



DUKE STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER 12

1ST DECEMBER 2023



Head Lines

READING PERCENTAGES

- ACORN: 75%
- ROSE: 61%
- TULIP: 63%
- ACER: 66%
- REDWOOD: 82%
- SPRUCE: 65%
- MAPLE 75%
- BEECH: 80%
- ROWAN: 66%
- POPLAR: 71%
- SYCAMORE 67%
- CHESTNUT: 74%

What a lovely time the reception and KS1 children had on Monday evening during the Duke Street bedtime hour. The children enjoyed listening to stories and singing some calming songs. The hot chocolate and biscuits was also a big hit. Thank you to all those children who attended. We hope they have enjoyed the free book they chose to take home. A big thank you to Miss Parkinson and Miss Pierce who arranged this event and to all the staff who supported this in classrooms.

The children in Y6 have been busy completing their bikeability again this week. They showed great resilience dealing with the frosty conditions we were faced with on Thursday morning.

The children in Acorn class have enjoyed their class trip to see Santa today.

With the weather being particularly chilly at the moment, please continue to send the children in with warm coats and hats, gloves and scarves to keep them warm in the playground.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

- ACORN: 91.0%
- ROSE: 90.5%
- TULIP: 94.7%
- ACER: 94.7%
- REDWOOD: 92.8%
- SPRUCE: 95.1%
- MAPLE: 95.9%
- BEECH: 92.1%
- ROWAN: 98.2%
- POPLAR: 95.5%
- SYCAMORE: 91.3%
- CHESTNUT: 95.8%
- OVERALL: 94.2 %**
- School Target: 96%**

Water in Classrooms

A reminder that children can access water during the school day in classrooms. This can be from their own water bottle or from a classroom cup. Other drinks can be accessed during lunchtime and must be stored on the lunchbox trolley. We encourage the regular drinking of water throughout the day due to the health benefits this has and to support children's concentration. If for medical reasons your child requires access to drinks other than water throughout the school day, please speak to their current class teacher about this if you haven't already done so.



Change Poor Punctuality to Perfect Punctuality

We have noticed an increasing number of children are arriving late at the start of the school day. We cannot stress enough the detrimental impact this is having on the children's learning. Arriving just a few minutes late means that your child has not taken part in the first lesson of the day. In Reception this means your child has missed phonics. In KS1 and KS2 they have missed Early Bird Maths. This missed learning is having a significant impact on children's progress in maths and English and poor punctuality has been mentioned by many teachers this week as the number 1 barrier to some children not making the progress they are capable of during this term's pupil progress meetings. Those children who are in school on time every day have the best possible chance of success and we thank all those parents who are supporting their children to arrive in school on time each day.

We want every pupil at Duke Street to achieve their very best during their time with us. We can only do this when they are here, on time and ready to learn.

As always, our outreach team are only a phone call away if they can support any families in securing better punctuality and attendance.



Every moment in school counts, Did you know...

If in a school year, your child is late every day by...	Your child would have lost approximately...	or they would have missed approximately...
5 MINUTES	3.5 DAYS FROM SCHOOL	20 LESSONS
10 MINUTES	7 DAYS FROM SCHOOL	41 LESSONS
15 MINUTES	10 DAYS FROM SCHOOL	55 LESSONS
20 MINUTES	14.5 DAYS FROM SCHOOL	82 LESSONS
30 MINUTES	22 DAYS FROM SCHOOL	123 LESSONS

Being in school is important to your child's achievement, wellbeing, and wider development. Please encourage punctuality to maintain school attendance.

Remember Absence = Lost Opportunity

OUTREACH NEWS/UPDATES/INFORMATION

Contact Information

If you have recently changed telephone number, address or email call in at the school office so we can amend these details on the school system.

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) information

For parents/carers of children with SEND or concerned regarding a possible need you can access all relevant information on the following link on our school website; <https://dukestreet-pri.lancs.sch.uk/about-us/sen/send-policy>

You can also contact the school office if you wish to make contact with Mr Reay (SENDCo) and an appointment can be made at a convenient time. Additionally the Local Authority have lots of useful information on the following links;

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/special-educational-needs-and-disabilities/>

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/special-educational-needs-and-disabilities/getting-help/send-newsletter/>

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/special-educational-needs-and-disabilities/things-to-do/break-time/>

Machine of Dreams Winner for 60 Reads

KS1

Thomas in Tulip

Elizabeth in Tulip

Ezgi in Spruce

Bella in Acorn

Lincoln in Acer

KS2

Bryanie (Chestnut

Harrison (Maple)

Riley in (Sycamore)

We would be very grateful of donations of pre read books for school



Award Winners

CLASS	MATHS	ENGLISH	ICARE
Acorn	Matthew	Callum	Luke
Rose	Jaxon	Scarlett	
Tulip	Jordan	Elizabeth	Sienna
Spruce	Anthony	Penny	Emily
Acer	James	Jasmine	Oscar L
Redwood	Anthony	Jonathan	Adesola
Maple	Ava	Nia	Sophia
Beech	Sam	Martha	Alfie
Rowan	Karim	Casey	Parker
Poplar	Emeli	Louis	Jude
Sycamore	Joshua Co	Leon	Annabelle S
Chestnut	Kate	Oscar	Lucas

KS1 Numbots Highest Coin Earners

1st: Zeynep from Redwood



2nd: Lucas from Spruce

3rd: Charlie from Rose

KS2 T.T.R.S. Highest Coin Earners



1st: Yasin from Poplar

2nd: Matthew from Beech

3rd: Stephen from Chestnut

CLASS	OVERALL ACTIVE MINUTES
Spruce	416
Acer	372
Redwood	286
Maple	341
Beech	275
Rowan	246
Poplar	158
Sycamore	284
Chestnut	335

Photo Gallery



Honey needed a rest after visiting the classrooms.



Sycamore class have been investigating beak sizes of birds and how they have adapted to suit their environment.



Chestnut children investigated Darwin's work on the Galapagos Finches.



Redwood loved their Forest School lesson with Mrs Haddon



Reception children were visited today by Mrs Nicholls and her pet tortoise Scooter...

DIARY DATES

Monday, 11th December: Breakfast with Santa (EYFS)

Monday, 11th December: Year 3 Xmas Bingo 2.15 pm

Tuesday, 12th December: Year 4 Christmas Crafts 2.15 pm

Wednesday, 13th December: Christmas Dinner

Wednesday, 13th December: Year 5 Christmas Calendars 2.15 pm

Thursday, 14th December: West Midlands Children's Theatre Performance of Sinbad The Sailor. 1.30pm start)

Friday, 15th December: Enrichment Day

Monday, 18th December: Reception & Yr 6 Buddies – Xmas Songs around the Xmas Tree (pm)

Wednesday, 20th December: KS1 Xmas Play (pm)

Thursday, 21st December: KS1 Xmas Play (am)

(Further details will be sent out for the above events)

Friday, 22nd December: School closes at 2.15 pm (2.05 for Rose/Tulip)

Christmas Parties

Monday, 18th December: LKS2 (am).

Tuesday, 19th December: UKS2 (pm)

Thursday, 21st December: Reception (pm)

Friday, 22nd December: KS1 (am)

Children may wear their own clothes on party day but please be mindful of the weather

