

26th April 2024
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Article 28
Every child has the
right to an education

Message from Mr Butler

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Available from [Totally Uniform](#).



Attendance

Last week's (15.04–19.04) top attenders were:

Key Stage 1: RR Foxes 97.65%

Key Stage 2: 5/6E Beech 98.21%

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/>

Praise Awards

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

W/C 22.04.24

Key Stage One

RR Foxes	Jesse M
RT Hedgehogs	Noah C
1/2B Squirrels	Brody F
1/2D Moles	Tahmym B-L
2W Badgers	Iylah G

Key Stage Two

3/4H Elder	Rozhin B
3/4R Oak	Ben F
4D Chestnut	Erica G
5E Beech	Dexter L
5/6SB Holly	Lilly-Mai W
6RB Rowan	Angel C

Well done everyone!



Year 6 Parents

On the afternoon of Monday 29th April, Matt Jones, Educational Mental Health Practitioner, will be delivering workshops to the **Year 6** children on 'Preparing for Tests'. This will include the children learning strategies and tips about how to manage anxiety related to tests/examinations.

At 3.30 pm, **Year 6** parents are invited to attend a parent workshop 'Helping your child prepare for exams/tests'. This will include understanding what anxiety is and the reasons why your child may experience anxiety, understanding the fight, flight and freeze responses as well as learning strategies to support your child to manage their anxiety.

If you wish to attend the parent workshop please email info@ashwood.dudley.sch.uk so we have an idea of numbers to expect. Priority will go to Year 6 parents but if you also believe you would benefit from attending this workshop, please just let the office know.

Dates for the Diary

Thursday 2nd May

Local Elections—School Closed

Friday 3rd May

INSET—School Closed

Monday 6th May

Bank Holiday—School Closed

Monday 13th May

Year Six SATs week

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.

Menu*

WC 29.04.24 (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

LOCAL ELECTIONS
SCHOOL CLOSED

Friday

INSET DAY
SCHOOL CLOSED

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

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.

EYFS News

Next Monday Reception children will walk to Wordsley Library. Foxes will go in the morning and Hedgehogs in the afternoon.



The children will all join the Library (if they aren't already members) and get to choose a book which you will need to return to Dudley libraries within a month.

APPEAL

We really need children's clothes for accidents, so please if you have any boys and girls underwear and trousers we'd be very grateful.

Tree Tots Toddler Group

Every Wednesday
9.00 - 11.00am
KS1 Hall

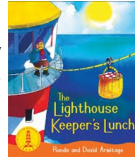
Toys, activities, songs, stories and crafts available. Refreshments included — adults please bring a lidded cup!



RBD News

It has been a wonderful week seeing lots of exciting learning taking place.

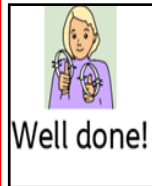
Our KS1 base children have started applying what they have learnt about 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' in order to make their own light houses.



Our Y6 base children have been looking at writing letters and in particular what an address looks like. Do your children know their own address? Ask them to find out!



Next week Reception are walking to the library. Please can parents ensure they have their coats and equipment with them in case of battery failure. Thank you.



Well done to lylah for settling back into Nursery so well this week. We are very proud of you and have loved seeing you play with your friends in the outside play area and at Forest School.

Signed Video:

In May we will be looking at good mental health as part of Mental Health week. To prepare for this we have signed a BSL video about emotions for you and your children to learn and use. Please follow the link to find the video:

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=3jCKZQv7fcM>



emotions

KS1 News

This week in Key Stage One we have been investigating what would make a stable chair for Baby Bear!



In Design Technology we have looked at designs of current chairs and decided if they are effective and experimented with different shapes to see which is most stable.

The children will be making their own chair for baby bear and testing their designs.



We have also been learning to throw both over and underarm in PE. The children are becoming more accurate at hitting a target.

Next week we will be creating our own trail around the school for Geography.



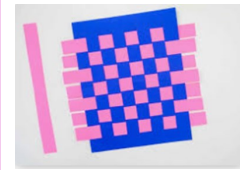
KS2 News

In years 5 and 5, we have been enjoying our new art unit this week - Designing spaces for a purpose.

The children have been thinking about what they would like to do if they had a blank room. We have had some really great ideas - a gaming room, a reading nook, or a place for animals.



In years 3 and 4, the children have been thinking about crafting. They have spent some time trying to weave using different coloured pieces of paper. This is a really enjoyable activity and is something you could easily have a go at, at home - especially with the long weekend next week!



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PE and Swimming

The children have the following PE days:

- * Years 5 and 6 - Friday
- * Years 3 and 4 - Monday (3/4R 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**

Next week, swimming lessons will move to class 3/4R

Cola in the bath

A can of cola holds 33 centilitres.



If you had a bath in cola - don't try it! - approximately how many cans of cola would you need?
Hint: 1 cubic centimetre is the same as 1 millilitre.



TT Rockstars

This weeks Rockstars* are;

1st Leo T
2nd Freya P
3rd Dylan N



Well done to everyone!

*based on most correct answers

After School Sports Clubs

Summer Term clubs:

- Tuesday Y3 and 4 Tennis
- Wednesday Y5 & 6 Gymnastics
- Thursday Y1 & 2 Target Games

Children's Speech and Language Service (Dudley)

Advice for parents and carers can be found at:

<https://www.blackcountryhealthcare.nhs.uk/our-services/childrens-speech-and-language-therapy-service-dudley>

Dudley's Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Bulletin

The Dudley Special Educational Needs and Disabilities e- bulletin's aim is to keep parent carers, education settings and stakeholders informed about Dudley's Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Improvement Programme as well as news and events.

As a system we are working hard to improve our SEND offer across the borough. A lot is happening and we are gathering pace to better support our children, young people and families with SEND.

Our latest bulletin provides:

- updates of our improvement journey including our progress of our Delivering Better Value Programme in SEND
- SEND news from the Dudley Parent Carer Forum, Health, the council and partners
- details of useful events for parent carers and practitioners
- SEND Education Settings News which includes information about free SEND training Resources.

Sign up now (<https://tinyurl.com/DudleySENDBulletins>) to receive this e-bulletin direct to your email inbox

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/>

Early Years Request

Nursery and Reception really need spare children's clothes for accidents, so please if you have any boys and girls underwear and trousers we'd be very grateful. Ages 3 to 6 would be perfect. Thank you.

Reflexions Mental Health Support

Reflexions are a Mental health Support Team (MHST) working in schools with a focus on early intervention and prevention for the mental health of children and young people. Ashwood have been designated an Educational Mental Health Practitioner, Matt Jones, who will be working with us, alongside the ongoing work we do in school around mental health, to offer further support if a child is struggling with mental health issues such as low mood or anxiety. He will deliver workshops for children, parents and staff as well as work with children in groups or on a 1:1 in school. If you have any queries about Reflexions, please see the Office to arrange a meeting with Mrs Francis.



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>

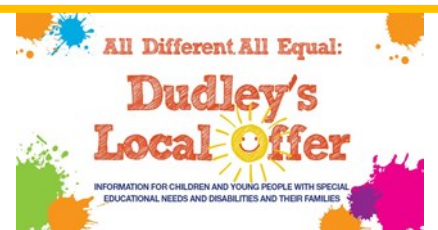
<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

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

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.



Dudley's Local Offer is a new one stop shop website for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and their parents and carers.

Dudley's Local Offer is part of the Dudley Community Information Directory – an online directory which offers people quick and easy access to information on local services.

The Local Offer webpages contain a wealth of up to date information on areas which include education, training and work, health, leisure and fun, care and moving into adulthood.

The website aims to help young people and parents to make individual, informed, positive decisions and choices

Visit <https://dudleyci.co.uk/send-local-offer>

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.



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/>

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Come and see the Premier League and Women's Super League trophies.

Come and join Barclays for a fun-filled day at the Ryemarket Shopping centre in Stourbridge. We will have the Premier League and Barclays Women's Super League trophies on display for you to take pictures with, along with lots of fun activities to take part in. We will be open to anyone of any age to come along and enjoy the day.

Where?

Barclays POD,
Ryemarket Shopping Centre,
Stourbridge,
DY8 1HJ

Friday 3rd May 2024 9.30am to 4.30pm

For further information or if you'd like to find out how you can get involved:

Email: Manminder.sohal@barclays.com