

2nd May 2025
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Article 28 Every child has the right to an education

Messages from Mr Butler

Welcome Back We hope you all enjoyed your Easter break and are looking forward to the Summer term.

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

Bank Holiday Monday 5th May is a Bank Holiday so School will be closed.

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

Hot and Sunny Weather Advice



Please can we ask that you apply sun lotion to your child BEFORE they come to school in the morning.

The children are welcome to bring their own, labelled lotions into School to re-apply at lunchtime. Due to allergies in school, children must not share these and must on apply THEIR OWN sun lotion.

Please also send your child to school with a sun hat and re-fillable water bottle. And please label all items with their name and class.

Menu* WC 05.05.25 (Week 2)



Monday
BANK HOLIDAY

Tuesday
Mac 'n' Cheese (V)
Fish Finger Bap
Potato Wedges
Strawberry Mousse

Wednesday
Roast Chicken (H available)
Quorn Balls (V)
Fish Stars
Mashed Potatoes
Waffles

Thursday
Chicken Tikka Masala
Country Veg Bake (V)
Fish Fingers
Rice
Raspberry and Apple Cake

Friday
Pizza Party (V)
Battered Fish
McCain Chips
Fruity Friday

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

Dates for the Diary

Friday 2nd May

INSET Day

Monday 5th May

Bank Holiday

Wednesday 21st May

Forge Farm Trip for Years 3 and 4

Friday 23rd May

Break up for Half Term 3.15pm

Monday 2nd June

Return to School 8.45 am

Health Week

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

CENSUS DAY MENU

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LOOK WHAT'S FOR LUNCH...

Beef Burger
or Quorn Fillet Burger (v)
& Curly Fries

Served with a choice of...
Tomato Ketchup, BBQ Sauce
or Mayonnaise

Plus... Baked Beans
or a Medley of Peas
& Sweetcorn

Followed by...
School Cake

School Census Day... is an important day. Choosing a favourite Shire Services meal helps boost much needed funding for your school!

SHIRE FRESH
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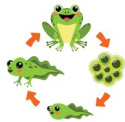
Food Allergies & Intolerances - Before ordering, please speak to our staff about your requirements

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 had a brilliant first week back,



Reception have learned about the life cycle of a frog and had a wonderful visit from the animal lady!

We have also organised some trips to Wordsley library, please check the letter and send back your child's library form to consent to the trip.



We will begin PE again next week so please ensure PE kits are in school by then.

A very warm welcome to our new Nursery starters who have joined us this term.

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!



14th May Forest School

RBDC News

We have had a brilliant week in the RBDC this week and worked very hard!

In Acorn class this week we have been very busy. In English, we have been looking at the story of the Gingerbread Man and describing all the characters.



In Geography, we have looked at different modes of transport.



In Conkers this week we have been looking and writing our own acrostic poems. We have been writing about our favourite animals and why we like them so much.

In Maths we have been looking at our number bonds to 20. We have tried so hard to remember them.

Our **Star of the Week** this week is Muhammad for always trying his hardest and being kind to his peers.



Next week is Deaf Awareness Week. We will be having a whole school assembly led by our deaf adults Mr Hudson and Mrs Gogna. We are looking forward to this.

Signed Video:

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oCFZr4WJSaE>



Animal

KS2 News

Welcome back everyone! It has been lovely to see our children return this week and with sunshine on their faces also!

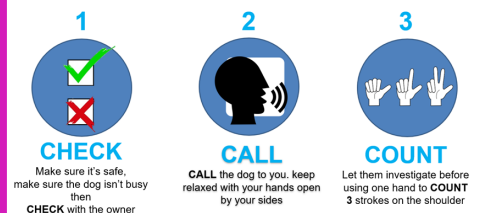
Our children have started their new topics this week. In years 3 and 4, in Geography, our children will be thinking about 'Where does our food come from?' This will link to our upcoming trip. Please ensure that you have returned your permission slip and voluntary contribution.

Our year 5 and 6 children will start their new Science unit on Electricity. Here are some ideas they will consider, <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z88vwsq>

Blue Cross

This week we have welcomed Geraldine from Blue Cross to talk about safety around dogs. See talked to the children about the 3Cs, which we feel is especially important for some of our older children who may now be playing on the park after school.

The **THREE Cs** of **CANINE CHOICE**:



Please talk to your child at home about the 3Cs.

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

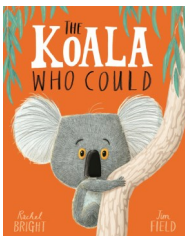
Friday - 5P / 5/6B / 6RB PE kit needed.

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.

KS1 News

This week we have been enjoying our new story 'The Koala Who Could' which is all about stepping out of your comfort zone and trying something new. The children have enjoyed thinking about what might happen and how Kevin the Koala could be described.



We have also been identifying a range of different plants and trees in Science using their leaves. The children went on a leaf hunt in the grounds and found that we have a huge variety of plants at Ashwood Park.

Next week we will be thinking about how we can celebrate VE day.



Math's Problem

Treasure hunt

Jed and Jake are pirates. Between them they have three precious jewels: a ruby (R), a diamond (D) and an emerald (E).



Complete the table. Show what jewels each pirate could have.

Jed	®								
Jake	®								

TT Rockstars

This weeks Rockstars are;

1st Savannah 3/4R
2nd Finlay 4D
3rd Harrison 3/4R

Well done to everyone



WINNERS - 4D



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

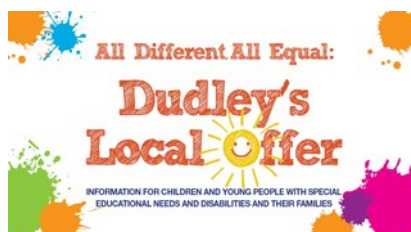
Dudley Public Health and Wellbeing is part of Dudley Council. We support and enable residents, families and communities to make positive lifestyle changes and improve your health and wellbeing. There is lots we can do as individuals to stay healthy and well in Dudley borough. This website is a one-stop 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.

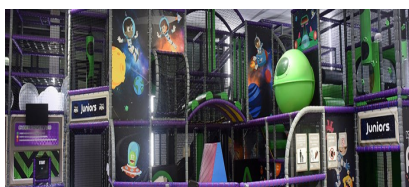
<https://healthydudley.co.uk/lunch/>



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

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/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/>

The poster has a dark blue background. At the top, there are two stylized yellow faces with large eyes and orange mouths, appearing to hold up the poster. A string of white lights with yellow centers is draped across the top. The title 'QUIZ NIGHT' is written in large, glowing yellow-outlined letters. Below the title are three horizontal lines. The text 'ALL PROCEEDS GO TO DUDLEY DEAF CHILDREN'S SOCIETY' is in yellow. Below that, event details are listed in white. At the bottom, ticket information is in white, followed by the DDCS logo which includes a red hearing aid icon.

QUIZ NIGHT

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

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

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