

## Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you to all the parents who attended our "Behaviour Workshop " on Tuesday. We hope you found it useful.

We had a super Science assembly today. Thank you to Mrs Bunn who led the proceedings talking about fires and firefighting. we will be welcoming a guest from Ethos Energy soon to follow up.

Miss Bate in Key Stage 1 will be leaving this week to commence her Maternity Leave. We wish her all the best and can't wait to see her new baby soon.

MUFTI Day on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March in exchange for Easter eggs and chocolates for our Easter raffle prizes.

Red Nose Day is on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March. We are having a MUFTI Day and are wearing something RED (eg socks, t shirt etc) raise money for this amazing charity.

Year 5 and 6 will be visiting the Sea-Life centre in Birmingham on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March. We are visiting the Houses of Parliament on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March. We will be taking the school ambassadors and the KS2 School Councillors! We will be visiting the fantastic Westminster Hall and will sit in the House of Commons!

### Nut Allergy

We have a child in School with a severe nut allergy, please do not send any food that contains nuts into School.



### Arbor

Parents and Guardians will be notified when new in-app messages are received if push notifications have been enabled when installing the mobile app. Emails may be sent to your junk folder, please check your In-App settings.

**Privacy Notice** Please take a moment to read our [Privacy Notice](#).

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

## Dinner Dates

Next week, the following staff will be in the lunch hall:

**Mr Dimmock—Monday**  
**Miss Edwards — Wednesday**  
**Miss Webb—Wednesday**  
**Miss Barnett—Wednesday**  
**Miss Hartle—Thursday**  
**Miss Benson—Thursday**

It would be wonderful to see as many children as possible joining the teachers in enjoying a school dinner. We hope this helps make lunchtime a highlight of the day!

## Dates for the Diary

### Friday 13th March 2026

MUFTI for Easter Egg donation

### Friday 20th March 2026

MUFTI for RedNose Day donation

### Tuesday 24th March 2026

Y5 & 6 Sea Life Centre

### Friday 27th March 2026

Houses of Parliament Trip

End of term

### Monday 13th April 2026

Children return to School

### Thursday 7th May 2026

Voting Day—Closed to Children

### Friday 8th May 2026

INSET Day—Closed to Children

### W/C Monday 11th May 2026

Year 6 SATs

### Mon 25th to Fri 29th May 2026

Half Term

### Mon 1st to Fri 5th June 2026

Health Week inc Sports Days

### Mon 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—Closed to Children

Please note INSET days are provisional and are subject to change

## Praise Assembly

Children who gained badges and certificates deserve our special congratulations: **11/03/2026**

RR Foxes	- Neveah
1CB Moles	- Evie
1/2JB Squirrels	- Isla
2W Badgers	- Joel
3/4D Chestnut	- Jason
3/4R Oak	- Kobie
4H Elder	- Felicity
5/6D Beech	- Ivy
5/6E Holly	- James
5/6E Holly	- Freddie
6BB Rowan	- Annabelle
6BB Rowan	- Skye

## Menu\* wc 16.03.26 (Week 3)

### Monday

Katsu Chicken Steak  
Chicken Nuggets (H)  
Quorn Ball Sub (V)  
Fish Option  
Rice or Diced Potatoes  
Blueberry Pudding

### Tuesday

Chicken Taco  
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 Potato  
Vanilla Iced Sponge

### Thursday

Meatballs in Tomato Sauce  
Katsu Quorn Dippers (V)  
Fish Option  
Diced Potatoes or Pasta  
Chocolate & Pear Cake

### Friday

Pizza Party (V option available)  
Fish Option  
Chips  
Fruity Friday

All dinners must be booked through Arbour the day before they are needed. Please contact the school office



## Early Years



The children have enjoyed making special things for all the Mother's and others this week! Please check book bags and very happy Mother's Day to you!

We also learned about 3D shapes in maths and the children enjoyed looking for items in the environment.

We have had a few cases of headlice in early years, so please check your child's head and treat if necessary. Advice letters have been sent home. Many thanks.

### Tree Tots Toddler Group

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.

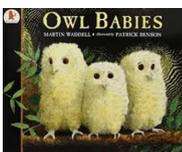
## KS1 News



This week we have been completing our termly tests. The children have worked really hard to demonstrate all of their knowledge and show how much progress they have made. They have worked very hard and should be proud!

We have been very lucky to have been visited by a STEM ambassador who came to talk to the children about National Science week. The children really enjoyed listening and also taking part in the science live lesson later that afternoon.

Next week we will be reading our new book 'Owl Babies' by Martin Waddell and comparing it with other books we have read.



## RBDC



Another fun week in the RBDC!

Acorns have been focusing on wild animals and their babies. Matching adult animals to their babies and discussing the similarities and differences. In geography, we are continuing to explore the world and looking at land and sea.

In Conkers this week we completed our special booklet jobs. The children have worked very hard in their assessments. They are enjoying their Monday swimming lessons.

Lunch time BSL groups have started this week across the school. They have been a huge success! The children looked at greetings and commonly used phrases.

This week's signed video is all about emotions again. Please share this signed story with your child.

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

Sign of the week: Feelings.



## KS2 News



This week we have been celebrating **British Science Week**, encouraging our children to be curious, ask questions and investigate the world around them to find answers. The school took part in **Science Farm Live**, where pupils learned how farm-grown produce is turned into delicious food to celebrate **Eid al-Fitr**, discovering the science behind cooking along the way. It has been wonderful to see how enthusiastic the children are during their science lessons.

Our Year 3/4 pupils have been exploring living things and their habitats, learning how different organisms survive in a variety of environments, while our Year 5/6 pupils have been studying animals, including humans, developing their understanding of how our bodies work and how we stay healthy. It has been a fantastic week of scientific discovery across the school.

## PE

**Years 3/4** - Mon (bring your kit) and Thurs (come to school wearing your kit)

**Years 5/6** - Fri (bring your kit) and Wed (come to school wearing your kit)

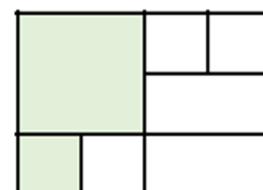
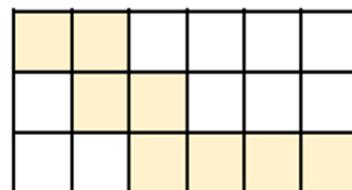
When the children come to school in their PE kit they must wear their yellow PE top, green shorts / **black joggers** and their green Ashwood Park jumper or cardigan.

Hoodies and gilets are **not** permitted.

Ashwood Park uniform and PE Kit is available from **Totally Uniform** in Kingswinford.

## Maths Problem:

What fraction of each rectangle is shaded?



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★ **TT Rockstars** ★  ★

★ 1. **lylah** 4H ★

★ 2. **William** 3/4R ★

★ 3. **Scarlett** 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. ★

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# Dragon Tales Forest School

Email: maddie@dtforestschool.com

Facebook: Dragon Tales Forest School

Bells Mill Fishery, Prestwood Dr, Stourbridge DY7 5QT



## Bells Mill Fishery Forest School Open Weekend

Come visit us for our Open Weekend and see what you can get up to in your new Forest School venue- inclusive to all children and even adults.

Bells Mill Fishery Forest School is hidden away in spectacular countryside overlooking beautiful fishing pools and right next to the tow path. There is a cafe serving delicious food on site, as well as accessible toilets.

Whether you are interested in; toddler sessions, Childminder Sessions, Home Education Groups, Saturday Morning Family Forest School, Birthday Parties, Scouts and Guides badge days, sessions for fostered and adopted families- along with Forest School for Teens and Craft Sessions

**Saturday 21st March 9.00 - 11.45**

**Sunday 22nd March 9.00 - 11.45**

**FREE**

Discount codes available for those who attend the open weekend

### Saturday morning-

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/forest-school-open-weekend-saturday-morning-tickets-1981744435955?aff=oddtcreator>

### Sunday morning-

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/forest-school-open-weekend-sunday-morning-tickets-1981747117977?aff=oddtcreator>

# {JAM} CODING™

# EASTER COMPUTING HOLIDAY CLUB!

Join the HAF Fun in Lye and Gornalwood!

Get your child active and teach them valuable digital skills at our Easter Holiday Club!

From Minecraft coding to multi-sports, this club has something for every child.



9am  
- 3pm

## What to expect

- Coding
- Animation
- Sports
- Design
- Crafts
- Puzzles

## Admission

All children from ages 6 to 11 are welcome  
FREE\* places available under the HAF scheme  
scan the QR code to find out more

## Where can you find us

You can come and join the fun at:  
Mon 31<sup>st</sup> Mar - Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Apr @  
**WOLLESCOTE PRIMARY SCHOOL, LYE**

Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Apr - Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Apr @  
**RED HALL PRIMARY SCHOOL, GORNALWOOD**



Scan the QR code to book a place



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# Wild CATS

GIRLS' FOOTBALL



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[Envillewildcats@outlook.com](mailto:Envillewildcats@outlook.com)



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# Healthy Families: Growing Up



Join our parent group

## Healthy, thriving children and families



HENRY's free **Healthy Families Growing Up** programme is for parents and carers of primary-school age children – it will help you develop a healthier, happier lifestyle that the whole family can enjoy.

The programme covers these 5 themes across 8 sessions and provides everything you need to help your children flourish.

- Feeling more confident as a parent
- Physical activity for the whole family
- What children and the whole family eats
- Family lifestyle habits
- Enjoying life as a family

Get in touch to sign up now!

"This was the best thing I could possibly have done to help me be a better mum"



### How to book a place

Visit [www.dudleyparents.co.uk](http://www.dudleyparents.co.uk) or scan the QR Code and click on the HENRY tile to book your place



### Programme details

For parents or carers with children aged 5 - 12 years  
**Day/time:** Wednesday, 09.30 - 11.30  
**First session:** 28 January 2026  
**Last session:** 25 March 2026  
**Length:** 8 sessions  
 Optional session on 14 January to learn more about the course and meet the facilitators.  
**Venue:** Brierley Hill Family Hub, 18 Parkes Street, DY5 3DY

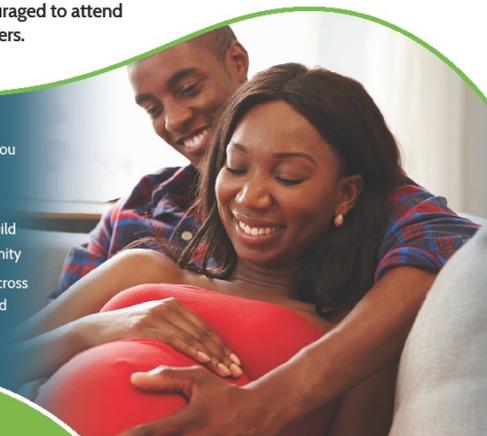
# Preparation for Parenthood



## Are you pregnant?

A FREE 6-session programme helping you prepare for the arrival of your baby. Partners, friends or family are encouraged to attend alongside expectant mothers.

- Practical, evidence-based information to support you as you prepare to become a parent
- A great opportunity to meet other expectant parents and build friendships within your community
- Join the thousands of families across the country who have benefited from a HENRY programme



### Session 1

Becoming a parent

### Session 2

A healthy pregnancy

### Session 3

Bonding

### Session 4

Caring

### Session 5

Giving birth

### Session 6

Life after birth

"Exceeded my expectations!"  
Expectant parent



**Day/time:** Mondays, 12.30pm - 2.30pm

**First session:** 9 February 2026

**Last session:** 23 March 2026

**Length:** 6 weeks

Optional session on 2 February to learn more about the course and meet the facilitators.

**Venue:** The Source Youth Centre, Barnett Lane, DY8 5PY



Visit [www.dudleyparents.co.uk](http://www.dudleyparents.co.uk) or scan the QR Code and click on the HENRY tile to book your place.

# A great start in life Do you have a child under 5?

## Would you like to:

- feel more confident as a parent?
- reduce mealtime stress?
- enjoy being active as a family more often?
- encourage your child away from screens and TV?
- see your child eat more fruit and vegetables?
- gain ideas to help with family routines?

"I will be recommending this course to everyone. Thank you for this life changing opportunity."

### Free Healthy Families Right from the Start programmes

Programme 1: **Day/time:** Tuesday, 09.45 - 11.45

**Start date:** 20 January 2026, **End date:** 24 March 2026

**Length:** 9 sessions, **Venue:** Lye Family Hub, Lye By-pass, DY9 8HT

Programme 2: **Day/time:** Thursday, 09.45 - 11.45

**Start date:** 22 January 2026, **End date:** 26 March 2026

**Length:** 9 sessions, **Venue:** Stourbridge Family Hub, Forge Road, DY8 1XF

Visit

[www.dudleyparents.co.uk](http://www.dudleyparents.co.uk) or scan the QR Code and click on the HENRY tile to book your place.



# Starting Solids Free local workshops



Introducing solid foods is the start of a whole new chapter for you and your baby

Come along!



### Introducing solid foods at 6 months

Come to a Starting Solids workshop to help you get your baby off to a great start. The workshop will help you decide:

- When your baby is ready to try solid food
- What foods to start with
- When your baby is hungry and when they've had enough
- How to make mealtimes an enjoyable experience for both of you

Workshops are taking place throughout January, February, March 2026

Visit [www.dudleyparents.co.uk](http://www.dudleyparents.co.uk) or scan the QR code and click on the HENRY tile to book your place





## TAKE PART IN OUR PARENTS AND CARERS SURVEY

Have your say in how to improve services and support for parents, carers and families!

Scan the QR Code now!



Open to all parents

For more information, please email: [vrp@westmidlands.police.uk](mailto:vrp@westmidlands.police.uk)

@WestMidsVRP  
 @WestMidlandsVRP  
 [westmidlands-vrp.org](http://westmidlands-vrp.org)



# BUILDING SAFETY

## PARENT & CARER WEBINAR

Join us and other parents and carers as we explore some of the key risks and issues facing children and young people today.



### Topics include

- Peer pressure
- Influence
- Online safety
- Exploitation
- Mental health
- How to open up communication with young people and more.

## CONTACT US

<https://westmidlands-vrp.org/> [vrp@westmidlands.police.uk](mailto:vrp@westmidlands.police.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.gov.uk/government/news/send-improvement-programme-september-2024) 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>

## DudleyParents

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)

**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.

[Soft play | DB Leisure](#)

### Parent Carer Forum Update:

Aiming for Brighter Futures



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](#)

## Autism



Autism Central is a website for parents. It aims to **“signpost you to information on a wide range of topics around autism and support that is available from Autism Central, our partner organisations and other trusted sources”**

<https://www.autismcentral.org.uk/resources>

### 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/ 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's Disability register**

Dudley Council have **revamped its Disability Register** to better support children and young people with disabilities and their families. The register is a **voluntary and confidential list** that helps the council plan and deliver better services, tailored to local needs. It's quick and easy to register! **Benefits include** families who register can request a **free day pass** for entry to **Dudley Zoo** when attending with their child, receive updates about local services, events, and consultations, help shape services and your registration helps Dudley Council understand the needs of families and improve support.

Visit the [Dudley Disability Register page](#) to complete the online form. **For help completing the form or to request your Dudley Zoo pass, contact the Children with Disabilities Team: 0300 555 0050 (press option 1) or email: [businesssupportcdt@dudley.gov.uk](mailto:businesssupportcdt@dudley.gov.uk)**

[We love Carers](#) provide support for carers and their families all year round. Information, advice, signposting, advocacy, help with form filling and much more. Weekly play sessions and holiday play sessions for children with disabilities and additional needs are available. **Their Autumn and Winter timetable can be found [here](#). Contact them via email [hello@welovecarers.org](mailto:hello@welovecarers.org) or telephone 01384 396626** for further information on any of the above.

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[Deaf Children's Society](#) run a **Youth club for children aged 10 to 18 years**, held monthly at Queens Cross Network for information or this or on any events they run, email [dudleydeafchildrenssociety@yahoo.com](mailto:dudleydeafchildrenssociety@yahoo.com) for information.

[Dudley leisure centres](#) are all-inclusive, encouraging everyone to access as many sessions as possible. Our centres offer quiet and disability sessions for children and adults. Accessible facilities are available throughout each of the leisure centres, family fun disability swimming sessions run throughout the holidays, details below:

**Halesowen LC:** Saturday's from 2.15pm to 3.30pm

**Crystal LC:** Friday's 2pm – 4pm

**Duncan Edwards LC:** Wednesday 2.45pm to 4.30pm or Saturday's 1.15pm to 2.15pm

SEN sessions can be accessed at [Planet Play](#) suitable for children under 11 years of age with disabilities, special educational needs, ASD and their siblings. Sessions take place during the holidays at Duncan Edwards Leisure Centre every Wednesday 5pm to 6pm and at Halesowen Leisure Centre, every Monday 4.30pm to 6pm.

**Activezone** run disability sports for children, young adults and siblings. (sessions takes place for children aged 5 to 8yrs or 9 to 18yrs) Children can take part in various sports, see the below web pages for dates available at each leisure centre:

[Crystal Leisure Centre](#)

[Duncan Edwards](#)

[Lifted Spirits](#) provide a safe space for families of children with disabilities and SEN, they meet *term time only* every Tuesday 9.30am to 11am.

**Unheard Voices** are a SEND carers support group run by parents to help other parents and carers. They meet up term time on **Fridays 10.30am to 12pm** at Jubilee Hall, Ladies Walk, Sedgley. DY3 3UA or Thursday evenings (term time) at Humbugs café in Sedgley 6pm to 7.30pm. Email [unheardvoices13@yahoo.com](mailto:unheardvoices13@yahoo.com) for further information.

[Hoult's House](#) based in the Rye Market Stourbridge run SEND Sessions on Monday and Tuesdays from 2.245pm to 4.15pm, low level sound and limited numbers.



## FIA'S BUDDIES

Family  Inclusion  Acceptance

Supporting every child's Down Syndrome journey and celebrating their siblings!

FIA's Buddies was inspired by a beautiful family that at time of unknown, there was lack of readily available information and when there was information it was difficult to find a clear answer

A little background- this idea blossomed when one of Tash and Dan's beautiful daughters was diagnosed with Down syndrome and additional health related conditions. As family and friends we support Tash, Dan and their girls as much as we were able to but clearly saw that the information and support was not very forthcoming and/or difficult to find.

The names FIA represents the names of 3 beautiful girls, but also Family, Inclusion and Acceptance.

FIA's Buddies aims to support children experiencing the effects of Down Syndrome and their siblings age from birth to 18 within the United Kingdom.

The funds raised by FIA's Buddies is to bring a long-lasting difference to the lives of children with Down syndrome by the provision of resources for education, signposting to information and resources to support wellbeing and improve quality of life. By doing this encourage children to achieve their potential.

We have set up this go fund me to help kick start our community project of becoming a registered charity, in order to do this we must have an raised £5,000.

[www.fiasbuddies.co.uk](http://www.fiasbuddies.co.uk)



For our latest events and activities follow us on Facebook

Support us via GoFundMe



## 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
<b>All workshops 10am – 11.30am on Teams</b>						
<b>Understanding how to access SEN support within settings</b>	8 <sup>th</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup>
<b>Understanding the EHC Needs Assessment request process</b>	9 <sup>th</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup>	23 <sup>rd</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup>	23 <sup>rd</sup>
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## 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.

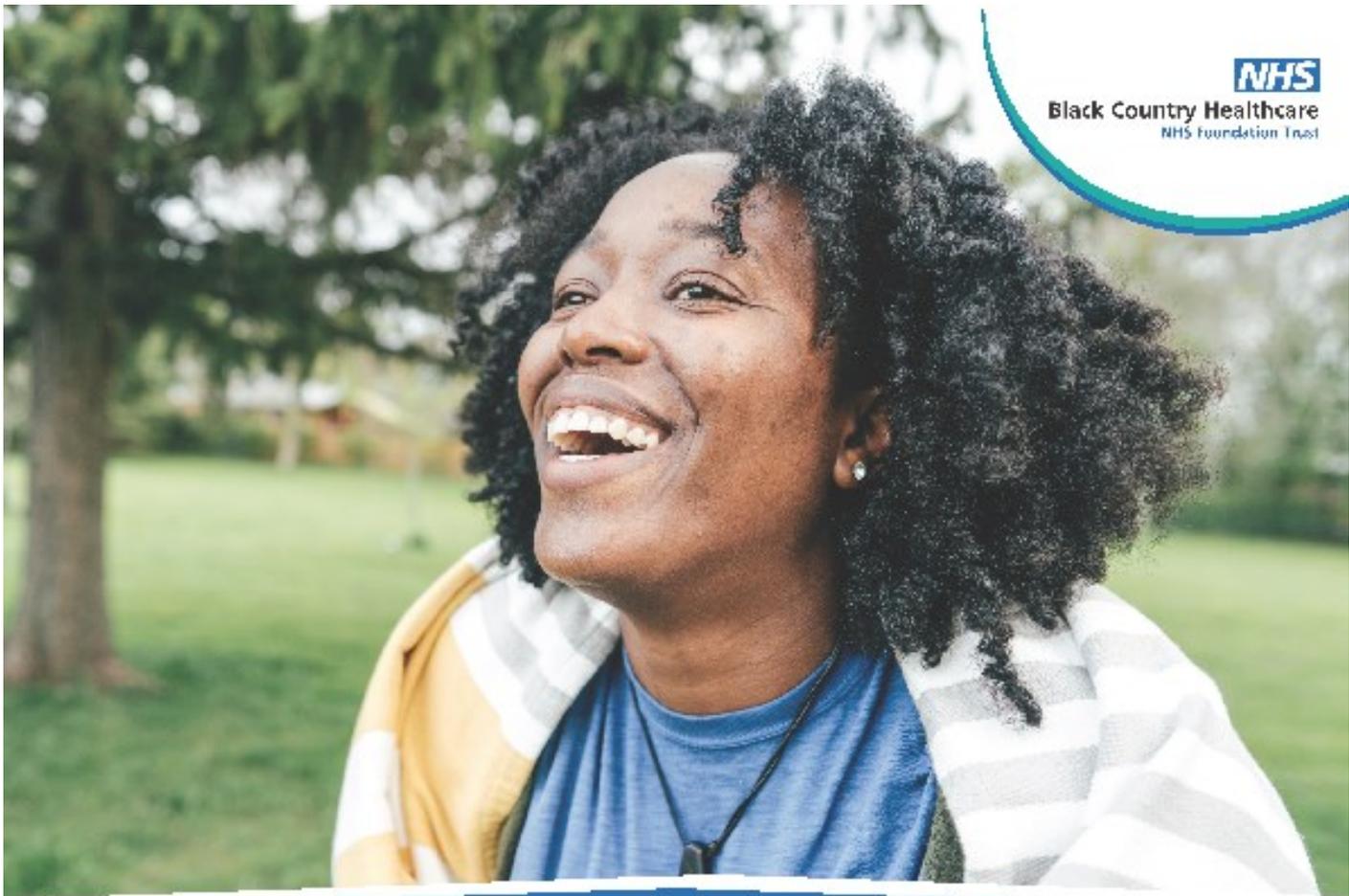
#### WHAT CHILDREN NEED TO KNOW

**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**  
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- Income Support
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- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
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- Universal Credit

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If you need further information, you can contact the Free School Meals Team by:



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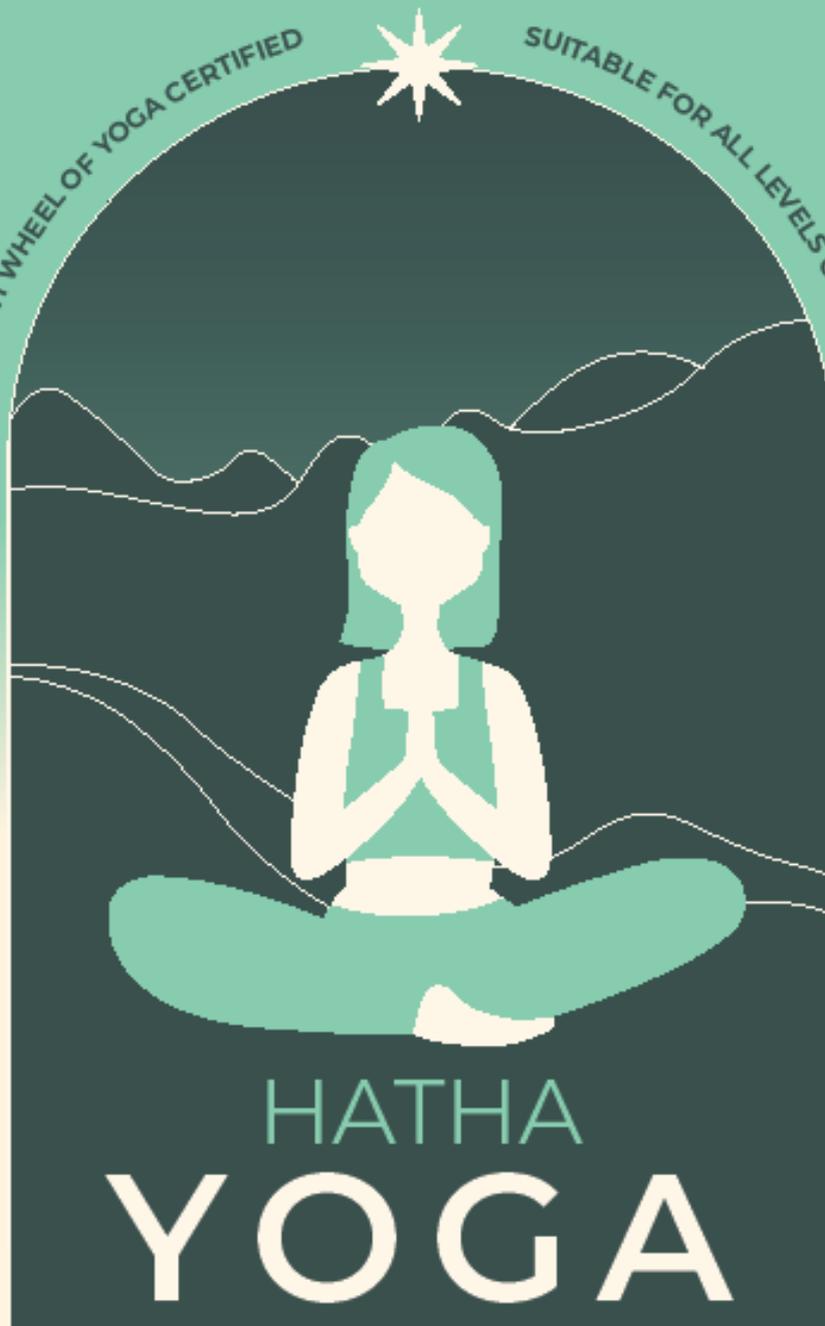
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