

We are starting our collection for the **Black Country Food Bank** in celebration of Harvest. Please send your donations into the school office. The collection will run until **Wednesday 21st October**.

Items to donate include:

- Tinned food
- toiletries
- cartons of long-life juice and milk,
- pasta, and pasta sauces
- cereals

We hope you can once again support this worthwhile cause...Many Thanks!

Please remember that the school tie is part of our uniform, even with a polo shirt.

School breaks for half term on Friday 23rd October. There is an INSET day on Monday Nov 2nd so the children will return on Tuesday 3rd Nov.

Flu inoculations catch up will be on Tuesday 3rd Nov. Please contact the office if you wish your child to be added to the catch up.

Mr Butler and Mr Perkes

**Sign of the week is
'cheese'**



CHEESE

Next Week's Menu

Monday

Oven Baked Sausage
Chicken Sausage (H)
Plant Based Meatballs in Gravy (V)
Mashed Potato
Waffles

Tuesday

Mediterranean Chicken Wrap
Oven Baked Mac 'n' Cheese (V)
Potato Wedges
Peach Crumble & Custard

Wednesday

Roast Beef
Roast Chicken (H)
Quorn Sausage (V)
Stuffing & Gravy
Mashed & Roast Potatoes
Muffin Selection

Thursday

Chicken Nuggets (H option)
Wholemeal Cheese &
Tomato Pizza (V)
Chips
Chocolate Brownie

Friday

Ocean Friendly Fish Selection
Crispy Quorn Dippers (V)
Diced Potatoes
Fruit Sorbet

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

Early Years

The children have been showing us their amazing reading this week, reading their home reading book to us. Please take a look in your child's reading record for our comments and please keep practising at home! Thanks so much for your support.

With our ever-changing weather, we have been encouraging the children in early years to be independent and take off and put on their own jumpers and coats. It's so important for the children to be as independent as possible so please do support us with this at home and don't forget to label everything with children's names. Thank you.

Key Stage One

This week in Key stage one we have been making our own pictures in the style of the artist Paul Klee. The children used a range of different lines and styles to create a portrait made from shapes. They also worked on how to use different pressure to help add colour to pictures. Next week we will be looking at a story from another culture- The Tiger Child by Joanna Troughton. We will be creating our own missing posters for the tiger child and describing some of the characters from the story.

Key Stage Two

The children have been working incredibly hard this week and have enjoyed a wide range of engaging lessons. In Computing, Years 3 and 4 have been learning about computer systems and networks, exploring different websites and considering the different types of information available online. Years 5 and 6 have been developing their understanding of communication and collaboration, learning how information is shared across networks and exploring the role of data packets in sending information from one place to another. It has been fantastic to see the children developing their digital knowledge and skills while showing curiosity and enthusiasm for their learning.



1 st	Emily W
2 nd	Freddie C
3 rd	Niamh

RBDC

This week in English, Conkers have been busy creating and designing their own characters as part of our narrative writing topic. We have enjoyed using our imaginations to develop exciting new characters ready for our stories.

In Maths, the children have been recapping their understanding of odd and even numbers and will soon be using their place value knowledge to solve a range of problem-solving challenges.

In Science, the children have been exploring space by using Google to research their favourite planets and create fact files. They have enjoyed discovering new and interesting facts, and we are looking forward to learning even more about space in the coming weeks!

WITCH'S NUMBER SPELL

The witch chooses 3 different stones.
Their total is even.



She claims:

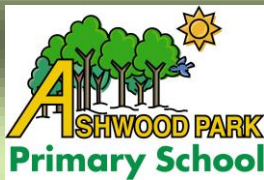
Exactly two chosen numbers are odd.

Is her claim ALWAYS, SOMETIMES, or NEVER true?



Good Questions to Ask in Math Class





Newsletter

9th October 2026

Diary Dates 2026

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 has 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



Monster Mash

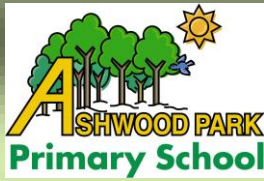
Thursday 22nd October

Nursery/Rec/KS1
4:30–5:30pm

KS2 4:30–5:45pm

£4.00

Snack and drink included
KS2 only—Tuck shop / tattoos
and 'glow' items on sale.



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9th October 2026

Dinner Dates

The following staff will be in the lunch hall:

Mr Dimmock, Miss Harris —Monday

Miss Benson—Friday

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!

Uniform

Please remember that the school tie is part of our uniform, even with a polo shirt.

Smoking and Vaping

The smoking of cigarettes and the use of vapes is not permitted anywhere on the School site.

Dogs

Dogs are not allowed on the School site.

Nut Allergy

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

Breakfast and After School Club (OSCA)

Please note that breakfast food is served before **8.15 am**. If you are new to OSCA or haven't been for quite some time please pop to the School Office to complete the essential paperwork.

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.

Emails

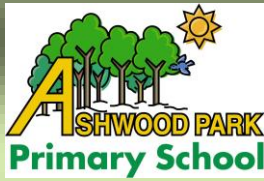
Please note, class email addresses will be removed after October half term. Class Dojo, the School Info email address and Arbor will be used for all communication instead.

Privacy Notice

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

Facebook

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



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9th October 2026

Praise Assembly

Children who gained badges and certificates this week deserve our special congratulations:

RBM Hedgehogs – James

RR Foxes – Jacob

1/2B Squirrels – Isla

1/2JB Moles – Jackson

2W Badgers – Evie B

3/4D Chestnut – Riley

3/4H Elder – Jason

3/4R Oak – Seb

5D Beech – Freya & Carter C-H

5/6BB Rowan – Emily

5/6E Holly – Freddie



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.

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 September 2026 until the closing date for applications on 31 October 2026.

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.

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



At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with this information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

Top Tips for SETTING BOUNDARIES AROUND GAMING

If your child loves video games, then you'll probably be aware that how long they spend gaming – and what they're actually playing – can occasionally become a source of concern or conflict. The UK's trade body for interactive entertainment, Ukie, has recently launched a campaign to promote safer and more responsible gaming among young people – with parents and carers helping by setting sensible and fair boundaries. Our guide has tips on key areas where you could agree some healthy ground rules for your child's gaming activity.

PROMOTE SAFER GAME CHOICES

Deciding which online games are OK – and which should be avoided – is tricky. Some titles allow children to cooperate or compete with strangers, which creates potential risks. Watching your child play online for a while could provide more insight into a particular game, while the parental controls on most consoles allow you to limit who can chat to your child or send them friend requests. Remind your child of the hazards around strangers online when you discuss this boundary with them.

ENCOURAGE REGULAR BREAKS

Help your child understand the need to take regular breaks, playing in shorter bursts rather than marathon sessions. Bear in mind that some games (such as role-playing games) require time investment from the player, while others (online team games, for example) can't be stopped or paused at a moment's notice. A quick break every hour or so is good practice, and you could suggest some things to do in these breaks, such as having a drink of water or getting some fresh air.

AGREE SPENDING LIMITS

There's no doubt that gaming can be expensive, and younger players often don't realise how much paying for digital items and subscriptions can add up to. Many young gamers love to buy new skins or upgrades for their character, so you could settle on a fixed amount that your child is allowed to spend on in-game items each week or month. This sort of boundary will not only help your child to manage their expectations but will also make you more aware of the price of these items.

DISCUSS AGE RATINGS

Children often ignore the age ratings on games – or are unaware they even exist. If you're happy with your child playing a particular game even though it's rated above their age, then establish that as a boundary: emphasise that you've made an exception, and talk about what age ratings mean and why they're important. You could add context to this boundary by browsing games' boxes together while shopping, discussing why some games might have earned certain age ratings.



FACTOR IN FRIENDS

If your child is a keen video gamer, the chances are that they'll have other gamers among their social circle, too. When friends visit, do they instantly dash to their console or computer? You could put boundaries in place before their guests arrive by agreeing on a length of gaming time. Bear in mind, though, that they may try to extend this once they're together. Try coming up with activities or challenges for them during screen breaks – if they join in, they earn a little extra time on their game.

ENJOY GAMING TOGETHER

Setting time aside to play video games together can be an enjoyable bonding exercise. Undeniably, some young gamers may be less enthusiastic about a parent or carer joining in, but it can be a productive way of encouraging them to share their hobby with you. Setting goals or tasks might be useful if they love Minecraft, choose something to build together; if Fortnite's their favourite, ask to try out some of the fun game modes, like Prop Hunt, which don't require high skill levels.

TALK ABOUT EMOTIONS

Help your child to monitor their emotions as they play. Discuss what is (and isn't) an acceptable level of competitiveness to show while gaming. Are they allowed to trash talk other players, for example? Can they notice when they get angry if they lose? Do they think these emotions are healthy? Some games can provoke anger, but others can bring joy, humour and the thrill of overcoming a challenge. Try to steer your child towards games that tend to produce these more positive feelings.

BE PREPARED FOR TROLLS

A frequent problem when gaming online is other players who are deliberately troublesome. Make sure your child knows how to report and block someone who makes their experience a negative one. Between you, decide if or how they should deal with these online trolls. Talk about where your child's boundaries are in terms of what they think is acceptable: what behaviour by other users is merely frustrating, and what crosses the line to become upsetting or abusive.

Meet Our Expert

Daniel Upcombe is a writer specialising in technology, video gaming, virtual reality and Web3. He has also written 15 guidebooks for children, covering games such as Fortnite, Apex Legends, Valorant, Roblox and Minecraft. With work published by the likes of PC Gamer, Kotaku, Pocket Gamer and VGT247, he has reviewed more than 50 games and products over the past year.



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SHOPPING LIST

BLACK COUNTRY FOODBANK HELPS VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES IN CRISIS THROUGH THE PROVISION OF AN EMERGENCY FOOD AND TOILETRY PARCEL, WHILE A LONGER-TERM SOLUTION IS DEVELOPED

PLEASE SUPPORT US BY DONATING ITEMS FROM OUR SHOPPING LIST

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- TEA BAGS BOX OF 40'S
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- CARTONS OF LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE
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- TINNED CHOPPED TOMATOES
- TINNED VEGETABLES
- TINNED FISH
- TINNED SOUP
- TINNED READY MEALS (MEATBALLS/MACARONI CHEESE/CHILLI)
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- TINNED FRAY BENTOS PIES
- BREAKFAST CEREAL
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- SAVOURY RICE
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- TINNED FRUIT
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- BARS OF SOAP
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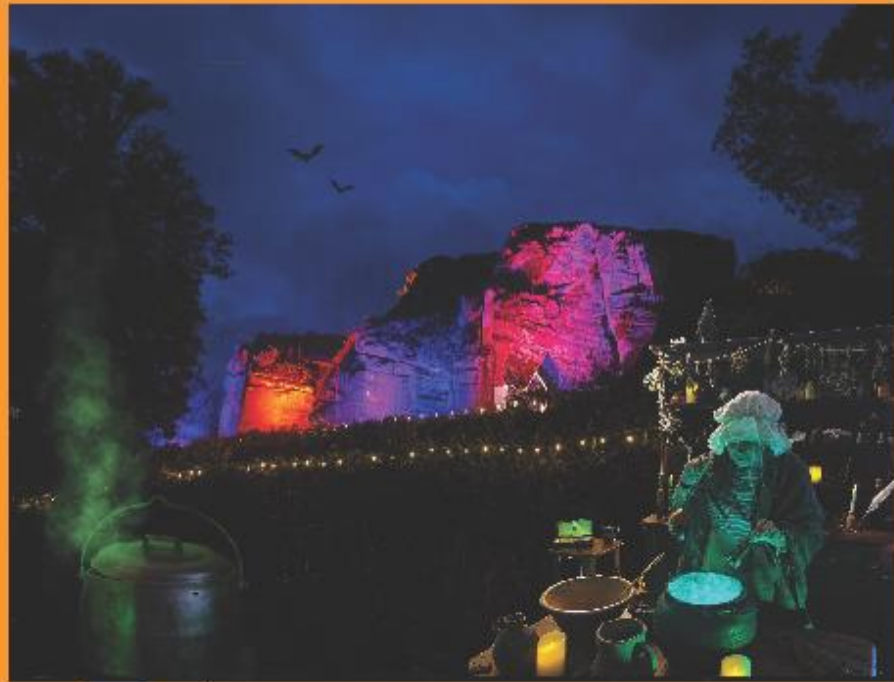


PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE TO RECEIVE A WEEKLY REMINDER OF OUR SHORTAGES LIST ON YOUR SHOPPING DAY





**National
Trust**



Halloween Illumination Event

Holy Austin Rock Houses

Halloween Illuminations

**23, 24, 29 & 30 October
from 5.30pm**

As darkness falls, the Rock Houses glow with a magical light. Create a wand, meet Nanny the White Witch, hear spooky stories by the fire and enjoy delicious homemade treats... if you dare.



Fright Night

**31 October from 6pm
Recommended for 12 yrs+**

A Halloween experience filled with wonder and mischief, expect an extra dose of thrills, chilling surprises, and spooky fun for those brave enough to face the unexpected.



Lights No Frights

25 October from 6pm

Enjoy the wonder of the Rock Houses illuminated without any of the halloween antics or spooks. Walk round and just enjoy the tranquil atmosphere & see the house in a new light.



To book scan the QR codes or visit the website
nationaltrust.org.uk/kinver-edge-and-the-rock-houses



ASHWOOD PARK
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Are you looking for a
Reception
place for September 2027?

Would you like to have a tour of our school
and the opportunity to ask questions?

Following dates available:

-  Thursday 8th October
-  Thursday 15th October
-  Friday 16th October
-  Monday 19th October
-  9.15am or 4.00pm

Nursery provision 

Forest School 

Breakfast Club
from 7.30am 

After School Club
until 6pm 

Please call or email to book your space
 01384 818545 / info@ashwood.dudley.sch.uk 



The poster features a light blue background decorated with various Halloween-themed illustrations: pumpkins, ghosts, and autumn leaves. In the top left corner is the Reflexions logo, and in the top right is the NHS Black Country Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust logo. The central text is arranged in a friendly, inviting manner, with the title 'SPOOK YOUR WORRIES AWAY' in large, bold letters. Below the title, the word 'Workshop' is written in a smaller font. The dates and times for the two sessions are clearly listed, along with the locations. An orange starburst graphic highlights the target age groups 'KS1 & KS2'. At the bottom, a clear call to action provides the email address for signing up.

Join Reflexions for our

SPOOK YOUR WORRIES AWAY

Workshop

KS1 & KS2

Wednesday 28th October
9:00am-1:00pm
Dudley North Family Hub, Bayer Street,
Coseley, Dudley, WV14 9DS

Thursday 29th October
9:00am-1:00pm
Halesowen Family Hub, Lye-By-pass,
Lye, Stourbridge, DY9 8H

To sign up or for more information please
email bchft.reflexions@nhs.net



St John Ambulance Badgers – Local Spaces Available

Would your child like to learn first aid, make new friends and have fun?

St John Ambulance Badgers is open to children aged **5–10 years**, and we currently have spaces available within our local groups.

Badgers take part in a range of fun and educational activities, including learning basic first aid and important life skills, while working towards badges and awards.

If you would like to find out more or are interested in your child joining, please check our website here and sign up to join your local group.

<https://www.sja.org.uk/get-involved/young-people/badgers/>

Thank you for helping us share this opportunity with families in the local community.



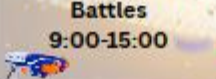
ACE COACHING

**Ace Coaching October
Half Term Sports Camp**

@Crestwood Invictus Education Trust
Bromley Lane
Kingswinford
DY6 8QG

Check out our socials




Monday 26 th October	Tuesday 27 th October	Wednesday 28 th October	Thursday 29 th October
Multi Sports 9:00-15:00 	Dodgeball and Nerf Battles 9:00-15:00 	Basketball 9:00-15:00 	Football 9:00-15:00 

- Each day a specific sport focus
- Morning practicing skills, drills, and challenges. Afternoon full of matches.
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Sign up for the full course or pick your preferred days.

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£60 for the full
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Sign up/ins and Select full week package

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