



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-](#)

December's dates (most of them) have now been added.

Coffee morning

Don't forget this Tuesday (7th) we have a coffee morning – this will have a focus on how we teach phonics and reading. Please come along, enjoy a cup of coffee, a biscuit (or two) and learn how the school approaches these two very important areas. We will start at 9am.

Reading Challenge

I am so excited to share this with you! Every year the library service offers the Summer reading challenge, it is a wonderful opportunity for the children to access the library, a range of books and continue their exploration of books outside of school. Every WEEK we talk about the importance of reading and how spending 5-10 minutes reading to your child can have a massive impact on their vocabulary, understanding and opportunities in life.

Normally, we have 12 to 13 children who complete the reading challenge and I was always proud of this, but I have spoken to the library service, who have informed me that this year we had 49 children start the challenge and 40 who completed it! That is incredible! Well done, everyone!

If your child is one of the 9 who didn't finish the challenge, remember we said we would extend the deadline until October half term to allow those older children who are reading larger books the opportunity to finish them.



Well done to everyone involved!

Upcoming events

October

- 7th Coffee morning
- 9th Year 3/4 at Dudwell
- 15th Cross country – yr 5/6
- 21st Harvest Festival
- 23rd SEND coffee morning
- 24th Year 5/6 at Young at Heart
- 24th Grandparents morning
- 24th last day of term

November

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

December

- 1st Decoration making morning
- 5th Mufti – Hailsham foodbank
- 5th Dallington Museum open 2:30pm
- 8th Nativity 2pm
- 9th Nativity 6pm
- 11th Year 3/4 carols State Hall
- 12th Dudwell – Brightling class
- 16th Brightling class at De LA Warr

Young at Heart

On Friday 27th we held a mufti day to raise some money for this wonderful charity we support. Alongside seven other local schools we invited the children to wear their own clothes for the donation of £1. All of the monies raised would go directly to Young at Heart. Again, I am very proud! Between us we raised over £800! This is a massive amount of money- it will be used for some much-needed resources and to subsidise entrance fees, to allow even more local people who cannot afford to attend the opportunity to go along, make new friends, socialise and learn new skills. Your simple donation of £1 will honestly change lives...THANK YOU!

Speaking of Young at Heart, on the 27th we sent ten year 5/6 children along for the afternoon. As well as playing games, sharing stories of school and reading their books they also helped Frogheath Nursery and the club members do some planting. Rachel, the club's leader, said that we set a new record for the amount potted! As you can see from the picture ...they obviously worked hard!



Netball

On Wednesday 1st October we took 18 netballers to the annual Heathfield schools' tournament. Under the expert coaching eye of Mr Tooze and Mrs Langley, the children were the shining lights we expect. They played brilliantly but off the court they supported each other, were good sportsmen and were just a credit to themselves and the school! Our 'A' team came second and will now go through to the next round and the 'B' came seventh. A massive well done to everybody who took part.



Residential

On Monday 29th September, our year 4 children, Mrs Mizen, Ms Egan, myself and their peers from Punnetts Town travelled to Bewl Water for our annual residential. I know I can be overly positive (at times) but the children who attended made everyone so proud. We talk about challenging ourselves and being those shining lights, but these children didn't shine, they illuminated the whole of the South East! Whether it was sleeping away from home for the first time, learning how to put a duvet cover on, trying a new activity, pushing themselves to go higher on the climbing wall, trusting that if they jumped in the reservoir they would be safe or

just mixing with new friends from Punnets Town they were all absolutely amazing. It was one of the easiest but most enjoyable residential I have been on. Both schools and both sets of children should be SO proud of themselves.



Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported the book fair. All of the books you purchased- which I am sure the children will enjoy- also come back to the school in credits that we can use to purchase books for the library or classrooms. Once we get the final figures, I will let you know – thank you

SENCO

As many of you will know, Ms Conaway retired in July, she has been replaced by Mrs Dipple and Miss Hickman Smith. These two have already made an impact since we returned for this new academic year. They seem to be in and out of meetings with parents all of the time. Like our wonderful SENCOs, all of us are here if you have any concerns or questions. Remember, there is no such thing as a silly question- if it is worrying you our wonderful staff are here to offer support and answers.

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](#)

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 please reach out to any members of FODS or speak to the office and we will pass on your messages.

