

18th July 2025

Newsletter No. 39

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Article 28 Every child has the right to an education

Messages

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we come to the close of another school year, we want to take a moment to extend our heartfelt thanks to each of you for your unwavering support, trust, and collaboration throughout the year.

This has been a year of growth, learning, and memorable experiences for our students, and none of it would have been possible without the partnership we've shared with you. Whether it was helping with homework, attending school events, volunteering your time, or simply being there to encourage your child every day—you've made a meaningful difference.

Your involvement has played a vital role in the success of this school year. Together, we've built a positive and supportive environment that has helped our students thrive not only academically, but socially and emotionally as well.

As we look ahead to a well-deserved summer break, I hope you and your family find time to rest, recharge, and enjoy special moments together. We look forward to welcoming your child back next year, ready for new challenges and exciting opportunities.

Thank you once again for being such an important part of our school community.

With appreciation

Mr Butler and Mr Perkes

Goodbye We are saying goodbye to one of our longest serving members of staff. Janet Oakes has run our before and after school clubs for many years. She has always approached her role with integrity, warmth and professionalism and has ensured that the children have enjoyed their time in the clubs. We all wish her the very best for a happy and healthy retirement and our best wishes and grateful thanks for all you've done for Ashwood Park!

We are also saying goodbye to Mrs Passman who leaves us for pastures new. We all wish her the very best for the future!

Thank you from all the staff for the gifts you have sent in. They are very much appreciated.

Jobs We have vacancies for an "As and When" lunchtime supervisor. The hours are 1.25 per day and the pay is Grade 2 scale 3. Please contact the School Office for further details.

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.

Mr Butler

Congratulations



The winner of our PTA Logo competition is...Lydia in 3/4R

Thank you to everyone that entered the competition, the standard was very high.

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,

Mr 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 01.09.25 (Week 3)



Monday

INSET Day

Tuesday

Chicken Taco (H option)
French Bread Pizza (V)
Fish Option
Potato Wedges
Cookie Selection

Wednesday

Roast Beef
Roast Chicken (H)
Veggie Sausage (V)
Gravy & Stuffing
Fish Option
Mashed & Roast Potatoes
Vanilla Iced Sponge

Thursday

Sausage
Veggie Sausage (V)
Cheesy Bean Wrap (V)
Peas or Baked Beans
Chips
Ice Cream
Square Chocolate Shortbread

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

Praise Assembly

Children who gained badges and certificates deserve our special congratulations:

16/07/2025

Key Stage One

RR Foxes	-
RB Hedgehogs	-
1/2B Squirrels	-
1/2D Moles	-
2W Badgers	Niya, Jason & Damian

Key Stage Two

3/4H Elder	Zak
3/4R Oak	Lily
4D Chestnut	Libby & Reece
5P Beech	Ruth
5/6B Holly	Eui
6RB Rowan	Max

Early Years

It's been a lovely last week with lots of end of term celebrations and enjoying our final week in Nursery / Reception together!



All the staff in Early Years would like to thank you all for your support this year. The children have worked very hard and we wish them well in their new year group!

Have a super summer!

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 resume in the Autumn term, a start date will be released in September



KS1 News

This week we have completed our History topic on how toys have changed. We looked at examples of toys that were popular years ago that we still play with today. The children had fun thinking of some of their own favourite toys too.

We have also been excited to meet our new teachers! The children were able to spend some time in their new classrooms and meet their teachers and give a good first impression.

We hope you all have a happy and safe summer holidays and enjoy a well deserved rest!



RBDC News

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

In Acorns class this week, we have had a fantastic week. We have been using Hama beads to create patterns and matching colours. We have also been to meet our new class teachers ready for September.

In Conkers this week, we have watched the Worst Witch to conclude our English learning. We have liked seeing the world of Mildred Hubble come to life from book to screen.

Have a lovely summer and see you all back in September.



Signed Video:

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a8hu8yOd4Es>



KS2 News

As we reach the end of another fantastic and busy school year, we look back with pride at all the wonderful experiences our children have had.



In Years 3 and 4, pupils explored where our food comes from and delved into Roman history. They showcased their creativity with beautiful floral artwork and enjoyed building castles. Highlights included contributing to the Christmas concert at the church, crafting a model of Stonehenge out of foam, and visiting Forge Mill Farm.

Meanwhile, Years 5 and 6 explored life in the Alps and the world of the Tudors. They experimented with printing in art and created their own automata toys. A visit to the ThinkTank and an entertaining encounter with 'Henry VIII' brought learning to life. Year 6 showed tremendous determination during their SATs and demonstrated great courage during their residential trip to the Pioneer Centre.

We say a fond farewell to Mrs Passman. In her time with us, she has brought passion, kindness, and warmth to our school. We thank her for all she has done and wish her every success in the future.

Wishing all our families a restful and enjoyable summer holiday—we're already looking forward to the exciting year ahead in 2025-2026!

Maths Problem

Sandcastles

Lisa went on holiday.



In 5 days she made 80 sandcastles.
Each day she made 4 fewer castles than the day before.
How many castles did she make each day?

Lisa went on making 4 fewer castles each day.
How many castles did she make altogether?

TT Rockstars

This weeks Rockstars are;

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

Well done to everyone

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.



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

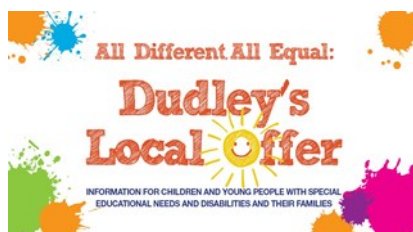
Dudley Public Health and Wellbeing is part of Dudley Council. We support and enable residents, families and communities to make positive lifestyle changes and improve your health and wellbeing. There is lots we can do as individuals to stay healthy and well in Dudley borough. This website is a one-stop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

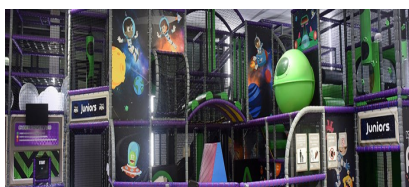
<https://healthydudley.co.uk/lunch/>



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





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

START 10:00AM
END 12:00PM

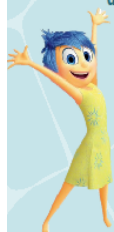


To find out more information or to sign up please email
bchft.reflexions@nhs.net. YP's attending can't be dismissed from the
workshop or the premises unless there has been consent form agreed
from parent



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

START 10:00AM
END 12:00PM



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

START 10:00AM
END 12:00PM



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Summer workshop

Sat 26th July

9am-12pm

£25

Ages 5+

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Please email us on Dudleygymnasticsclub@gmail.com to secure your space




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- Contact: dkrfcschliaison@gmail.com

summer RUGBY sessions



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Dudley BLACK COUNTRY MUSIC HUB

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Summer Time For You

Take 5

Struggling with anxiety, low mood, or overwhelming emotions? Let's Take 5 with 5 one-to-one wellbeing sessions for £5 a session.

Sessions teach practical strategies to manage emotions, change thought patterns, and build resilience.

Available online and face-to-face.
Suitable for 7 - 18 year olds

Art to Heart

Small creative groups offering children aged 7-11 a chance to get creative, make new friends, have fun, and learn tools to manage worries, boost self-esteem, and build confidence.

Join us for:

- Creative Activities
- Anxiety Management
- Wellbeing Techniques
- Confidence and Self-Esteem Building

Face to Face only - Cost: £25

Calm and Create

Small group creative wellbeing days (usually 4 hours) for young people aged 12-14 and 15-17.

Join us for:

- Creative Activities
- Anxiety Management
- Wellbeing Techniques
- Confidence and Self-Esteem Building

Face to Face only - Cost: £25

Support & Talk

Join our supportive small group spaces for parents this summer.

Each week focuses on a different theme, such as school avoidance, ADHD behaviours, or managing emotive language.

Online only - Cost: £16 per session

The Sleep Reset

A three-session programme to help children and young people improve sleep habits, settle better, and wake refreshed.

Suitable for parents and carers to attend with or without their child.

Also suitable for young people with ADHD.

Online or Face to Face available
Cost: £120 for the programme

'Let's Explore' Webinar Series

Our one-hour webinars are packed with helpful strategies, wellbeing tips, and support to help you understand and manage difficult emotions.

Topics include:

ADHD | Anxiety | Low Mood

Each session offers practical advice and simple tools for everyday life. There's no pressure to talk and discussions are optional.

Available for young people and parent / carers

Online only - Cost: £10

Time For Families

Two hours for families to get creative, spend quality time together, improve communication, and develop simple wellbeing strategies.

Suitable for up to six family members.

Face to face only.
Cost: £90 per session

Time For Siblings

A fun and supportive two-hour space for siblings to connect, share time together, and take part in creative activities designed to build resilience, boost confidence, and strengthen sibling relationships.

Suitable for up to four siblings, including half, step, or adoptive siblings.

Face to face only.
Cost: £90 per session

For more information contact danielle.prince@kapella.org.uk or to register interest, [please sign up here](#)

We are Kapella; The place for affordable Relationship Support, Counselling and Wellbeing Services for individuals, couples and families.

kapella.org.uk



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Uniform

Ashwood Park Primary School Uniform and PE Kit can be bought from [Totally Uniform](#) in Kingswinford.

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.



**THIS SUMMER COME AND JOIN
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EMAIL US WITH ANY ENQUIRIES BEEWELLTOGETHER@OUTLOOK.COM

Intensive Swimming Lessons

Duncan Edwards Leisure Centre

The course, which is suitable for non or weak swimmers will take place in the learner pool.

Dates: Monday 21 July to Friday 25 July

Times: 12.15pm to 12.45pm, 12.45pm to 1.15pm, 1.15pm to 1.45pm and 1.45pm to 2.15pm

Cost: £40 per course. Options+ Leisure Discount is available.

Suitable for 4 years and over.

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

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

Danielle Gubats by email: 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.

Crystal Leisure Centre

The course, which is suitable for non or weak swimmers, will take place in the 25m pool.

Dates: Monday 28 July to Friday 1 August

Times: 12.15pm to 12.45pm, 12.45pm to 1.15pm, 1.15pm to 1.45pm and 1.45pm to 2.15pm

Cost: £40 per course. Options+ Leisure Discount is available.

Suitable for 4 years and over.

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



**DUDLEY HAF
SUMMER
WHAT'S ON GUIDE**

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Metropolitan Borough Council

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DUDLEY
HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

**We help with anxiety,
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NHS
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Talking Therapies

FREE confidential, and tailored for you

Our experts have helped lots of people in
Dudley become happier and healthier



For anyone aged 16 or over registered with a Dudley GP

Support available via...



In-person



Phone



Video



Online



Workshop



Call 0800 953 0404 or self-refer by visiting
www.blackcountryhealthcare.nhs.uk/talking-therapies

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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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