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4th April - Newsletter

Lions at Large

<https://lionsatlarge.co.uk/>



Our Cub Lion has arrived ready for decoration!

Thank you to everyone that helped us reach our first fundraising target of £750 and second target of £2000. We are now striving to reach £5000!

Dunalley's fundraiser for Cheltenham and Gloucester Hospitals Charity



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47%

£2,395
raised of £5,000 target
by 75 supporters

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Dunalley Primary School is raising money for Cheltenham and Gloucester Hospitals Charity

Story



Lions at Large Learning Programme

Campaign by Cheltenham and Gloucester Hospitals Charity (HCN 1051606)

Our Lions at Large Cub Club enables schools and community groups to fundraise for their own little Lion to be part of The Pride of Gloucestershire Trail 2025. Once the trail has finished, the little Lions will return to their forever homes.

Our Just Giving Page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/dunalley-primary-school-cub-lion>

Please pay entries to events and competitions into the Just Giving page above. Anyone that paid into Parent Pay has been reimbursed, please re-donate through the link above.

Community Art Competition:

We would like to thank everyone that has entered. They are all brilliant and show an amazing amount of creativity, the variety of materials used has been amazing. They will all be on exhibition at Pippin's Birthday Party, please come along and view them. Entries are now closed.

Up coming Events:

Pippin's Birthday Party - Sunday 6th April - 10am-12noon

The sun is going to be out so we look forward to seeing you on Sunday for some fun and to raise even more money for this fantastic cause.

- Bring a book to swap
- OPAL Stay and Play
- An opportunity to view the 'Lion Art Exhibition' in the hall with winners being announced at 11 am
- Refreshments available - bring your own cup, please
- Ice-creams / lollies for sale at £1 each

- Glitter tattoos available
- Bring some cash or a card to make your donations or payments

Wacky Hair Day - Friday 11th April (there is no swimming for Year 4) - £1 suggested donation.

Dunalley Literature Festival

We have had a fantastic week celebrating reading and writing across the school. We have had inspiring and engaging author visits, creative writing challenges, trips to the library, bedtime stories and a wonderful wordy dress up day to close our festival.




Please find below the names of the authors who visited us and a link to their websites should you wish to learn more about them or purchase any of their books:

- Tom Allen - [Home](#)
- Sian Hughes - [Siân Hughes | Children's Author](#)
- Jenny McLachlan - [Jenny McLachlan | Official website for Jenny McLachlan, author of The Land of Roar, Dead Good Detectives, Stink, the Ladybirds series, Stargazing for Beginners and Truly, Wildly Deeply](#)

BIG Walk & Wheel



Thank you to everyone that participated in the Big Walk & Wheel and congratulations to RU for making 242 non car morning journeys in a fortnight.

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|  The overall leading class badge is held by... RU with 242 journeys | |
| 2,383 | Total journeys <small>The total number of journeys recorded in Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel 2025.</small> |
| 65% | Daily average score <small>This is your current average daily score based on a percentage of your school roll. If you take part in more than five days, this will be based on your best five days.</small> |
| 255 / 1299 <small>Large primary schools</small> | Overall position in challenge <small>Based on your daily average score.</small> View overall positions |

- 1st - RU = 242
- 2nd - 4P = 231
- 3rd - RR = 219

Book Fair - Here next Thursday

On Thursday 10th April, the Yellow-Lighted Book Shop will be hosting a book fair after school on the playground. Come along to browse and purchase books.

You may find books from the authors who recently visited us for the Dunalley Literature Festival!

Year 2 - Family DT Event

Year 2 had a terrific time on Thursday afternoon when they made their moving vehicles. They had to design and make a vehicle on wheels to transport a giraffe! The vehicle had to have two axles (at least) and the wheels all had to turn when the car was pushed.

There were wheels, dowels, saws, felt tips, boxes, scissors, reels of selotape everywhere and everyone managed to get their vehicle to move *(with a little support from the parents and carers to come along to support the children - thank you, your presence was invaluable!)* Well done, Year 2!



School Lunches - We would like your feedback

We introduced our new catering provider, Dolce Ltd, last January. As we approach the summer term, we felt it an appropriate time to gather some feedback from families. We would appreciate it if you could take a few minutes of your time to complete the survey

Your responses will help us ensure that we have the best possible service for your children.

Increase to Lates fees from September 2025

From September 2025, we will need to increase our Lates fees from £10.00 to £13.50 per day.

We have kept our rate lower than many other schools for the last few years and our price does still remain competitive. However, as school costs continue to rise, sadly, so must our charge. We hope that by informing you now, those of you who use this facility, have as much notice as possible.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Earlies & Lates Bookings - Summer Term

Everyone who has completed the booking forms for Earlies & Lates for next term (after Easter) will have received confirmation of their bookings and the policy & procedures agreement to sign.

Thank you for your continued support.

PTFA - News and Updates

2025 PENNY WARS 7-10 APRIL

Dunalley Penny Wars is next week! Each class will be given an empty jar to fill with as many copper coins as possible. But... you can help your teacher sabotage another class by bringing in silver coins to put in another class's jar.

1p gives 1 point, 2p gives 2 points. 5p subtracts 5 points and 10p subtracts 10 points. The class with the most points wins a treat box for their class. The winning class will be announced in assembly.

PTFA MEETING 08/04/25

Please come along to our next PTFA meeting on Tuesday 8th April, 7.30pm, at The Hewlett on Harp Hill. We hope to see you there.

CAKE SALE 8/5/25

Get ready for our next school bake sale after school on Thursday 8th May. If you would like a challenge, design your bakes for the theme 'Spring' and be as creative as you like.

Supporting the Little Princess Trust



Flossie Masters, a thoughtful and compassionate Year 5 pupil, has selflessly cut 11 inches off her hair to support the Little Princess Trust.

By donating her hair, Flossie aims to raise funds for the charity,

ensuring that children undergoing chemotherapy and other treatments receive wigs for free.

Her generosity shines brightly, inspiring others to contribute: https://www.justgiving.com/page/flossies-haircut?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL



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OPAL Donations needed

We are always delighted to receive donations for our OPAL Play initiative.

If you would like to donate, please give them to Mrs Byrne via the school office, or leave them in the black OPAL donation box outside of the main reception.

Easter holidays is always a good time to have a spring clearout.

Now that the sun is shining we are using the sand pit more and more and would really like some beach toys as well as:

- Suitcases
- Paint brushes and rollers
- Dolls
- Construction toys
- Planks of wood
- Balls
- Dressing up clothes
- Old keyboards

Many thanks for your support.

Uniform

We have had a few queries regarding summer uniform requirements, please follow the link below for full details about our approved uniform.

<https://dunalleyps.schoolzineplus.co.uk/school-uniform>

- For year 3 - year 6
Yellow and white gingham summer dress - this is optional and to be worn with white socks. These dresses may only be worn from September to October half term and in the summer term (after Easter).

What you need to know about Whats App

