

# NEWSLETTER

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## Article 28

Every child has the right to an education

## Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

### Message from Mr Butler

#### School Meals

Thank you for your support in booking school meals. Reminder all meals need to be booked on School Money the day before they are needed. Please help our kitchen team by booking in advance. Please contact the school office if you need your password resetting. Thank you

#### Cars on Site

Only visitors to school who have obtained permission can come down the drive. **The speed limit is 5mph.** If you are driving on site please be mindful of others. It is very busy and we need to minimise the risks. Do not park on the staff car park. Many thanks.

#### Christmas Activities

Christmas lunches...Wed 15th Dec please book on School Money.  
Christmas parties...Thursday 16th Dec

#### Our Christmas Appeal

Christmas Jumper Day...Friday 10th Dec. This year the proceeds will go to one of our families who are dealing with very challenging medical issues. Please support us with a donation (bags of coppers/change accepted) and a Jazzy jumper! Thanks!!



#### Poppy Appeal

Thanks to everyone who contributed to this year's poppy appeal. The grand total this year was a fantastic £494.99. There is a copy of our certificate from our local branch on our website.

## Attendance

The target for school attendance is **96.5 %**

Please see the table below for the class attendance percentages

Class	From 2 Sep	W/C 22 Nov
RER	93.99	93.91
RR	91.37	95.37
1/2B	94.48	89.55
1/2D	93.98	96.32
2W	94.56	97.69
3/4D	93.94	89.57
3/4H	95.56	97.08
4LR	96.82	98.87
5/6GS	94.62	99.25
5/6T	96.31	95.36
6AB	95.12	98.03
Whole School	94.68	95.56

Please inform school on the first day of absence by either emailing [info@ashwood.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:info@ashwood.dudley.sch.uk) or by telephoning 01384 818545



Please can you find time to encourage your children to practise their learning on TT Rockstars or Numbots and Spelling Shed.

The published leader boards will return soon!

Thank you



## Covid Update

We have been advised by Public Health to wear masks when coming into school or if you are in close proximity to others when picking or dropping the children up. Let's keep safe !

### Early Years News

Both Nursery and Reception enjoyed coming into a Christmassy classroom on 1st Dec! Every day they have been counting down to Christmas by adding beard to Santa for their Advent calendar. We have started Christmas crafts and Christmas themed learning too!



### Key Stage 1 News

This week in Key Stage 1 we have been making our moving monsters! We have learnt all about pivots and linkages. The children created some beautiful and colourful designs and worked very hard by themselves to create their models. We have been very excited this week to see the arrival of our class elves and are working hard to make sure we impress them with a super behaviour! Next week we will be looking at a book by one of our favourite authors Julia Donaldson.

## PRAISE AWARDS

Children who gained badges and certificates deserve our special congratulations:

**W/C 29 November 2021**

### Key Stage One

RER Hedgehogs	Muhammad
RR Foxes	Jacob
1/2B Squirrels	Ellie-Mae
1/2D Moles	Marnie
2W Badgers	Iyla H

### Key Stage Two

3/4D Elder	Miley
3/4H Oak	Harry
4LR Chestnut	Georgia
5/6GS Beech	Landon
5/6T Holly	Pixie
6AB Rowan	Niamh

## WELL DONE ALL

## Dinner Information

All dinners must be booked through School Money. **Dinners must be booked on School Money the day before they are needed.**

If you are having problems saving your child's menu choices please search for school money using Google and login through that link rather than through the app.

Thank you

### Menu

#### WC 6 December (Week 2)

##### Monday

Spaghetti bolognese and garlic bread  
Southern style Quorn burger  
Cod fish finger  
Pasta and mixed vegetables

Flapjack

##### Tuesday

Chicken wrap  
Halal chicken wrap  
Cheese wrap  
Gluten free bubble fish  
Baked wedges, sweetcorn and peas

Chocolate cake

##### Wednesday

Roast pork and apple sauce  
Vegan meatballs with pasta in tomato sauce  
Fish cake  
Boiled, roast potatoes, broccoli and mixed vegetables

Shortbread

### Thursday

Beef burger  
Halal beef burger  
Cheese savoury  
Salt and vinegar goujons  
Mashed potatoes, baked beans and cauliflower

Lemon drizzle cake

### Friday

Battered fish  
Cheese and tomato pizza/ vegan option available  
Chipped potatoes, baked beans and peas

Ice cream

### Available Every Day

Grab bags which contain a sandwich either cheese, tuna or ham filling.  
Salad bag.  
One from a cake, biscuit or yoghurt.  
Fresh fruit  
Water

Jacket Potato with a choice of cheese, beans or cheese and beans.

Fruit jelly, yoghurt

To apply for **Free School Meals** please complete the online form at [www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/benefits/free-school-meals](http://www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/benefits/free-school-meals)

Please apply even if your children are in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 as children who are entitled to benefits assessed free school meals attract more funding for the school

**Unfortunately there may be some late changes due to the availability of the menu items.**

## Starting Primary School in September 2022

Why not apply for a place online? If your child was born between 1 Sept 2017 and 31 Aug 2018 they will be due to start primary school in September 2022.

You **MUST** complete an application either online at [www.dudley.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.dudley.gov.uk/admissions) or by completing an application form from your home local authority by **15 JANUARY 2022**. You can include five school preferences on the application; there is nothing to gain by only putting one preference. The online system will be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week from **1 Oct 2021** until the closing date for applications on **15 JANUARY 2022**. Attendance at a nursery attached to a primary school will not guarantee admission to that particular primary school or give any advantage to the pupil in the admissions process.

## Key Stage 2 News

It's December! All the children in KS2 are very excitedly talking about their Christmas traditions, trees, decorations, Advent calendars and some have been visited by some cheeky little elves!

At school Year 3 and 4 have started their cross stitch project, making a royal bookmark. If you could help by practising cross stitch skills at home it would be very much appreciated! Year 5 and 6 are looking at news articles and have written some super reports about the Christmas truce in the trenches.

Have a great weekend

## Weekly Maths Problem

### Rows of coins



1. Take five coins: 1p, 2p, 5p, 10p, 20p.  
Put them in a row using these clues.  
The total of the first three coins is 27p.  
The total of the last three coins is 31p.  
The last coin is double the value of the first coin.