



**DUNALLEY
PRIMARY SCHOOL**
Learning and achieving together



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14th November - Newsletter

Open Morning Success!

We were delighted to welcome so many prospective families to our Open Morning on Wednesday.

Several of our pupils took on the role of tour guides, confidently showing visitors around our school and grounds.

The feedback we received was overwhelmingly positive—full of praise for the guides' confidence, knowledge, and the pride they showed in Dunalley.

It was wonderful to see our children take the lead and represent the school so brilliantly.

We will host another Open Morning on Tuesday January 6th
9.30am - 11.30am

OPAL Play Update

Unfortunately, OPAL Play could not go ahead today. While we usually enjoy outdoor play in all weathers, we always take weather warnings seriously—and today's forecast for *Storm Claudia* meant it was safest to stay indoors.

As part of our commitment to Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL), children normally have access to the school field, sandpit, forest school, and other exciting areas every day—except in extreme conditions like today.

To help children make the most of these enriching experiences, please ensure they come to school each day with:

- A waterproof coat
- A change of shoes suitable for outdoor play (we recommend wellies, and we have several pairs available in our *Welly Bank* if needed).

These items help ensure every child can fully participate in OPAL activities, stay comfortable, and enjoy the outdoors safely.

Thank you for your continued support in making outdoor learning a joyful part of every school day!

Why OPAL Play is Amazing for Our Children

At Dunalley, OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) is more than just playtime—it's a key part of your child's development. OPAL helps children stay active, build confidence, and develop social skills, all while enjoying the outdoors. It sparks creativity, supports wellbeing, and makes learning fun and inclusive.

Here's a fun fact: a child who starts in Reception and leaves at the end of Year 6 will spend the equivalent of **one whole year** enjoying OPAL play! That's a year of fresh air, friendships, and unforgettable experiences.

Why OPAL Play Matters:

- ? Improves physical health and fitness
- ? Reduces stress and boosts happiness
- ? Builds teamwork and social skills
- ? Sparks creativity and imagination
- ? Encourages independence and confidence
- ? Supports classroom learning
- ? Inclusive for all abilities

2026 Look Who's Talking competition



We are very excited to be taking part in the 2026 Look Who's Talking competition.

Please read the information on the poster to learn more about the competition and how your child can take part. It is important that they feel confident

speaking in front of a large audience and are passionate about their speech.

Class heats will be taking place the week beginning 1st December 2025.

If your child would like to take part in the competition, please ensure they are prepared and ready to perform their speech by this date. Thank you.

Look Who's Talking - Information [HERE](#)

PTFA News & Updates

Winter Raffle

Look out for raffle tickets coming home with your children next week.

Each ticket will cost £1 and gives you a chance to win a selection of fabulous gifts and vouchers kindly donated by local businesses and Dunalley families.

Additional tickets will be available from the School Office. And if you're unable to buy tickets on this occasion, we ask that you return them to give us a chance to resell them (as they cost quite a lot of money to print).

The draw will take place on Friday 12th December at 5pm, during our Christmas Fair.

Christmas Fair Volunteers

We've got plans for a fabulous Christmas Fair on Friday 12th December from 3:15-5:15pm but it won't happen without the support of our community. Parents, grandparents, friends and children are all welcome to volunteer!

If you can help, please sign up here: <https://volunteersignup.org/W8HHH>

PTFA Annual General Meeting

It was great to see so many familiar faces, as well as lots of new ones, at our Tea and Toast incorporating the PTFA AGM.

And thank you to our volunteers, Chloe, Lisa, Manisha and Maryam that made the event run so smoothly! As well as Mrs Byrne and Mrs Raybould from the SLT for their support on the day. The following were elected into PTFA Committee/Trustees roles.

- Chair/Trustee - Katie Hey (Year 3 parent)
- Treasurer/Trustee - Phil Duroe-Richards (Year 3 & Year 4 parent, School Business and Finance Administrator)
- Co-Secretary/Trustee - Hayley Flaxman (Year 1 & Year 4 parent)
- Co-Secretary/Trustee - Kayleigh White (Nursery & Year 1 parent)
- President - Mrs Godfrey - Head Teacher
- Vice President - Mrs Byrne (School Business Manager)

We say a big thank you to outgoing members of the committee, **Becky Perrett and Lissy Stephens** who Co-Chaired the PTFA for the last two years, planning lots of fun events and raising an

incredible amount of money for the school. They remain involved as volunteers.

Like so many of us, we're all working parents so we'd love some additional support! Did you know that as a registered charity, your employer may allow you to use your volunteering hours to support us. Please drop us an email ([\[email protected\]](#)) or speak to Katie, Phil, Hayley or Kayleigh.

We're looking for Committee Members/Trustees or committee Volunteers (not Trustees) to take the lead on things like:

- Communications - printed media, digital media and social media
- School Liaison
- Raffles
- Cake Sales
- Passive Income - Your School Lottery, Stikins and Easyfundraising (and Match Funding)
- Class/Year Reps
- Community / Local Business Engagement
- Grants and Sponsorship
- School Uniform

Exciting News – A New Dunalley Website is Coming!

We're currently working on a brand-new Dunalley Primary School website. Our aim is to make it just as intuitive and user-friendly as our current site. (Unfortunately, our current provider is closing down.)

As part of this exciting process, a photographer will be visiting school on **Tuesday 25th November** to capture the true feel of Dunalley on a typical school day.

If you have opted for your child's photograph **not** to be used on our website, please rest assured that we will ensure those children are not included in any marketing photographs.

If you need to update or change your photographic consent, we kindly ask that you do so now.

Thank You for Supporting Children in Need

A huge thank you to all our families for getting involved with Children in Need today!

Once we have the final total of funds raised, we'll be sure to share it with you.

It's such a worthy cause, and we truly appreciate your support in making a difference.

Christmas Lunch

Christmas Lunch – Thursday 18th December

Our Christmas lunch will be served on **Thursday 18th December**.

Families can book now via [School Grid](#). Please make sure your booking is completed by **Monday 1st December**.

The shop operates on a pay as you can basis. Please contact [\[email protected\]](#) if you are in need of uniform but not in a position to donate.

Uniform Shop - At School



PTFA Uniform Shop

Our PTFA runs a Pre-Loved and New Uniform Shop to support families and promote sustainability.

How to Order

You can order items online via the PTFA's SumUp Store. Once your items are ready (usually within a couple of days), you'll receive an automated email. You can then collect your order from the box in the school reception.

In-Person Shopping

Keep an eye on the school newsletter for dates when the PTFA opens the shop for in-person browsing. They're also happy to open by appointment (subject to volunteer availability). To arrange a visit:

- Leave a message at the school office
- Or email: [\[email protected\]](#)

Pay-As-You-Can

The shop operates on a pay-as-you-can basis. If your child or family needs uniform but cannot donate, please contact our Family Support Worker, Miss Alway:

- [\[email protected\]](#)

Shop Online

Donations Welcome

The PTFA gratefully accepts donations of:

- School cardigans
- School jumpers
- School fleeces
- School dresses
- School book bags

Please ensure all items are washed and in good condition. Donations can be dropped off in the box at the school reception.

Need school uniform without the hassle or high cost? Our PTFA has a fantastic range of pre-loved items ready for you to browse. They'll prepare your selections for easy collection from school — it's all designed to make life simpler for families.

The PTFA are also happy to open up the shop on an appointment basis. Leave them a message at the school office or drop them an email ([\[email protected\]](#))

School Photos - Individual portraits for all children plus sibling photos

20 Nov 2025

Nov
20
Thu

Whole school

Y2 Poppy Sewing with families

27 Nov 2025

Nov
27
Thu

1:30 PM to 3:15 PM

Yr2

Soup Making with families

05 Dec 2025

Dec
5
Fri

2:30 PM to 3:15 PM

Yr3

Mexican Food with families

08 Dec 2025

Dec
8
Mon

2:30 PM to 3:15 PM

Yr5

Christmas Celebration

10 Dec 2025

Dec
10
Wed

2:15 PM to 3:15 PM

Yr1

PTFA - Christmas Fair

Dec
12
Fri

12 Dec 2025

3:30 PM to 5:30 PM

Whole school

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