

12 Sept 2025

Newsletter No. 02

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Article 28 Every child has the right to an education

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our first **Praise Assembly** of the year was lovely. The children were confident and the teachers all spoke eloquently about the good work that was going on. Thank you to all the parents and friends who joined us to celebrate success on Wednesday morning.

We are sure you are aware that we still have contractors on site. They are coming to the end of their project but please be careful when walking passed them and their equipment. Thank you for your patience in ensuring the safety of all.

Year 6 Parents Applications for Secondary School admissions opened on 1st September and will close on 31 October. See **page 6** for more details

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.

Dudley Parent Carer Forum are currently running their annual survey regarding SEND services in Dudley. See **page 5** for more details and how to complete survey.

Facebook Do remember to take a look at the School's [Facebook](#) 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

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 **15.09.25** (Week 2)

Monday

All Day Breakfast (H and V options)

Fish Option

Hash Browns

Banana Cake and Custard

Tuesday

Mac 'n' Cheese (V)

Fish Option

Potato Wedges

Strawberry Mousse

Wednesday

Roast Chicken (H option)

Quorn Balls (V)

Gravy

Fish Option

Mashed & Roast Potatoes

Waffles

Thursday

Chicken Tikka Masala

Country Veg Bake (V)

Rice

Raspberry and Apple Cake

Friday

Pizza Party (V)

Battered Fish

McCain Chips

Fruity Friday

Praise Assembly

Children who gained badges and certificates deserve our special congratulations:

10/09/2025

Key Stage One

RR Foxes - Conor

1CB Moles - Laila

1/2JB Squirrels - Sheldon

2W Badgers - Turner

Key Stage Two

3/4D Elder - Layla S

3/4R Oak - Brody

4H Chestnut - Isla

5/6D Beech - Emily

5/6E Holly - Bella

6BB Rowan - Erica

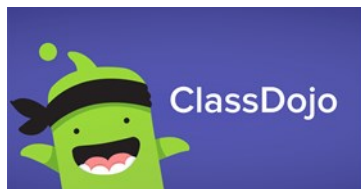
Early Years

A very warm welcome to our new starters in Little Owls Nursery this week.

Reception children have completed their first week and you are now able to book their lunches on the School Money app.



Eating lunch at school is a great way to introduce your children to new foods and it's free!



All the children have a Class Dojo account so please ensure you have logged in and can see how many points your child is getting.

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 later in September

RBDC News

The children have once again put 100% effort into everything they have been doing this week.

In Acorns we have continued our work on the Three Billy Goats Gruff. We have also been recognising our feelings using the colour monsters. We had a great lesson discussing our feelings.



Conkers Class have been exploring the theme of hot and cold in science. The children enjoyed making a hot chocolate drink and comparing it to an ice lolly, as well as discovering which animals live in hot and cold places around the world.

In English, the week began with a spooky scene and a mysterious box to help us explore the feeling of being scared. The children then shared their own thoughts and experiences about fears, linking this to our story Orion and the Dark.



Signed Video:

This week's signed video is a story called 'Elephant and the Lost Blanket' by Alex Naidoo. Acorns will be using this in their book talk sessions.

Please share the story with your child.



Elephant

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cHnX0-xzXY4>

Sign of the week:
Elephant

KS2 News

It's been a fantastic second week back after the summer break, and all of our children have settled beautifully into school routines.

Across the school, pupils are beginning to explore their new units of work with enthusiasm.

In Years 5 and 6, the children have launched into their DT unit on waistcoats, already beginning to plan some creative designs for our school teddies.



Meanwhile, in Years 3 and 4, the focus is on pavilions, with children starting to test and explore a variety of structures.

It has also been lovely to welcome so many parents to our information meetings this week—thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions following the meetings, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

PE

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 / **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.

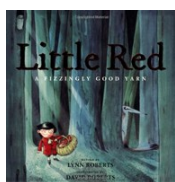
You can buy the Ashwood Park Primary School PE Kit from [Totally Uniform](#) in Kingswinford.

KS1 News



This week we have started our new topic in Design Technology 'Baby Bear's Chair'. We have been learning about structures and deciding which shape is best for the perfect chair.

We have also done some food tasting in Science as we are finding out about our senses. The children had to work out if the food was sweet, sour, bitter or salty. They all had great fun!



All of the children have now also been given their Reading Challenge books to start their challenges at home. Next week we will be starting a new story called 'Little Red' by David Roberts.

Maths Problem

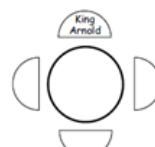
King Arnold

King Arnold sits at a Round Table.



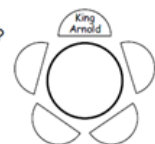
There are 3 empty seats.

In how many different ways can 3 knights sit in them?



What if there are 4 empty seats?

In how many different ways can 4 knights sit in them?



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.

<https://www.dudleyhealthylunchbox.org.uk>



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

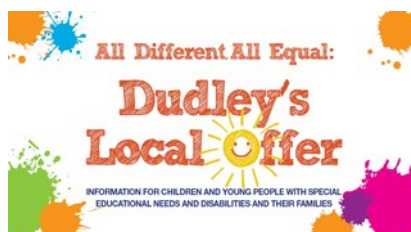
Dudley Public Health and Wellbeing is part of Dudley Council. We support and enable residents, families and communities to make positive lifestyle changes and improve your health and wellbeing. There is lots we can do as individuals to stay healthy and well in Dudley borough. This website is a one-stop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

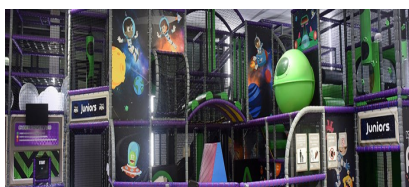
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Dudley's Local Offer is a new one stop shop website for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and their parents and carers.

The website 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 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 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/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 Public Health have shared the following link regarding the dangers of sleeping bags following research carried out by Which?

A snapshot investigation has revealed 35 baby sleeping bags for sale by third party sellers on online marketplaces, including Amazon, eBay and Etsy, that could be deadly.

The sleeping bags all present a serious risk of suffocation as they include hoods which could cover a baby's head and face or lack arm holes, or both, meaning a sleeping infant could slip down inside. They don't meet the required safety standards set out by the British Standards Institution (BSI), and simply shouldn't be for sale.

The products in our investigation all appeared identical or similar-in-style to official recalls by the Office for Product Safety and Standards (OPSS), the government's regulator for consumer goods.

During the investigation we also came across 7 sleeping bags that weren't similar-in-style to recall notices but which we believe pose a risk due to the lack of arm holes or hoods.

[Dangerous baby sleeping bags found for sale on online marketplaces - Which?](#)



The "Salt & Ice Challenge"

A dangerous online trend is resurfacing where children put salt on their skin and press ice on top.

- * This causes serious cold burns (like frostbite).
- * Injuries can need hospital treatment and even skin grafts.
- * Young people may not realise the damage until it's too late.

If someone has burnt their skin from doing this then follow these First Aid steps:

- ✓ Cool under lukewarm water 10+ mins
- ✓ Cover with cling film
- ✓ Seek medical help

xDo NOT use ice, creams, or fluffy dressings.



The "Salt & Ice Challenge" is NOT harmless. Please talk to your children & young people—don't risk lasting damage for online likes.

Salt & Ice Challenge." ❄️+☐ = serious burns

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



Secondary school admissions



For children due to start secondary school in September 2026

one click ... makes it quick
www.dudley.gov.uk/admissions

Applications for secondary school admissions opened on **1 September 2025**.

Schools are holding [open evenings](#) throughout September and October and you are advised to attend these to help inform your decision.
You can apply for up to six schools.

The closing date for applications is **31 October 2025**.

Your allocated school will be shared with you on **2 March 2026**.

Visit the admissions page for guidance and information about the application process and for open evening dates.

school admissions

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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

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