

DURRINGTON NEWSLETTER

Kindness | Aspiration | Perseverance | Pride

14 February 2025 edition

Welcome to this edition of our school newsletter! In this issue, we are excited to shine a spotlight on the super work of our very dedicated Senior Student Leadership Team. Guided by the theme of *Aspiration*, our student leaders have, in the last week, launched our whole school Half a Million Minutes challenge. After just a few days we've already seen huge engagement from many of our students and staff. It is lovely to hear the stories about what activities they have been doing to better themselves; including things as diverse as brownie making to gym

sessions, learning a new skill to challenging themselves to read 5+ novels in just 3 weeks. Well done one and all.

We hope you enjoy this newsletter and do keep an eye out on our social media to see what else continues to go on at Durrington.

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Food Technology

This week our curriculum spotlight focuses on Food Technology and you can find out more about what each year group is learning on the links below.



[Year 7 link here](#)



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[Year 9 link here](#)



[GCSE link here](#)

Food Technology

Aspiration @ DHS

Half a million minutes

The SSLT's latest aspiration challenges began on Monday and we're excited to see what our community can do when it pulls together. We know what we're capable of when we all get involved, but we also know the role that form tutors play in achieving this. Please encourage your children to record what they do this half term so they can ask their form tutors to enter the minutes when we return. Staff will be out this weekend and maybe you've been out running like Mr Woodcock, cycling like Mr Frost or reading for leisure like Mr Crocket. Please log those minutes and help us achieve our target of half a million minutes!!! Find our more [here](#).



Dance Live! 2025

Our 100 strong team travelled to the Guildhall in Portsmouth to compete in this years event. The Team Durrington performance was phenomenal and you can find out what the students and staff had to say about this thrilling event [here](#).

Aspiration



Tesco Stronger Start Competition



Start the Day Right @ Durrington High School

We want to set up a breakfast club for our disadvantaged students so that they have the best start to their day with a healthy breakfast and a chance to play sport. Tesco has offered our school the opportunity to win a grant worth £1,500 and you can help us achieve our goal by voting for us with tokens received at the checkout. Find out which stores you can place your vote in [here](#).

Learning Resource Area

The latest recommended reading list is available on the link below and you can also now follow the LRA on their own Instagram account!

[Recommended reading list](#)

[LRA Instagram](#)



Durrington High Values

KAPP awards

Our system of KAPP rewards and recognition ensures we are able to award students for going beyond their best in a variety of ways. You can nominate your child on the link [here](#).



Clubs & DHS

Our full clubs list for the Spring term 2025 can be found [here](#).



The Durrington Journey



Term dates

Spring and Summer 2025

Spring Term 2025

Monday 6 January – Friday 4 April

Half Term

- Monday 17 February – Friday 21 February

INSET Days:

- Thursday 23 January
- Friday 24 January
- Monday 10 March
- Tuesday 11 March

Summer term 2025

Tuesday 22 April – Tuesday 22 July

Half Term

- Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May

INSET Days:

- Friday 27 June

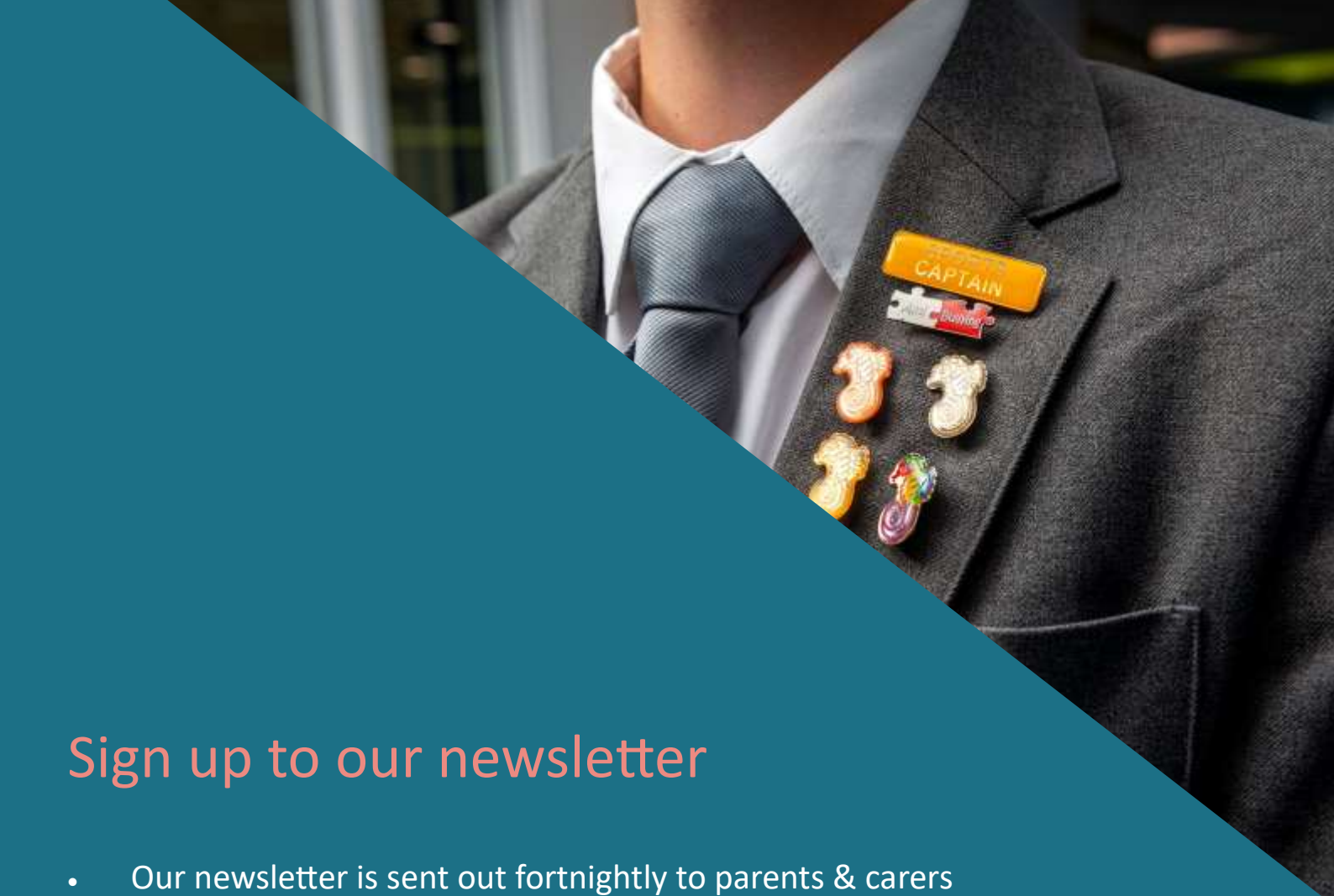
Bank holidays

- Monday 21 April
- Monday 5 May

Diary Dates

- INSET day - Monday 10th March
- INSET day - Tuesday 11th March
- Whole School Musical - Tuesday 27th March

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Sign up to our newsletter

- Our newsletter is sent out fortnightly to parents & carers and we aim to cover as much as possible from across the school. If your family and friends would like to receive our fortnightly editions they can sign up here: [Newsletter](#)

Social media

Don't forget you can follow all the latest news on our social media pages:

- [Facebook](#)
- [Twitter](#)
- [Instagram](#)



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