

Newsletter

11th September 2026

Welcome back everyone. We hope you had a lovely Summer; the weather was certainly excellent and we hope you are all refreshed ready for the Autumn Term. Thank you to all the parents who have attended our information sessions- we hope you have found them useful. Our refurbishments are continuing and are coming along nicely. we are hoping for a completion date of half term. Thank you to all for supporting the changes we have had to implement whilst the building work continues.

The children have settled really well and have come back to school very smart and ready to learn.

We are organising School tours for parents whose children are due to start in September 2027.

Please contact the Office to book a tour.

Mr Butler and Mr Perkes

Baked beans have been a staple in their food parcels since the Black Country Foodbank opened 20 years ago but thanks to the incredible generosity of our community, they've never had to purchase them. But right now, donations are falling while demand for support remains. Their stock of baked beans is running very low. Back in January, Black Country Food Bank supported the national [#BangInSomeBeans](#) campaign, highlighting how beans are one of the most affordable, nutritious and versatile foods available. They're also one of the most requested items in our food parcels and help provide a filling meal for people facing hardship. So, we have decided to lend a hand and are asking parents, grandparents and guardians to send in a tin (or 2 if you are able) of Baked Beans. If you're planning a shopping trip this week, could you "bang in" some beans and add an extra tin to your basket?

On Wednesday 16th September we will be creating a 'bean snake' around the playground. Your child can add their tin to the 'snake' and by our calculations if everyone could donate, we should have around 300 tins - how amazing would that be to help our community!

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Next Week's Menu

Monday

Chicken Gyro Pitta
Chicken Nuggets (H)
Authentic Pitta Pizza (V)
Pasta or Mexican Rice
Mini Doughnut

Tuesday

Tandoori Wrap
Crispy Quorn Dippers (V)
Potato Wedges
Chocolate Brownies

Wednesday

Roast Chicken (H option)
Cheesy Cauliflower &
Tender Broccoli Bake (V)
Stuffing & Gravy
Mashed & Roast Potatoes
Muffin Selection

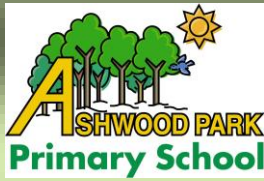
Thursday

Classic Favourite Sausage
Roll (Ve)
Wholemeal Cheese &
Tomato Pizza (V)
Chips
Vanilla Iced Sponge

Friday

Ocean Friendly Fish
Selection
BBQ Plant Based Meatball
Sub (Ve)
Diced Potatoes
Fruity Jelly

**All dinners must be
booked through your
Arbour App**



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Early Years

Reception and Nursery have had their first full week and they have done brilliantly! They have learned lots of new routines, rules and met lots of new adults and we are really proud of them! We will start phonics in the next few weeks, so please look out for the information sheets in book bags when we begin. We haven't finalised a PE or forest school days yet and we won't start them for a few weeks, so don't worry if you haven't sent kits in. We will give you plenty of notice when we do start. Thanks to everyone for your support.

RBDC

It has been wonderful to see all the RBDC pupils back at school after the holidays. Everyone has settled into their new year groups well.

The new base is still under construction, and it is already looking fantastic – how exciting! In the meantime, the base is temporarily located in the Key Stage 1 building.

As we have only just returned to school, we thought it would be beneficial to refresh our memories of some basic BSL greetings. Please see the link below:

<https://youtu.be/mGLvAmkxqk?si=8RspIMRNIfmgV5Ge>



Key Stage One

It has been lovely to welcome parents into school so you could find out what life is like in Year 1 and 2. The children have settled in really well and are already enjoying their first book - 'The Squirrels that Squabbled' by Rachel Bright and Jim Field. We have been looking at the characters and events in the story and learning about all of the new vocabulary. In Art we have already started looking at different line drawing techniques and creating a class image. Next week we will be continuing our work on place value in Maths and ordering and comparing numbers.

Key Stage Two

The children have settled really well back into their more formal lessons and have adapted brilliantly to the changes around school while the building work continues. We are very proud of how well they have managed the changes. Please keep an eye on **ClassDojo** for any further updates or changes, as we will use this to keep you informed.

Years 3 and 4 have started their new DT topic on **wearable technology**. They have been looking at different wearable products and thinking about how they work, who they are designed for and what makes them useful. Years 5 and 6 will soon be starting their DT topic on **engineering**. They have already begun by exploring the history of **rail engineering** and how trains and railway technology have developed over time.

TT Rock Stars

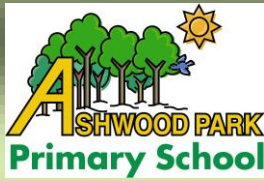
1. Aiden L
2. Dempsey T
3. Henry R-W

Maths Problem

When Lisa was 6 years old,
her sister Lucy was half her age.

If Lisa is 40 years old today,
how old is Lucy?





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Diary Dates 2026

Monday 28th September

Whole School 'flu
Vaccinations

Thursday 22nd October

Monster Mash Disco

Friday 23rd October

Break up for Half Term

Monday 2nd November

INSET –Closed to Children

Tuesday 10th November

Parents Evening

Wednesday 11th Nov

Parents Evening

Thursday 3rd December

PTA Christmas Film Night

Wednesday 9th Dec

Carol Concert at Holy Trinity
Church

Friday 18th December

Break up for Christmas

***Please note INSET day
changed from 19th
October to 2nd
November**

Diary Dates 2027

Monday 4th January

INSET Day—Closed to
Children

Tuesday 5th January

Children Return to School

Friday 12th February

Break up for Half Term

Monday 22nd February

Children Return to School

Thursday 25th March

Break up for Easter Holidays

Monday 12th April

Children Return to School

Thursday 6th May

Local Elections—Closed to
Children

Friday 7th May

INSET Day—Closed to
Children

Monday 10th May

SATS Week

Friday 28th May

Break up for Half Term

Monday 7th June

Children Return to School

Wednesday 21st July

Last Day of Term

Nut Allergy

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

Fruit

Please could all soft round fruit (eg grapes, strawberries, cherry tomatoes) be cut into quarters before sending into School, to avoid being a choking risk.

Privacy Notice

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

Facebook

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



Starting primary school in September 2027

Why not apply for a place online?

If your child was born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023 they will be due to start primary school in September 2027.

You **MUST** complete an application form either online at www.dudley.gov.uk/admissions or by completing an application form from your home local authority by **15 JANUARY 2027**. You can include five school preferences on the application; there is nothing to gain by only putting one preference.

Applications will be available from **1 October 2026**.

Benefits of applying online

- E-mail decision received by 2pm on day of offer
- It's quick and easy to use
- You can apply 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- There's no risk that your application will be lost in the post
- You will get email confirmation that your application has been received
- It's safe and secure

The online system will be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week from 1 October 2026 until the closing date for applications on **15 January 2027**.

Please note: Even if your child already attends a school nursery or has an older sibling at school, do not assume that your child will automatically gain a place at that school. This is a common misconception and often the biggest cause of disappointment for parents who believe otherwise.

For further information please contact Dudley School Admissions Service on **0300 555 2345**.





Starting secondary school in September 2027

Why not apply for a place online?

If your child is due to start secondary school in 2027 then you will have to apply for a school place before 31 October 2026.

You **MUST** complete an application form either online at www.dudley.gov.uk/admissions or by completing the application form provided by your home local authority. You can include six school preferences on the application form; there is nothing to gain by only putting one preference.

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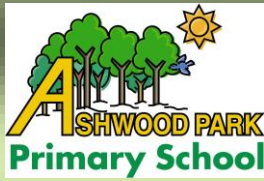
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You should not assume that your child will get a place at a secondary school without you having to apply, even if you have an older child already attending the same school. This is a common misconception and often the biggest cause of disappointment for parents who believe otherwise.

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