



DUKE STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL

19TH DECEMBER 2025

HEADLINES



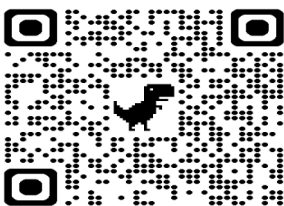
READING PERCENTAGES



**No reading
Percentages
this week...**



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A very special thank you goes to our lovely school crossing patrol who kindly gifted some sweets for all the children. I'm sure they will be practising their "Thank You"s when they next see her.

The West Midland Theatre group treated us to a great performance of Rick Whittington on Thursday afternoon. This annual treat has become a very popular Christmas event.

As we say a fond goodbye to Mrs Robinson today and extend a warm welcome to Mr Allton who will be joining the Duke Street team after Christmas.

We wish all our Duke Street families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 5th January.



WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

ACORN:	92.7%	↑
ROSE:	91.4%	↑
TULIP:	99.5%	↓
ACER:	91.5%	↑
REDWOOD:	9.7%	↑
SPRUCE:	93.3%	↓
MAPLE:	98.3	↑
BEECH:	95.3%	↓
ROWAN:	91.8%	↓
POPLAR:	97.5%	↓
SYCAMORE:	93.6%	↑
CHESTNUT:	96.2%	↑
<u>OVERALL:</u>	<u>94.9%</u>	↑
<u>School Target: 96%</u>		
Is your class attendance higher or lower than last week?		

We would love to
see every class
rolling the
Classopoly dice
next week!

Class Attendance



96% + = .





Attendance - term time holidays

We value the support from all families in maintaining good punctuality and attendance. For those families looking to book cheaper holidays for 2026, please consider making use of our **extended May half term**.

A reminder that school will not authorise holidays taken during term time.

As some families have already been fined by the local authority for taking holidays during term time since September 2024, please see the information below regarding fines and prosecution for second and third periods of unauthorised absence.

From September 2024, the Department for Education announced national changes to penalty notices issued for unauthorised absence in term time. These changes came into effect on 19th August 2024. The changes to be aware of are:

- *Penalty notices issued for offences that take place after 19 August 2024 will be charged at a new rate of **£160 per parent per child**. This can be paid at £80 if paid within 21 days.*
- *Any second penalty notice issued to the same parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period will be issued at the rate of £160 to be paid within 28 days with no option for a discounted rate.*
- *The threshold at which a penalty notice **must** be considered is set at 10 sessions (equivalent to 5 days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10-school week period. This may include absences as a result of arriving late after the register closes. The 10 school weeks may span different terms or school years.*
- *A maximum of 2 penalty notices may be issued to a parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period, so at the 3rd (or subsequent) offence(s) another course of action will need to be considered (such as prosecution or one of the other attendance legal interventions). This will apply to families who take term time holidays on multiple occasions and over multiple years.*

MACHINE OF DREAMS

KS1

Wren in Redwood
Amal in Acer
Bobby in Spruce
Aydan in Redwood
Ava in Redwood
Eren in Redwood
Ethan in Redwood
Paisley in Acer
Miyah in Rose
Juvaniya in Spruce



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KS2

Charlie in Poplar
Casey in Sycamore
Robbie in Sycamore
Toby in Sycamore
Abdi in Poplar
Joshua in Beech
Grace in Chestnut



Award Winners

CLASS	MATHS	ENGLISH	ICARE
Rose	<i>All the class</i>	<i>All the class</i>	<i>All the class</i>
Tulip	<i>All the class</i>	<i>All the class</i>	<i>All the class</i>
Acer	<i>Elijah</i>	<i>Selbi</i>	<i>Isla</i>
Spruce	<i>Naomi T</i>	<i>Carter</i>	<i>Layla</i>
Redwood	<i>Scarlett</i>	<i>Eren</i>	<i>Reggie</i>
Acorn	<i>Nihal</i>	<i>Harry-George</i>	<i>Jadon</i>
Maple	<i>Isaac</i>	<i>Maya</i>	<i>Henry</i>
Beech	<i>Emily</i>	<i>Zeynep</i>	<i>Kosi</i>
Rowan	<i>Leo C</i>	<i>Olivia S</i>	<i>Mila</i>
Poplar	<i>Joud</i>	<i>Oscar</i>	<i>Mikey</i>
Sycamore	<i>Toby</i>	<i>Jessica</i>	<i>Jackson</i>
Chestnut	<i>George B</i>	<i>Mathew</i>	<i>James</i>

The Active Minutes Winners are: Acer & Rowan

CLASS	Active Minutes
Acer	602
Redwood	590
Spruce	483
Rowan	461
Poplar	398
Maple	369
Sycamore	355
Chestnut	342
Beech	200

