

4th July 2025

Newsletter No. 37

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Article 28 Every child has the right to an education

Messages from Mr Butler

Goodbye We will be saying goodbye and Happy Retirement to Mrs Oakes who has run our OSCA provision brilliantly for 25 years! We wish her all the very best and thank her for all she has done for the children at Ashwood Park.

Raffle Last month the children participated in our June Jump sponsored event. They were amazing and have raised a fantastic
£2385.00

Thank you all for your generosity and support.

Reward Trip Our trip to Hickory's on Tuesday was great, the children really enjoyed themselves and behaved impeccably. See page 3 for a few photos of their trip.

School Reports This years' Reports will come home on Friday July 11th.

September The Parents' meeting for children joining Reception in September is on 9th July at 6pm in the KS1 Hall. We have a few spaces in Reception still available, speak to the Office.

Play Safe If your child is enjoying playing out independently this Summer please remind them how to stay safe .

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.

Keith Butler

Praise Assembly

Children who gained badges and certificates deserve our special congratulations:

25/06/2025

Key Stage One

RR Foxes	Finley
RB Hedgehogs	Mason
1/2B Squirrels	-
1/2D Moles	-
2W Badgers	-

Key Stage Two

3/4B Elder	Eva-Rose
3/4R Oak	Kobie
4D Chestnut	Harry C
5P Beech	Leah
5/6B Holly	Ethan
6RB Rowan	Thomas



[Click here to see Dudley's HAF Activities for the Summer Holidays](#)

Blue Badge Holders

From September we will no longer be able to accommodate all the requests for parking on site. We have contacted Dudley Health and Safety on this matter and we have had to make changes to ensure the safety of the children when vehicles are on site.

Access to the School site is not a given right, it is a courtesy. If the Blue Badge is related to a disabled pupil of Ashwood Park, we can grant parking. If the Blue Badge is related to a parent/grandparent, we must politely request that you park close to the school and walk down. You will not be ticketed for parking close to School. We have very limited space for parking on site.

We have also been advised that early entry parking will no longer be tolerated as space in the school grounds is very limited. Please do not arrive before 8.30 am in the morning or 3.05 pm in the afternoon.

We will not tolerate angry, verbal or aggressive behaviour to our staff who are doing their best to keep everyone safe.

Thank you for your kind consideration of the above,

Keith Butler

Dates for the Diary

Friday 18th July

9.15 am Yr 6 Leaver's Assembly
Break up for Summer Holidays 3.15pm

Monday 21st July

INSET Day

Monday 1st September

INSET Day

Tuesday 2nd September

Children Return to School 8.45 am

Monday 3rd November

INSET Day

Monday 5th January 2026

INSET Day

Thursday 7th May 2026

Voting Day

Friday 8th May 2026

INSET Day

W/C Monday 11th May 2026

Year 6 SATs

Monday 20th July 2026

INSET Day

Please note INSET days are provisional and are subject to change

Menu*

WC **07.07.25** (Week 1)



Monday

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

Tuesday

Beef Bolognese
Beef Burger (H)
Vegetarian Sausage Roll (V)
Fish Option
Pasta or Potato Crunchies
Australian Crunch

Wednesday

Roast Gammon
Roast Chicken (H)
Cheese & Potato Pie (V)
Fish Option
Mashed & Roast Potatoes
Cornflake Cake

Thursday

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

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



As we come to the end of the year, we are beginning to send some work home, so please check book bags and empty if needed.

Do you have a child who is three this year? We have nursery places available, please enquire at the office.

If your child is in Nursery and moving into Reception at Ashwood Park in September, don't forget our Parents' meeting on Wednesday 9th July at 6pm. We look forward to seeing you there and sharing all the relevant information you will need.

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!

Toddlers has just two weeks left before we finish for the Summer on Wednesday 16th July.



RBDC News

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

In Acorns class this week, we have been looking at our daily routine. We have been creating timelines and trying to recall our day. We have focused on what we do at school.



We have also continued describing characters for our English Story.

In Conkers this week, we have been completing lots of assessments to check our learning for Summer term. We have also been practising our times tables and making sure we know them.



In English, we have been designing a broom stick and creating a poster to persuade people to buy it.

Star of the week in the base is William. For trying really hard in his assessments and making good progress.



Signed Video:

Our BSL Club's focus this week is 'Francis Maggin'. Please see the video below.

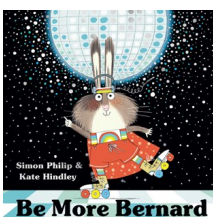
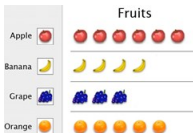
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6bYSzT1jgDI>



KS1 News

This week in Key Stage One we have been trying to keep cool in the heat!

We have also been learning more about statistics in Maths - creating and interpreting block diagrams and pictograms. The children have been very good at creating their own pictograms.



We have also been focusing on our book 'Be More Bernard' to help us to create a diary entry from the point of view of the main character.

Next week we will be continuing our topic on the history of toys and comparing toys to day with those from the past!

TT Rockstars

This weeks Rockstars are;

1st Kobie 3/4R
2nd William 3/4R
3rd Savannah 3/4R

Well done to everyone

Rugby Report

Last week, a group of year 5 girls attended Dudley Kingswinford Rugby Club for a 'Pitch up and Play' event where they participated in a taster session. The sun was shining, and the girls had great fun practising how to pass and play touch rugby. Once they got the hang of the game, they made some fantastic runs towards the touchline. All of the girls presented themselves brilliantly, listening carefully to the coaches and engaged in conversation when not in play. One of the coaches even complimented the girls and said what a credit they were to the school!



KS2 News

This week our Year 6 children have been enjoying their transition days to their secondary schools. It has been great to hear all about their new schools and for them to be talking so positively about the changes coming up.



In Year 5, the children have continued their work on Wonder and have been writing character descriptions based on the main character Auggie. They are really enjoying this story.

In Years 3 and 4, the children have been thinking about adverts and using persuasive language to try to get someone to do something or buy something. They have had great fun looking at the language used.

Leavers' Assembly Friday 18th 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.

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

Maths Problem

Stickers

The twins collected some animal stickers. They each had the same total number.



Winston had 3 full sheets and 4 loose stickers. Wendy had 2 full sheets and 12 loose stickers.

Every full sheet has the same number of stickers. How many stickers are there in a full sheet?





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

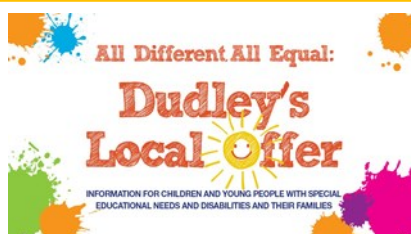
Dudley Public Health and Wellbeing is part of Dudley Council. We support and enable residents, families and communities to make positive lifestyle changes and improve your health and wellbeing. There is lots we can do as individuals to stay healthy and well in Dudley borough. This website is a one-stop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

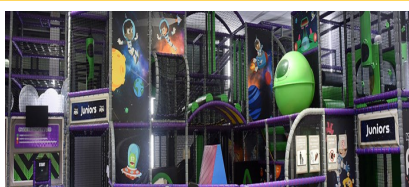
<https://healthydudley.co.uk/lunch/>



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/>

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Sat 26th July

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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

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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