



NEWSLETTER



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Article 28
Every child has the right to an education

New Lunches

As of Monday 8th April our School Kitchen will be run by [Shire Services](#). There will be an exciting new [menu*](#), and although we have had to increase the price to £2.50 per meal we are pleased that this will be one of the cheapest school lunches in Dudley. You will still be able to order your child's meals in exactly the same way that you currently do.



If you have any outstanding lunch debt on the School Money app please pay before 22 March to avoid your debt being passed on to Dudley MBC Debt Collection team.

* to be confirmed

Neurodiversity Celebration Week

This week, we have been celebrating neurodiversity, the differences between how people think, process information, behave and communicate. Types of neurodivergence include ADHD, autism, dyslexia, dyspraxia, and Tourette's syndrome. Everyone's brain works differently and we will be celebrating the challenges and strengths that we all have.

More information can be found here: <https://www.neurodiversityweek.com/>

Bark Chippings

Following on from recent tree pruning, we have a large pile of bark chippings in the KS1 playground. These are available, for a small donation, to parents, grandparents and friends of Ashwood by prior agreement. Please see the School Office if you are interested.

You will need to supply your own bags.



Menu*

WC [08.04.24](#) (Week 1)



Monday

Pork Sausages & Gravy
Halal Chicken Sausage & Gravy
Cheese & Potato Pie V
Mashed Potato
Vegetable selection
Mousse

Tuesday

BBQ Chicken (NOT in a wrap)
Tomato Pasta Bake V
Diced Potatoes
Vegetable selection
Waffle

Wednesday

Traditional roast chicken
Halal roast chicken
Stuffing & gravy
Veggie Sausage & gravy V
French bread pizza
Roast & new potatoes
Vegetable selection
Iced cake

Thursday

Beef bolognaise
Quorn nuggets V
Pasta
Potato wedges
Vegetable selection
Cookies

Friday

Fish fingers
Pizza V
Chipped potatoes, baked beans
Vegetable selection
Fruity Friday: a selection of chilled, frozen or fresh fruit desserts

Available Every Day

Sandwich, cheese, tuna or ham filling.
Jacket Potato with a choice of cheese, beans or cheese and beans.
Salad, crusty bread, fresh fruit, 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.

* Subject to change

Poster Competition

We are taking part in a poster competition run by British Science. Children are to create a poster based on this year's theme, time. The poster must be A4 or A3 and could be based on how technology has changed over time, lifecycles of animals or anything time and science related. We will be sending posters to British Science and running an internal school competition.

Deadline: March 22nd March



Praise Awards

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

W/C 18.03.24

Key Stage One

RR Foxes Leo H
RT Hedgehogs Lillie T-W
1/2B Squirrels Esmail W
1/2D Moles Ethan S
2W Badgers Freya S

Key Stage Two

3/4H Elder Harry B
3/4R Oak Josh S
4D Chestnut Courtney M
5E Beech Sally B
5/6SB Holly Kian B
6RB Rowan Ellis M

Well done everyone!

Last Friday, we all wore something **RED** to support Comic Relief's Red Nose Day. This amazing charity supports incredible projects and organisations and your donations make a very real difference to people in the UK and around the world. Thank you for your contributions, we raised

an amazing **£251.50**

For more information click this link:

<https://www.comicrelief.com/what-your-money-does/>



TT Rockstars

This weeks Rockstars* are:

1st Tyler-Jai G
2nd Sam D
3rd Oscar S



Well done to everyone!

*based on most minutes played



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.

Dates for the Diary

Friday 22nd March

Deadline for Science Poster Competition

Break up at 3.15pm for Easter

Monday 8th April

School re-opens at 8.45am

Friday 12th April

Nursery Starters Play and Stay Session 10am

Thursday 2nd May

Local Elections—School Closed

Friday 3rd May

INSET—School Closed

Monday 6th May

Bank Holiday—School Closed

Friday 24th May

Break up at 3.15pm for Whitsun

Monday 3rd June

School re-opens at 8.45am

Friday 19th July

Break up at 3.15pm for Summer

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.



Easter Raffle

Our HSA organised their popular Easter Raffle this term. They have been very busy selling tickets after School.

Thank you for your donations, for buying tickets and supporting this vital fundraiser. Well done to the lucky winners:

Darcie G,
Bella B,
Evie J,
Mrs Hoults,
Sam D



Attendance



Last week's top attenders were:

Key Stage 1: RR Foxes 96.47%

Key Stage 2: 6RB Rowan 96.45%

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/>

After School Sports Clubs

After Easter we will be offering the following:

- **Tuesday** Years 3 and 4 **Tennis**
- **Wednesday** Years 5 and 6 **Gymnastics**
- **Thursday** Years 1 and 2 **Target Games**



Cracking Easter Fun in Dudley

Children can put a spring into their step over the Easter holiday with activities taking place across Dudley borough:

Free swimming sessions, £1 football sessions, numerous activities at local libraries, Easter Trails, a comedy magic show, crazy golf, dinosaur crafts, Easter crafts, Alice in Wonderland, Goldilocks and the Easter Bunny!!

For more details follow this link;

<https://councilnews.dudley.gov.uk/news/cracking-easter-fun-in-dudley-borough-1>

Online Safety

We have had an increase in the number of parents making enquiries about online safety. We are looking at options to provide some workshops in school. You may find the following are useful websites.

Excellent advice for keeping children safe online can be found on these websites:

<https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/parents-and-carers>

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Cost of Living

There are many ways you can find support to help yourself and your family as household costs rise, including the household support fund. Find out more on the Dudley MBC website:

<https://www.dudley.gov.uk/council-community/cost-of-living/>

PE and Swimming

The children have the following PE days:

- * Years 5 and 6 - Friday
- * Years 3 and 4 - Monday (with 4D bringing their swimming kit)
- * Years 3 and 4 can come to school in their kit on **Tues only**
- * Years 5 and 6 can come to school in their kit on **Wed only**

Free Dudley Holiday Activities



You're eligible to register for the holiday activities programme (HAF) if both of the following applies:

- You live in Dudley or your child goes to school in Dudley Borough,
- your child is aged between 5 and 16 years and your child is eligible for benefits related free school meals (FSM).

<https://www.dudleyholidayactivities.org.uk/>

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/>

EFYS News

We have made it to the end of another term...only one left before the children finish Nursery or Reception and head to Reception or Year 1!

This week the children have loved learning about Easter and having a visit from the Easter bunny!

Thank you so much for all your support this term, please continue to practise reading, writing and maths work using the guides given out at Parents Evening.



After the Easter holidays we are changing to Shires Catering for our School Lunches, you

will no longer be able to book your child's lunch on the day and you will have to pre order on the app. Your child also will have to have what you have booked for them to eat and will not be able change their mind on the day. Please see the office if you need any support with the app. If they are not booked, we will contact you to provide lunch for them.

PE kits and Forest School kits will come home for a wash/change, please return first day back 8th April. Have a great Easter holiday!



Our **Little Owls April Starters** are welcome to come to our Play and Stay session on Friday 12 April at 10am. The transition session for parents/carers and children will last for 45 mins and will be an opportunity to meet staff, children and familiarise yourselves with the Little Owls environment before starting the following week.

KS1 News

This week in Key Stage One we have been creating our Easter cards and meeting the Easter bunny! The children have also created their own beautiful bonnet creations for our HSA Easter competition. We have had a very difficult time judging as the quality was so high. Thank you to all parents and carers who helped them with their bonnets.



We hope you all have a restful and fun Easter and we will see you in the Summer term when



RBD News

We cannot believe this term is coming to an end – what an incredibly busy time we have had. Thank you to all parents for your support and we would like to wish you an enjoyable break with the children. We will look forward to hearing about what they have been up to.



Well done to all the children for an excellent term with their learning! We hope you have a wonderful Easter break.

Signed Video

Easter



Please follow the link for our signed video about Easter.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fr2FG1GrDPU>

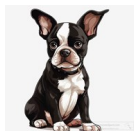
PE KIT

When the children come to School in their PE kit they must wear their yellow PE top, green shorts / black joggers and their green Ashwood Park jumper or cardigan. Hoodies and gilets 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.



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.



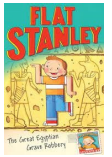
KS2 News

We have had a lovely week in key stage 2 this week. All of our children have been working hard on their DT projects. It has been great to see the children trying hard to learn and practise a new skill. The children in 5/6 have been working hard on their sewing and our children in 3/4 have been thinking about structures. We are all very proud of the final products.



In English, our years 5 and 6 children have thoroughly enjoyed reading the end of The Explorer.

Our children in years 3 and 4 have finished reading Flat Stanley: The Great Egyptian Grave Robbery.



All of our Key Stage 2 classes have now visited the Library. If you are at a loose end over the Easter break, you could head on up to the library and take a look at some of the books they have that are linked to our topics after the break. Years 5 and 6 will be learning about canals and rivers, while years 3 and 4 will be learning about their local area.



Slick Jim

Slick Jim won the lottery.

He spent two thirds of his winnings on a very posh house.



He spent two thirds of what he had left on a luxury yacht.



Then he spent two thirds of what he had left on a hot air balloon.



He spent his last £20000 on a flashy car.



How much did Slick Jim win on the lottery?

EASTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Dudley Holiday Activities provides free activities in the school holidays for children aged 5-16 who receive benefits related Free School Meals

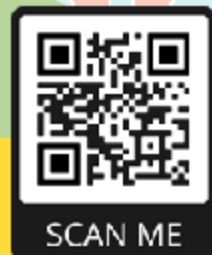


HOW TO SIGN UP

1. Register on the **NEW Dudley HAF Website!** You must be registered to book activities.
2. Once FSM status has been verified by Dudley Council, you will receive an email with login details.
3. When bookings open for Easter – usually a couple of weeks before the holiday, you can log in and book up to 4 sessions for each of your children.



www.dudleyholidayactivities.org.uk/register




Department
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DUDLEY
HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES



Dudley
Metropolitan Borough Council



**ACE COACHING
PRESENTS**

FOOTBALL & INVASION GAMES EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

WHEN

COURSE 1

Monday 25th - Thurs 28th March

COURSE 2

Tuesday 2nd - Friday 5th April

Please enquire if your child is 4 years old as session times may differ.

(Focusing primarily on the sports Football, Dodgeball, Netball and Handball)

**OPEN TO BOYS AND GIRLS
FROM RECEPTION TO YEAR 6**

WHERE

CRESTWOOD SCHOOL &
6th Form, Bromley Lane,
Kingswinford, DY6 8QG

COST

**ONLY £85 IF YOU BOOK ALL WEEK
OR £25 PER DAY**

TIME

Each day 9.00am - 3.00pm

ACE OFFER 1

Bookings & payments received by Monday 18th March will receive a **£10 DISCOUNT!**
Offer only applies when booking a full week on to an Ace Coaching Football and Invasion Games Course.

ACE OFFER 2

Family & friends - Enrol two children for the week, bookings received by Monday 18th March **FOR ONLY £120**
Offer only applies when booking a full week on an Ace Coaching Football & Invasion Games course.
Please note that the £10 discount in Ace offer 1 is not available to use in conjunction with Ace offer 2.

ACE OFFER 3

COURSE MULTI SAVER
Book both courses for only **£130 PER CHILD**
If booked by Monday 18th March