

6th June 2025  
Newsletter No. 33  
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**Article 28** Every child has the right to an education

## Messages from Mr Butler

**Thank you** to everyone who came to the Sports Day for KS1 on Wednesday. The children were amazing and the atmosphere was great! Unfortunately we had to cancel the other Sports Days due to the rain that left the running track on the grass very slippery. They have all now been rescheduled and we look forward to seeing you cheering on the children.

**Thank you** also to all the parents who came to meet the School Nurses on Monday re health / puberty updates.

**Punctuality** Please note that children should be in class for 8.45 am, this is the time that School starts and the registers are taken. We appreciate that occasionally problems arise so please phone the School Office if you are going to be late.

**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.

**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.

## Praise Assembly

Children who gained badges and certificates deserve our special congratulations:

**22/05/2025**

### Key Stage One

RR Foxes	Arabella
RB Hedgehogs	Maggie
1/2B Squirrels	Logan
1/2D Moles	Jacob
2W Badgers	Jenson

### Key Stage Two

3/4B Elder	-
3/4R Oak	-
4D Chestnut	-
5P Beech	Skye
5/6B Holly	Harry
6RB Rowan	Yuvraj

## June Jump

Our amazing PTA organised a sponsored skip event on Thursday 5th June. Your children spent the day skipping with great enthusiasm. They will have brought home a sponsor form and all monies raised will go towards improving the KS1 playground, we are sure you will agree that it is overdue a revamp. Thank you for your support, it is very much appreciated.



## Dates for the Diary

### Tuesday 17th June

9.20am Sports Day for Yrs 3 & 4

2.00pm Sports Day for Yrs 5 & 6

### Wednesday 18th June

Year 6 Children to Pioneer

### Thursday 19th June

9 am Sports Day for RR

Foxes & AM Nursery

1.30 pm Sports Day for RB

Hedgehogs, PM & All Day Nursery

### Friday 20th June

Yr 6 Children return from Pioneer

### Wednesday 2nd July

INSET Day

### Friday 18th July

9.15 am Yr 6 Leaver's Assembly

Break up for Summer Holidays

3.15pm

### Monday 21st July

INSET Day

## Fund Raiser

Thank you so much for your donations of unwanted clothing for [Rags2Riches4Schools](#). You helped raise £57.30 which will be spent on extra resources for the children.

## Menu\*

WC **09.06.25** (Week 3)



### Monday

Katsu Chicken Steak

Chicken Nuggets (H)

Quorn Ball Sub (V)

Fish Option

Rice or Diced Potatoes

Blueberry Pudding

### Tuesday

Chicken Taco

French Bread Pizza (V)

Fish Option

Potato Wedges

Cookie Selection

### Wednesday

Roast Beef

Roast Chicken (H)

Veggie Sausage (V)

Gravy and Stuffing

Fish Option

Mashed Potatoes

Vanilla Iced Sponge

### Thursday

Meatballs in Tomato Sauce

Katsu Quorn Dippers (V)

Diced Potatoes

Chocolate and Pear Cake

### Friday

Pizza Party (V)

Battered Fish

McCain Chips

Fruity Friday

**Available Every Day**

**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

Unfortunately our Sports Day was rained off but we have rearranged it for 19<sup>th</sup> June! The same times will apply. Please return PE kits to school ready for PE as soon as possible and we will return them for sports day.



Health Week this week has included lots of lovely learning about our keeping our teeth clean, washing our hands and eating healthily.

We have enjoyed tasting fruit and making healthy snacks!



We also enjoyed learning to skip for our sponsored event. Please return sponsor forms and money asap.

## 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 in Key Stage One we have had a wonderful Sports Day!



We were so lucky with the weather and all of the children had a fabulous time showing off their athletic skills. Parents and carers were a super audience

cheering on the children and making it all very exciting. The children were also rewarded with a lovely ice lolly from our PTA making the event even more special.

We have also been making healthy smoothies as part of our Good Health week. They were delicious and some children now have some new foods they are happy to enjoy!



## TT Rockstars

This weeks Rockstars are;

**1st** Harrison 3/4R  
**2nd** Aaryan 3/4R  
**3rd** Iylah 3/4R

Well done to everyone

## RBDC News

Everyone in the RBDC have been working very hard this week!

In Acorns class this week, we have been looking at the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. We have been growing our own beanstalk using magic beans. It grew very quickly over night! We have also been learning about how to keep our teeth healthy as part of health week!

In Conkers this week we have changed our English Text and have been enjoying reading 'The Worst Witch'. We have been busy analysing the front cover and describing the setting of Miss Cackle's Academy. As part of health week, we took part in the sponsored skip and looked at food and decided if they were healthy or unhealthy for our teeth.

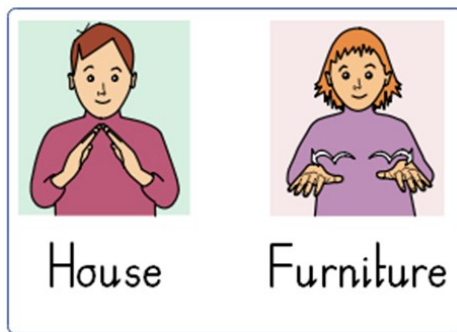


Star of the week is Luna. She has demonstrated her development in independence and made a fantastic mud banquet whilst playing in the mud kitchen. Well done Luna!

Congratulations to Mrs Wilde and Mr Thornton, who have officially become Co-Teacher in charge of the RBDC Base.

**Signed Video:** Our BSL Club's focus this week is 'Furniture Part 2'. Please see the video below to learn about how to sign house furniture and different rooms you find in a house.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7y97lz7xhYc>



## Happier Minds

Happier Minds is a mental wellbeing website designed for Young People aged 11 and over in Dudley. It also has pages for Parents/Carers and Education Staff. On the website you can access high quality, safe and reviewed mental wellbeing sources to help yourself or others you care about.



## KS2 News

This week we have celebrated Health Week. In years 5 and 6 the children have participated in workshops led by the School Nurse team and have also taken part in lessons covering grown-up ideas. The children have conducted themselves with maturity and sensitivity, asked sensible questions and engaged in delicate discussions.



In years 3 and 4, our focus has been on how to keep our teeth healthy. Our children have enjoyed watching the changes to an egg shell throughout the week to help them to understand the impact of plaque growth on our teeth. Support your child to learn more by taking a look at this website:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z8784xs>



We were disappointed to cancel our Years 5 and 6 Sports Day this week due to the rain. We have rearranged this for Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm.

**Leavers' Assembly Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 9:15am.**

## PE Lessons

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

### Next door numbers

Take ten cards numbered 0 to 9.



Arrange the cards like this.



Do it so that no two consecutive numbers are next to each other, horizontally, vertically or diagonally.

There are lots of ways to do it.  
How many ways can you find?



## 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

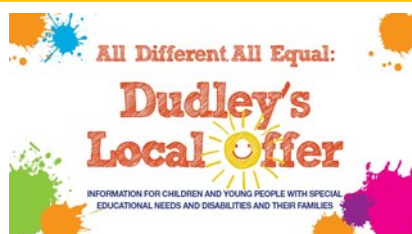
Dudley Public Health and Wellbeing is part of Dudley Council. We support and enable residents, families and communities to make positive lifestyle changes and improve your health and wellbeing. There is lots we can do as individuals to stay healthy and well in Dudley borough. This website is a one-stop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

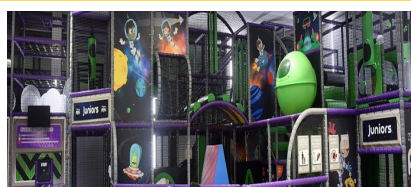
<https://healthydudley.co.uk/lunch/>



**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

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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/>



# Dudley Young Carers ONLINE EVENT

For Schools & Professionals

We are excited to invite you to a special online event hosted by Dudley Young Carers, designed for schools and professionals who work with children and young people.

**Date:** Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June

**Time:** 1pm – 2pm

**Location:** Online - Teams

#### Why Attend?

Across Dudley, there are hundreds of Young Carers balancing their education alongside caring responsibilities at home. Many Young Carers remain hidden, and without the right support, their school life, wellbeing, and future opportunities can be impacted.

#### At this event, you will:

- Discover more about the Dudley Young Carers Service and how we can support the Young Carers you work with.
- Learn how to make a referral into our service.
- Find out how your school or organisation can become a Carer Friendly School.
- Understand the importance of having a Young Carers Champion to lead and inspire a supportive culture for Young Carers.

#### Become a Young Carers Champion

We are encouraging every school to nominate a Young Carers Champion – a key staff member who will help raise awareness, support Young Carers in school, and embed Carer Aware practices.

This is a fantastic opportunity to make a real difference, ensuring Young Carers feel recognised, valued, and supported in their educational journey.

**Book Your Place Now:** <https://forms.office.com/e/WwZ8AA473T>

Please feel free to share this invitation with any colleagues who may also wish to attend. If you have any questions or would like more information, do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

Together, we can build a more inclusive and supportive environment for Young Carers.



Thankyou for helping us to create  
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& Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> July  
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9-12 Years of age 11am - 12pm  
Cost: enrol your child on to the course now for only £45.00 with this flier,  
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acecoaching.courseenrolments@hotmail.com

# 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](mailto:Heather.McKenzie@dudley.gov.uk)

or

Danielle Gubats: [Danielle.Gubats@dudley.gov.uk](mailto: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.

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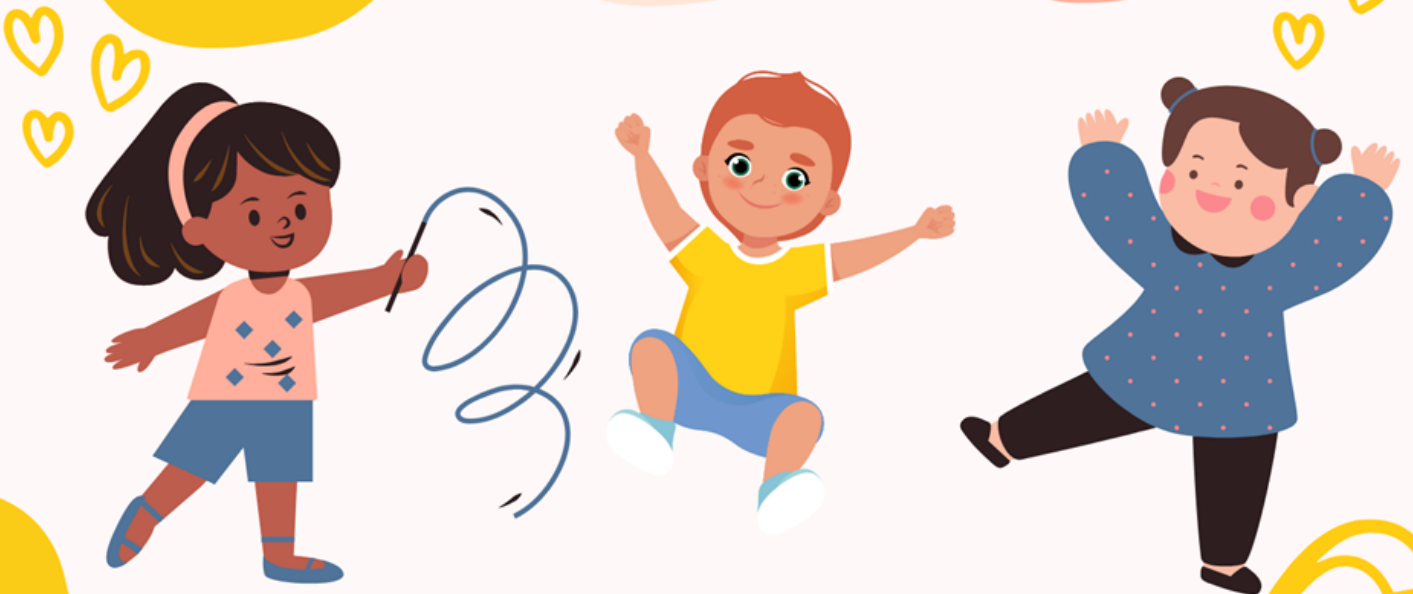
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# Free School Meals

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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