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Article 28 Every child has the right to an education

Messages from Mr Butler

SATs Well done to our amazing Year 6 who have completed their Standard Assessment Tests (SATs) this week. They have made us very proud with their mature attitude and excellent behaviour. A very much deserved ice cream treat was enjoyed on Friday afternoon.

Lost Property At the end of each day we are finding multiple items of lost uniform around School, many of them have no name in so it is very difficult for us to reunite them with their owner. Please write your child's name in clothing, thank you.

Whitsun Half Term This has been a very short half term but we break up for Whitsun next Friday, 23rd May. We return to School on Monday 2nd June for Healthy Living Week where the focus will be on developing the children's knowledge of a healthy lifestyle. We incorporate our Sports Days into this week so check the date and time with your child's teacher to make sure you don't miss it.

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

Fund Raiser

We are once again organising a collection of unwanted clothing with [Rags2Riches4Schools](#).

The Rags2riches4schools project is primarily about protecting our planet, and as a bonus, you are also raising funds for the school to use for other projects.

See page 5 for more details.



Dates for the Diary

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
Healthy Living 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 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 19.05.25 (Week 1)



Monday

Breaded Chicken Grill
Chicken Nuggets (H)
Enchiladas (V)
Fish Cake
Potato Wedges
Lemon and Orange Drizzle Cake

Tuesday

Beef Bolognese
Beef Burger (H)
Vegetarian Sausage Roll (V)
Fish Fingers
Potato Crunchies
Cookie Selection

Wednesday

Roast Gammon
Roast Chicken (H)
Cheese and Potato Pie (V)
Gravy
Fish Stars
Mashed Potatoes
Vanilla Iced Sponge

Thursday

Chicken Tikka Wrap
Quorn Dippers (V)
Diced Potatoes
Toffee Apple Crumble

Friday

Pizza Party (V)
Battered Fish
McCain Chips
Fruity Friday

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

Our Reception trips to [Wordsley Library](#) are happening this and next week, please ensure relevant forms are sent back and please check the date of the library book your child borrows and return to the library by then.



The children have enjoyed learning about their local area and next week will be making maps!

In Early Years, we desperately need clothes for accidents, in particular boys and girls underwear. Any donations greatly received.

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!

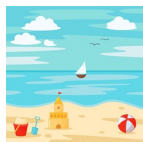


KS1 News



This week we have been doing Performance Poetry. The children have recited poems by heart and used them as a model to write their own poetry.

We have also been working on Fractions in Maths and finding out how to find a fraction of a shape or number.



Next week we will be continuing our work about what it is like at the coast in Geography.

We will also be having a practice for our Sports day that is happening after the half term break.



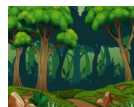
RBDC News

We have had a different type of week in the RBDC this week and been on lots of adventures! Acorns and Conkers have been working together this week.

On Monday we completed a mini sports day where we competed against one another. It was a lovely morning!



On Tuesday we all went on an adventure to the local woods. We walked for ages and completed lots of different activities.



On Wednesday we visited Wordsley Library and played at the local park.



On Thursday morning, we headed to Forest School to create some artwork using natural resources. It has been a very busy but exciting week.



Our Stars for this Week are our Year 6 pupils (Lilly Mai, Hoor-ain, Lexi and Azan) for trying their hardest with their SATs papers. We are very proud of you and everything you have achieved.

Well done!

This week is Mrs Mallinson's final week in the RBDC. We wish her all the best as she moves onto Crestwood School to help some of our past pupils there. Thank you for everything you have done.

Signed Video:

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

<https://youtu.be/i7bIHwYFOBo>



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Day

KS2 News

This week Year 6 have faced the challenge of their KS2 National Curriculum tests, aka SATs. They have shown great maturity, determination and focus. We are so incredibly proud of all of them.



Year 5 have been thinking about their geography unit, based on Renewable Energy Sources.

They have discussed our school grounds and where best to fit solar panels based on a range of factors with our Site Manager, Mr Willans. Miss Edwards said that the children were really engaged in this work and generated great talking points.

Year 3 and 4 have continued their 'Castles' unit of work in DT. They have applied their maths knowledge of 3D shapes to consider nets that could be used to construct a 3D castle shape.



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.

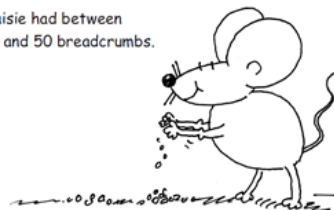
Hoodies and gilets are **not** permitted. Please support us to ensure that all of our children are in the correct uniform and feel part of our Ashwood Park team.

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

Math's Problem

Maisie the mouse

Maisie had between 30 and 50 breadcrumbs.



She counted the breadcrumbs in fours. There were 2 left over.

She counted them in fives. There was 1 left over.

How many breadcrumbs did Maisie have?

TT Rockstars

This weeks Rockstars are;

1st Kobie 4D
2nd Ruzena 3/4R
3rd Muhammad 3/4R

Well done to everyone

Low Mood Webinars

See page 4 for details of free online webinars during half term from Reflexions. These are aimed to help parents/carers recognise low mood in their child and advise how best to support them.





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

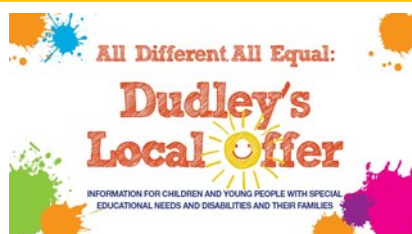
Dudley Public Health and Wellbeing is part of Dudley Council. We support and enable residents, families and communities to make positive lifestyle changes and improve your health and wellbeing. There is lots we can do as individuals to stay healthy and well in Dudley borough. This website is a one-stop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

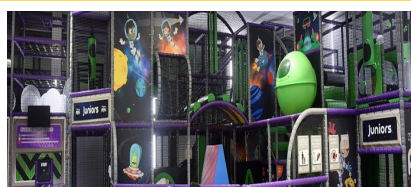
<https://healthydudley.co.uk/lunch/>



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/>



Low Mood WEBINARS!

Join Reflexions online free webinars to learn more about low mood and how to recognise the symptoms in yourself or your child!

Tuesday 27th May

Low Mood - Children 11+

10:00am - 11:00am

Via MS Teams

Wednesday 28th May

Recognising low mood in your child

10:00am - 11:00am

Via MS Teams

Recognising low mood in your child

3:00pm - 4:00pm

Via MS Teams

Low Mood - Children 11+

3:00pm - 4:00pm

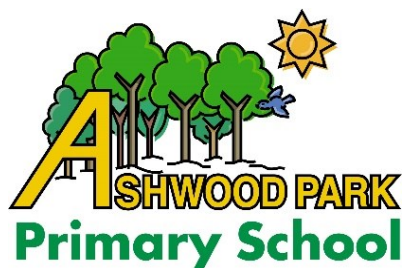
Via MS Teams



Aims of the sessions

- To recognise what low mood symptoms look like.
- To recognise when someone/child is feeling low in mood.
- To learn strategies to help you to manage/support symptoms related to low mood.

For additional information or brief sign up form to register your attendance for these events, please email bchft.reflexions@nhs.net



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15th May 2025

Dear parents,

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO RAISE MONEY FOR OUR SCHOOL.

We are once again organising a clothing collection with **Rags 2 Riches 4 Schools**

Do you have clothes in your wardrobe that you no longer wear, maybe last year's fashions, or that buy that was too good to leave but it's not really you after all?

Please help us fundraise by donating your good quality unwanted, re-useable (clean, dry and wearable) clothes and accessories. Any shoes must be paired together.

Your donations become affordable clothing in other countries so please do not send poor quality, dirty or wet items, and no duvets, pillows, curtains, books, CDs or bric-a-brac.

STOP and THINK - is it something you'd wear out and about yourself or pass to a friend? If not, no-one else will want to buy and wear it either, so unfortunately it's not reusable and can't go in the bag.

Even if it's only one t-shirt please bring it in, as it will all help our school.

If you can involve family, friends and neighbours please do.

We truly appreciate your support in helping raise additional funds for our school for the benefit of our children.

If we can fill 100 bags we'll have half a tonne!

Please bring your donations to school by **Tuesday 3rd June** (They will be collected on 4th June at 9.00am)

Yours sincerely,

Mr R Perkes

Co- Headteacher



Duncan Edwards Leisure Centre

Duncan Edwards Leisure Centre is running a swimming teachers' course (STA award in teaching swimming) and is looking for children aged three to eight years who want to learn to swim.

The course which is suitable for non or weak swimmers* will be taught by staff who are undertaking their teaching qualification.

Dates: Sunday 8, 15, 22 and 29 June (all four lessons must be attended)

Times: 1pm - 1.30pm, 1.30pm - 2pm, 2pm - 2.30pm or 2.30pm - 3pm

Cost: £20 per course. Options+ Leisure Discount is not available due to the course already being discounted.

For more information and to provisionally book a place please email:

Heather McKenzie: Heather.McKenzie@dudley.gov.uk

or

Danielle Gubats: Danielle.Gubats@dudley.gov.uk

Please note that payment must be made at the centre once your booking has been confirmed. Your space can not be guaranteed without payment.

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 is draped across the top. The title 'QUIZ NIGHT' is written in large, glowing yellow-outlined letters. Below the title are several horizontal lines. The text 'ALL PROCEEDS GO TO DUDLEY DEAF CHILDREN'S SOCIETY' is in yellow. The event details are in white. The ticket information is in white. The contact information is in white. At the bottom, there is a logo for 'DdCS' and a green banner with white text.

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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