

# Dallington CE Primary School

...be an example to the believers with your words, your actions, your love, your faith and our pure life. (1 Timothy 4:12)

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## Diary dates

We have added a new calendar to the school website – this will include all of the term dates- [Diary Dates – Dallington Church of England Primary School](#)- I have run out of space on the bar for December but they are on the website.

## Welcome back

If I have not seen you – welcome back and I hope you and your family had a wonderful Summer. We have been back a little under two weeks and already the Summer holidays seem an eternity ago! This year promises to be another excellent year at Dallington. We have all of our new EYFS children in school- they have all settled really quickly and have become a huge focus for all the other children in the school. We welcome 4 new members of staff to our school – Miss Black is our new year 3/4 teacher – working Monday to Wednesday, she has made a wonderful start and is only going to go from strength to strength. Mrs Brown, Mrs Rayiru and Miss Cox join us as Individual Needs Assistants (INAs) and they are working across the school with some of our super children. Although not new, we welcome Miss Hickman-Smith back from maternity leave. Alongside Mrs Dipple, she will form the new SEND department.

The class brochures will be coming home this week – they will give you an overview of what your child(ren) are learning in class and how you can help/support them. As always if you have any questions do not hesitate to speak to myself or the relevant class teacher. We have 118 children on roll this year – we are bursting at the seams!

However, as a sidenote, if you know of anyone who is looking for a place in our EYFS class from September 2026 our prospective parents meetings have been set;

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 9:15am

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm

Please ask them to phone the school office to book an appointment



## Upcoming events

### September

- 23<sup>rd</sup> Individual photos
- 24<sup>th</sup> Year 3/4 at Dudwell
- 26<sup>th</sup> Mufti day for Young at Heart
- 26<sup>th</sup> year 5/6 at Young at Heart
- 29<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Year 4 residential

### October

- 7<sup>th</sup> Coffee morning
- 9<sup>th</sup> Year 5/6 at Dudwell
- 15<sup>th</sup> Cross country – yr 5/6
- 21<sup>st</sup> Harvest Festival
- 23<sup>rd</sup> SEND coffee morning
- 24<sup>th</sup> Year 5/6 at Young at Heart
- 24<sup>th</sup> Grandparents morning
- 24<sup>th</sup> last day of term

### November

- 3<sup>rd</sup> First day of term 2
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Historical day
- 5<sup>th</sup> Football tournament yr 5/6
- 5<sup>th</sup> 9:30am Prospective parents
- 6<sup>th</sup> Opera at Glyndebourne
- 6<sup>th</sup> 6pm Prospective parents
- 7<sup>th</sup> open afternoon -2:30pm
- w/b 10<sup>th</sup> Anti Bullying week
- 12<sup>th</sup> Parents evening 3:30pm
- 13<sup>th</sup> parents Evening 6pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> Mufti for Children in need
- 24<sup>th</sup> Year 5/6 at Dudwell
- 29<sup>th</sup> Christmas Fair

### A few touch ups

Over the Summer we have had a few bits of DIY done. The front of the school has been painted. It looks so much fresher. Thank you for everyone's support whilst we had the scaffolding up. We have had a few older doors and windows replaced with more modern ones. Nuala (year 3), her mum Becky, and dad Clayton very kindly added a higher fence – it runs the length of the staff car park. All three of them worked incredibly hard, and my huge thanks go to all of them for their hard work and support.

If you have been on to the site, you may have noticed the yellow paint and tape across the school. We have two children in our reception class who have multisensory needs, and the tape helps them distinguish changes in to surface, heights etc.

### Writing

Before the Summer Mrs Bloom and Mr Kirk invited children to participate in a writing workshop for an external competition. 13 children worked with the staff on writing their entry! Just before we returned to school we received some exciting news that all of our entries – all 13 of them had been so brilliant that they have been added to a new publication – Monster Mini Tales- A Monster Menagerie (available in all good bookshops!).

Not only did they win bookmarks, stickers, and a certificate, but their story will also be immortalized in print! Well done to Hettie, Nuala, Lilly, Millie, Evie, Beatrix, Lorelai, Dorothy, Emily B, Isla W, Silvia, Esther and Eleanor.

### Mufti day

We have, with the other 7 schools that visit Young at Heart, organized a Mufti day to raise money to support them. We have all supported this wonderful organisation for a few years now and our children, as well as the day visitors, get so much from it. The money we raise will be used to support other local OAPS to attend the club. If you want more information on the organization please visit their Facebook page - [\(6\) Facebook](#).

I cannot speak highly enough about this wonderful organisation and the joy, support and hope they offer. If you would like to donate to this cause, please place your donation in an envelope marked Young at Heart and we will add it to the final total. Thank you.

### Bobbi

Next Friday, we welcome Bobbi, our very gorgeous therapy dog, back to school after the Summer holidays. Bobbie brings so much joy and is a little bit of a celebrity amongst the children.

### Cricket trials

Following on from a very successful cricket season last year, we have two children – Flynn and Giles (year 6), who have been invited to trials for the County. This is amazing, and both boys should be congratulated. The trials are across a few weeks so I will keep you updated so you can all get autographs before they become too famous!

### Arbor

Although we have had a few teething problems with Arbor – I have been told to stop sending messages! – just a reminder that all correspondence will be through Arbor – we are not using Studybugs any more.

### Snack time

I sent a message on Arbor last week to say that some children were having up to three items as a snack! Also, the three items were not healthy. We have worked hard to obtain our healthy school excellence award and part of this was the healthy lunchboxes and snacks. I am sure that no child needs three items at snack time.

Whilst speaking about healthy eating, just a reminder we have children in school with nut allergies – one quite severe. Please ensure that you are not sending your child to school with a peanut butter sandwich or cereal bar that contains nuts – we are a **nut free school** and we want to keep EVERYONE safe.

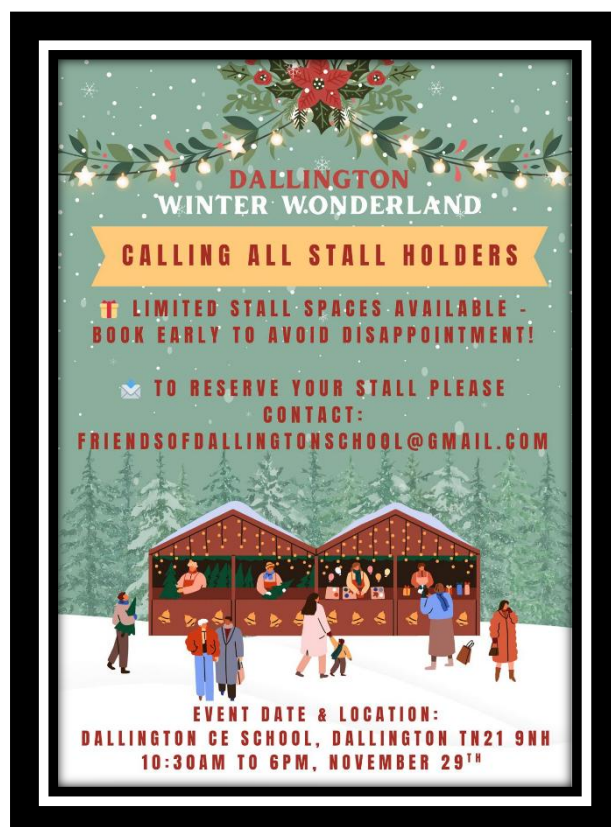
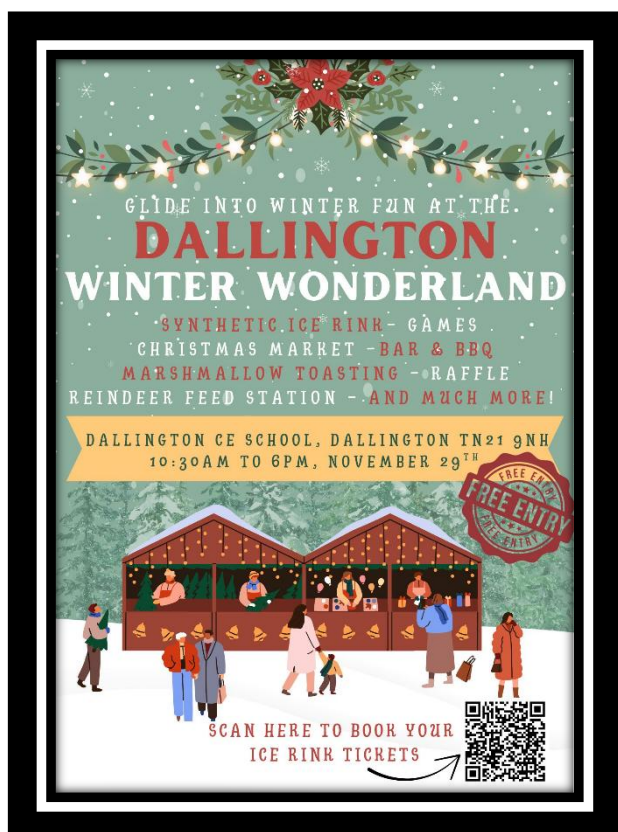
### Ice rink

I don't want to mention the Ch@#&\*mas word ...just yet but trust me it is very much coming into sight! You will hopefully already know that FODS have organized an ice skating rink to be part of this years Christmas fair! It is a really exciting addition to an already wonderful event. Due to the nature of the event, tickets are on sale through Eventbrite- they are NOT SOLD THROUGH SCHOOL! Please click on the link below to book tickets for you, your family, your friends, your neighbours and anyone else you can think of!

[Dallington Winter Wonderland - Ice Rink Tickets, Sat 29 Nov 2025 at 10:30 | Eventbrite](#) or scan the QR code



To add to the magic and Christmassy feel there will be stalls and activities if anyone would like a stall or would kindly be able to sponsor the event, details below please reach out to any members of FODS.



### Friends of Dallington School

Charitable Organisation No. 1075834

Dallington CE Primary School

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Dear Business Owner,

We are delighted to announce that the Friends of Dallington School is hosting an Ice Rink and Christmas Market on Saturday 29th November at Dallington CE School.

This year marks an exciting milestone, as we will be introducing the very first ice rink to Dallington CE School – a synthetic style rink that will allow families to enjoy the magic of skating close to home. Until now, the nearest rinks have been in Tunbridge Wells or Eastbourne, both more costly and less accessible for many local families. Our event will be a family-friendly festive celebration, bringing together the community while raising vital funds to support the school. To make this possible, we are seeking sponsorship from valued local businesses and organisations.

#### Sponsorship Packages:

Tier	Bronze	Silver	Gold
Cost	£50	£100	£150
Benefits	- Thank you mention on Friends of Dallington Facebook Page	- Bronze benefits, plus: - Logo displayed on promotional material. - Business name announced during the event.	- Silver benefits, plus: - Your logo displayed prominently on signage around the ice rink (you can provide vinyl for this). - Inclusion in the school newsletter as a key supporter. - Priority offer of a stall space at the Christmas Market (if desired).

#### Why Sponsor Us?

- Support the first ever Dallington CE School ice rink and a unique festive community event.
- Promote your business to a wide local audience.
- Help raise funds that directly benefit the children at Dallington CE School.

We would be extremely grateful for your support and hope you will consider becoming one of our valued sponsors. If you would like to sponsor us or require more information, please contact us at: [friendsofdallingtonschool@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofdallingtonschool@gmail.com)

On behalf of the PTA, staff, and pupils of Dallington CE School, thank you for considering supporting this special community event.

Yours sincerely,

Astrid and Becky  
Co - Chairs of Friends of Dallington School