

# NEWSLETTER



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**Article 28** Every child has the right to an education

#### Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome Back!

We hope you have enjoyed a restful and sunny Summer

Mr Butler has changed his working pattern and will be working Wednesday/ Thursday /Friday this year. Mr Perkes will be Co-Head on a Monday and Tuesday.

Please check out this year's **Dates for the Diary**, we are sure you will find them useful.

#### Parent Information Meetings

Please join us to learn more about your child's learning journey this academic year and how yo u can support them at home. All meetings will take place in the KS1 Hall:

KS1 - 9.09.25 @2:30pm 5/6 - 10.09.25 @2:30pm 3/4 - 11.09.25 @2:30pm

**Dudley Parent Carer Forum** are currently running their annual survey regarding SEND services in Dudley. See **page 4** for more details and how to complete survey.

**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.

**Facebook** Do remember to take a look at the School's <u>Facebook</u> page.

## Mr Butler and Mr Perkes

# **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,

### **Dates for the Diary**

Tuesday 9th Sept 2025

KS1 Parent Info Meeting 2.30 pm

Wednesday 10th Sept 2025

Y5 and 6 Parent Info Meeting 2.30 pm

Thursday 11th Sept 2025

Y3 and 4 Parent Info Meeting 2.30 pm

Wednesday 22nd Oct 2025

Monster Mash Discos

Monday 27th to Friday 31 Oct 2025

Half Term

Monday 3rd Nov 2025

**INSET Day** 

Tuesday 4th Nov 2025

Children return to School

Tuesday 11th Nov 2025

Parent/Teacher Meetings

Wednesday 12th Nov 2025

Parent/Teacher Meetings

Tuesday 11th Nov 2025

Parent/Teacher Meetings

Wednesday 3rd Dec 2025

PTA Xmas Craft Session

Tuesday 9th Dec 2025

KS1 Xmas Production

Wednesday 10th Dec 2025

EYFS and KS1 Xmas Productions

Xmas Carol Concert 6pm

Thursday 11th Dec 2025

EYFS Xmas Production

Friday 19th Dec 2025

End of term

Monday 5th Jan 2026

INSET Day

Tuesday 6th Jan 2026

Children return to School

Monday 16th to Friday 20 Feb 2026

Half Term

Friday 27th March 2026

End of term

Monday 13th April 2026

Children return to School

Thursday 7th May 2026

Voting Day

Friday 8th May 2026

INSET Day

W/C Monday 11th May 2026

Year 6 SATs

Monday 25th to Friday 29th May 2026

Half Term

Monday 1st to Friday 5th June 2026

Health Week inc Sports Days

Monday 8th to Wed 10th June 2026

Y6 Residential Trip

Thursday 16th July 2026

Y6 Leavers Party

Friday 17th July 2026

Y6 Leavers Assembly

End of term

Monday 20th July 2026

**INSET Day** 

Please note INSET days are provisional and are subject to change

#### Menu\*

WC 08.09.25 (Week 1)



#### Monday

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

#### **Tuesday**

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

#### Wednesday

Roast Gammon Roast Chicken (H) Cheese and Potato Pie (V) Gravy 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

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

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#### **Early Years**

A very warm welcome to our new Reception cohort, they have settled so brilliantly and we are looking forward to a great year ahead!

Next week, children are in school 8.45 am - 3.15 pm and you should be able to book a school lunch on the app if you require. Any issues, please contact the office.

Please remember, in Reception, children do not need a backpack, just a book folder and water bottle each day. PE kits and Forest School puddle suits can be brought into School next week in a named drawstring bag that stays in School.



# **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 in Key Stage One we have been excited to welcome the children back into school. They have settled into their new classes well and have had a great start!



We have begun our first book 'Mrs Mole I'm Home!' By Jarvis and the children have already produced some lovely work.

Next week we will be continuing the story and writing from Morris Mole's point of view.

We look forward to seeing you all at next week's Parent Information Session.

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#### **RBDC News**



## Well done!

As we come to the end of our first week, we are so proud of how all children have settled back into school life. We are very impressed with how determined they are to achieve and we are looking forward to another successful year in the RBD.

Just a few reminders:

- Please can you make sure you book your child's lunches or provide a packed lunch.
- Please make sure your child comes into School with a coat every day as the weather is very unpredictable at the moment.
- Reading is an extremely important way to support your child with their learning at home. Please try to read with your child daily if possible and write a comment in their reading journal. Thank you.

In Acorns this week, we have been practising our handwriting, recapping our learning from last year and looking at our new book, The three billy goats gruff. We have settled into our new school routine well.

In Conkers this week, we have been looking at our new book 'Orion and the dark'. We are excited to do more work around this story.

## Signed Video:

This week's signed video is about Jodie Ounsley, also known as the Gladiator, Fury. What an inspiration she is to deaf and hard of hearing children. Please follow the link to find out about her determination to succeed!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bXA5kZwJyTc

# TT Rockstars

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## ★ Years 3 and 4

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Please login to TT Rockstars and encourage your child to practise as much as possible.

Further information will be shared at our information meeting next week.

### **Lunches from Home**

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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 <u>nut free</u> school please do not send in Nutella sandwiches or any other nut products. Please do NOT send drinks in cans or glass bottles.

#### **KS2 News**

It's been wonderful to welcome everyone back for a new school year—a fresh start full of excitement and opportunity. Our classrooms are ready, our teachers are refreshed, and it was a joy to see the children's eager faces this week, all looking smart in their uniforms and full of enthusiasm. Key Stage 2 classes have settled in beautifully and are already diving into their new topics, including poetry and sentence structures in English. We're looking forward to a fantastic year ahead and can't wait to see every child grow, progress, and reach their full potential.

#### PΕ

Years 3/4 - Monday (bring your kit) and Thursday (come to school wearing your kit) Years 5/6 - Friday (bring your kit) and Wednesday (come to school wearing your kit)

When the children come to school in their PE kit they must wear their yellow PE top, green shorts / <u>black joggers</u> 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 <u>Totally Uniform</u> in Kingswinford.

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# **Maths Problem**

#### Straw squares

You need 20 straws all the same length.

There are 12 straws in this pattern of 5 squares.



Take 20 straws.

Arrange them to make as many squares as you can. Don't bend or break the straws!

How many squares did you make?



# 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-languagetherapy-service-dudley

#### <u>Dudley's Special Educational</u> 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) 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/



<u>Dudley's Local Offer</u> 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 contain 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

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  $_{\it D_u}$  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 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

# **Dudley**Parents

#### 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: <a href="mailto:enquiries.orchard@kids.org.uk">enquiries.orchard@kids.org.uk</a> 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/carer 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 Parent Carer Forum Annual Survey 2025

Dudley Parent Carer Forum are currently running their annual survey regarding SEND (Special Educational Needs or Disabilities) services in Dudley.



The survey is designed for parent carers of children/young people with SEND between the ages of 0-25 and living in Dudley.

The results are completely independently evaluated by the parent carer forum.

The survey takes around 10-15 minutes to complete and enables us to capture the true feelings of parent carers in the borough. The results of this are vital to our work and to ensure that we focus on the things that really matter to you.

Scan the QR code to complete:



Survey open between 1st September - 2nd November 2025



# 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:

- O5 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.
- No phones in bedrooms: this helps avoid late-night chatting and protects sleep.
- O2 Real-life friend rule: agree that they only chat with people they know in person.
- O1 Keep the conversation open: remind your child that you're their safe person.



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For anyone aged 16 or over registered with a Dudley GP

Support available via...















In-person

Video

Online

Workshop

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



# 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

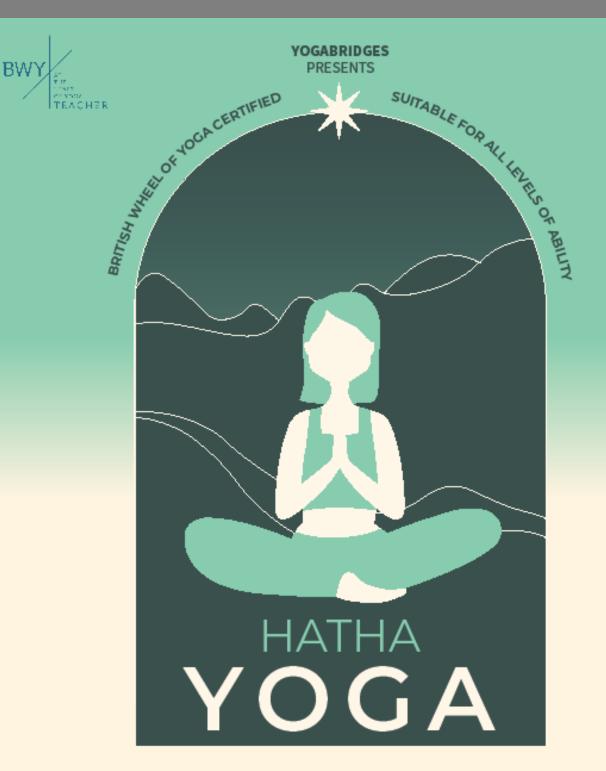


Email - freeschoolmeals.benefits@dudley.gov.uk



Visiting – Dudley Council Plus, Castle Street, Dudley between 8.30am and 5pm Monday to Friday, 9am and 12 noon Saturday





# **EVERYTHURSDAY | START AT 7.30PM**

Ashwood Park Primary School, Bells Lane, Wordsley, Stourbridge, DY8 5DJ

£9 / CLASS OR 10% DISCOUNT FOR FULL TERM

## FOR BOOKINGS AND ENQUIRIES PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL JAN:

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