



DURRINGTON NEWSLETTER

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19th December 2025 edition

As we come to the end of what has been a busy but also very positive autumn term, we would like to thank our students, staff and families for the energy, generosity and pride that have characterised the final weeks of term.

The festive season has already provided us with lovely opportunities to bring our community together. Our Christmas panto showcased the energy, fun and teamwork from the KS3 drama club whilst our annual carol service was a calm and reflective celebration that highlighted the talent and maturity of our students. Both events captured the spirit of the season and the very best of our school.

Our annual hamper and stocking initiatives, the hamper creation and donations, are now in their 50th year. Once again the donations showed the immense amount of kindness that exists across our wonderful school community. Thanks to the efforts of students, fami-

lies and staff, we have been able to support local charities and families, reminding us all of the importance of giving and looking beyond ourselves.

This half term has also seen Pele House dominate the KAPP Cup awards, a real testament to sustained kindness, aspiration, perseverance and pride across the house community. Alongside this, we have been delighted to celebrate our first group of year 7 top achievers, all of whom have made an outstanding start to secondary school and set a strong foundation for future success.

As we close the term, I would like to wish all our families a restful and happy break and thank you for your continued support. We look forward to welcoming students back on Monday 5th January at 8.40am refreshed and ready for the New Year and opportunities ahead.

Shaun Allison &
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Co-Headteachers

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Christmas Pantomime



The Performing Arts Centre was filled with laughter, music, and thunderous applause last week as the Drama department took to the stage with their annual KS3 pantomime production.

The stage was turned into a colourful fairy-tale world, complete with exaggerated characters, slapstick humour, and audience participation – hallmarks of the traditional pantomime style. Students from years 7 through to year 9 spent this term rehearsing after school every week to bring this lively production to life, and you can read the full story [here](#).

Performing Arts

Carol Concert



Durrington High School's annual Carol Concert at St Andrew's Church in Tarring was a wonderful festive occasion, bringing together students, staff, families, friends and members of the local community for an enjoyable evening of music and reflection.

It was heartening to see so many people come along to support the students and share in the festive spirit. Thanks to the generosity of those who attended, just under £100 was raised for local charity Turning Tides, making the evening not only enjoyable but meaningful as well. Read the full story [here](#).

The Durrington Community



Christmas Hampers & Stockings

🌲 ✨ Celebrating 50 Years of Christmas Hampers for Charity ✨ 🌲



This year marks a very special milestone as we celebrate 50 years of Christmas Hampers, bringing festive cheer and support to those in need within our community.

For five decades, our Christmas hampers have been a symbol of generosity, kindness, and togetherness — made possible by the incredible efforts of our staff, students, families, and supporters. Every donation, every packed hamper, and every helping hand has helped make Christmas brighter for so many.

Thank you to everyone who has been part of this amazing journey, and a huge thank you to Mr Woods, our previous Assistant Headteacher, for starting this wonderful tradition.

Going beyond our best

Celebrating 50 years

We were also extremely grateful for your contributions to our Santa's Stockings. We now have lots of children's books, games and toys that will be delivered to our local primary schools and given to children who are less fortunate.



It has been wonderful to see the effort our students have put in to decorating the Hampers and Santa's Stockings, and the kindness they have shown when bringing in donations.



We are extremely proud of this Durrington tradition, and once again thank you for all your support in making this charity event possible.



Here's to 50 years of giving... and many more to come! 🎁 ✨



Proud of DHS



Celebrating KAPP Awards

Huge congratulations to Pele House for winning the Kindness Cup, Aspiration Cup and Perseverance Cup - crowning them overall champions and truly deserving winners of the overall KAPP Cup for this half term!



Congratulations also go to Angelou House who gained the highest number of pride points and were awarded the Pride trophy!



Kindness Aspiration Perseverance Pride

Year 7 Top Achievers



Congratulations to our outstanding Year 7 top achievers who have received the highest marks across all their subjects in their end of term reports. This is a fantastic achievement and a testament to your hard work, commitment, and dedication. Well done!

Emily D, Dominick D, Arthur W, Bonnie C, Georgia K, Freddy H, Elijah M, Amber B, Mila K, Aisha M, Isaac W, Lexi F, Faye L, Jacob R, Travis S, Maggie H, Liv M, Owen C, Marco C, Thomas F, Freddie C, Millie T, Riley C, Elion I, Jesse B, Jamie B, Skye C, Rose C, Jacob F, Reuben M and Imogen W.

Top Achievers



Term dates

Spring term 2026

Monday 5th January to Friday 27th March

Half term

Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February

INSET days

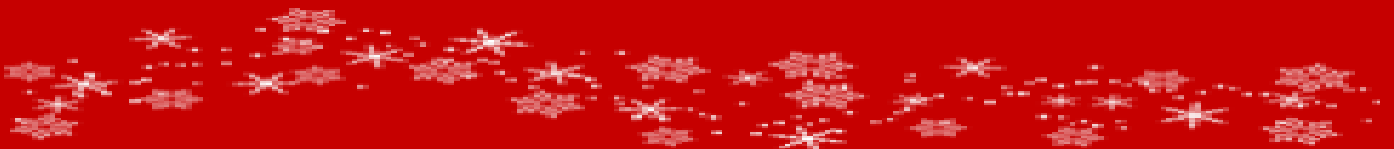
Thursday 22nd January, Friday 23rd January, Monday 9th March

Clubs

Our full clubs list for the Spring term will be updated and shared soon.

Diary Dates

- First day of Spring term - Monday 5th January
- INSET days - Thursday 22nd January & Friday 23rd January
- Year 11 Consultation evening - Thursday 29th January





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](#).

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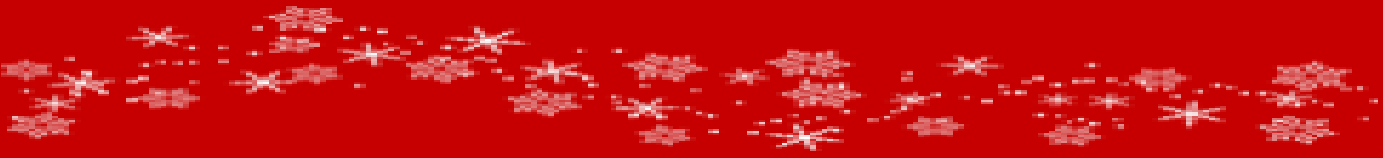
- Our newsletter is sent out fortnightly to parents & carers and we aim to cover as much as possible from across the school. If your family and friends would like to receive our fortnightly editions they can sign up here: [Newsletter](#)

Social media

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

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