



## Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thanks everyone for all the chocolate donations last week. We will be making up the prizes in readiness for our Easter competitions and Raffle

Well done to all the children who went to Hickory's Smokehouse on Tuesday. They had a great time and it was a well-deserved treat for scoring the most Dojo points.

Years 5 and 6 will be going to the Sea Life Centre on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March.

Mrs Seed from the Resource Base for Deaf Children will be retiring at Easter after 22 years of wonderful service at Ashwood Park. We thank her for all she's done for the children over the years and wish her all the very best in her retirement!

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.

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 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 20th March 2026

MUFTI for Red Nose 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

## PTA Easter Events

Thursday 26th March

Nursery/Reception/KS1

Easter Bonnet Parade



KS2

Decorated Hard Boiled  
Egg competition



Easter Raffle Draw

## Praise Assembly

Children who gained badges and certificates deserve our special congratulations: **18/03/2026**

RR Foxes - Oliver  
1CB Moles - Jeremy  
1/2JB Squirrels - Ebonijah  
2W Badgers - Isaac

3/4D Chestnut - Bourne  
3/4R Oak - Billy  
4H Elder - Emily  
5/6D Beech - Kyrian  
5/6E Holly - Lillianna  
6BB Rowan -

## Menu\* wc **23.03.26** (Week 1)

### Monday

Breaded Chicken Grill

Chicken Nuggets (H)

Enchiladas (V)

Fish Option

Potato Wedges

Lemon & Orange Drizzle Cake

### Tuesday

Beef Bolognese

Beef Burger (H)

Vegetarian Sausage Roll (V)

Fish Option

Potato Crunchies

Australian Crunch

### Easter Wednesday

Roast Turkey

Roast Quorn (V)

Gravy & Stuffing

Fish Option

Mashed & Roast Potato

Easter Biscuits

Ice Cream

### Thursday

Chicken Tikka Wrap

Quorn Dippers (V)

Fish Option

Diced Potatoes

Toffee Apple Crumble & Custard

### Friday

Pizza Party (V option available)

Fish Option

Chips

Fruity Friday

All dinners must be booked through Arbour the day



**Dragon Tales Forest School**

## A Scarecrows' Wedding-

— Forest School at Kinver Edge —  
For children aged 2-4 years

- ✓ Snail making
- ✓ Treasure hunt
- ✓ Bug hunting
- ✓ Stories
- ✓ Eating lots of toast

Friday 3rd April 2026  
10.00am - 12.00pm (meet 9.50am)  
National Trust Car Park - Kinver Edge  
Kingsford Lane Kinver DY7 5NP  
//tortoise.aimless.explains  
£16 per ticket

**Dragon Tales Forest School**

## Dragon Club

— at Kinver Edge —  
Ages 5 - 9 years old

Activities Include:

- ✦ Making Dragons
- ✦ Den Building
- ✦ Egg Weaving
- ✦ Games & Stories
- ✦ Roasting Marshmallows

Friday 3rd April  
1.30pm - 3.00pm (Meeting 1.20pm)  
National Trust Car Park - Kinver Edge  
Kingsford Lane, Kinver, DY7 5NP  
//tortoise.aimless.explains  
£16 per ticket  
(One adult & one child)

**Dragon Tales Forest School**

## IRON AGE FOREST SCHOOL SESSION

For children ages 7-12 years old

- ✦ Cooking over the fire
- ✦ Fire lighting
- ✦ Whittling
- ✦ Shelter building
- ✦ Pot making

Thursday 2nd April 2026  
10.00am - 1.30pm (meeting at 9.50)  
National Trust Car Park - Kinver Edge  
Kingsford Lane  
Kinver DY7 5NP  
what3words: //tortoise.aimless.explains  
£16 per ticket

A Scarecrows' Wedding for 2 to 4 year olds-  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-scarecrows-wedding-forest-school-at-kinver-edge-030426-tickets-1982773670423?aff=oddtcreator>

Dragon Club for 5 to 9 year olds-  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/dragon-club-at-kinver-edge-030426-tickets-1982772408649?aff=oddtcreator>

Iron Age Forest School for 7 to 12 year olds-  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/iron-age-forest-school-kinver-edge-020426-tickets-1982771748675?aff=oddtcreator>

**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**

## SNAPDRAGONS

Friday Morning 9.15- 11.00 am

Bells Mill Fishery Forest School is set 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.

Snapdragons is our Friday Morning session and includes toddlers and parents, childminders and Home Educated Families- all are welcome

Come and join in to explore with our mud kitchen, giant marble run, swing, hammock, sledge, bug hunting, den building and much more. Every session includes a snack over the fire.

Most sessions are based at our Forest School, but we do indulge in the occasional ramble.

£8  
£5 PER ADDITIONAL SIBLING

All Children must be accompanied by an adult

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**Bells Mill Fishery Forest School**

## Easter Treasure Hunt

Saturday 4th April 2026  
9.30 - 11.00 am

Join us for Easter at Forest School, with treasure hunts for all ages. Find the bunnies hidden in the woods and claim the ingredients to make s'mores on the fire.

And enjoy all our usual Forest School favourites: mud kitchen, water play, swing, hammock, den building, bug hunting and crafts.

£10  
£5 PER ADDITIONAL SIBLING

All Children must be accompanied by an adult

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**Bells Mill Fishery Forest School**

## FIRESIDE FAMILIES

Saturday Morning 9.30 - 11.15 am

Start the weekend off right and join our lovely community in our new and improved Forest School. Everyone is welcome on a Saturday Morning pay for the children but bring the whole family: Mums, Dads, Aunts, Uncle, Grandparent, Best Friends!

Bells Mill Fishery Forest School is hidden away in spectacular countryside next to the tow path. There is a cafe serving delicious breakfast food on site, as well as accessible toilets and baby changing.

£8  
£5 PER ADDITIONAL SIBLING

All Children must be accompanied by an adult

All are welcome to Snapdragons our Friday morning session, I am doing a holiday session on Friday 10th April-  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/snapdragons-friday-morning-forest-school-tickets-1981490758198?aff=oddtcreator>

Looking for something special to do during the Easter Holidays, join our Easter Treasure Hunt for all ages   
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/easter-treasure-hunt-tickets-1981487855516?aff=oddtcreator>

I also do Saturday morning Family Forest School called Fireside Families.  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/fireside-families-saturday-morning-forest-school-tickets-1981741763963?aff=oddtcreator>

DDCS CHARITY FUNDRAISING

# QUIZ NIGHT!

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE & HAVE FUN FOR A GOOD CAUSE!

★ RAFFLE PRIZES ★ BAR AVAILABLE ★

Tickets £5 per person  
(Choice of cob included)  
Maximum 6 persons per team  
Age 10+

**FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2026 • 7:30 PM**

AT AMBLECOTE BRITISH LEGION, SCHOOL DRIVE, DYB 4DQ

Contact: [dudleydeafchildrensociety@yahoo.com](mailto:dudleydeafchildrensociety@yahoo.com) or +447707404014 for tickets

# DDCS Fundraising Raffle!

Prizes include:

- Family Ticket to Cotswold Farm Park
- Meal Voucher for **HICKORY'S**
- Family Ticket to Wild Zoological Park
- 50% Discount on Panto Tickets for Wolverhampton Grand Theatre
- Prosecco, Wine, Chocolates, Gift Sets and more!

Tickets cost:  
**£2** for a strip of 5 or **£5** for 3 strips of 5

Contact [dudleydeafchildrensociety@yahoo.com](mailto:dudleydeafchildrensociety@yahoo.com) for tickets

Raffle to be drawn at our Quiz Night on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May**

**SDCA YOUTH SERVICE**

## YOUTH SERVICE EASTER HOLIDAY

Places are still available - **book NOW!**

**ENROLL YOUR CHILD TODAY**

**APRIL 2026** **LET'S GO!**

TUES 7<sup>TH</sup> - FORGE MILL FARM  
WED 8<sup>TH</sup> - BRITISH CYCLE & HYDRO POOL  
THURS 9<sup>TH</sup> - BLACK COUNTRY LIVING MUSEUM  
FRI 10<sup>TH</sup> - PUNK CHEF

TIME 10AM - 2PM (SUBJECT TO CHANGES)

D/DEAF, HOH, DEAFBLIND, COCHLEAR USER  
AGE: 8 - 17 **FREE!**

HOT/COLD FOOD WILL BE PROVIDED.

PLEASE REGISTER YOUR INTEREST, AS IT IS FIRST-COME FIRST SERVED AND PLACES ARE LIMITED.

Book via QR code or copy & paste the link below. Make new friends and have fun this Easter!

**Register Now**

<https://app.holidayactivities.com/parent/providers/sandwell-deaf-community-association>

If you would like more information, please get in with:

**Sandwell Deaf Community Association**  
Craig Potheary  
Wellbeing Coach  
Email: [craig\\_potheary@sdca.co.uk](mailto:craig_potheary@sdca.co.uk)  
Text / WhatsApp / FaceTime: 07791 921011

New Deaf Centre, Summer Lane, West Bromwich, B71 4JA

Department for Education, Sandwell, Sandwell

# {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





**AGES 6-12**  
**£40 PER DAY**  
**£70 FOR 2**  
**DAYS**



# EASTER NETBALL CAMP

**1ST AND 2ND APRIL**

- ✓ Fun Games
- ✓ Skills and Drills
- ✓ Match Play
- ✓ Team Building

**SPECIAL GUEST COACHES AND CURRENT BIRMINGHAM  
PANTHERS PLAYERS GABBY COFFEY AND CHARLI  
FIDLER**

**Book Now**  
[www.littlenetters.net](http://www.littlenetters.net)

**Wordsley School**  
Brierley Hill Road, Stourbridge, West Midlands  
DY8 5SP  
07360 206866    [littlenetters@outlook.com](mailto:littlenetters@outlook.com)

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# Wild CATS

GIRLS' FOOTBALL



## GIRLS' FOOTBALL TRAINING SESSIONS!

AGES 5-11 YEARS

@ ENVILLE PAVILION, DRIVE, DY7 5HB

2PM TIL 3PM WEEKLY

JOIN US EVERY SUNDAY FOR FUN GIRLS' FOOTBALL TRAINING SESSIONS FOR AGES 5-11! ALL ABILITIES WELCOME!



FOR MORE INFO EMAIL:  
[Envillewildcats@outlook.com](mailto:Envillewildcats@outlook.com)

# 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

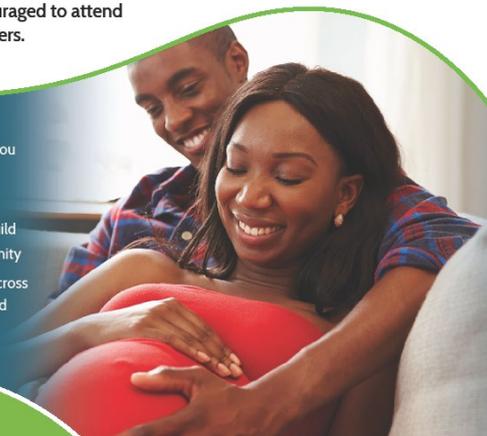
# Preparation for Parenthood



## 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



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# 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

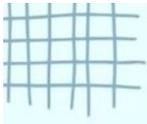
Come to a Starting Solids workshop to help you get your baby off to a great start. The workshop will help you decide:

- 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 \(govdelivery.com\)](#) 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)



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## 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>
<b>How to check a draft plan</b>	10 <sup>th</sup>	18 <sup>th</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	23 <sup>rd</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Preparation and process for annual review</b>	11 <sup>th</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup>	20 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup>	25 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Preparation for key transitions</b>	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 SENDIAS 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.

# Helping Children Get the Best Start in Life

## Free Programmes & Workshops

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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.

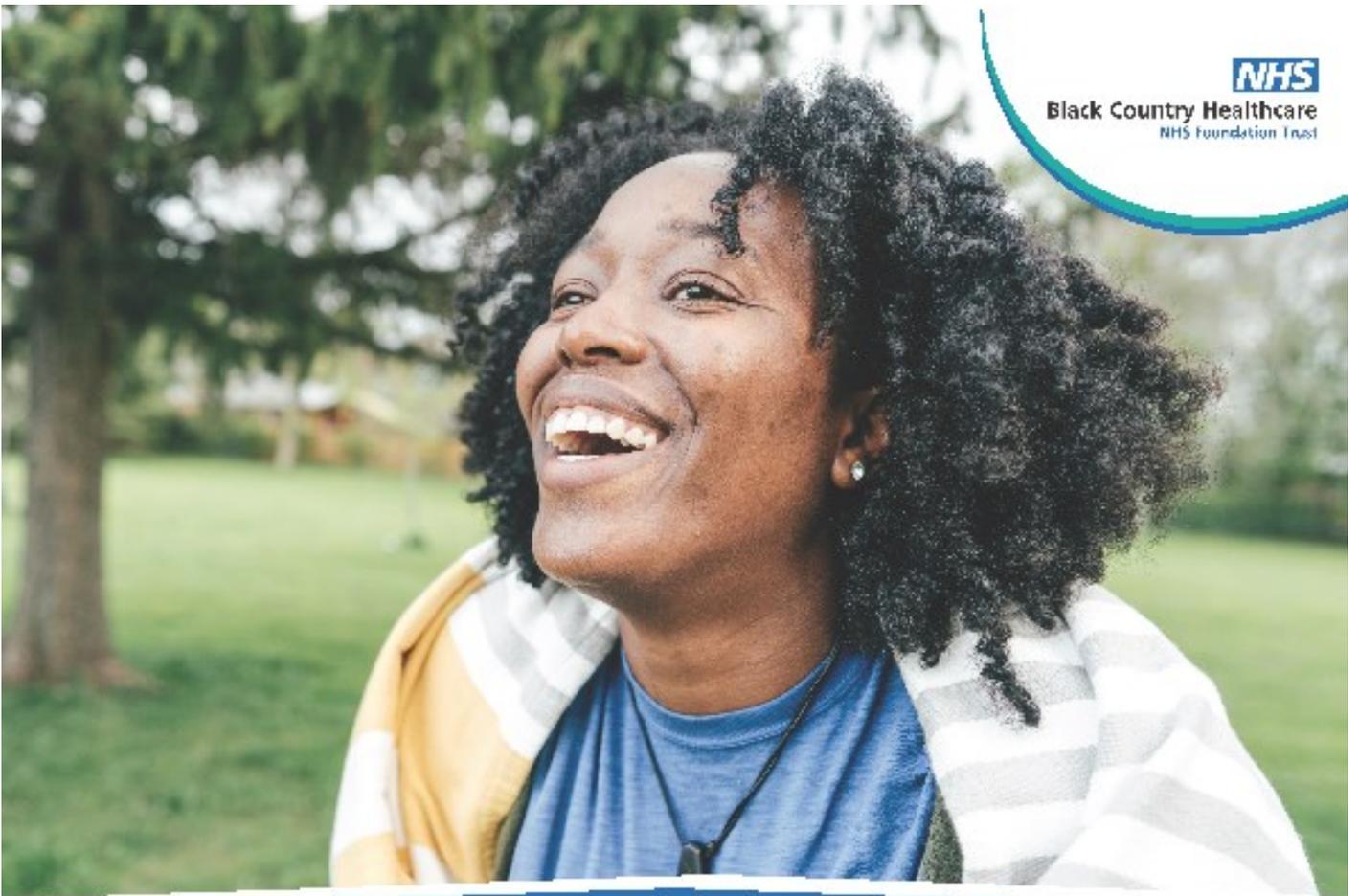
#### WHAT CHILDREN NEED TO KNOW

**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**  
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.



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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)



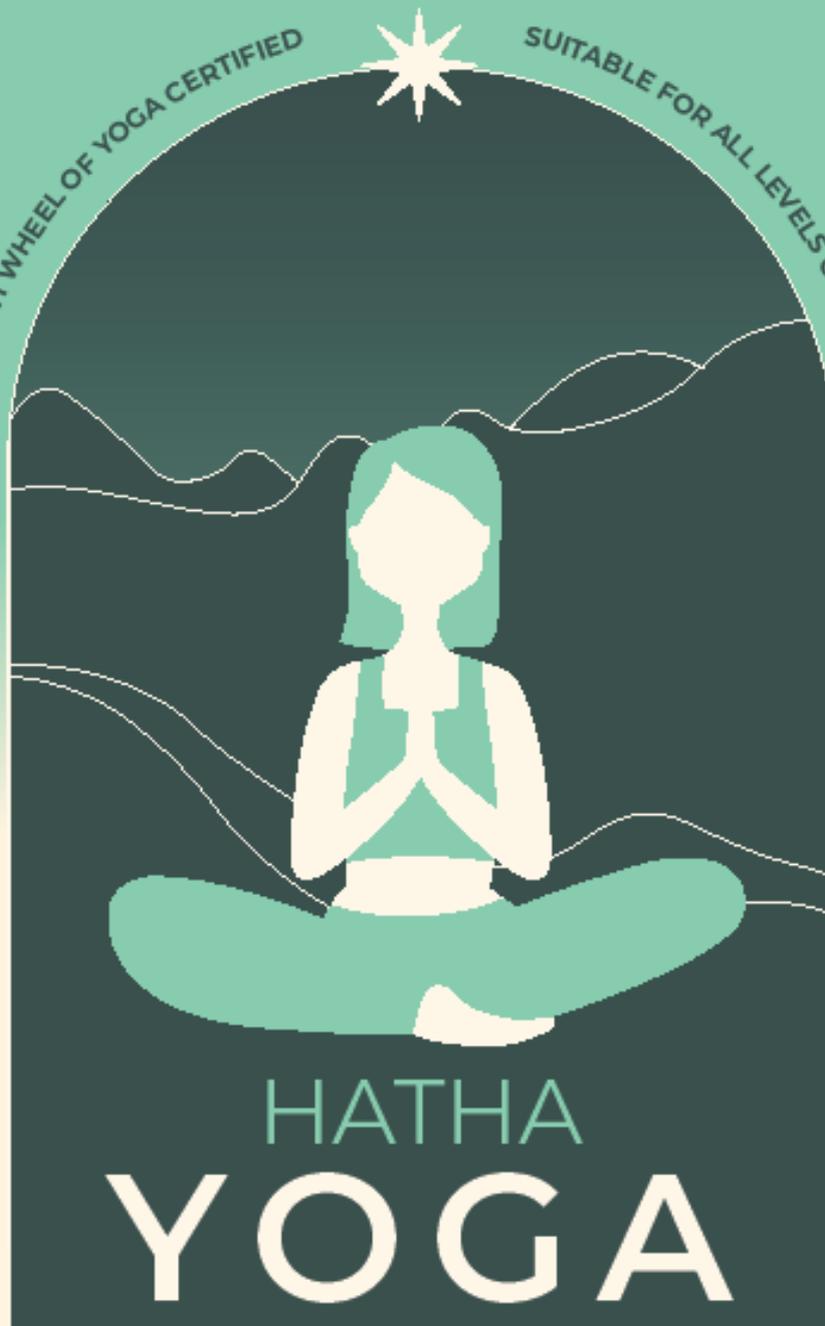
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