

Messages from Mr Butler

Thank You to all the Parents/Carers for attending the Parent/Teacher Consultations this week. It was lovely to see so many of you and I hope you appreciated seeing how hard your children have been working at School. And thank you for the fabulous support of our Book Fair, we will be able to buy lots of new books for School with the commission your purchases have earned.

Caution: Please could I remind parents and visitors to be careful in our Car Park. Please keep to the paths when on foot and, when driving, be mindful that some of our parents and children have hearing and visual impairments. Thank you.

As you can see in our **Dates for the Diary**, we are in a very busy time of year! Please look out for letters, emails and texts from School and return/reply as requested promptly to help everything run smoothly.

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Dudley Parents

There is a one stop shop for parents in the Dudley Borough offering support and information. You can gain free access to guidance and support over a range of topics for parents including First 1001 Days as a Parent, DadPad, Five to Thrive, Solihull Approach, Triple P, Parents in Conflict, The Henry Approach.

www.dudleyparents.co.uk/home

DudleyParents

Attendance

Last week's (04/11–08/11) top attenders:

KS1: 2W Badgers 98.62%

KS2: 5P Beech 95.56%

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.

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

Dates for the Diary

Friday 15th November

Children in Need Mufti Day

Thursday 21st November

Years 5 and 6 ThinkTank Trip

Friday 22nd November

Years 3 and 4 FoamHenge Day

29th Nov to 1st December

Christmas Tree Festival

Wednesday 4th December

Christmas Movie Night

Thursday 5th December

*flu Vaccination Catch Up

Tuesday 10th December

KS1 Production 9.15am

Wednesday 11th December

KS1 Production 2pm

Wednesday 11th December

Carol Concert 6pm

Tuesday 17th December

Sponsored Reindeer Run

Wednesday 18th December

Christmas Dinner

Friday 20th December

Break up for Christmas holiday 3.15pm

Monday 6th January

INSET Day

Well Done! Praise Awards

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

13/11/2024

Key Stage One

RR Foxes	Luka
RB Hedgehogs	Mason
1/2B Squirrels	AJ
1/2D Moles	Ariannah
2W Badgers	Lucas

Key Stage Two

3/4B Elder	Austin
3/4R Oak	Carter
4D Chestnut	Orla
5P Beech	Evie
5/6B Holly	Smilona
6RB Rowan	Ava

Menu* WC 25.11.24 (Week 3)



Monday

Pizza Naan
Quorn Dippers (V)
Fish Fingers
Potato Crunchies
Carrots and Baked Beans
Waffle

Tuesday

Fish Star Shapes
Mac & Cheese (V)
Garlic Bread
Potato Wedges
Sweetcorn and Peas
Hot Chocolate Sponge & Custard
Ice Cream Tub

Wednesday

Big Breakfast
Big Breakfast (V)
Fish Cake
Mashed Potato
Peas and Cauliflower
Cornflake Cake

Thursday

Chicken in a Bun
Cheese & Onion Roll (V)
Fish Fingers
Diced Potato
Sweetcorn and Carrots
Shortbread
Ice Cream Tub

Friday

Pizza Selection
Battered Fish
Veggie Burrito (V)
McCain Chips
Sweetcorn
Fruit Sorbet
Beetroot Brownie

Available Every Day

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

Children have had a lovely week learning about Autumn in Reception. They have been on an Autumn walk and have done lots of lovely Autumn artwork.



PE and Forest School went brilliantly last week, we will continue with them on Thursdays and Fridays, so please make sure kits are in school.

Christmas play costume letters have been sent home this week, where we ask you to provide a costume for your child's Christmas play. Thank you for your support!

Tree Tots Toddler Group

Wednesdays 9.00 -11.00am KS1 Hall

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



Final session this year:

Wednesday 11th December

RBDC News

Thank you so much to parents for attending Parent/Teacher Consultation meetings this week. It was lovely to see you all again and discuss your child's progress. For those who have not yet been offered an appointment, we will be in touch as soon as we know the dates.

Next week on Wednesday 20th November, Mr Molony will be in for his ENT clinic. It will start at 11am approximately. Letters have been sent out this week. Please return them if you would like an appointment. If your child does not have a letter but you wish for an appointment, please do contact school. Thank you.

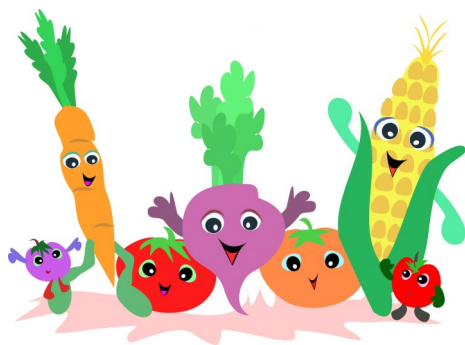


Well done to William for being our star of the week. We have been very impressed with your determination to improve your handwriting and written work in English.

Signed Videos:

Our signed video this week is to about food. How many fruit and vegetables you can learn.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L4Sw5hL_HuI

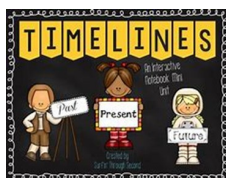


KS1 News

This week it has been lovely to share how the children are doing at Parents' evenings. We enjoyed being able to show the books and artwork that they have worked so hard to complete.

We have also been celebrating anti-bullying week by coming to school in odd socks, taking part in a special assembly and a class lesson about our differences.

Next week we will continue our windmill designs in Design Technology and finding out more about our own



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.



KS2 News

We have had another busy week in Key Stage 2 - some of our staff members have certainly got all of their steps in with all of the activities we have been doing!

Our year 5 and 6 classes have all had their trip to [Wordsley Green Library](#). We had an enjoyable time exploring the library and reading some of the books.

Please remember to return any books that your child may have signed out - it will be due 28 days after the visit.

The children in year 4 have had their trip to [Wordsley Holy Trinity Church](#) this week. They learned all about the Church's seasons and the different colours that are worn at different times of the year.

Next week our years 5 and 6 children are looking forward to their trip to the ThinkTank and year 3 and 4 are looking forward to their in-school workshop, Foamhenge.

Dates

21.11.24 - Year 5/6 trip to ThinkTank
22.11.24 - Year 4/5 workshop Foamhenge (in school)

PE Lessons

- * 5P and 6RB - Monday
- * 5/6B - Swimming on Monday
- * Years 3 and 4 - Friday
- * Years 3 and 4 can come to school in their kit on **Thurs only**
- * Years 5 and 6 can come to school in their kit on **Wed only**

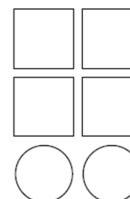
REMINDER

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

Coloured shapes

What colour is each shape?
Write it on the shape.



Clues

- ◆ Red is not next to grey.
- ◆ Blue is between white and grey.
- ◆ Green is not a square.
- ◆ Blue is on the right of pink.

TT Rockstars

This weeks Rockstars* are;

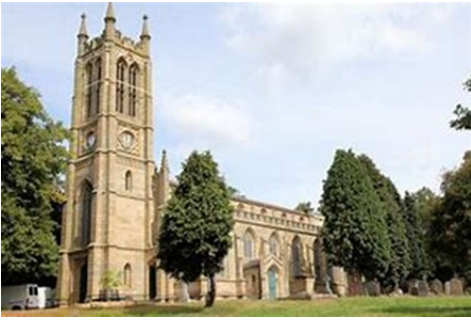
1st Felicity
2nd Isla S
3rd Eva-Rose

Well done to everyone!

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

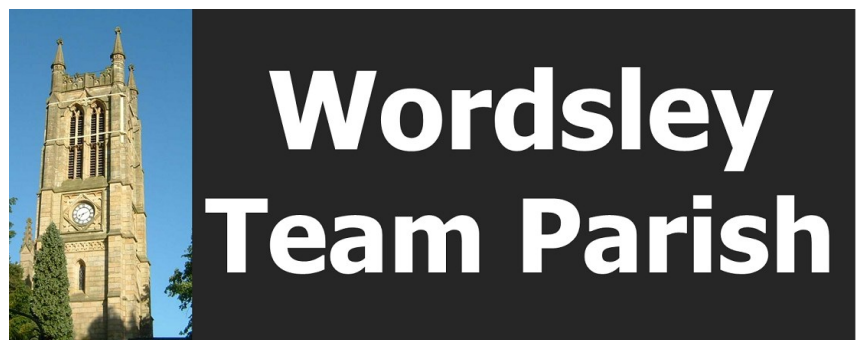


Our Visit to Holy Trinity Church, Wordsley



At Church, as we came in, it was a wonderful sight and then we sat down and the lady announced that we were learning about Christianity. After that she showed us the different clothes she wears for each of the four seasons. After she asked different people if they wanted to ask any questions like how did they build the church? Or how was the Bible was created. Then she said we can look around but we can't touch anything and we even saw something from Early Years in Ashwood Park Primary School. A few hours later she talked about how she gets people's attention by holding things up and getting her assistant to ring the Special Bell. Then we had to leave but it was still an amazing experience. Millie

At Church, everyone sat down and the lady talked about Christianity. Then she told us what she wears and when she wears them. She even picked some people to put her clothes on to show the rest of us what they look like on. After she asked some questions to see what we know. Then we went into groups and walked around. We sat back down and she told us some stuff about the Church. She told us that when she wants people's attention she holds something up and rings the Special Bell. Bella





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 \(govdelivery.com\)](https://www.govdelivery.com) to receive this e-bulletin direct to your email inbox

Health Choices

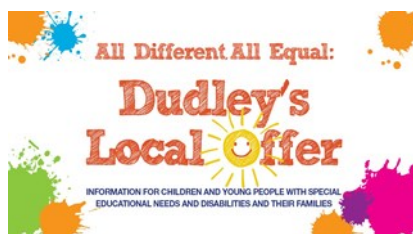
Dudley Public Health and Wellbeing is part of Dudley Council. We support and enable residents, families and communities to make positive lifestyle changes and improve your health and wellbeing. There is lots we can do as individuals to stay healthy and well in Dudley borough. This website is a one-stop 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/>



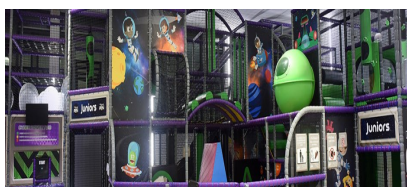
Dudley's Local Offer is a new one stop shop website for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and their parents and carers.

The website 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

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/>



SEN Soft Play Sessions

Dudley leisure centres offer soft play sessions for children with SEN:

At Duncan Edwards Leisure Centre, there is a SEN soft play session **every Wednesday from 5.00pm - 6.00pm**

At Halesowen, there is a SEN soft play session **every Monday from 4.30pm - 6.00pm**.

Both sessions are suitable for children under 11 years of age with disabilities, special educational needs, ASD and their siblings.

New Sensory Room at Coseley Family Hub Parents and carers can now book time in a NEW sensory room at the local family hub in Coseley. The FREE space is bookable for between 30min to an hour and gives the chance for children of all ages to explore a range of sensory activities with their parents/carers.

The sessions are self-led but staff will be on hand to support or answer any questions. To book call the hub on 01384 813096.

Parent Carer Forum Update:

Aiming for Brighter Futures



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 everyday routines.

[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/>

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

Starting primary school in September 2025

Why not apply for a place online?

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 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**.

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 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.

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



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



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



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