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Newsletter No. 05

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Article 28 Every child has the right to an education

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are collecting for Black Country Food Bank once again as part of our Harvest Celebrations. See page 4 for the BCFB list of suggested items for donation and we hope you can support this very worthwhile cause. Donations must be in School by **Wednesday 22nd October**.

Thanks to all the parents for ensuring the children are in the correct uniform. They all look super smart!

Thanks to all the children who have become our School Ambassadors and assistants. Your letters of application were all superb and show your great commitment to helping us to make Ashwood Park shine!

Our new School Councillors will be meeting on Friday. Thanks for putting yourselves forward for this important job. We have a super surprise for you! shhh mum's the word! we'll let you know on Friday.

Mike Wood MP will be in school on Friday 24th October to deliver an assembly to the children. We look forward to welcoming him into school.

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:

01/10/2025

Key Stage One

RR Foxes - Tymoteusz
1CB Moles - Maggie
1/2JB Squirrels - Evie
2W Badgers - Elsie

Key Stage Two

3/4D Chestnut - Ethan
3/4R Oak - Henry
4H Elder - Iylah
5/6D Beech - Leo
5/6E Holly - Erin
6BB Rowan - Lexi

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 14th Oct 2025

Reflexions Coffee Morning 9—10 am

Thursday 23rd Oct 2025

Monster Mash Discos

Friday 24th Oct 2025

Space Competition Deadline

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



Match Report

On Monday 29th September, our school football team faced Oldswinford Primary in a spirited and exciting match. From the first whistle, our pupils demonstrated outstanding attitude, sportsmanship, and teamwork. Every player gave their best, showing great determination and skill throughout the game.

The match was closely contested, with both sides playing with energy and enthusiasm. Our team worked brilliantly together, supporting one another and displaying excellent communication on the pitch. Their positive attitude and respect for the opposition were a credit to the school. Well done to all involved – a fantastic performance that reflects the values we strive to uphold both on and off the field!

Menu*wc 06.10.25 (Week 2)

Monday

All Day Breakfast (H & V options available)

Fish Option

Hash Browns

Banana Cake and Custard

Tuesday

Mac 'n' Cheese (V)

Fish Option

Potato Wedges

Strawberry Mousse

Wednesday

Roast Chicken (H option available)

Quorn Balls (V)

Gravy & Stuffing

Fish Option

Mashed & Roast Potatoes

Waffles

Thursday

Chicken Tikka Masala

Country Veg Bake (V)

Rice

Fish Option

Raspberry & Apple Cake

Friday

Pizza Party (V option available)

Fish Option

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.

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.dudleyhealthyhunchbox.org.uk>

Early Years

We began Forest School this week and will continue to go every Wednesday (afternoon Nursery will go after half term). Nursery children need to bring puddle suits and wellies in a bag each week. Please ensure your Reception child has a pair of wellies and puddle suit at school.



Phonics

Reception children received a phonics scheme reading book this week.

Please practise as much as possible at home. Thank you!

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!



We're really sorry that our toddler group isn't able to run right now. We know how much the children (and grown-ups!) enjoy coming together, and we're continuing to look for solutions. Thank you for your patience and understanding—we truly hope to be back up and running, and we can't wait to see you then.

KS1 News



In Design Technology we have used our designs from last week to create chairs for baby bear. It took patience and skill to create structures that were stable and strong.

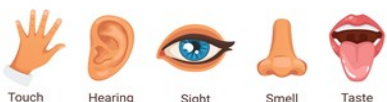
We tested them out using baby bear himself!

In maths we have started learning how to add and subtract using what we know about number bonds and by creating fact families.



We have had a lot of fun creating instructions for the Big Bad Wolf in English lessons. We have been giving instructions for his journey to grandma's house, how to be naughty but also how to be good!

In science we have been learning about our senses and tried out our listening skills. We also used a feely bag to see if we could use our sense of touch to guess the objects inside.



RBDC News

What an amazing week we have had in the RBDC.

In Acorns we have finished making our colour monsters in PSHE and now have a good understanding of different emotions.



In Geography, we have been going on a very exciting journey making our own 'Journey Sticks' to then give directions to other people.



Conkers Class have been continuing their work on Antarctica and the explorers who discovered lots of things. We have looked at animals, weather and location of Antarctica to create a fact file about an explorer.

This week's signed video is about 'International Day of sign'. Please share with your child.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mOrJchf8M4A>

Sign of the week: Sign



Coffee Morning with Reflexions



Tuesday 14th October 9-10 am

Concerned about your child's anxiety? Avoidance? Sleep difficulties or panic-attacks? Are you worried about understanding their emotions? Do they show different emotions at home than at school?

Need some support with strategies to help your child? Or just a chat with other likeminded parents?

Pop in for a drop in or come and stay for the whole hour.

Coffee, tea and biscuits provided!

Please sign up at the office or send an email to info@ashwood.dudley.sch.uk with your name and your child's name.



TT Rockstars

1. William 3/4R
2. Alfie F 3/4D
3. Niamh 3/4R

Well done!

KS2 News

This week, our classes have enjoyed continuing their guided reading with wonderful books such as **Shine** by Patrick McDonnell,



Friend or Foe and War Horse by Michael Morpurgo.



Many groups have been focusing on inferring characters' feelings based on events in the stories, helping deepen their understanding.



At home, children also have their Reading Challenge books to enjoy—please ask your child about their chosen book and remember to tick it off on their challenge card once completed. Happy reading!

Our classes in Years 5 and 6 will hopefully have their annual walk to Wordsley Green Library within the next few weeks.

Keep checking Dojo to make sure you know which date your child will be going.



Blast Off into World Space Week!

This week, Mrs. Bunn took us on an amazing journey during her assembly to celebrate World Space Week! She launched our Space Explorer competition. Please send in your amazing projects and colourful masterpieces by **Friday 24th October 2025**.



See page 5 for more details.

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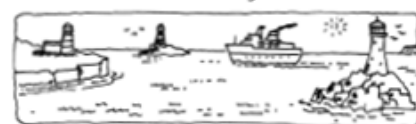
Years 3/4 - Monday (bring your kit) and Thursday (come to school wearing your kit)

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

Maths Problem

Lighthouses

On the coast there are three lighthouses.



The first light shines for 3 seconds, then is off for 3 seconds.

The second light shines for 4 seconds, then is off for 4 seconds.

The third light shines for 5 seconds, then is off for 5 seconds.

All three lights have just come on together. When is the first time that all three lights will be off? When is the next time that all three lights will come on at the same moment?



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

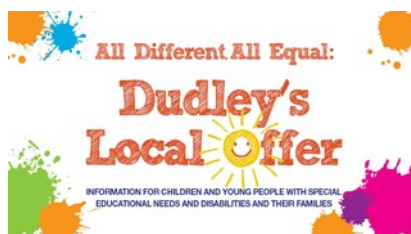
Dudley Public Health and Wellbeing is part of Dudley Council. We support and enable residents, families and communities to make positive lifestyle changes and improve your health and wellbeing. There is lots we can do as individuals to stay healthy and well in Dudley borough. This website is a one-stop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

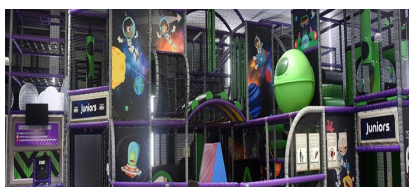
<https://www.dudleyhealthylunchbox.org.uk>



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 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/>

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- **TINNED FRUIT**
- **TINNED CUSTARD/RICE PUDDING**
- **TINNED READY MEALS (MEATBALLS/CHILLI/MAC AND CHEESE)**
- **TINNED MEAT (HAM/CORNERED BEEF)**
- **TINNED FRAY BENTOS PIES**
- **TINNED FISH**
- **TINNED VEGETABLES**
- **BREAKFAST CEREAL**
- **PASTA SAUCE**
- **SAVOURY RICE**
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- **SHAMPOO**
- **SHOWER GEL**
- **TOILET ROLL**
- **BARS OF SOAP**

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Blast Off into World Space Week!

This week, Mrs. Bunn took us on an amazing journey during her assembly to celebrate World Space Week! The pupils were super excited to learn all about this year's theme: Living in Space.



To keep the space adventure going, we've set a fantastic competition!

Pupils can become space explorers by researching one of these famous astronauts who have lived on the International Space Station:



Tim Peake



Yuri Malenchenko



Chris Hadfield

They can be as creative as they like in how they present their research — whether it's a poster, a model, a story, or something else out of this world!

And for Reception children, there's a fun colouring competition all about Tim Peake!

Get your rockets ready and send in your amazing projects and colourful masterpieces by
Friday 24th October 2025

We can't wait to see your out-of-this-world creativity and learn more about these incredible space heroes!

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 th	21 st	22 nd	4 th	21 st	22 nd
Understanding the EHC Needs Assessment request process	9 th	17 th	23 rd	5 th	22 nd	23 rd
How to check a draft plan	10 th	18 th	19 th	6 th	23 rd	24 th
Preparation and process for annual review	11 th	19 th	20 th	2 nd	24 th	25 th
Preparation for key transitions	12 th	20 th	21 st	3 rd	20 th	26 th



To book on to a workshop email 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

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
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or visit 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





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Our experts have helped lots of people in
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For anyone aged 16 or over registered with a Dudley GP

Support available via...



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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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