



# NEWSLETTER



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Article 28  
Every child has the  
right to an education

## Messages from Mr Butler

**Football**—Well done to the Year 5 and 6 children who represented the School in the Dudley Schools' mixed 5-a-side Football Competition at Ellowes Hall School last Friday. After winning their group without losing a single game, the team made it all the way to the semi-finals before losing out to Maidensbridge Primary in a superb match. The players demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and teamwork throughout the tournament. All of the children were a credit to the school and we wish the team continued success throughout the season.

**Dinners** — Look out for the fishy additions to our School Menu. Our School Cook is always working hard to dish up delicious meals for the children and has now added a few fishy favourites, have a look on the SchoolMoney App.

**Harvest Festival** -Our Harvest Festival will once again take the form of a collection for the Black Country Food Bank. Please help support this worthwhile charity by donating items (as per the attached flyer). Items will be displayed on a table by the School Office. Feel free to add your items. Just one tin/packet from your cupboard, or added to your weekly shop, could make a massive difference to the collection. BCFB are also short of STRONG CARRIER BAGS. If you have any, please send them in too.

**All donations MUST be received by Thursday 17th October.**

## Parent/Carer Consultation Sessions

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Nov 3.30-7pm  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Nov 3.30-6pm

Details and booking forms will be sent home after half term.

**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 to arrange a suitable time for collection.

**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.

K Butler

## Attendance

Last week's (30/09–04/10) top attenders were:

**KS1: RR Foxes 98.12%**  
**KS2: 4D Chestnut 96.33%**

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 07.10.24

### Key Stage One

RR Foxes Finley  
RT Hedgehogs Millie  
1/2B Squirrels Rory  
1/2D Moles Joel  
2W Badgers Emily

### Key Stage Two

3/4H Elder Rebecca  
3/4R Oak Rowan  
4D Chestnut Keira  
5P Beech Harvir  
5/6B Holly Maisie  
6RB Rowan Josh

## Dates for the Diary

### Thursday 17th October

Harvest Donation Deadline

### Monday 21st October

\*Flu Vaccinations

### Tuesday 22nd October

Rags2Riches Deadline

### Friday 25th October

Break up for half term 3.15 pm

### Monday 4th November

Return to School

### Monday 11th November

School Photos

### Tuesday 12th November

Parent/Carer Teacher Consultations

### Wednesday 13th November

Parent/Carer Teacher Consultations

### Friday 20th December

Break up for Christmas holiday 3.15pm

## Menu\*

WC [14.10.24](#) (Week 1)



### 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,

**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

Early Years Children have enjoyed this week and continue to settle well. We are enjoying learning phonic sounds in Reception and many children are beginning to blend words. Please practise as much as possible and we will change your child's book when we feel they are ready.



Don't forget there is also an email sent every week to Reception parents/carers explaining what sounds and words we are learning.



The Monster Mash disco is on 23 October, it will be in the KS1 Hall with the older KS1 Children, children will be dressed up and there will loud music playing, so please ensure your Reception child is ready and happy for this experience if you buy a ticket! Letters have been sent home with more details.

## Tree Tots Toddler Group

Wednesdays 9.00 -11.00am  
KS1 Hall



### 23 October Forest School

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.

16th October will be a normal session in the KS1 hall.

## KS1 News



This week in KS1 we have been drawing emotions pictures in Art using different eyes, eyebrows and mouths! The children really enjoyed it and created some very interesting faces!

We have enjoyed our new story of the Tiger Child and will be continuing working on this folk tale next week too. We will be creating our own version of the story next week and developing some more character descriptions.



We are also going to be continuing our topic in Geography all about where we live and designing our own playground.

## RBD News

This week the KS1 RBD group have been learning about reading simple maps of their environment. This week they are using a map to find their way around the classroom.



The children are starting to remember the names of the days of the week also. See if they can tell you what day it is today.

KS2 RBD group have been learning that they have bones in their body and learning the names of these such as 'skull'. Ask them where their skulls are and see if they can tell you.



They have also continued their learning about the United Kingdom, focussing on Scotland this week. Can they tell you what colours are in the Scottish flag?

Well done to Amaar for excellent work with his times tables. We are so proud of how much practise you have been doing at home!



## Signed Videos:

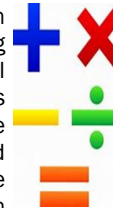
This week are we reviewing the signs for animals in general. How many can you remember?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VP-3E59rry4>



## KS2 News

In KS2 this week our children have been working on refining their knowledge of formal methods for calculation. In years 3, 4 and 5, the children have been thinking about addition and subtraction, whilst year 6 have moved to work on multiplication and division.



The children could be supported in their work by continuing to practise their times tables when at home. All of our KS2 children have their TT Rock Stars log in where they can compete online whilst practising.

<https://play.ttrockstars.com/>

### 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** Eva-Rose L  
**2nd** Ruzena H  
**3rd** Ted Y

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.

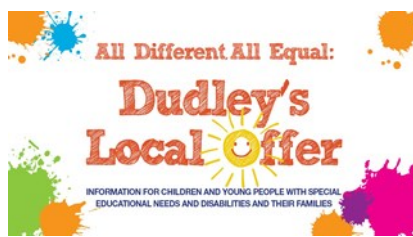
There is lots we can do as individuals to stay healthy and well in Dudley borough. This website is a one-stop place for up-to-date public health information and news, from pregnancy and early life to healthy ageing.

<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](http://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](http://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**.



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If your child was born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021 they will be due to start primary school in September 2025.

You **MUST** complete an application form either online at [www.dudley.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.dudley.gov.uk/admissions) or by completing an application form from your home local authority by **15 JANUARY 2025**. 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 2024**.

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The online system will be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week from 1 October 2024 until the closing date for applications on **15 January 2025**.

**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.

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- **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**



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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.

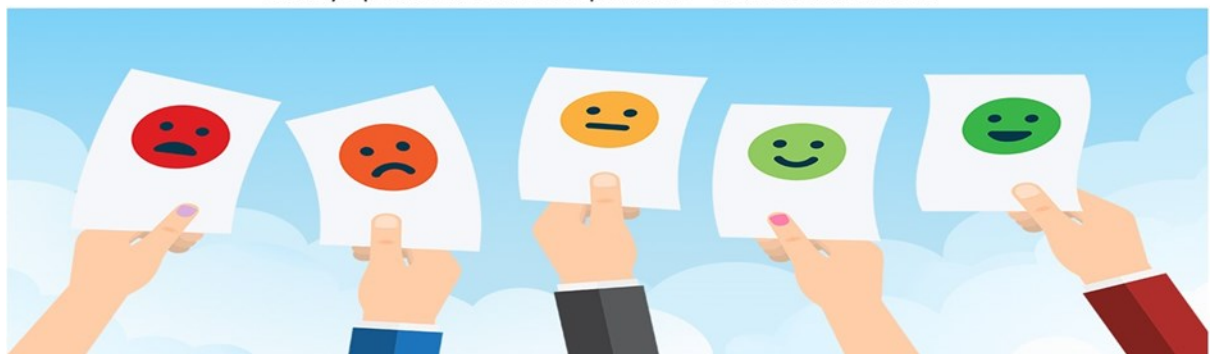
The survey is designed for parent carers of children/young people with SEND between the ages of 0-25 and living in Dudley. The results are completely independently evaluated by the parent carer forum.

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





Is your child neurodivergent?  
Do they have SEND?  
Then please come along to our

# Parent Carer Coffee Morning

Aiming for Brighter Futures



19th  
November  
9:00 am



We want to  
hear your  
views and  
experiences

Be part of an  
amazing  
project about  
neurodiversity

This group is being hosted by Dudley Parent Carer Forum as part of the PINS project (Partnerships for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools). We are independent parent carers of SEND children in Dudley. We want to hear your views on all things SEND and Neurodiversity in your child's school. Your individual contributions will be kept confidential but the key themes will help guide the PINS project and Ashwood Park to support neurodiverse children.



For more information contact us at  
[pinsdudleypcf@dudleyparentcarerforum.co.uk](mailto:pinsdudleypcf@dudleyparentcarerforum.co.uk)

# 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:



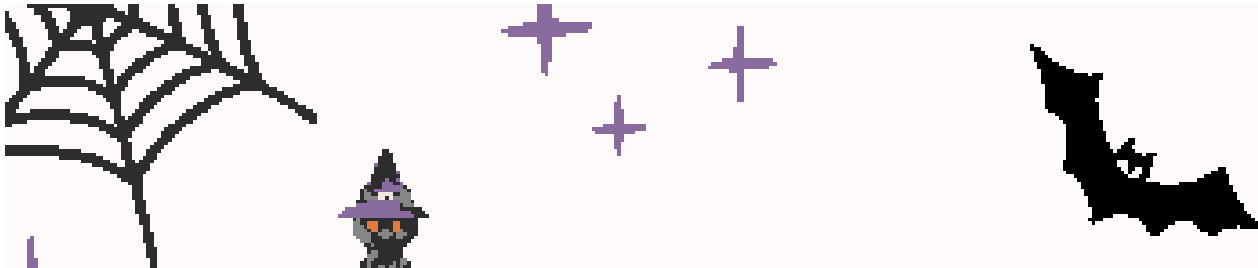
Telephone -01384 814988



Email – [freeschoolmeals.benefits@dudley.gov.uk](mailto:freeschoolmeals.benefits@dudley.gov.uk)




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**

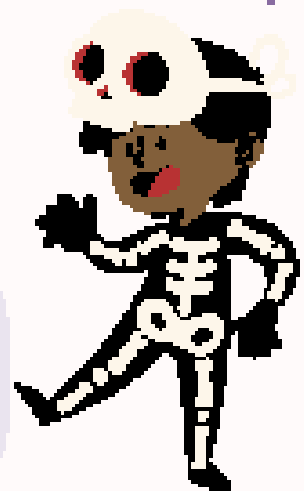


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**28th & 29th:** St Thomas Church, Market  
Street Parish Church Of Street, Stourbridge,  
DY8 1AQ

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







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