

## Congratulations

We are pleased to announce the safe delivery of a baby girl for Mrs Brown (5/6SB). Both mum and baby are doing well.



## Parent/Carer Evenings

On Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th March we will be holding parent/carer teacher consultations. Please return your letter with your appointment requests to your child's Class Teacher.

## Dogs



School policy is that **no dogs** are allowed on school premises (either on a lead or carried). We would appreciate your co-operation by **not** bringing your pet to school.

## Online Safety

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

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



## Attendance



Last week's top attenders were:

**Key Stage 1: RT Hedgehogs 95.29%**

**Key Stage 2: 5E Beech 94.49%**

Being around teachers and friends in a school environment is the best way for pupils to learn and reach their potential. Time in school also keeps children safe and provides access to extra-curricular opportunities and pastoral care.

More information can be found here:

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2023/05/18/school-attendance-important-risks-missing-day/>

## World Book Day

World Book Day will be taking place on **Thursday 7th March**.

This is an annual celebration of authors, illustrators, books and the joy of reading.



Instead of dressing up we are inviting all children to make a toilet roll/ kitchen roll book character at home. Please bring the toilet roll characters into school on **Thursday 7th March** for us to share and enjoy. We can't wait to see what great ideas the children come up with and which story characters are loved best!



Please send your child to School in their uniform.

Please could you also send in photographs of the children reading in fun places. This could be anywhere, the stranger, the better! Please send these to [squirrels@ashwood.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:squirrels@ashwood.dudley.sch.uk)

This year, we will be sending World Book Day vouchers out early. This is so that you can have more chance of getting the books you really want before they sell out. The World Book Day vouchers can also be used at our School Book Fair which takes place on Monday 4th March and Tuesday 5th March.



## Menu

WC 26.02.24 (Week 2)



### Monday

- Salmon Bites
- Vegan Sausage Roll
- Herby diced potatoes, Spaghetti hoops & mixed veg
- Iced sprinkle sponge

### Tuesday

- Spaghetti Bolognaise
- Macaroni Cheese
- Battered fish
- Saute potatoes, sweetcorn & peas
- Fruit muffin & custard

### Wednesday

- Traditional roast chicken
- Halal chicken
- Quorn chicken fillet
- Fish goujons
- Roast & boiled potatoes, broccoli & mixed veg
- Shortcake biscuit & custard

### Thursday

- BBQ Chicken wrap
- Halal BBQ chicken wrap
- Cheese & onion lattice
- Fish bites
- Potato wedges, baked beans, sweetcorn & coleslaw.
- Chocolate crunch & chocolate sauce

### Friday

- Cheese and tomato pizza
- Fish finger
- Chipped potatoes, baked beans & peas
- Mousse & fruit

### 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,

**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.**

## Wear it Red Day

On Friday 9th February we supported Wear It Red Day to show our love for Midlands Air Ambulance Charity. The day helped 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.



**We raised an amazing £380.19!!**



## Praise Awards

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

W/C 19.02.24

### Key Stage One

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|----------------|----------|
| RR Foxes       | Chloe H  |
| RT Hedgehogs   | Tobias K |
| 1/2B Squirrels | Emily W  |
| 1/2D Moles     | Bobby D  |
| 2W Badgers     | Lewis H  |

### Key Stage Two

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|-------------|-------------|
| 3/4H Elder  | Megan R     |
| 3/4R Oak    | Emilie D    |
| 4D Chestnut | Teddy C     |
| 5E Beech    | Ismail A    |
| 5/6SB Holly | Leah-Rose R |
| 6RB Rowan   | Malika H    |

**Well done everyone!**

## Lunches from Home

If you are sending your child with a packed lunch, can we ask that you cut grapes, cherry tomatoes and similar in half please.

Also, as a **nut free** school please do not send in Nutella sandwiches or any other nut products.

## EFYS News

In Reception, the children have had a lovely time this week and have learned about a girl called Fatou who lives in Gambia. They saw pictures of when Miss Reynolds visited Gambia and have learned about African culture, animals and music.



Nursery are learning all about Spring and will be doing some growing next week.



World Book Day is Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March. Instead of dressing up we are asking children to make a book character out of a toilet roll! So please send you child to School in their School Uniform with their toilet roll character.



Parents Evening is 4th and 5th March, you should have received your letter, please return to your teacher with your choice of time asap.

## KS1 News



This week in Key Stage One we have been learning about Edith Cavell in History, and what a significant figure she has been to the world of nursing. The children have learnt all about her life and the heroic things she did to help others.

We have also been choosing materials for our Ferris wheels in Design Technology. Next week we are going to be making our Ferris wheel models!



## Dates for the Diary

### Monday 26th February

Y6 SATs Information Meeting 3.20 pm

### Thursday 7th March

World Book Day

### Monday 11th March

Y4 Multiplication Times Tables Information Meeting 3.20 pm

### Friday 15th March

Red Nose Day

### 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

Welcome back to all children after the half term break! All children have settled back into learning with a really positive attitude – well done!

This week we said 'Goodbye' to Mrs Budden – she had a lovely celebratory send off and wanted to thank everyone for their kind messages.



Next week is a very busy week, especially for Key Stage 2. Please remember that children in Years 3 and 5 will need their bikes in school for Bikeability. Y5/6SB will have their last swimming session on Monday. Years 3 and 4 have a walk to the Library. Where possible, please ensure that your children have their spares kits in school next week in case of battery or equipment failure. Thank you



Well done to Sienna! We have been so proud of you doing additional maths work with such a positive attitude. Well done to Cicero! You have worked so hard to understand how frequencies of sound are presented visually.

### Signed Video:

This week's video is based on numbers in BSL. Please follow the link to learn how to count to 20 in British Sign Language. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VOQilpcBLT4>



## 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**

**Please note that swimming will move to 4D on 04.03.24.**

## Tree Tots Toddler Group

**Wednesday 9.00 - 11.00am**

**KS1 Hall**



**28.2.24** Mrs Hodgkiss, Nursery Teacher, will be joining us

**06.3.24** Mothers and Others Day Craft

**13.3.24** Usual Toddler Activities

**20.3.24** Easter Craft and Hunt

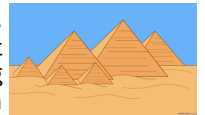


- Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb - 5E all day
- Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb - 5E AM 3R PM
- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb - 5SB - all day
- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> Feb - 5SB AM 3H PM

## KS2 News

Welcome back everyone - we hope you had a wonderful half term. It is lovely to see the children back and to also see some of the early signs of Spring popping up around the School.

Years 3 and 4, this week, have been thinking about writing short stories using the video The Egyptian Pyramids - <https://www.literacyshed.com/the-egyptian-pyramids.html>



Do take a look online and ask your child to write an alternative version of the story, or make it into a cartoon maybe!



Years 5 and 6 have been continuing their work on The Explorer. This week they are thinking in the role of the Explorer - what he might think and feel.

Choose a story at home that you enjoy. Can you challenge your child to hold a conversation with you in the role of one of the characters?

Next week will be very busy in Key Stage 2: Years 3 and 5 have Bikeability Year 3/4 have trips to the Library Year 6 have their SATs Information meeting for year 6 families on Monday.

### 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

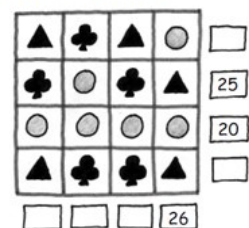
School does not start until 8:45am and our playgrounds are not supervised until 8:40am.

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

## Shape puzzle

Each shape stands for a number.

The numbers shown are the totals of the line of four numbers in the row or column.



Find the remaining totals.

# MY VOICE MATTERS

Place2Be's  
CHILDREN'S  
MENTAL HEALTH  
WEEK

## TALKING TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH

### Are you a parent or carer who wants to talk to your child about mental health?

This Children's Mental Health Week we want all children and young people, whoever they are, and wherever they are in the world, to be able to say – and believe – "My Voice Matters".

We visited primary and secondary schools to ask students what they wanted from the week – to help shape the activities we create for schools, the messaging we give to teachers, the tips we give to other children, and the advice we give to parents, carers and families.



### LOOKING FOR FREE PRACTICAL ADVICE TO HELP YOU SUPPORT YOUR CHILD?

Parenting Smart, Place2Be's site for parents and carers, is full of expert advice and tips on supporting primary-age children, and managing their behaviour, and act on their views.

[PARENTINGSMART.ORG.UK](https://parentingsmart.org.uk)

### Here's what children and young people told us they need from you:

- 1 We don't need to have 'one-off' conversations about our mental health – sometimes a chat on a journey or at bedtime is enough.
- 2 I need to know it's okay to talk to you about any and all of my feelings. Please hear what I have to say, without interrupting me.
- 3 Please listen to me carefully and acknowledge how I am feeling – it might seem silly to you but what I am going through is important to me.
- 4 Playing with pets can make me feel better. Same with playing football, basketball or whatever type of sport I am into.
- 5 Don't compare my experiences to your own when you were a child.
- 6 Sometimes I just need you to listen and hear what I'm saying – I don't always need answers (or lectures)
- 7 Please don't worry about trying to fix things for me – I often just need to know you are there for me and understand what I am going through.
- 8 If you are open with me about your feelings, this can help me to be more open about mine.
- 9 Sometimes I don't want to talk. Please trust that I will come to you (or another grown-up or someone my own age) when I'm ready. Sometimes it's easier for me to talk to someone nearer my own age – my siblings, cousins, friends, younger teachers at school – because they 'get it'.
- 10 Sometimes a hug is all it takes to make me feel supported.



### WHAT MATTERS TO YOU? CREATIVE VIDEO ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES

These wellbeing activities can help children and young people think about and share what matters to them.

[For primary children: bit.ly/3PzCGI8](https://bit.ly/3PzCGI8)

[For secondary children: bit.ly/3LBD2wK](https://bit.ly/3LBD2wK)

## Has your child had their MMR vaccine?



Pop up vaccination clinics have been set up across the Black Country for all eligible children who are due or have missed a dose. Adults up to the age of 25 are also invited to come forward.

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.

Symptoms of measles include:

- high temperature
- runny or blocked nose
- sneezing
- cough
- red, sore, watery eyes
- rash, which usually appears a few days after cold-like symptoms (sometimes it starts around the ears before spreading to the rest of the body).



For details of where the clinics are, please see details attached or visit our website at [blackcountry.icb.nhs.uk/measles](https://blackcountry.icb.nhs.uk/measles)

# MMR vaccine clinics

## Dudley:

<b>Saturday 10 Feb</b>	<b>10am-3pm</b>	Mary Stevens Park, Stourbridge, DY8 2AA
<b>Tuesday 13 Feb</b>	<b>9am-2pm</b>	War Memorial, Lye, DY9 8LF
<b>Friday 16 Feb</b>	<b>9am-2pm</b>	Dudley Market Place, High Street, DY1 1PQ
<b>Saturday 17 Feb</b>	<b>10am-3pm</b>	Halesowen Town Centre, Somers Square, B63 3AE

## Sandwell:

<b>Saturday 10 Feb</b>	<b>9am-3pm</b>	West Bromwich Central Family Hub, Off Claypit Lane, West Bromwich B70 9EZ
<b>Tuesday 13 Feb</b>	<b>9am-3pm</b>	Tesco, Fox Oak Street, Cradley Heath B64 5DF
<b>Thursday 15 Feb</b>	<b>9am-3pm</b>	Tesco, 46 New Square, West Bromwich B70 7PR

## Walsall:

<b>Saturday 3 Feb</b>	<b>9am-3pm</b>	Van outside Poundland Walsall Town Centre, Lower Hall Lane, WS1 1PU
<b>Monday 12 Feb</b>	<b>9am-3pm</b>	Tesco, Silver Street, Brownhills, Walsall, WS8 6DZ
<b>Wednesday 14 Feb</b>	<b>9am-3pm</b>	The Square, New Invention, Willenhall WV12 5EA
<b>Thursday 15 Feb</b>	<b>9am-3pm</b>	Blakenall Village Centre, 79 Thames Rd, WS3 1LZ
<b>Saturday 17 Feb</b>	<b>9am-2pm</b>	Walsall Town Centre, Lower Hall Lane, St Matthews Quarter, WS1 1PU

## Wolverhampton:

<b>Saturday 3 Feb</b>	<b>9.30am-2.30pm</b>	Whitmore Reans Family Hub, Lansdowne Road, WV1 4AL
<b>Monday 12 Feb</b>	<b>9am-2pm</b>	Bilston Market, Pinfold Street, WV14 0DN
<b>Wednesday 14 Feb</b>	<b>9am-3.30pm</b>	Low Hill Family Hub, 26-28 Fourth Avenue, WV10 9LZ



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