

11th July 2025

Newsletter No. 38

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Article 28 Every child has the right to an education

Messages from Mr Butler

Welcome Thanks to all the new parents who joined us on Wednesday night for their Reception Induction meeting. we hope it was informative and we look forward to your children joining our Reception Class in September.

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.

Ice Creams Thank you for supporting our PTA fundraising Ice Cream sale, I am sure you have all appreciated the ices in the hot weather. Sales will continue next week.

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

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:

09/07/2025

Key Stage One

RR Foxes	-
RB Hedgehogs	-
1/2B Squirrels	Leo
1/2D Moles	Lewis
2W Badgers	Harrison & Carter

Key Stage Two

3/4H Elder	Lewis H
3/4R Oak	Savannah
4D Chestnut	Erin
5P Beech	Oliver
5/6B Holly	Karoline
6RB Rowan	Frankie



Football Report



On Monday evening, the school football team played their final game of the season—and they certainly saved their best until last, signing off the year with a fantastic 3–1 victory over Oldswinford Primary School. Well done to all the children who have been part of the football team this year, and thank you to the parents and grandparents who have supported the pupils throughout the season.

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 **14.07.25** (Week 2)



Monday

All Day Breakfast
H & V options available
Fish Option
Hash Browns
Banana Cake and Custard

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

Roast Chicken (H)
Quorn Balls (V)
Gravy & Stuffing
Fish Option
Mashed & Roast Potatoes
Waffles

Thursday

Chicken Tikka Masala
Country Veg Bake (V)
Rice
Raspberry & 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

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.

Early Years

We have collected reading books in this week and they will be sent to your child's Year 1 teacher ready for September. Please continue to practise reading throughout the summer, all the children are members of [Wordsley Library](#) after our trip there this term, and there are lots of age appropriate books for your child to borrow. Thanks for all your support this year with reading.



It will be our final Tree Tots Toddlers session next Wednesday (16th). We will begin again in the Autumn term, keep an eye on the Newsletter for the start date.

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 will finish for the Summer on Wednesday 16th July.



KS1 News



This week in key Stage One we have been creating our own fact files on rabbits! The children did some research using a range of books and videos to help them write their own factual sentences.

They have also thought about what kind of diagrams or pictures would need to be included in a fact file.

We have also been working hard on our problem solving in Maths - applying our knowledge from this year to help solve problems about place value, shape and pattern.

Next week are looking forward to meeting our new class teacher for September! The children are all excited and ready to make a good impression.



TT Rockstars

This weeks Rockstars are;

1st Harrison 3/4R
2nd Jax 3/4R
3rd William 3/4R

Well done to everyone

RBDC News

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

In Acorns class this week, we have been finishing our work on Jack and the Beanstalk. We took part in a treasure hunt for the Giant's 10 Golden Eggs. We had to use prepositions to find the eggs. It was lots of fun.



In Conkers this week, we have been finishing our work on the Worst Witch. We have designed a poster to sell the broomstick we designed. We have also made Anglo-Saxon houses out of cardboard to conclude our history topic.



Star of the week in the base is Sienna. Sienna is always polite and the first to volunteer to help others. Over the school year Sienna has demonstrated a fantastic love of learning and made good progress.

Well done Sienna! Keep up the good work.



Reminder: On Wednesday 16th July there will be an Ear Mould Clinic held at Ashwood Park for those needing them.

Signed Video:

Our BSL Club's focus this week is 'Wimbledon'. Please see the video below. c held at ashwood park for those needing them. Please note the date on the video is incorrect due to being filmed in 2022.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5bqujXAGjBw>



KS2 News

In years 5 and 6, our children have started their science unit of work on evolution. They have been thinking about the idea of 'survival of the fittest' and how we have adapted over time to continue to thrive in our environment.



The children also have an exciting practical activity to look forward to where they will use different utensils to represent different beak shapes in order to explore how easy or difficult it is for a bird to pick up their food.



In Art, our year 3 and 4 children have considered the sculpture Early One Morning by Anthony Caro and have used this as a stimulus for their own sculptures.

They have continued to enjoy making their abstract sculptures using craft and recyclable materials.

Last week, a group of year 5 children were invited to participate in a maths quiz at The Summerhill School. The children had a great day and represented our school so fantastically well. Thank you to the children and to the families for helping to transport them.

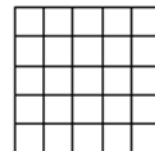
Reminders - Year 6

- Please return your red and blue CGP books.
- Please send your 'first day of school' photograph into the rowan or info email account.
- Leavers' party - 17.07.25 @1pm.
- Leavers' assembly- 18.07.25 @9:15am.

Maths Problem

Odds and evens

You need 13 counters or coins.



Draw a 5 by 5 grid.
Put counters on it.
You can put only one counter in each space.

1. Place 13 counters.
Get an **odd** number of them in each row and column and the two main diagonals.
2. Place 10 counters.
Get an **even** number of them in each row and column and the two main diagonals.



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



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

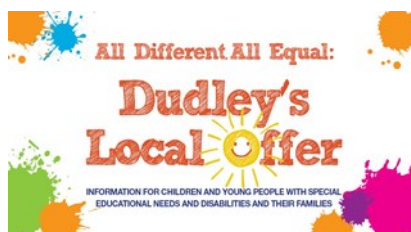
Dudley Public Health and Wellbeing is part of Dudley Council. We support and enable residents, families and communities to make positive lifestyle changes and improve your health and wellbeing. There is lots we can do as individuals to stay healthy and well in Dudley borough. This website is a one-stop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

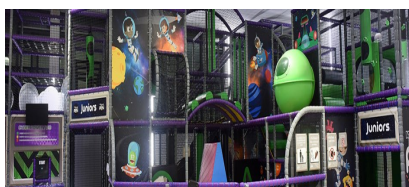
<https://healthydudley.co.uk/lunch/>



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/>

Setting Healthy Boundaries for Mobile Phone Use

5 STEPS TO

Setting healthy boundaries

Children need guidance to build healthy habits with technology. Here are some suggestions:

05

Screen-free times: set limits like no phones after 7 PM or during family meals.

04

Check-ins: regularly check their chats together and discuss anything confusing.

03

No phones in bedrooms: this helps avoid late-night chatting and protects sleep.

02

Real-life friend rule: agree that they only chat with people they know in person.

01

Keep the conversation open: remind your child that you're their safe person.



BE KIND TO YOUR MIND

Learn ways to be kind to yourself and see the world in a more positive way!



7TH AUGUST

MERRY HILL SHOPPING CENTRE
BY THE BIG NEXT, HEAD TOWARDS TOILETS

START 10:00AM
END 12:00PM

28TH AUGUST

CHURCH OF ASCENSION CHURCH HALL HIGH
STREET, WALL HEATH, WEST MIDLANDS DY6 9AH

START 10:00AM
END 12:00PM



To find out more information or to sign up please email
bchft.reflexions@nhs.net. YP's attending can't be dismissed from the
workshop or the premises unless there has been consent form agreed
from parent



FIVE WAYS TO WELL-BEING

Join us for a 5 Ways to Well-being Workshop where children and young people will discover how to Connect, Be Active, Take Notice, Keep Learning, and Give by taking part in practical activities and crafts to improve and boost their mental wellbeing.

24TH JULY

MERRY HILL SHOPPING CENTRE
BY THE BIG NEXT, HEAD TOWARDS TOILETS

START 10:00AM
END 12:00PM

14TH AUGUST

CHURCH OF ASCENSION CHURCH HALL HIGH
STREET, WALL HEATH, WEST MIDLANDS DY6 9AH

START 10:00AM
END 12:00PM



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INSIDE OUT WORKSHOP

Aimed at KS1 and KS2, children and young people will learn how to: Identify emotions and how they feel in their body. Learn strategies to support them with different emotions. Link thoughts and actions to how they feel



31ST JULY

MERRY HILL SHOPPING CENTRE
BY THE BIG NEXT, HEAD TOWARDS TOILETS

START 10:00AM
END 12:00PM

21ST AUGUST

CHURCH OF ASCENSION CHURCH HALL HIGH
STREET, WALL HEATH, WEST MIDLANDS DY6 9AH

START 10:00AM
END 12:00PM



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Sat 26th July

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- Contact: dkrfcschliaison@gmail.com

summer RUGBY sessions




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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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