

NEWSLETTER



04th April 2025 Newsletter No. 27

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Article 28 Every child has the right to an education

Messages from Mr Butler

Easter Raffle Thank you all so much for your very kind donations last Friday. We were over whelmed with the number of eggs coming through the doors! Our PTA have been very busy creating some amazing Easter hampers and raffle tickets are now on sale. Year 6 will be visiting the children in class selling raffle tickets and the PTA will be in the playgrounds after School so don't miss out!

Easter Competitions Please remember to send your child in with their Easter Bonnet or decorated hard boiled egg on Thursday 10th April. There will be prizes for all winners from each class.

Egg Hunt All children will take part in an Easter themed hunt on Thursday 10th April and the Easter Bunny may join them.

INSET Friday 11th April is an INSET day so School will be closed to children. Friday 2nd May is also an INSET day.

Facebook Do remember to take a look at the School's <u>Facebook</u> page.

Keith Butler





Attendance

Last week's top attenders:

KS1: RR Foxes 99.41% KS2: 4D Chestnut 99.35%

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.

Praise Assembly

Children who gained badges and certificates deserve our special congratulations:

26/03/2025

Key Stage One

RR Foxes Ivy
RB Hedgehogs Evie
1/2B Squirrels Oscar
1/2D Moles Noah
2W Badgers Noah

Key Stage Two

3/4B Elder Cody
3/4R Oak Isla
4D Chestnut Erin
5P Beech Oliver
5/6B Holly Kyrian
6RB Rowan Junior

<u>Dudley Primary Cross Country</u> <u>Competition</u>

On Thursday, 27th March, our cross-country team participated in the Dudley Primary Cross Country Competition at Summerhill School. This is the biggest event in the sporting calendar, with over 400 pupils taking part in the competition. The children had to complete a gruelling course around the Summerhill School field. All of the team members have shown great dedication and commitment to training for the event. You may have even spotted them running up the hills around school in preparation for the challenge. The team finished 26th out of 44 schools. Special mentions go to Scarlett P, Emelia, and Riley, who finished 44th, 52nd,



and 53rd in their races. Despite being exhausted, they were all smiling at the end of the race, and some even wanted to run the course again!

Dates for the Diary

Thursday 10th April

PTA Easter Events

Break Up for Easter Holidays 3.15pm

Wednesday 9th April

RAF Cosford Trip for Years 1 and 2 TT Rockstars Day for Year 3 and 4

Friday 11th April

INSET Day

Monday 28th April

Return to School 8.45am

Thursday 1st May

Animal Lady for Reception

Friday 2nd May

INSET Day

Wednesday 21st May

Forge Farm Trip for Years 3 and 4

Friday 23rd May

Break up for Half Term 3.15pm

Monday 2nd June

Health Week

Return to School 8.45 am

Tuesday 3rd June

Sports Day for Years 5 and 6

Wednesday 4th June

AM Sports Day for Years 1 and 2 PM Sports Day for Years 3 and 4

Thursday 5th June

AM Sports Day for Foxes and Nursery PM Sports Day for Hedgehogs and Nursery PTA Sponsored Event

Wednesday 18th June

Year 6 Children go to Pioneer

Friday 20th June

Year 6 Children return from Pioneer

Wednesday 2nd July

INSET Day

Friday 18th July

Break up for Summer Holidays 3.15pm

Monday 21st July

INSET Day

Menu*

WC <u>07.04.25</u> (Week 1)



Monday

Hunters Chicken
Pasta Neapolitan (V)
Fish Fingers
Rice
Sweetcorn and Peas
Waffle

Tuesday

Sausages (H and V available)
Fish Stars
Potato Wedges
Green Beans and Peas
Chocolate Cookie

Wednesday

Roast Chicken (H available)
Quorn Balls (V)
Fish Stars
Roast Potatoes
Carrots and Broccoli
Pancake



National Carrot Day

Pork and Carrot Meatballs Cheesy Vegetable Stacker Fish Fingers Diced Potato Cauliflower and Carrots Shortbread Selection



INSET Day

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 <u>nut free</u> 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



Nursery have enjoyed learning about Spring this week and have planted sunflowers outside! Look out for them sprouting along the Nursery fence!

Reception have began learning about Easter and enjoyed Easter activities.



Kee Too

We are in desperate need of trousers and pants for Nursery and Reception. If you have borrowed any, please wash and return to School and if you have any donations we would be very grateful.

Tree Tots Toddler Group

Wednesdays 9.00 -11.00am



The Easter Bunny came today and had a lovely time meeting the children and giving out chocolate eggs!

No Toddler Group now until 30th April.

7th May - Forest School

Mrs Manville and Miss Reynolds have lots of lovely activities planned. Toys, activities, stories and crafts available. Refreshments included - adults please bring a lidded cup!

KS1 News

This week we have been designing our own perfect sandwiches in English. The children

have designed them and written instructions all about how to make them. They thought of some truly delicious ideas.



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We have also been on a plant hunt looking at the types of plants and trees we have around the ground at Ashwood Park.

Next week we looking forward to going on our trip to RAF Cosford as a special ending to our topic about How we learned to fly in History.



TT Rockstars

1st **Thomas** 2nd 3rd

RBDC News

What a busy week we have had in the RBDC!

In Acorn class this week, we have worked on prepositions and nouns in English, so the children are now able to follow more complicated instructions when playing hide



and seek! They have also worked hard to 🏂 structure their sentences in writing by using the colourful semantics cards.

Well done Acorn class!

In Conkers this week, we have been swimming for the first time. We had great fun learning how to get in and out of the water safely and

building o u r confidence. We have also been painting in Art this week using different painting techniques tο develop o u r techniques.





Our Star of the Week this week is Noah for having an amazing learning attitude and trying really hard in his phonics lesson. Well Done Noah, keep up the good work.

Our BSL Club's focus this week is 'School Subjects'. Please see the video below to learn about how to sign the different subjects.

Signed Video:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4j3LPkRG7x4



School

ClassDojo

Please remember to register with Class Dojo. You will be able to keep track with your child's progress and keep your eye on their class calendar.

Look our for an email from your child's Class teacher. Please ask your child's teacher if you have not received the email.

KS2 News

Our KS2 children have had a wonderful week.

Years 5 and 6 have had a Tudor Day on Thursday and were visited by Henry VIII. It was great to hear all about the Tudor times from our enthusiastic visitor. The children were able to share all of their learning, and thev were super impressive. They have thoroughly enjoyed this term's topic.





4 Year have thinking about preparing for their MTC - thank you to all of the families who attended our Information Meeting on Monday.

Please can we encourage all of our Year 3 and 4 families to support their child in practising their tables as much as possible.

Two children from each of our classes have also been to Hickory's this week for their Praise Breakfast - a fully deserved reward!

Library visits for Years 3 and 4 next week Monday 7th April - 4D Tuesday 8th April - 3/4R Wednesday 9th April - 3/4H

PE Lessons

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

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

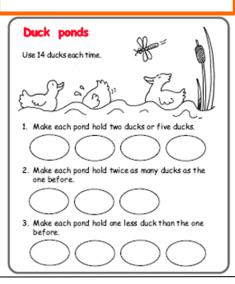
Thursday - Year 3 and 4 can come to School in their PE kit

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.

Math's Problem



This weeks Rockstars are:

Harrison 3/4R Alfie

Well done to everyone

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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-languagetherapy-service-dudley

<u>Dudley's Special Educational</u> 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) 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.

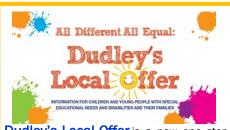
There is lots we can do as individuals to stay healthy and well in Dudley borough. This website is a one-stop place for up-to-date public health information and news, from pregnancy and early life to healthy ageing.

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/



<u>Dudley's Local Offer</u> 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 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

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

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 _{bu} 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 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

DudleyParents

SEN Help

Kids are a charity who create life-changing opportunities by providing a wide range of support to families. They run playscheme days at their centre alongside community days for signed up families. Parent/carers wishing to refer or register with Kids for care planned services can do so by requesting a referral form via the enquiries email: enquiries.orchard@kids.org.uk or via telephone: 01384 897489.

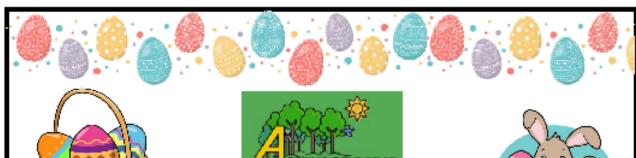
Sassy Sensory surprises are launching 'Wellbeing Walks', they will take place in a different location each month.

Contact toni@sassysensorysurprises.co.uk for further details. Information can be found on their website regarding their recently launched sensory lending library.

Happier Minds

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.

https://happierminds.org.uk/







Easter Events

Thursday 10th April

Nursery/Rec/Ks1
Easter Bonnet Parade

Ks2—Decorate a <u>hard boiled</u> egg competition.

Prizes for winners.

We will also be drawing the Easter Raffle



JOIN DUDLEY'S BIGGEST SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME!

Eligible children and young people can attend holiday activities for free*, including lunch, as part of the HAF Programme.







Learn more by visiting our website: https://www.dudleyholidayactivities.org.uk/

*Funded by the Department for Education











About Dudley Hollday Activities

Dudley Holiday Activities is a government funded programme called the Holiday Activity and Food Programme that offers free activities during the school holidays for children from Reception –Year 11 who receive benefits related free school meals



HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

EASTER 2025



You are eligible to register for the holiday activities programme (HAF) if the following applies:

- · You live in Dudley, or your child goes to school in Dudley Borough,
- Your child is in school from Reception –Year 11
- Your child is eligible for benefits related free school meals (FSM).
- Vulnerable children not eligible for free school meals may still be able to register for HAF activities but please make sure you read <u>this</u> <u>section</u> on the website before you apply.
- Many families in Dudley could get benefit related free school meals but don't claim for them. Your child may be entitled to free school meals if your annual income is less than £16,190; and you claim Child Tax Credit (*Not Including Working Tax Credit) only





NEXT STEPS

Register on the <u>Dudley HAF</u>
<u>Website</u> - - you only need to do
this once! Or scan the QR Code
You must be registered to be able
to book activities













Follow us on Facebook for updates

Once FSM status has been verified by Dudley Council, you will receive an email with login details and password for your account.









HEALTHY LUNCH IS ALSO PROVIDED EACH DAY.

BOOKINGS GO LIVE ON 24/03/2025 AT 12PM

Register on the **Dudley HAF Website** - You must be registered to be able to book activities



















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ALL PROCEEDS GO TO DUDLEY DEAF CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

FRIDAY 16TH MAY AT 7pm
£5 PER PERSON

MAXIMUM 6 PER TEAM AGE 11+

ENTRY FEE INCLUDES A COB

CHEESE, HAM OR CORNED BEEF

BAR AVAILABLE

AMBLECOTE BRITISH LEGION, DY8 4DQ

FOR TICKETS PLEASE EMAIL dudleydeafchildrenssociety@yahoo.com



A BSL interpreter will be attending



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

> Dudley SENDIAS Service Website http://dudleysendiass.org.uk/

<u>Spring Term 2025 10am – 11.30am on MS Teams</u> Understanding how to access SEN support within settings

- Thursday 23rd January 2025
- Friday 21st March 2025

Understanding the EHCP request process

- Friday 31st January 2025
- Monday 31st March 2025

How to check a draft plan

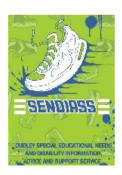
Monday 10th February 2025

Preparing and process for annual review

Wednesday 5th March 2025

Preparation for key transitions

Thursday 13th 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 Web: 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.

• Free • Impartial • Confidential

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

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



Telephone -01384 814988

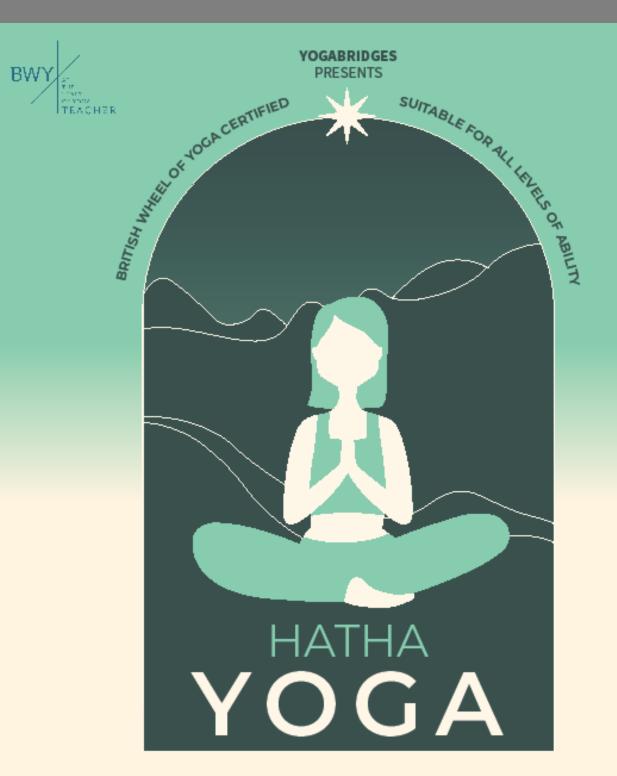


Email - freeschoolmeals.benefits@dudley.gov.uk



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





EVERYTHURSDAY | START AT 7.30PM

Ashwood Park Primary School, Bells Lane, Wordsley, Stourbridge, DY8 5DJ

£9 / CLASS OR 10% DISCOUNT FOR FULL TERM

FOR BOOKINGS AND ENQUIRIES PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL JAN:

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