

28th February 2025

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Article 28 Every child has the right to an education

## Messages from Mr Butler

**Congratulations** We are sure you will want to join us in sending your best wishes to Ms Baylis who will be leaving us on Friday 7th March to start her Adoption Leave. Her class will be welcoming Miss Edwards back as their teacher in her absence.

**Ramadan Mubarak** to our Muslim friends and families observing fasting this month. Please let School know if we can support you in anyway.

**Parent/Teacher Consultations** Please note that when these take place on the 4th and 5th of March we will also have our Scholastic Book Fair at School. All purchases earn commission for the School.

**World Book Day** We will be celebrating this annual event with a Pyjama Day. Children are invited to wear their pyjamas to School on 6th March.

**Parent and Child Workshop** Come and join Dudley's Parent Carer Forum on Tuesday 11th March at 9.10am to learn more about neurodiversity.

**School Disco** Thank you to all the children who came and had a wonderful time at our Glitter and Glow discos, you helped raise **£922.23**.

**Swimming Money** Please ensure that swimming money is paid as we are having to subsidise heavily from school funds.

**Social Media** Please check you child's phone for appropriate usage on "What's App" and "Discord". We have been alerted to inappropriate use on these apps.

**Facebook** Do remember to take a look at the School's [Facebook](#) page.



**Keith Butler**

## Praise Assembly

Children who gained badges and certificates deserve our special congratulations:

**26/02/2025**

### Key Stage One

RR Foxes	Albert
RB Hedgehogs	Savannah
1/2B Squirrels	Alex
1/2D Moles	Summer
2W Badgers	Oliver M

### Key Stage Two

3/4B Elder	Nile
3/4R Oak	Ilyah
4D Chestnut	Harry B
5P Beech	Kaleb
5/6B Holly	Alfie
6RB Rowan	Matilda



## Dates for the Diary

### Tuesday 4th March

Parent/Teacher Consultations

### Wednesday 5th March

Parent/Teacher Consultations

### Thursday 6th March

World Book Day

### Tuesday 11th March

Parent and Child Workshop 9.10 am

### Friday 28th March

Easter PTA Events

### Thursday 10th April

Break up for Easter Holidays 3.15pm

### Wednesday 9th April

No Tree Top Toddlers

### Friday 11th April

INSET Day

### Monday 28th April

Return to School 8.45am

### Friday 2nd May

INSET Day

### Friday 23rd May

Break up for Half Term 3.15pm

### Monday 2nd June

Return to School 8.45am

Health Week including Sports Days

### Thursday 5th June

PTA Sponsored Event

### Wednesday 18th June

Y6 Children go to Pioneer

### Friday 20th June

Y6 Children return from Pioneer

### Wednesday 2nd July

INSET Day

### Friday 18th July

Break up for Summer Holidays 3.15pm

### Monday 21st July

INSET Day

## Attendance

Last week's top attenders:

**KS1: 2W Badgers 97.14%**

**KS2: 5/6B Holly 95.36%**

As a School we have a responsibility to monitor the attendance of all children in School. Attendance is vital to a child, children who have better attendance are proven to achieve more.

## Menu\*

WC **03.03.25** (Week 2)



### Monday

Chicken Goujons  
Chicken Nuggets (H)  
Vegetable Lasagne (V)  
Fish Stars  
Potato Crunchies  
Sweetcorn and Carrots  
Mini Doughnut

### Shrove Tuesday

Beef & Bean Chilli  
Beef Burger (H)  
Country Vegetable Bake (V)  
Fish Fingers  
Rice and Naan  
Brown and White Rice  
Cauliflower and Green Beans  
Pancakes with Lemon and Sugar or  
Chocolate and Strawberry Drizzle  
Ice Cream

### Wednesday

Big Breakfast (H and V options)  
Fish Cake  
Chocolate Shortbread

### World Book Day

Burt's Ratburger  
Bad Dad's BBQ Hot Dog (V)  
Mega Monster Wedges  
Gangsta Granny Greens  
Mr Stink's Sweetcorn  
Billionaire Boy Shortbread  
Awful Auntie's Apple & Grape Pots

### Friday

Pizza Selection  
Cauliflower & Sweet Potato Curry (V)  
Battered Fish  
McCain Chips  
Sweetcorn and Baked Beans  
Apple Muffin

### Available Every Day

Jacket potato, sandwich, cheese, tuna or ham filling, 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. Please do NOT send drinks in cans or glass bottles.

## EYFS News

The children have returned back to School after half term brilliantly!

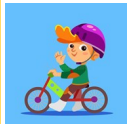


Nursery had a lovely time this week planting beans, and will look toward to growing their own bean stalks!

Reception have been learning about their School, they have made some lovely maps and learned about schools in the past!



Balance Bike PE continues this term in Reception on Thursdays, and on Fridays we will go to Forest School.



## Tree Tots Toddler Group

Wednesdays 9.00 -11.00am

Mrs Manville and Miss Reynolds have lots of lovely activities planned. Toys, activities, songs, stories and crafts available. Refreshments included – adults please bring a lidded cup ! No Group on 9th April.



## RBDC News

There has been lots of learning in the RBDC this week!



In Acorns Class, they have been taking on different character roles by trying porridge like Goldilocks in Goldilocks and the Three Bears.

Conkers have been reading 'The Day the Banana went Bad' ready for world book day. They have been trying different types of fruit and describing using adjectives ready to write their character descriptions.



Our Star of the Week this week is Cicero. In English, Cicero recalled a story he had previously read called 'Click, Clack, Moo, Cows that Type'. He was able to sign the story alongside Mr Dimmock as he read to the class. Cicero was then able to retell the story accurately. Well Done Cicero!

## Signed Video:

Our BSL Club's focus this week is 'Pancake Day'. Please see the video below to learn more about how we sign pancake day.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TT8o5QdYsIY>



Pancake

## KS2 News

Welcome back. We hope that you have had an enjoyable and restful half term holiday.

The children in KS2 have been thinking about their new topics this week. We will now swap to focus on History, Art and Music.

Years 3 and 4 will be learning about the Roman period and botanical art.



Years 5 and 6 will be learning about the Tudor period and portraits.



Take a look at our school website for our lesson Knowledge Organisers.

## PE Lessons

**Monday** - 3/4H and 3/4R PE kit needed. 4D swimming kit needed.

**Wednesday** - Year 5 and 6 can come to School in their PE kit

**Thursday** - Year 3 and 4 can come to School in their PE kit

**Friday** - 5P / 5/6B / 6RB PE kit needed.

## REMINDER

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.

You can buy the Ashwood Park Primary School PE Kit from [Totally Uniform](#) in Kingswinford.

## KS1 News

This week we have been completing free verse poetry. The children have learned to perform a poem to the rest of the class and have also written their own free verse poems using some of the features we have seen this week.



We have also started our new topic in Design Technology in which we will be making our own textile puppets! The children were very excited to design their own puppets based on a story book character. Next week we will be using a template to cut the material to the correct size.



## Place2Be's CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK 3-5 FEB

This is a free short course designed to [Understand your child: from toddler to teenager](#) or [Understand your child with additional needs](#).

It provides a deeper understanding of mental health for parents who might be concerned about mental wellbeing or just want to learn more about it.

<https://inourplace.heiapply.com/online-learning/course/56> Using the code CASTLE, they offer all of the below online learning courses for free including 'Understanding your child's mental health and wellbeing'.

## TT Rockstars

This weeks Rockstars are;

**1st** Alfie F 3/4R  
**2nd** Carter 3/4R  
**3rd** Iyah 3/4R

Well done to everyone

## Maths Problem

### Susie the snake

Susie the snake has up to 20 eggs.



She counted her eggs in fours.  
She had 3 left over.

She counted them in fives.  
She had 4 left over.

How many eggs has Susie got?



# Neurodiversity Parent and Child Workshop

Aiming for Brighter Futures



Dudley Parent Carer Forum

Dudley Parent Carer Forum is working with Ashwood to host a parent and child workshop. During the session you and your child will have the chance to create a picture which will help staff to better understand your child's needs. After the session there will be time for a coffee and a chat with school staff and PCF reps. We'd love to hear more about your experiences!

**Tuesday  
11th  
March  
9:10am**

**Help Ashwood  
staff better  
understand  
your child's  
needs**



**Work  
together  
with your  
child**

For more information contact us at  
[pinsdudleypcf@dudleyparentcarerforum.co.uk](mailto:pinsdudleypcf@dudleyparentcarerforum.co.uk)





### 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** [SEND Improvement Programme - September 2024 \(govdelivery.com\)](https://www.govdelivery.com) to receive this e-bulletin direct to your email inbox

### Health Choices

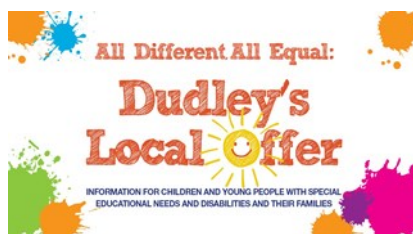
Dudley Public Health and Wellbeing is part of Dudley Council. We support and enable residents, families and communities to make positive lifestyle changes and improve your health and wellbeing. There is lots we can do as individuals to stay healthy and well in Dudley borough. This website is a one-stop place for up-to-date public health information and news, from pregnancy and early life to healthy ageing.

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

### 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/>



**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.

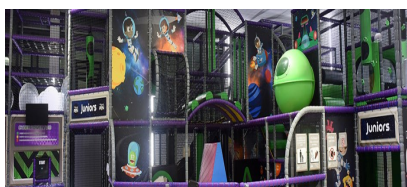
The website contains a wealth of up to date information on areas which include education, training and work, health, leisure and fun, care and moving into adulthood. The website aims to help young people and parents to make individual, informed, positive decisions and choices

The Dudley family hub network is a one-stop shop, offering advice and support for families in Dudley with children aged 0-19 (25 if the child has special educational needs and/or disabilities). It includes an online offer and five local family hubs.



The network includes key Start for Life services. These cover the period from conception to age two. Core Start for Life services such as midwifery, health visiting and early years support are included.

<https://www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/early-years-and-childcare/dudley-family-hub-network/>



### SEN Soft Play Sessions

Dudley leisure centres offer soft play sessions for children with SEN:

**At Duncan Edwards Leisure Centre**, there is a SEN soft play session **every Wednesday from 5.00pm - 6.00pm**

**At Halesowen**, there is a SEN soft play session **every Monday from 4.30pm - 6.00pm**.

Both sessions are suitable for children under 11 years of age with disabilities, special educational needs, ASD and their siblings.

#### **New Sensory Room at Coseley Family Hub**

Parents and carers can now book time in a NEW sensory room at the local family hub in Coseley. The FREE space is bookable for between 30min to an hour and gives the chance for children of all ages to explore a range of sensory activities with their parents/carers.

The sessions are self-led but staff will be on hand to support or answer any questions. To book call the hub on 01384 813096.

### **Parent Carer Forum Update:**



Dudley Parent carer Forum welcome registrations for membership from parent/carers and also offer associate memberships to wider family members or practitioners working within Dudley. Joining up means you will be kept up to date on all the latest news, information and events doing on in Dudley. Parents/Carers will also receive a FREE gift when they sign up!

[Sign Up Here](#)

### **Integrated Early Years Service Parent Support Group**



This group offers support to parents and carers of children with a range of additional needs. It provides a supportive environment to engage with your child, and also to gain practical advice for everyday routines.

[See More Details Here](#)

### Dudley Parents

There is a one stop shop for parents in the Dudley Borough offering support and information. You can gain free access to guidance and support over a range of topics for parents including First 1001 Days as a Parent, DadPad, Five to Thrive, Solihull Approach, Triple P, Parents in Conflict, The Henry Approach.

[www.dudleyparents.co.uk/home](http://www.dudleyparents.co.uk/home)

## DudleyParents

### Urgent Plea

The Kids Clothes Project has been running for 4 years and has so far helped over 1500 children in families in need across the Black Country, including some from Ashwood Park. They are in **desperate** need of jumpers; T-shirts, trousers, new underwear, shoes, coats, pyjamas, dresses, swimwear, books and soft toys if you have any items spare.

There is a donation bin for The Kids Clothes project in our School Reception so please donate what you can. Many thanks.



### Happier Minds

Whether you are a young person, a parent/carers or a professional working with young people we hope this site will be helpful to you and those you care about.

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

Spring 2025

# Health & Wellbeing Update



## for children and families in Dudley



### Household Support Fund

The Household Support Fund is available in Dudley borough

#### Who?

Anyone who is struggling to pay for food, fuel, or other household essentials (*subject to eligibility criteria*)

#### How?

Find out who can get help and how to apply at [www.dudley.gov.uk/householdsupportfund](http://www.dudley.gov.uk/householdsupportfund)



### Dudley's Community Toothbrush Scheme

Dudley's Community Toothbrush Scheme provides free toothbrush packs to children and families in need in Dudley borough. For more information about the scheme scan the QR code to visit [Healthy Dudley](#).



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### PHASES FREE gym-based physical activity programme\*

"Once my Dad started doing exercise with me at Phases, Action Heart, I gained confidence in the gym and started to try my hardest to get back to the sports and activities I enjoyed before. The environment of the gym was very welcoming and pleasant, unlike other gyms. Phases has really boosted my confidence and allowed me to do activities I couldn't do before with my friends." – Phases participant, age 15. Find out more about the free gym-based physical activity programme for 11 – 16 year olds by scanning the QR code to visit [Healthy Dudley](#).



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### Starting Well

The Starting Well section of the Healthy Dudley website has lots of information to support healthy pregnancy, infancy, childhood and adolescent health, up to age 19. Scan the QR code to visit [Healthy Dudley](#).



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Longer, safer, healthier lives

### Park Active and Healthy Hubs – winter programmes

Scan the QR code to visit [Healthy Dudley](#) to find out about free local activities to help you move more and get active



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### Managing winter illnesses and keeping up-to-date with vaccinations

Get advice on when to keep your child off school if they are unwell and information on immunisations which help to protect everyone, at every age.

To read the full update scan the QR code to visit [Healthy Dudley](#).



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Children & Young People's Public Health Team, Health & Wellbeing, Dudley Council

# **CAMHS Parent/Carer Workshops**

***Come and join our Parent/Carer Workshops, run by Black Country CAMHS services (on Zoom for 1.5hours)! Groups held 12pm - 1.30pm.***

We know that suffering from mental health difficulties does not only affect the person struggling, but also the family around them. Parenting a child/young person with mental health difficulties can create additional challenges for parents.

We are running workshops exploring a range of difficulties that children/young people may experience, that can impact their emotional wellbeing.

**10.07.24- Trauma and Attachment**

**11.09.24 - Autistic Spectrum Conditions**

**23.10.24 – Speech and Language**

**20.11.24- Depression / Low Mood**

**18.12.24 – Anxiety / OCD**

**15.01.25 – Self-harm**

**12.02.25– Anger / Conduct difficulties**

**12.03.25 – Anxiety**

To register your interest telephone **Andrea Ehgartner** on **01922 607400**



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[www.blackcountryminds.com](http://www.blackcountryminds.com)



## Dudley SENDIAS Service is hosting a series of SEND Workshops

Dudley SENDIAS Service offers information, advice and support on all matters relating to SEN and disabilities including health and social care to parents and carers of children with SEND and Young People with SEND up to 25 years old.

### Are you

- A parent/carer of a child with SEND?
- A young person with SEND?
- Concerned about the support that is in place to help your child in school/college?

To book on to a workshop contact us at  
[dudley.sendiass@dudley.gov.uk](mailto:dudley.sendiass@dudley.gov.uk)

Dudley SENDIAS Service Website

<http://dudleysendiass.org.uk/>

### Spring Term 2025 10am – 11.30am on MS Teams

#### Understanding how to access SEN support within settings

- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025

#### Understanding the EHCP request process

- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025
- Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

#### How to check a draft plan

- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025

#### Preparing and process for annual review

- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025

#### Preparation for key transitions

- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2025



### How can we help?

- Individual casework
- Preparing, supporting and attending meetings
- Help with writing letters and completing forms
- Help to understand what support can be offered to a child or young person with SEN and/or a disability without an education health care plan in place. This could be in an early years, school or further education setting
- Support to parents and young people during an education health care assessment
- Access to an independent supporter if requested - this is subject to availability
- Advice and support in relation to appeals to the SEN and disability tribunal
- Help if things go wrong and advice on complaints relating to SEN and/or disabilities including those related to health and social care
- Help if your child is excluded
- Providing support to manage mediation
- Explaining the disagreement resolution process
- Access to training and workshops

### For more information contact:

#### Dudley SEND information, advice and support service

An answering machine is in operation, please leave a message and we will return your call.

Tel: 07900 161363

Tel: 01384 817373

E-mail: [dudley.sendiass@dudley.gov.uk](mailto:dudley.sendiass@dudley.gov.uk)

Web: [www.dudley.gov.uk/dudleysendiass](http://www.dudley.gov.uk/dudleysendiass)



## Dudley special educational needs and disability information, advice and support service (SENDIASS)

(formerly Dudley Parent Partnership Service)

If you're a parent or carer of a child or young person with special educational needs (SEN) or a disability, or a child or young person up to the age of 25 with special educational needs or a disability, we can help you.

We provide legally based advice, information and support on all matters relating to SEN and disabilities including health and social care issues.

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# Free School Meals

If you receive any of the following support payments your child may be entitled to Free School Meals

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit Run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

If you currently receive free school meals but have now moved into the area, you will need to complete a new Free School Meals Application form

If you wish to apply for Free School Meals, please go to

[www.dudley.gov.uk/resident/your-council/council-tax-and-benefits/benefits/free-school-meals](http://www.dudley.gov.uk/resident/your-council/council-tax-and-benefits/benefits/free-school-meals)

If you need further information, you can contact the Free School Meals Team by:



Telephone -01384 814988



Email – [freeschoolmeals.benefits@dudley.gov.uk](mailto:freeschoolmeals.benefits@dudley.gov.uk)



Visiting – Dudley Council Plus, Castle Street, Dudley  
between 8.30am and 5pm Monday to Friday, 9am and 12 noon Saturday



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