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Article 28
Every child has the
right to an education

Message from Mr Butler

Well done to our Year 6 children who have completed their SATs this week. Their behaviour at Breakfast was exemplary and it truly set them up for the four days of tests. They all worked really hard during the tests and we are very proud of them.



Clearance Sale

We have a small number of Ashwood Park uniform left for sale in these sizes:

Jumpers – Age 3/4 (£11), Small and Medium Teen (£13)

Cardigans – Age 3/4, 5/6, (£11) Small and Medium Teen (£13)

PE T Shirt – Age 3/4 and 5/6 (£5)

PE Shorts – 18"/20", 22"/24", 26/28" and 30/32" (£4)

Please ask at the Office
Payment by cash only

Menu*

WC 20.05.24 (Week 1)



Monday

Pork Sausages & Gravy
Halal Chicken Sausage & Gravy
Cheese & Potato Pie V
Mashed Potato
Vegetable selection
Mousse

Tuesday

BBQ Chicken (NOT in a wrap)
Tomato Pasta Bake V
Diced Potatoes
Vegetable selection
Waffle

Wednesday

Traditional Roast Chicken
Halal Roast Chicken
Stuffing & gravy
Veggie Sausage & gravy V
French Bread Pizza
Roast & new potatoes
Vegetable selection
Iced cake

Thursday

Beef bolognaise
Quorn Nuggets V
Pasta
Potato Wedges
Vegetable selection
Cookies

Friday

Fish fingers
Pizza Selection (inc V)
Chipped potatoes
Vegetable selection
Fruity Friday: a selection of chilled, frozen or fresh fruit desserts

Available Every Day

Sandwich, cheese, tuna or ham filling.
Jacket Potato with a choice of cheese,

All dinners must be booked through
School Money the day before they are
needed. Please contact the school office
if you are having any issues.
* Subject to change

National Walk to School Week

20th–24th May

Walk to School Week is a great time for children to be reminded about the important reasons to walk to school and the difference it can make for individuals, communities and the planet!

Walking, scooting, cycling or Park and Stride Walking are all great ways for children to travel actively. This will also work towards reducing emissions and cars outside of school gates, to make it a healthier and safer place.

Below is a link to Living Streets website:

<https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/media/ju1bg4fo/wtsw-comms-pack-updated.pdf>

As and When Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy

Would you like to join our friendly team? We are looking to appoint an As and When Lunchtime Supervisor to cover absences. Duties include helping children cut up their food, if needed, encouraging good behaviour and table manners, supervising children in the playground (or indoors if wet weather), comforting children who are upset, dealing with minor injuries like cuts, grazes and bruises, organising games.

Ask at the Office for more details and an application form.

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 22nd May

5/6SB Parents/Carers Catch-Up

Friday 24th May

Break up at 3.15pm for Whitsun

Monday 3rd June

School re-opens at 8.45am

Week Commencing 17th June

Good Health Week

Tuesday 18th June

Sports Day for Early Years

Wednesday 19th June

Sports Day for KS2

Thursday 20th June

Sports Day for KS1

Tuesday 2nd July

Sept 24 Reception Parents

Meeting 6pm

Tuesday 16th July

Y6 Leavers Party

Friday 19th July

Y6 Leavers Assembly at 9.15am

Break up at 3.15pm for Summer

Attendance

Last week's (29.04–03.05) top attenders were:

Key Stage 1: 1/2B Squirrels 98%

Key Stage 2: 5/6E Beech 97.32%

Being around teachers and friends in a school environment is the best way for pupils to learn and reach their potential. Time in school also keeps children safe and provides access to extra-curricular opportunities and pastoral care.

More information can be found here:

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2023/05/18/school-attendance-important-risks-missing-day/>

Praise Awards

Children who gained badges and certificates in Praise assembly deserve our special congratulations:

W/C 06.05.24

No Praise Assembly this week due to the Year 6 SATs.

Lunches from Home

If you are sending your child with a packed lunch, can we ask that you cut grapes, cherry tomatoes and similar in half please. Also, as a **nut free** school please do not send in Nutella sandwiches or any other nut products.

EYFS News



This week, the children loved the visit from Brierley Hill Fire Station! They got to use the hose and sit on the fire engine! A big thank you to them for visiting and enhancing the children's learning experience!

Our Early Years Sports Day is 18th June and parents are invited to attend to supervise and help your child take part please. If you are unable to attend, please arrange for another adult to be with your child and let us know who will be coming. Further information will be sent via letter/email. Many thanks.

Nursery Dates:

Monday 10 June

1.30-2.30pm Library Visit for Afternoon children and Monday Full Timers

Friday 14 June

10-11am Library Visit, Morning children only

Thursday 27th June

Dudley Zoo Trip Parent and Child Visit

Tree Totz Toddler Group

Wednesdays 9.00 - 11.00am KS1 Hall

Toddlers had a great time at Forest School playing outdoors and we will be back in the Hall next week 22nd May. The following week is half term, so no Toddlers 29th May.



Toys, activities, songs, stories and crafts available. Refreshments included – adults please bring a lidded cup!

RBD News



The children in the KS1 withdrawal group have been continuing their learning based on the Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch. They have enjoyed making their version of the sandwich from the story.

Year 5 children have been on their river / canal walk this week and have learnt lots of new information including what the difference is between a river and canal and how to stay safe around water.



Well done!

Well done to Musah who has been a super star sitting his SATS assessments this week. You have shown such a mature 'can do' attitude and we are very proud of you!

Signed Video:

As part of our continued drive to support positive mental health and wellbeing, we have signed the story 'Incredible You' for you to share with your children. Please follow the link below

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vv5wf86rIWo>

KS2 News



This week our amazing Year 6 children have taken their Key Stage 2 National Tests. They have worked with great focus, determination and commitment. We are very proud of all of their efforts. The children will receive the outcomes of their tests in their end of year report in July. Well done Year 6!

Testing week is a challenge for everyone across the school and we all have to pull together, supporting each other and being flexible in many different ways. We owe a big thank you to our Year 5 children who have been taught a number of their lessons in the KS2 hall. Thank you!

Thank you also to all of the children and staff across the school who have had changes to their timetables to help to accommodate the test arrangements in school. We really appreciate it.

REMINDER

When the children come to school in their PE kit they must wear their yellow PE top, green short / black joggers and their green Ashwood Park jumper or cardigan. Hoodies and gilets are **not** permitted. Please support us to ensure that all of our children are in the correct uniform and feel part of our Ashwood Park team.

KS1 News



This week in Key Stage One the children have made their models of Baby Bear's chair in Design Technology. We tested them with model bears to check they were stable and secure! The children really enjoyed being designers for the afternoon.

We have also been reading our story The Owl who is afraid of the Dark and will be writing our own version with a different main character.



Next week we will opening the School Time Capsule! It was buried in 1997 so we are excited to find out what is inside and what life was like in the 90s - which the children think was a long, long time ago!



Year 6 Dates

- * Monday 1st July - Friday 5th July
Primary Liaison Week
you will receive further details from your child's secondary school
- * Tuesday 9th July
Play AFTERNOON Performance
(time to be confirmed)
- * Wednesday 10th July
Play EVENING Performance
(time to be confirmed)
- * Tuesday 16th July
Leavers Party EVENING
(time to be confirmed)

PE and Swimming

The children have the following PE days:

- * Years 5 and 6 - Friday
- * Years 3 and 4 - Monday (3/4R bringing their swimming kit)
- * Years 3 and 4 can come to school in their kit on **Tues only**
- * Years 5 and 6 can come to school in their kit on **Wed only**

Sports Day

Tuesday 18th June

Nursery AM and Foxes 9.00am
Nursery PM and Hedgehogs 1.15pm

Wednesday 19th June

Years 5 and 6 9.15am
Years 3 and 4 2.00pm

Thursday 20th June

Years 1 and 2 9.15am



TT Rockstars

This weeks Rockstars* are:

1st Marnie S
2nd Bella P
3rd Evie J

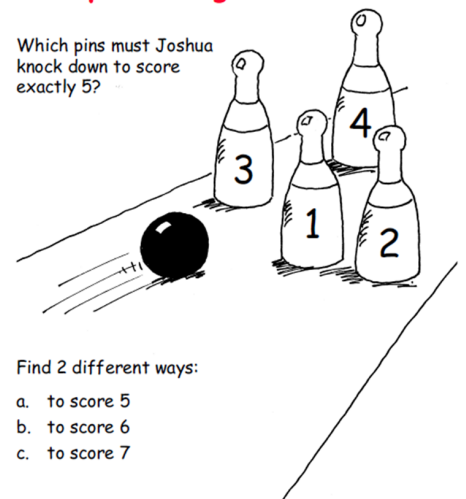


Well done to everyone!

*based on most correct answers

Four-pin bowling

Which pins must Joshua knock down to score exactly 5?



Find 2 different ways:

- a. to score 5
- b. to score 6
- c. to score 7

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 (<https://tinyurl.com/DudleySENDBulletins>) to receive this e-bulletin direct to your email inbox

Privacy Notice

Please note that our Privacy Notice can be found on the Ashwood Park Primary School website:

<https://www.ashwood.dudley.sch.uk/policies/>

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/>

Reflexions Mental Health Support

Reflexions are a Mental health Support Team (MHST) working in schools with a focus on early intervention and prevention for the mental health of children and young people. Ashwood have been designated an Educational Mental Health Practitioner, Matt Jones, who will be working with us, alongside the ongoing work we do in school around mental health, to offer further support if a child is struggling with mental health issues such as low mood or anxiety. He will work with children in groups or on a 1:1 in school. If you have any queries about Reflexions, please see the Office to arrange a meeting with Mrs Francis.



Online Safety

We have had an increase in the number of parents making enquiries about online safety. We are looking at options to provide some workshops in school. You may find the following are useful websites. Excellent advice for keeping children safe online can be found on these websites:

<https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/parents-and-carers>

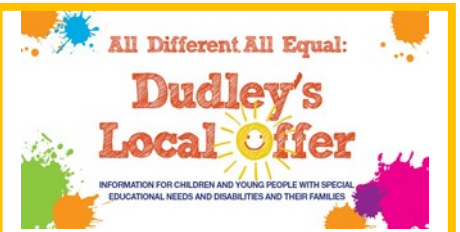
<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Family Healthy Lifestyle Service

The Family Healthy Lifestyle Service is a free and personalised support service, to meet the needs of your family.

<https://healthydudley.co.uk/healthy-lifestyle-support-for-your-family/>



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.

Dudley's Local Offer is part of the Dudley Community Information Directory – an online directory which offers people quick and easy access to information on local services.

The Local Offer webpages 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

<https://dudleyci.co.uk/send-local-offer>

Dogs

School policy is that **no dogs** are allowed on school premises (either on a lead or carried). We would appreciate your co-operation by **not** bringing your pet to school.



Happier Minds

A mental wellbeing website for young people, parents/carers and school based staff in Dudley. Here in Dudley we have the highest ambitions and want to create a brighter future for all of our children and young people. We have developed this website to ensure that both national and local mental health support is accessible all in one place at the click of a button.

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. This site also provides information on how to get help urgently.

<https://happierminds.org.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://healthydudley.co.uk/lunch/>