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right to an education

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

Wear it Red Day

Wear It Red Day encourages local primary schools to wear something red to show their love for Midlands Air Ambulance Charity. Taking place on **Friday 9th February**, the day will help raise important funds for the charity's pre-hospital emergency service, while raising awareness of the vital impact the charity has in the local area. **Please can all children come to school in red clothing with a donation for this worthwhile charity.**



Online Safety

Excellent advice for keeping children safe online can be found on the NSPCC website:

[nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe)

Privacy Notice

Please note that our Privacy Notice can be found on the Ashwood Park Primary School website:

<https://www.ashwood.dudley.sch.uk/policies/>

Tree Tots Toddler Group Wednesday 9.00 - 11.00am

24.1.24 Toddlers as normal, KS1 hall
31.1.24 Forest School session
please dress for the weather!
07.2.24 Toddlers as normal, KS1 hall
14.2.24 Half term **NO TODDLERS**
21.2.24 Toddlers as normal, KS1 hall



Big Bird Watch



Big Garden Birdwatch is the world's largest garden wildlife survey. Every year, hundreds of thousands of nature lovers like you take part, helping to build a picture of how garden birds are faring.

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch>

VACANCY: If you would be interested in becoming an "As and When" Lunchtime Supervisor, please see the Office for more details.

WOW - Walk to School Challenge



WOW is a pupil-led initiative where children self-report how they get to school every day using the interactive WOW Travel Tracker. If they travel sustainably (walk, cycle or scoot) once a week for a month, they get rewarded with a badge.

There are 9 badges for your child to collect.

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TT Rockstars

★ This weeks
★ Rockstars are;
★ 1st Freya P
★ 2nd Skye P
★ 3rd Sienna F
★ Well done to everyone.



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Menu

WC 22.01.24 (Week 3)

Monday

Fish fingers
Vegetarian Meatballs in tomato sauce
Potato wedges, pasta, sweetcorn & peas
Iced sprinkle sponge.

Tuesday

Sausage & Gravy
Vegetable Fingers
Salmon Bites
Mashed potatoes, broccoli & mixed vegetables.
Melting moments & custard.

Wednesday

Traditional roast chicken
Halal chicken
Quorn chicken fillet
Fish goujons
Baby boiled potatoes, carrots & peas.
Apple & shortcake & custard.

Thursday

All day brunch
Veggie all day brunch
Cod bites
Hash browns, baked beans & country vegetables.
Marble cake & custard.

Friday

Cheese and tomato pizza
Battered fish
Chipped potatoes, spaghetti hoops & sweetcorn.
Fruit & 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

All dinners must be booked through School Money the day before they are needed. Please contact the school office if you are having any issues.



Praise Awards

Children who gained badges and certificates in Praise assembly deserve our special congratulations:

W/C 15.01.24

Key Stage One

RR Foxes	Millie-Mae G
RT Hedgehogs	Savannah W
1/2B Squirrels	Oliver M
1/2D Moles	Ava-Mae F
2W Badgers	Amber W

Key Stage Two

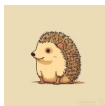
3/4H Elder	Riley R
3/4R Oak	Freya P
4D Chestnut	Kaitlyn G
5E Beech	Ruby B
5/6SB Holly	Emelia G
6RB Rowan	Jayden J

Well done everyone!

EYFS News

The new Nursery children started this week and are settling well!

Miss Bate has settled into Reception and is enjoying being the Hedgehog teacher!



We have started PE again and all Reception children are doing PE on a **Monday**, so please ensure kits are in school. Finally, just a reminder that children are not allowed to bring in toys from home. Please can you enforce this School rule, and ensure you take toys back with you at the door in the morning. Thank you for your support .

KS1 News

This week in Key stage One we have been finding out about the life and work of Mary Seacole.



The children have ordered her life events and were very impressed by all of the soldiers she managed to help during her career.

We have also been looking at Ferris wheels and how they are powered by a wheel and axle. We will be making our own Ferris wheels in Design Technology over the next half term.



Dates for the Diary

Friday 9th February

Wear it **Red** Day

Monday 12th February

Half term week—School Closed

Monday 19th February

School re-opens at 8.45am

Friday 22nd March

Break up at 3.15pm for Easter

Monday 8th April

School re-opens at 8.45am

2023-2024 INSET Days*

Monday 4th September 2023

Friday 22nd December 2023

Monday 8th January 2024

Thursday 2nd May 2024 (VOTING)

Friday 3rd May 2024

Monday 22nd July 2024

*Please note these are provisional.

RBD News

It has been another busy week in the RBD! Some of our Y5 children have started swimming, all the BSL classes have now started and it has been lovely to support children in the clubs after school! As part of our Personal Understanding of Deafness modules, the unit children have been looking at accessible technology in school. They are going to start looking at subtitles and interpreted programmes over the next few weeks. If you can, please show your children how to access the subtitles on the TV or interpreted programmes on Cbeebies website!

Can we please ask that if your child has a medical appointment that you let the RBD or school office know as soon as possible. Thank you.



Well done!

Well done to Lillianna for her excellent attitude and effort towards her maths work in school! And well done to Reuben for putting his hearing aids in his ears all by himself!

We are extremely proud of you both!

Signed Video:

Our sign of the week is 'Number'.



number

Please follow the link on our Ashwood RBD YouTube channel to watch a signed story 'How Big is a Million' <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HNdrAGGT5Nl>

PE and Swimming in the New Year

The children will have the following PE days:

- Years 3 and 4 - **Friday**
- Years 5 and 6 - **Monday** (5/6SB bringing swimming kit)
- Years 3 and 4 can come to school in their kit on **Tuesday**
- Years 5 and 6 can come to school in their kit on **Wednesday**

Albert Square



36 people live in the eight houses in Albert Square. Each house has a different number of people living in it. Each line of three houses has 15 people living in it. How many people live in each house?

KS2 News

It has been cold this week! Can you please ensure that your child has their warm coat, hat and gloves every day so that we can continue to enjoy fresh air at break and lunch times, even when it is cold.



Class 5/6SB have enjoyed their first swimming lesson this week - they were all absolutely amazing on the coach and in the water. Our other 5/6 classes have started their dance unit in PE. They have been thinking about creating a 'dance by chance' in the style of American choreographer Merce Cunningham. You could try it yourself by deciding movements linked to numbers and using a dice to determine movements in a random order. Years 3 and 4 have also started their dance unit on 'machines'. The children have been moving their bodies in different ways to replicate the components of a machine, such as cogs, pistons and levers. We are all having great fun exploring how to move our bodies for PE.

Knowledge Organisers

Find out what we are studying this term on our website: [Key Stage 2](#)

REMINDER

When the children come to school in their PE kit they must wear their yellow PE top, green short / black joggers and their green Ashwood Park jumper or cardigan. Hoodies are not permitted. Please support us to ensure that all of our children are in the correct uniform and feel part of our Ashwood Park team.

REMINDER

School does not start until 8:45am and our playgrounds are not supervised until 8:40am.

We would like to politely request that you do not leave your children unsupervised on the playground before this time.

If you need to bring your children to school earlier, we do have our breakfast club, OSCA, that you can book your children into in advance.

Please remember to send a water bottle to School with your child, especially if they are doing PE or Sports Clubs.



MMR Vaccine Catch-up Clinics for Children Book Now for Saturday 20 January

An MMR vaccine catch-up clinic is taking place **this Saturday** for 12 – 16-year-olds who aren't fully vaccinated. Parents and carers are urged to book their children's appointment.

Due to an increase in measles cases across the West Midlands, pop-up vaccination clinics have been set up in the Black Country to help ensure children aged 12 to 16 (Years 8 to 12) are up to date with their measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) jab.

Measles is a highly infectious disease which can lead to serious complications such as severe lung infections and inflammation of the brain. It also damages and suppresses the whole immune system, meaning children can be left much more susceptible to catching other illnesses.

It can spread quickly among communities, particularly schools, if children have not had two doses of the MMR vaccine.

A series of pop-up clinics offering the MMR vaccine are taking place across the Black Country for 12-to-16-year-olds who haven't yet had two doses.

The clinics are being hosted in Brierley Hill, Wolverhampton, Walsall and Sandwell on the following dates:

Brierley Hill: • Fens Pool Community Centre, Tennyson Street, Brierley Hill, DY5 4HY, Saturday 20 January, 9am-1.30pm. To book an appointment call 01384 431712

Wolverhampton: • The Health Hub, Mander Centre, Wolverhampton, WV1 3NH, Saturday 20 January, 9am-2.30pm. To book an appointment call 01902 200077

Sandwell: • Wood Lane Community Centre, Wood Lane, West Bromwich, B709PT, Saturday 27 January, 9am-1.30pm. To book an appointment call 0121 592 1110

Walsall: • South & Central Locality Hub, Birchills Street, WS2 8NF, Saturday 27 January, 9am - 1.30pm. To book an appointment call 01922 902035

The clinics will be staffed by trained healthcare professionals from the NHS and Vaccination UK who specialise in childhood vaccinations and follow all necessary safety protocols. Parents and carers who are unsure if their child is up to date with their routine vaccinations can also check this at the clinics. Children will need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Parents who are unsure if their child is up to date with all their routine vaccinations can also check their child's Red Book (personal child health record), check the NHS app, or contact their GP practice. For more information about the MMR vaccine, [visit the NHS website here](#).