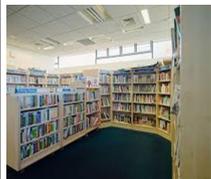


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Article 28
Every child has the
right to an education

Message from Mr Butler



Our Reception classes, Hedgehogs and Foxes, walked to Wordsley Library this week and they were all an absolute credit to us, they were so well behaved. They listened attentively to a story read by the Librarian, all became members of the Library and they each chose a new book to bring home.

Well done Reception!!

Year 6



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In the final run up to the tests, please take some time to read the support ideas here - <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/blog/a-parents-guide-to-stress-free-year-6-sats>

Menu*

WC [06.05.24](#) (Week 2)



Monday
BANK HOLIDAY

Tuesday
Fish Finger or Battered Fish
Chicken Noodle Pot
Mac 'n' Cheese V
Potato Wedges
Vegetable selection
Waffle

Wednesday
Traditional Roast Chicken
Halal Roast Chicken
Meat Free Balls V
Stuffing & Gravy
Roast & new potatoes
Vegetable selection
Ice Cream

Thursday
Chicken Tikka Masala
Vegetarian Sausage Roll V
Rice or Diced Potatoes
Vegetable selection
Cookies

Friday
Fish Fillet or Fish Cake
Margherita Pizza V
Chips or Pasta
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.

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

Attendance

Last week's (22.04–26.04) top attenders were:

Key Stage 1: Hedgehogs RT 97.65%
Key Stage 2: Rowan 6RB 98.06%

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/>

Dates for the Diary

Friday 3rd May
INSET—School Closed

Monday 6th May
Bank Holiday—School Closed

Friday 10th May
Y1 Parents Phonics Meeting 9am

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

Week Commencing 17th June
Good Health Week

Tuesday 18th June
Sports Day for Early Years

Wednesday 19th June
Sports Day for KS2

Thursday 20th June
Sports Day for KS1

Tuesday 2nd July
Sept 24 Reception Parents Meeting 6pm

Tuesday 16th July
Y6 Leavers Party

Friday 19th July
Y6 Leavers Assembly at 9.15am

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.

Praise Awards

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

W/C 29.04.24

Key Stage One

| | |
|----------------|--------------|
| RR Foxes | Finley K |
| RT Hedgehogs | Rory A |
| 1/2B Squirrels | Jenson P |
| 1/2D Moles | Lily S |
| 2W Badgers | Joby-Jai E-B |

Key Stage Two

| | |
|-------------|-------------|
| 3/4H Elder | Rosalee R |
| 3/4R Oak | Annabelle W |
| 4D Chestnut | lyla H |
| 5E Beech | Nathan G |
| 5/6SB Holly | Thomas W |
| 6RB Rowan | Jessica L |

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.

EYFS News

The children made us very proud this week on our walk to Wordsley Library. They all had a lovely time learning about and enjoying the library. We looked at books and had a story from one of the staff. Every child is now a member (if not already) and borrowed a book which you will need to return within one month. Nursery children will visit the Library later this term.



If your child is in our Nursery and due to start school in September, please check your emails for some useful dates and information.



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!

Toddlers will be at Forest School 15th May

RBD News

Even though this week has been a shorter week, we have still achieved a lot! The Reception children had a wonderful time walking to the library and choosing a book to read at home.

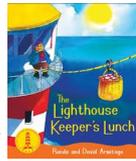
The Y1/2 base children have been learning about capacity and learning if containers are full, empty or nearly full and empty. It would be great if they can practise this at home.

The Year 3 children went swimming for the first time and had a wonderful time – please remember they will be swimming every Monday so will need their kits in school.

Children in Year 4 have been learning about whole numbers and decimals and the Y5 withdrawal English group have been writing amazing character descriptions. We are very proud of you all.

Our signed story of 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' is now on the Ashwood RBD YouTube Channel -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cRZ3w6GB1nM>



Well done!

Well done to Noah to coming into school with his hearing aids on. We are so proud of you for starting to wear them at home!

Signed Video:

Next week it is Deaf Awareness Week! Did you know all staff in school have 'Deaf Awareness' training every year to make sure our school is as a Deaf Aware school? We have created a video to support the promotion of Deaf Awareness week.



Deaf



Awareness

KS1 News



This week in Key Stage One we have been working on the story of The Ugly Sharkling from Literacy Shed.

The children have described the shark and written a postcard of his toothless adventures!

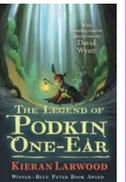
They have also been finding out about the best ways to save money in RSE and considering the things they want or need.



Next week we will be continuing our baby bear's chair designs in Design Technology. The children are considering the best shape for stability and strength.

KS2 News

This week, our year 5 and 6 children have continued to read Podkin One Ear as part of our English work. The children are really enjoying this fantasy story. They have been designing their own magical artefacts from the 12 realms and will write their own non-chronological report about them.



Our year 3 and 4 children have been thinking about The Day the Crayons Quit and the sequel, The Day the Crayons Came Home.

They have been using this to help them think about making text predictions and retrieving ideas.



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 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.

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**

Millennium



At what time of what day of what year will it be:

- a. 2000 seconds
- b. 2000 minutes
- c. 2000 hours
- d. 2000 days
- e. 2000 weeks

after the start of the year 2000?

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/>

Health Choices

Dudley Public Health and Wellbeing is part of Dudley Council. We support and enable residents, families and communities to make positive lifestyle changes and improve your health and wellbeing.

There is lots we can do as individuals to stay healthy and well in Dudley borough. This website is a one-stop place for up-to-date public health information and news, from pregnancy and early life to healthy ageing.

<https://healthydudley.co.uk/>

Reflexions Mental Health Support

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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>

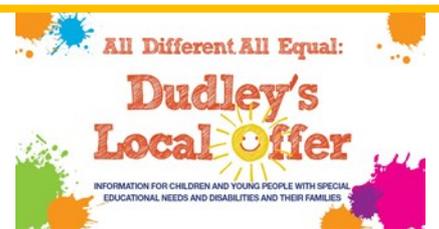
<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

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

Family Healthy Lifestyle Service

The Family Healthy Lifestyle Service is a free and personalised support service, to meet the needs of your family.

<https://healthydudley.co.uk/healthy-lifestyle-support-for-your-family/>



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

<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.



Happier Minds

A mental wellbeing website for young people, parents/carers and school based staff in Dudley. Here in Dudley we have the highest ambitions and want to create a brighter future for all of our children and young people. We have developed this website to ensure that both national and local mental health support is accessible all in one place at the click of a button.

Whether you are a young person, a parent/carer or a professional working with young people we hope this site will be helpful to you and those you care about. This site also provides information on how to get help urgently.

<https://happierminds.org.uk/>

Healthy Lunchboxes

The Healthy Lunchbox Resource is available to support children & families to make healthy, yummy and tooth friendly food choices for their children's lunchbox.

<https://healthydudley.co.uk/lunch/>



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