



NEWSLETTER



4th Oct 2024
Newsletter No. 05
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Article 28
Every child has the
right to an education

Messages from Mr Butler

Good Luck—We are sending a team to the Ellowes Hall School Football Tournament on Friday 4th October, we wish them the best of luck.

Bark Chip —We have a large pile of bark chip in the Key Stage 1 playground. For a small donation you are welcome to help yourselves. See Mr Willans or the Office.

Lost Property—Please help us reunite items of lost property with their rightful owners by naming all uniform, footwear, coats, water bottles etc.

Please Help—The only way we can access extra funding- known as Pupil Premium is, if you are eligible, that you apply for Free School Meals. Eligibility is for those on a low income in receipt of some benefits. With School budgets shrinking yearly in real terms due to increasing costs we rely on this extra funding which helps pay for many things in School such as resources and extra staffing. Even if your child is in Key Stage 1 and receives a free meal please apply if you qualify and your child does not have to take up the free school meal if they prefer to bring a packed lunch.

[Click here to apply](#)

September 2025—Looking ahead, please book a tour for you and your child if they are due to start Reception in September 2025. We will be happy to show you round and answer any questions you may have about your child starting school. We also have places in our Nursery. Please contact the office for further information.

Earrings—On PE days, please ensure that your child either comes to School not wearing earrings or that they can remove them independently. Staff are not permitted to remove earrings from children's ears.

OSCA — We are very lucky to have our Breakfast and After School Club at Ashwood Park. Please could I ask that you complete the OSCA Registration paperwork before booking your child in for their first session. And could I remind you that to ensure safe staffing ratios all OSCA sessions **must** be pre-booked. If your child would like to eat a breakfast they must arrive by 8.15am. Please let Mrs Oakes or Miss Webb know if your contact details change.

K Butler

Attendance

Last week's (23.09–29.09) top attenders were:

Key Stage 1: RR Foxes 100%
Key Stage 2: 3/4H Elder 97.66%

As a School we have a responsibility to monitor the attendance of all children in School. Attendance is vital to a child, children who have better attendance are proven to achieve more.

New National guidance was released for all schools on 19th August. Follow this link for the full details:

[Fines for parents for taking children out of school: What you need to know – The Education Hub \(blog.gov.uk\)](#)

Praise Awards

W/C 30.09.24

Key Stage One

RR Foxes	Callum B
RT Hedgehogs	Iylah B
1/2B Squirrels	Chloe H
1/2D Moles	Eden-Rose W
2W Badgers	Emily W

Key Stage Two

3/4H Elder	Lewis J
3/4R Oak	Iylaa-Rae C
4D Chestnut	Luke R
5P Beech	Sam D
5/6B Holly	Kian B
6RB Rowan	Sally B

Dates for the Diary

Friday 18th October

9am Harvest Donation Deadline

Monday 21st October

*Flu Vaccinations

Tuesday 22nd October

9am Rags2Riches Deadline

Friday 25th October

Break up for half term 3.15 pm

Monday 4th November

Return to School

Monday 11th November

School Photos

Friday 20th December

Break up for Christmas holiday 3.15pm

Menu*

WC [07.10.24](#) (Week 3)



Monday

Pizza Naan
Quorn Dippers (V)
Jacket Potato with Choice of Filling
Potato Crunchies
Wafflemeister Waffle

Tuesday

Fish Stars
Mac 'n' Cheese (V)
Jacket Potato with Choice of Filling
Garlic Bread or Potato Wedges
Hot Chocolate Sponge & Custard

Wednesday

Big Breakfast
Veggie Breakfast (V)
Jacket Potato with Choice of Filling
Cornflake Cake

Thursday

Chicken in a Bun
Cheese & Onion Roll (V)
Jacket Potato with Choice of Filling
Diced Potatoes
Shortbread Selection

Friday

Pizza Selection
Veggie Burrito (V)
Jacket Potato with Choice of Filling
Chips
Fruity Friday Desserts

Available Every Day

Sandwich, cheese, tuna or ham filling.
Jacket Potato with a choice of cheese, beans or cheese and beans.
Salad, crusty bread, fresh fruit, yoghurt

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

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. Please do NOT send drinks in cans or glass bottles.

EYFS News



Nursery began learning about Autumn this week. They went a lovely Autumn walk and observed the changes. Nursery will be visiting Forest School each Wednesday so please dress your child accordingly every Wednesday.

Reception will begin PE and Forest School in November after half term, we will give you plenty of notice to bring in kits.

Tree Tots Toddler Group



Wednesdays 9.00 -11.00am
KS1 Hall

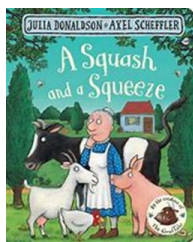
23 October Forest School Session

We will spend about an hour at our Forest School site doing outdoor crafts and then return to the KS1 Hall for snack and singing at the end of the session.

9th and 16th October will be normal sessions in the hall.

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

KS1 News



This week in Key Stage One we have been reading the book 'A squash and a squeeze' by Julia Donaldson. The children have described the characters and had a go at creating their own ending!

We have also been doing observational drawing in art and using a range of mark making to represent the fur on our soft toys. The children really enjoyed this, and might try it at home.



Next week we will be starting some work on stories from other cultures.

RBD News

What a lovely week we have had so far in the RBD. The children are already showing progress with their learning, especially with their reading. Thank you to parents who read with their children on a regular basis, please keep this up!



The KS1 withdrawal group have been looking at our family in RE and looking at pictures to identify who is in our family. In Maths we have continued to look at ordering numbers to 10 and taking away 1. In science we are describing objects as being hard, soft, rough and smooth.

The KS2 withdrawal group have been focussing on Wales and looking at the castles, beaches and food that you can see in Wales. They really enjoyed trying Welsh Cakes!



They have also started learning about their body in Science. Can they tell you the names of any parts of the body?



Well done to Reuben for settling so well into the new school year. We are so impressed with your confidence to answer and ask questions and determination to always do your very best.

Signed Videos:

This week we have created a video about Ada Lovelace – do you know why she was famous? Take a look...

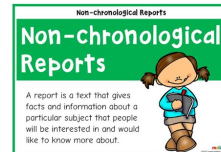
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4spCBuiY31E>



KS2 News

This week in Key Stage 2, all of our classes have started explore non-fiction texts.

Year 5 and 6 have been thinking about Non-Chronological Report writing. They have explored the language and structural features and will use this to write their own. Some of our children have created their own imaginary insect, living on a different planet, that they will write their report about.



In years 3 and 4 our children have been exploring Fact Files. They have considered a range of topics: animals, landmark and famous people. They will use this knowledge to be able to identify the difference between a fact and an opinion.



Our year 3 and 4 children **PE Lessons:**

- Years 3 and 4 - Friday
- Years 5 and 6 - Monday (6RB bringing their swimming kit)
- Years 3 and 4 can come to School in their PE kit on **THURSDAY only**
- Years 5 and 6 can come to school in their PE kit on **WEDNESDAY only**

REMINDER

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. Please support us to ensure that all of our children are in the correct uniform and feel part of our Ashwood Park team.

Maths Problem

Card sharp

Take ten cards numbered 0 to 9.



1. Pick three cards with a total of 12. You can do it in 10 different ways. See if you can record them all.
2. Now pick four cards with a total of 12. How many different ways can you do it?
3. Can you pick five cards with a total of 12?

TT Rockstars

This weeks Rockstars* are;

1st Jacob M

2nd Finlay B

3rd Reece M

Well done to everyone!

Urgent Plea

The Kids Clothes Project has been running for 4 years and has so far helped over 1500 children in families in need across the Black Country, including some from Ashwood Park. They are in **desperate** need of jumpers; T-shirts, trousers, new underwear, shoes, coats, pyjamas, dresses, swimwear, books and soft toys if you have any items spare.

There is a donation bin for The Kids Clothes project in our School Reception so please donate what you can. Many thanks.





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.

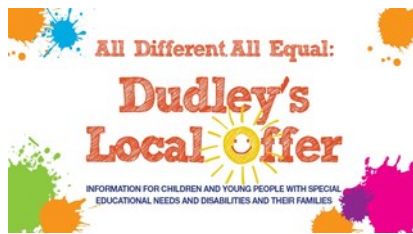
There is lots we can do as individuals to stay healthy and well in Dudley borough. This website is a one-stop place for up-to-date public health information and news, from pregnancy and early life to healthy ageing.

<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://healthydudley.co.uk/lunch/>



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>

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/>

Peanut Allergy Advice

Allergy UK has received an urgent statement from the Foods Standards Agency (FSA) regarding a potential allergen contamination issue affecting anyone with a peanut allergy. The FSA is advising people with a peanut allergy to avoid consuming foods that contain or may contain mustard, mustard powder, or mustard flour due to potential contamination with peanuts. These mustard ingredients are often found in food such as dips, sauces, salads and pre-packed sandwiches. The FSA is taking a precautionary approach and is advising any individual living with or caring for anyone with a peanut allergy, to avoid eating any product that contains or may contain mustard until the specific affected products are identified.

[Urgent Peanut Allergy Advice | Allergy UK | National Charity](#)

West Midlands Police and Crime Plan Consultation

West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner, Simon Foster, wants to hear from people across the West Midlands. A public survey is open until 15 October

www.westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk

Parent Carer Forum Update:



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

[See More Details Here](#)

Dudley Parent Carer Annual Survey SEND Services 2024

This survey is for parent carers of children/young people with special educational needs or disabilities (SEND) between the ages of 0-25 and living in Dudley.

We want to hear about your recent experiences with a range of different services. To keep this information up to date and relevant we will sometimes ask you to think about your experiences within a certain timeframe (eg previous 12 months).

We understand that if you have more than one child your experiences may vary for each child. Therefore we ask that you **complete a separate survey for each child with SEND that you have.**

We will use the information provided to ensure we focus our work on the areas that are most important to you. We will share the results of this survey with our members and wider networks as well as local services. We will also share the results of this survey with Ofsted or the Department for Education (DfE) during any inspections of SEND services. We will never share any identifying information.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QFYQL2J>

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/>



Starting secondary school in September 2025

Why not apply for a place online?

If your child is due to start secondary school in 2025 then you will have to apply for a school place before 31 October 2024.

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 2024 until the closing date for applications on **31 October 2024**.

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**.



one click ... makes it quick
www.dudley.gov.uk/admissions





We have arranged another collection with the Rags2Riches4Schools recycling scheme, to raise money and help others around the world benefit from our good quality unwanted clothes and shoes. We get 40p for every kilo we collect of reusable items which we can use towards School resources and would be most grateful if you could help us with this challenge.

We have a collection booked on Wednesday 23 October so please keep good clothing to donate to us by:

Tuesday 22 October

Clean and reusable items that can be donated:

Good quality clothes and accessories.

Adults, children's and babies clothing such as jackets, jumpers, hoodies, trousers, skirts, scarves, gloves, belts, handbags, paired shoes and other footwear etc.

Items that cannot be reused:

Worn out shoes or clothes, clothes that are wet or have holes in.
Curtains, pillows or duvets, bric-a-brac or books. Personalised items.
Work uniform, School uniform or school sports kit

If you are unsure what to put in the bags, then

STOP AND THINK - WOULD SOMEONE ELSE BUY & WEAR IT?

If it isn't something you'd wear out and about yourself or pass to a friend, then no-one else will want to buy and wear it so unfortunately, it's not reusable and can't go in the bag.

Donated clothes and accessories are sent to Europe, Africa and even further away to be sold at market stalls as affordable items for those in real need of clothing.

Dudley Parent Carer Forum Annual Survey - 2024



Dudley Parent Carer Forum are currently running their annual survey regarding SEND (Special Educational Needs or Disabilities) services in Dudley.

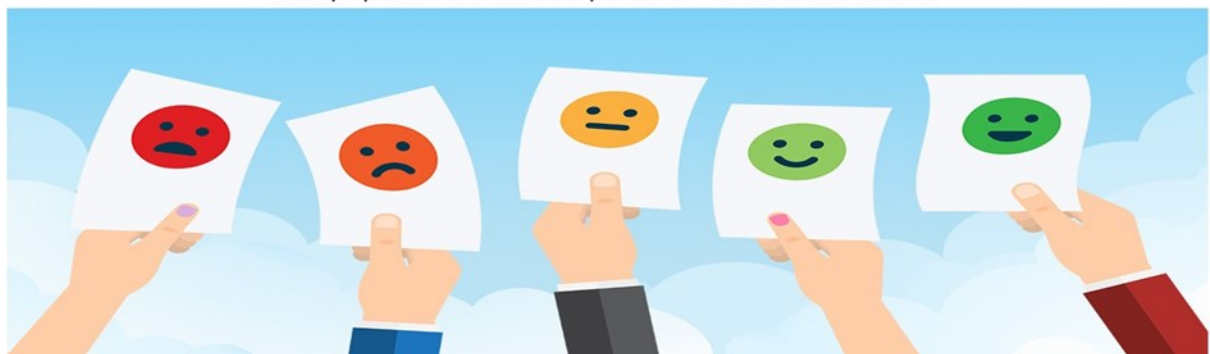
The survey is designed for parent carers of children/young people with SEND between the ages of 0-25 and living in Dudley. The results are completely independently evaluated by the parent carer forum.

The survey takes around 10-15 minutes to complete and enables us to capture the true feelings of parent carers in the borough. The results of this are vital to our work and to ensure that we focus on the things that really matter to you.

Scan the QR code to complete:



Survey open between 1st September - 3rd November 2024





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- **TEA BAGS BOX OF 40'S**
- **TINNED CHOPPED TOMATOES**
- **TINNED POTATOES/MASH**
- **TINNED FRUIT**
- **TINNED CUSTARD/RICE PUDDING**
- **TINNED READY MEALS (MEATBALLS/CHILLI/MAC AND CHEESE)**
- **TINNED MEAT (HAM/CORNERED BEEF)**
- **TINNED FRAY BENTOS PIES**
- **TINNED FISH**
- **TINNED VEGETABLES**
- **BREAKFAST CEREAL**
- **PASTA SAUCE**
- **SAVOURY RICE**
- **INSTANT NOODLES**
- **ROLL ON DEODORANT**
- **SHAMPOO**
- **SHOWER GEL**
- **TOILET ROLL**
- **BARS OF SOAP**



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

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Health & Wellbeing Marketplace and Networking Event for Dudley Schools

Hosted by the Children and Young People's Public Health Team, Dudley Council

Discover what is on offer to schools across Dudley Borough to support the health and wellbeing of children, young people and their families. Meet the providers and find out more about:

- Relationship, Sex & Health Education support for schools
- Health Related Behaviour Questionnaire (HRBQ)
- West Midlands Violence Reduction Partnership
- Educational Psychology & Counselling Service
- Emotional health & wellbeing / mental health
- Health & Wellbeing resources for schools
- Phases physical activity programme
- Dudley Young Health Champions
- Theatre in education programme
- Family Healthy Lifestyle Service
- Poverty / Cost of Living support
- Dudley School Nursing Service
- Dudley Family Hubs Network
- Sycamore Adventure Centre
- Active Travel Programme
- Youth Justice Service
- Active Black Country
- Asthma Friendly Schools
- Cranstoun Here4YOUth
- Parenting support team
- Brook Sexual Health
- Health Protection
- Leisure Centres
- Food in schools
- Virtual School
- Living Streets
- Young Carers
- Phase Trust
- Oral Health
- WYSA
- Kooth
- and more...

To find out more about the event,
email us at cypteam@dudley.gov.uk



Audience: Support and Pastoral Staff, Teachers, PSHE and P.E leads, DSL's, Headteachers, SLT & Governors



Venue: Dudley & Kingswinford Rugby Club, Swindon Road, Wall Heath, Kingswinford, DY6 0AW



Date & Time: Tuesday 8 October 2024
Drop in anytime between 12.30 - 15.30

Register
via MS Forms:

<https://forms.office.com/e/G1smtiUEsp>

**Dudley**
Metropolitan Borough Council

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

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






Telephone -01384 814988



Email – freeschoolmeals.benefits@dudley.gov.uk




Visiting – Dudley Council Plus, Castle Street, Dudley
between 8.30am and 5pm Monday to Friday, 9am and 12 noon Saturday



SPOOK YOUR WORRIES AWAY

MONDAY 28TH OCTOBER KS1
TUESDAY 29TH OCTOBER KS2
WEDNESDAY 30TH OCTOBER KS1
THURSDAY 31ST OCTOBER KS2
1PM - 3PM



**BOOK ON TO AVOID
DISSAPOINTMENT!**

To book please email:
bchftreflexions@nhs.net

28th & 29th: St Thomas Church, Market
Street Parish Church Of Street, Stourbridge,
DY8 1AQ

30th & 31st: DY1 Building, Stafford
Street, Dudley, DY1 1RT



