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Newsletter No. 04

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

## Dear Parents and Guardians,

**Mr Timmins** A huge **congratulations** to Mr Timmins, who attended his graduation last week after successfully completing his top-up degree in Integrated Working with Children and Families at the University of Worcester. Mr Timmins has impressively balanced his full-time role at our school alongside his studies, showing dedication and commitment every step of the way. We are incredibly proud of his achievement – well done, Mr Timmins!

**Health and Safety** For the safety of everyone please do not send your child to school wearing jewellery. **NO** bracelets, **NO** necklaces, **NO** hooped earrings, **NO** smart watches

**Reception September 2026** If your child is due to start school next year, please phone the School Office on 01384 818545 to book a tour.

**Year 6 Parents** Applications for Secondary School admissions opened on 1st September and will close on 31 October. See **page 7** for more details

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

**Mr Butler and Mr Perkes**

## Praise Assembly

Children who gained badges and certificates deserve our special congratulations:

**24/09/2025**

### Key Stage One

RR Foxes - Frankie  
1CB Moles - Noah  
1/2JB Squirrels - Finley  
2W Badgers - Lillie

### Key Stage Two

3/4D Chestnut - Elliot  
3/4R Oak - Maisy  
4H Elder - Aleksa  
5/6D Beech - Reece  
5/6E Holly - Alfie  
6BB Rowan - Karoline

## Dates for the Diary

**Thursday 23rd 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

**Wednesday 19th Nov 2025**

Whole School Photographs

**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 29.09.25 (Week 1)**

### Monday

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

### Tuesday

Beef Bolognese  
Vegetarian Sausage Roll (V)  
Fish Option  
Pasta or Potato Crunchies  
Australia Crunch

### Wednesday

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

### Thursday

Sausage and Mash  
Pizza (V option)  
McCain Chips  
Toffee Apple Crumble & Custard

### Friday

Chicken Tikka Wrap  
Quorn Dippers (V)  
Battered Fish  
Diced Potatoes  
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

## 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>

## Early Years

Reception have had a brilliant week, they have been introduced to 4 letter sounds and are enjoying learning phonics! Please practice the sounds every day (in your child's sound book in their book bag) and look out for your emails each week with more parent information.

## Phonics

Last week an email was sent from your class account about vision screening. The children will have their vision checked in school and there is an opt out form attached to the email if you do not need this service.



Finally 'The Book Challenge' has been sent home with a list of brilliant books for you to read at home! If you complete it, please return to school and your child will receive a prize!

## 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 soon.

## RBDC News

What an amazing week we have had in the RBDC.

In Acorns this week, we have been looking at directions and how we move from one place to another. We have created our own map in geography to help us move around school quicker.

This week, Conkers Class have been continuing their work on Orion and the Dark, writing their own stories. They have also been looking at different animal classifications in Science. This has been great fun! Conkers have also been learning all about Hockey in PE. This is a new sport and skill they have been introduced to this year.

This week's signed video is a story called 'Colour Monsters'. This is an important story to explain emotions to children. Please share the story with your child.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BzoiDkcFK1M>

**Sign of the week: Colour**



Colour

## KS2 News

This week has been full of excitement and learning across the school. Our Year 6 children have been enthusiastically discussing their recent visits to potential secondary schools, and it's fantastic to see so many families taking the time to explore their options ahead of the application deadline (31st October). We were also pleased to welcome tutors from The Wordsley School, who visited to support our Year 6 pupils in making informed decisions about their next steps. Meanwhile, Science has been in full swing throughout the school. In Years 5 and 6, children have been exploring how our bodies change as we grow older, learning about the different stages of human life. Over in Years 3 and 4, pupils have been busy grouping materials into solids, liquids, and gases, and investigating how the particles within each state behave. It's been a great week of discovery and decision-making!

Find out more about your child's Science:

UKS2 - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z4skhv/articles/zd3p6g8#zhy22v4>

LKS2 - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zgwc96f/articles/zngfp4j#z23xxbk>

## 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 been designing our new chairs for baby bear in Design Technology. The children had to complete a design they thought would be sturdy and strong and also attractive. They will use a range of paper, tape and other materials to make their chairs.



We have also been working hard on our place value in Maths, and the children will now be moving on to addition and subtraction.

Next week we will also be writing instructions in English about How to be a big bad wolf!



## TT Rockstars

1. Aleksa 4H
2. Muhammad M 3/4R
3. William 3/4R

**Well done!**

Thank you to those children who have been practising their times tables on TT Rockstars. Please log in regularly to play.

**Good Luck to everyone for next week!**

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## Maths Problem

### Ski lift

On a ski lift the chairs are equally spaced. They are numbered in order from 1.

Kelly went skiing. She got in chair 10 to go to the top of the slopes.

Exactly half way to the top, she passed chair 100 on its way down.

How many chairs are there on the ski lift?



Make up more problems like this.



## 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

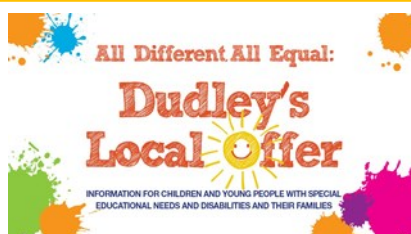
Dudley Public Health and Wellbeing is part of Dudley Council. We support and enable residents, families and communities to make positive lifestyle changes and improve your health and wellbeing. There is lots we can do as individuals to stay healthy and well in Dudley borough. This website is a one-stop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

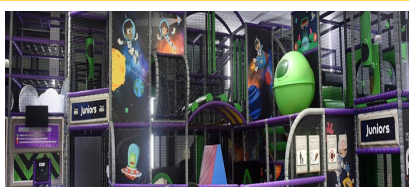
<https://www.dudleyhealthylunchbox.org.uk>



**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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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/>



## 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 SENDIASS Workshops

For parents/carers of children with SEND and young person with SEND up to 25 years old seeking further information about SEND support and processes in education.



Academic Year 2025 – 2026	SEPTEMBER	NOVEMBER	JANUARY	MARCH	APRIL	JUNE
All workshops 10am – 11.30am on Teams						
Understanding how to access SEN support within settings	8 <sup>th</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup>
Understanding the EHC Needs Assessment request process	9 <sup>th</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup>	23 <sup>rd</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup>	23 <sup>rd</sup>
How to check a draft plan	10 <sup>th</sup>	18 <sup>th</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	23 <sup>rd</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup>
Preparation and process for annual review	11 <sup>th</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup>	20 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup>	25 <sup>th</sup>
Preparation for key transitions	12 <sup>th</sup>	20 <sup>th</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	20 <sup>th</sup>	26 <sup>th</sup>



To book on to a workshop email [dudley.sendiass@dudley.gov.uk](mailto:dudley.sendiass@dudley.gov.uk)

[Dudley SENDIASS Website](#)

Dudley SENDIASS Service offers information, advice and support on all matters relating to SEN and disabilities including health and social care to parents and carers of children with SEND and Young People with SEND up to 25 years old.

# 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](http://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**

# Helping Children Get the Best Start in Life

## Free Programmes & Workshops

HENRY supports families to **build healthier habits and routines** that support children's physical and emotional wellbeing, right from the start and as they grow.

A range of **free, friendly and practical** sessions are **available to parents and carers** in Dudley with children aged 0-12, as well as those expecting a baby.



WANT MORE  
INFORMATION?

or visit [www.dudleyparents.co.uk](http://www.dudleyparents.co.uk)



## Body safety matters

Helping your child understand boundaries and personal safety

### Keeping children safe starts with conversation

Talking about body safety can feel uncomfortable – but it's one of the most powerful ways to protect children. Children who understand their bodies, boundaries and rights are more confident and better equipped to speak up if something feels wrong.

You don't need a big formal talk – short, everyday chats work best.

Here are some simple conversation starters you can use:

- "Do you know what parts of your body are private?"
- "If someone made you feel uncomfortable, who would you tell?"
- "Has anyone ever asked you to keep a secret that made you feel funny or unsure?"
- "You're allowed to say 'no' to hugs or kisses, even to family – how do you feel about that?"
- "What would you do if someone touched you in a way you didn't like?"

Use natural moments (e.g. bath time, getting dressed, bedtime stories, a walk in the park) to bring up the topic gently. Keep your tone calm and reassuring. The goal is to help children feel safe, heard and empowered.

Reassure them: *"You can always talk to me about anything – I'll always listen and help."*

### Don't forget the online world


Even at primary age, many children play games or watch content online. It's important they know that body safety rules apply online too.

- Teach them never to share photos of their body, especially private parts.
- Make sure they know: if anyone asks them to do something that feels odd, secret or confusing online, they should tell you straight away.
- Talk about how some people online might pretend to be children when they're not.
- Use privacy settings and supervise young children during screen time.
- Remind them: "If something online makes you feel uncomfortable or unsure, it's never your fault. Just come and tell me."

#### How you can support at home

- 1) Use everyday moments to talk about safety.
- 2) Read books together on body safety.
- 3) Practice naming trusted adults they can go to if worried.
- 4) Reassure them: they will never be in trouble for telling the truth.

### WHAT CHILDREN NEED TO KNOW



**THEIR BODY BELONGS TO THEM**  
Children should know that they are the boss of their own body. No one – not a peer, adult, friend or family member – has the right to touch them in a way that makes them feel uncomfortable.



**PRIVATE PARTS ARE PRIVATE**  
Teach them the correct names for private body parts (e.g. penis, vagina, bottom). This helps remove shame and confusion – and makes it easier to report any concerns clearly.



**THE 'NO, GO, TELL' RULE**  
If someone makes them feel unsafe or breaks a body boundary:  
Say "NO!"  
GO to a safe place  
TELL a trusted adult.



**SAFE AND UNSAFE TOUCH**  
Help your child understand:  
Safe touch: hugs, holding hands if they want to  
Unsafe touch: touches that hurt, feel scary, confusing, or are kept secret.



**We help with anxiety,  
depression, or stress**

**NHS**  
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Dudley become happier and healthier



For anyone aged 16 or over registered with a Dudley GP

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Video



Online



Workshop



Call 0800 953 0404 or self-refer by visiting  
[www.blackcountryhealthcare.nhs.uk/talking-therapies](http://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](http://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](mailto: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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