



This half-term's Pathway:
Self and Lifestyle

Summer is nearly here (hopefully)! It's another busy half-term so please make sure that you check our website, Facebook page and ParentHub messages regularly. We have also issued our term dates and year group newsletters for summer 2026, please check you have received these.



Attendance Winners

Our attendance cup winners for April 2026 were:

Week ending	Key Stage 1	Key Stage 2
17 th April	Year 2	Mr Jones
24 th April	Giraffes	Mrs Leavesley/Miss Cartwright
1 st May	Mrs Allen/Mrs Phillips	Mrs Reynolds Lawrence

Safeguarding Update

As the weather improves and we hopefully continue to enjoy more sunny days, could we ask you to make sure that your child has at least factor 30, if not total sun block applied to their faces, ears, neck, arms and legs before school so that we can together eradicate any possibility of sun damage. The children will also need a sun hat and a water bottle every day.

In school, we have some Soltan Kids Protect and Moisturise SPF50 Sun Cream that children may apply in an emergency. If your child is unable to use the school's sun cream, could you please email info@straits.dudley.sch.uk



Year 3 'Around the World' Day



Year 3 enjoyed travelling around the continents of the world and now their passports are full of stamps. They called into Europe, for a scavenger hunt of famous landmarks such as the Eiffel Tower. It was then onto Africa where they wrote riddles about the animals they had seen on Safari. In Australasia they learnt how to do the Haka and then learnt many facts about Antarctica. They also learnt to Samba in South America, made Day of the Dead masks in North America and learnt how to write their names in Mandarin in Asia.

Year 4 and 5 'Open the Door'

We've hosted the last of our 'Open the Door' events for this year. These are a lovely opportunity for parents to join their child in school and as always they had great fun exploring a range of activities together as well as finding out about some ideas they could try at home.



Year 5 Baggeridge Walk



On Tuesday 21st April, Year 5 set off on a walk to Baggeridge to complete their study of the local area.

They have been learning about how the local area was used historically for mining, with a particular focus on The Baggeridge Colliery.



Along the route, they developed their map skills as well as spotting features they may not have seen before.

Musical Theatre

On Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th April, our Musical Theatre club children performed their production of 'The Boy, the mole, the fox and the horse'. It was a wonderful performance and the story followed a boy, a mole, a fox and a horse as they journeyed together in the boy's search for a home – a story of kindness, friendship, courage and hope with some great musical numbers – well done!



Sporting Success



It's been a competitive few weeks as our netball team has been competing in their Dudley Schools' League matches, our Year 4s have competed in the Year 4 Dudley school's football competition and we've also participated in a Gymnastics competition.



We've had some real success as part of these events as our Year 4 football team qualified for the next round of their tournament and our gymnastic teams were also triumphant.

Year 4 gymnasts - individual first, second and third as well as overall team winners!



Year 5 gymnasts - individual second and third place as well as overall third in the team competition.

Upcoming Events

May

Monday 4th – May Day (school closed)

W/C Tuesday 5th – Year 5 Bikeability

Thursday 7th – School Closed – polling day

Friday 8th – Reception Kingswood trip

Monday 11th – Thursday 14th Year 6 SATS week

Friday 15th – Non-uniform Day

Wednesday 20th – Year 6 Leavers' photographs

Wednesday 20th – Year 4 Botanical Gardens trip

Thursday 21st – Non-uniform Day

Thursday 21st – Straits Beach Party Summer Fete (3.30pm – 5.00pm)

Monday 25th to Friday 29th - Half term

June

Thursday 4th – Drayton Manor (Year 6)

Wednesday 10th – New Reception pupils' (September 2026) meeting for parents @ 6pm

Wednesday 17th - Sports Day

(Years 1/2 @ 9.15am, Year 3-6 @ 10.30am and Reception @ 2.00pm)

Thursday 18th – Reserve Sports Day

Wednesday 24th – Year 6 performance @ 2pm and 6.30pm

Thursday 25th - Year 6 performance @ 2pm and 6.30pm

Monday 29th – Year 3 Gudwara Trip

Tuesday 30th - Transition Day (pupils visit new classes)

Key Information

School Fete – 'Beach Party'

The event will take place on Thursday 21st May from 3.30pm – 5.00pm and will involve a beach party (with a mocktail bar!), stalls and refreshments (*tombolas, bouncy castle, cake stall, Name the Teddy, popcorn, ice cream van, burger van, donut van, candy floss etc...*)

To support this event, we will be hosting two non-uniform days:

- Friday 15th May where we will ask for donations of bottles, sweets and good quality teddy bears.
- Thursday 21st May (beach themed outfits) where we will be asking for donations of chocolate or cakes.

If you are able to help at this event (either setting up from 1.30pm or running a stall) please email: fundraising@straits.dudley.sch.uk or call the school office).