team

Thanks for everyone who took part in our FoDC School Production Raffle. Winners were as follows:

- 1st Prize - Claudia Badalan - 8AX;
- 2nd Prize - Leo Hodgetts - 7AY;
- 3rd Prize - Isabelle Watton - 8AY.

Don't forget that we break up for the Easter Holidays next Friday!

Best wishes.

Mrs Sutton
Headteacher

Key Letters/Information Sent Out Recently

- All Parents/Carers - Lockdown Arrangements - What Happens in a Lockdown;
- Year 11 GCSE Art Compulsory Catch Up Sessions Letter;
- New York Trip Update Letter - March 2026.

Events/Reminders

- Black Country Food Bank Collection Week - WC 23 March 2026;
- Year 9 Options Deadline - Monday 23 March 2026;
- Silver DofE Practice Expedition - Monday 23 & Tuesday 24 March 2026;
- Year 9, 10 & 11 Vaccination Catch Up - Thursday 26 March 2026;
- Culture Day - Friday 27 March 2026;
- Break up for Easter Holidays - Friday 27 March 2026.

Updates

Water Bottle Reminder

Just a reminder that students should be coming to school with water bottles which can be filled up during social times from our water fountains. Free squash is also available from the River Café at social times. It is the expectation that students fill up their water bottles during social times as they will not be allowed out of lesson in order to do this.

Black Country Food Bank

As part of our commitment to supporting the local community, we will be collecting donations for the Black Country Foodbank in the week leading up to the Easter break. The School Council have organised a whole-school charity event and each year group has been asked to donate specific items on a designated day:

- Year 7 - Pasta, noodles or rice (Monday 23rd March);
- Year 8 - male and female toiletries (Tuesday 24th March);
- Year 10 - cereal, breakfast items (Wednesday 25th March);
- Year 9 - cans and tins (Thursday 26th March, as Y9 have assembly Wednesday);
- Year 11 - Easter themed items (Friday 27th March).

To make things even more 'egg-citing', this will also be a year-group competition. Every student who donates will be entered into a raffle with their form tutor, and the year group that contributes the most items will be crowned the winners. Out of the winning year group, five names will also be drawn from the raffle to receive an Easter egg prize. Donations can be brought to the Atrium throughout the week and will be collected by Black Country Foodbank on Friday 27th March.



EASTER 2026 SHOPPING LIST
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PLEASE SUPPORT US BY DONATING ITEMS FROM OUR SHOPPING LIST

- TEA BAGS BOX OF 40'S
- CARTONS OF LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE
- TINNED FISH
- CORDIAL/SQUASH
- SMALL JARS OF COFFEE
- TINNED CHOPPED TOMATOES
- BREAKFAST CEREAL
- TINNED FRUIT
- TINNED CUSTARD/RICE PUDDING
- TINNED READY MEALS (MEATBALLS/CHILLI/MAC AND CHEESE)
- CARTONS OF UHT MILK
- TINNED MEAT (HAM/CORNEB BEEF)
- TINNED FRAY BENTOS PIES
- TINNED VEGETABLES
- TINNED POTATOES/MASH
- PASTA SAUCE
- SAVOURY RICE
- INSTANT NOODLES
- ROLL ON DEODORANT
- SHAMPOO
- SHOWER GEL
- TOILET ROLL
- BARS OF SOAP

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Congratulations/Well Done

Headteacher Commendations

Congratulations go to the following students who received Headteacher Commendations this week.

Jensen Fellows	Lucas Newham	Joby Turner	
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