

Messages from Mr Butler

Weather Winter arrived this week with the first snow and freezing temperatures and no doubt there will be more to come. We always try our best to keep School open and safe and do appreciate your support.

Thank you We raised an amazing £291.33 for Children in Need last Friday. The money will Make Life Lighter for children and young people all over the UK.



Music Lessons Dudley Performing Arts (DPA) offer music lessons in a wide range of instruments from bass guitar, drums and vocal to trombone, flute and violin (plus many more). Parents can sign up for DPA Direct lessons for the Spring term, starting January, by clicking on the below link.

<https://live.paritor.com/p/13>

For more information please direct them to our website www.dudley.gov.uk/dpa

Photos Please note that you need to order your School photos by 26th November if you wish to take advantage of the free delivery to School offer.

[Aperture Portraits - Online ordering for school and nursery photography](#)

Christmas Trees We are proudly displaying trees at the Red House Glass Cone, starting 23 November, and Holy Trinity Church (Wordsley) starting 29 November. Please go along have a look.

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Football News

League Match vs Belle Vue Primary

Well done to the children who represented the school in their first league match vs Belle Vue Primary School last week. The team showed great team spirit and determination despite facing very strong opposition. All of the children involved were a credit to the school and showed great resilience even when playing the second half in almost total darkness. Sadly we lost 8-0

Dudley Schools' FA 7-a-side Tournament

Good luck to the pupils representing Ashwood Park Primary in the Dudley Schools' FA 7-a-side tournament on Thursday 28th November. This competition involves schools from across borough with the winning team going on to represent Dudley in the County finals. We look forward to hearing about your efforts next week.

Attendance

Last week's (11/11–15/11) top attenders:

KS1: 2W Badgers 96.9%

KS2: 5P Beech 98.89%

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 22nd November

Years 3 and 4 FoamHenge Workshop

Tuesday 26th November

Deadline for School Photo Free Delivery

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

Tuesday 7th January

Children Return to School

Menu* WC 25.11.24 (Week 1)



Diwali Monday

Chicken Korma
Fish Cake
Quorn Tikka (V)
Chicken Wrap
Rice or Naan Bread
Peas and Sweetcorn
Ice Cream and Jelly

Tuesday

Pork Sausages
Chicken Sausages (H)
Vegetarian Sausages (V)
Fish Fingers
Potato Wedges
Green Beans and Peas
Chocolate Cookie or Flapjack

Wednesday

Roast Chicken
Roast Chicken (H)
Quorn Balls (V)
Fish Stars
Roast Potatoes
Carrots and Broccoli
American Pancakes

Thursday

Fish Fingers
Vegetarian Sausage Roll (V)
Diced Potato
Cauliflower and Carrots
Marble Sponge & Custard

Friday

Chicken Chow Mein
Battered Fish
Pizza (V)
McCain Chips
Peas and Baked Beans
Blueberry Muffin

Available Every Day

Jacket potato, sandwich, cheese, tuna or ham filling, 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**



Praise Awards

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

20/11/2024

Key Stage One

RR Foxes	Adam
RB Hedgehogs	Alyssia
1/2B Squirrels	Lillie
1/2D Moles	Jeremy
2W Badgers	Niamh

Key Stage Two

3/4B Elder	Finley
3/4R Oak	Ella
4D Chestnut	Cicero
5P Beech	Harriet
5/6B Holly	Karoline
6RB Rowan	Harry

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



Tree Tots have made a beautiful Christmas Tree for the Red House Glass Cone Christmas Tree Festival in Wordsley, Go along from this weekend to see it!

Reception have learned all about nocturnal animals this week and Nursery have began their Dinosaur topic.

Thanks for your support with Christmas play costumes, please send them in as soon as you can.

Reception have also had a letter this week about our Christmas trip to the Red House Glass Cone. Money and consent forms should be returned to the School Office asap.

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!

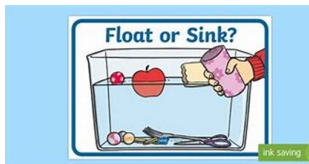


Final session this year:

Wednesday 11th December

KS1 News

This week in Key Stage One we have been finding out all about floating and sinking. We have done some experiments in Science to see which materials float and sink and then used this information to help us design our own boats.



We have also thought about how we celebrate our birthdays for History and started some acrostic poetry in English. Next week we will begin learning our songs and dances for the Christmas show!



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



RBDC News

Mr Molony held his clinic at Ashwood Park this week. It was a successful clinic and feedback letters have been sent home with your child. If you have anything you would like to discuss from the clinic please call School.

The next clinic will be run by Karen from Audiology. This is the Hearing Aid Mould Clinic. Please can RBDC parents think about whether your child needs new moulds or needs moulds for CI retention. Letters will be sent out next week for you to return for hearing aid users only. If your child has implants and would like a mould for retention please email Mrs Straw to request this. Thank you.



Well done to Ted for continuing his excellent attitude towards learning. We are very impressed with your determination to always up level your work and work as independently as possible.



Signed Videos:

Our signed video this week is linked to Winter – please use the video to share with the children about the importance of dressing warm for the colder weather!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1pUIRAlv6Ry>



KS2 News



Key Stage 2 have had an exciting week this week. Years 5 and 6 went to the ThinkTank. They watched a demonstration showing how a rocket fires, looked at the arrangement of the planets and also explored a range of mechanisms in the science garden. It was a great day.

On Friday, Years 3 and 4 participated in the workshop 'Foamhenge'. This was to help them with their learning in history, linked to the Stone Age. It was very exciting to see the scale model of Stonehenge.



What a fantastic week!!



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

Ski lift

On a ski lift the chairs are equally spaced. They are numbered in order from 1.

Kelly went skiing. She got in chair 10 to go to the top of the slopes.

Exactly half way to the top, she passed chair 100 on its way down.

How many chairs are there on the ski lift?



Make up more problems like this.

TT Rockstars

This weeks Rockstars* are;

1st Carter
2nd Felicity
3rd Eva-Rose

Well done to everyone!

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





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.

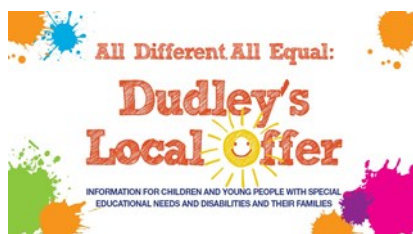
There is lots we can do as individuals to stay healthy and well in Dudley borough. This website is a one-stop place for up-to-date public health information and news, from pregnancy and early life to healthy ageing.

<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

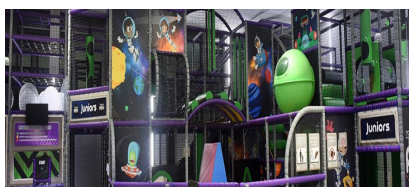
The Dudley family hub network is a one-stop shop, offering advice and support for families in Dudley



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 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

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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/>

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CHILDREN
IN NEED

WE RAISED

£291.33

TO MAKE LIFE LIGHTER FOR CHILDREN





CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

RED HOUSE GLASS CONE

23RD & 24TH NOVEMBER

11AM - 4PM

OFFICIAL RE-OPENING OF THE CONE 1:30PM

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED BY CAFE 2 U

RED HOUSE GLASS CONE, HIGH STREET, WORDSLEY DY8 4AZ

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



🎄🎄🎄 WE NEED YOUR HELP 🎄🎄🎄

1000's of children will wake up this Christmas morning with no gifts to open 😞

On behalf of Kids clothes project we would like to make a difference to the local community. We would like to kindly ask if you could buy an extra gift this Christmas 🎄 for a child that might not receive a gift at all. We will be taking donations of new gift toys 🧸 for boys and girls aged 2-10 years old. This doesn't need to be an expensive gift 📺 all gifts are greatly appreciated 😊



Please drop your gifts to The Old Cat Wordsley 2023
By the 15th of December 📺🎄🧸
Thank you for all your support, let's make this a happy
Christmas for all 🎄📺👶

Or buy a gift on
<https://www.amazon.co.uk/registries/gl/guest-view/2WOOTFLK0F250>



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#charity
#makeithappen



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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



WINTER



HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

DUDLEY HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES PROVIDES FREE ACTIVITIES IN THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS FOR CHILDREN AGED 5-16 WHO RECEIVE BENEFITS RELATED FREE SCHOOL MEALS.

TO SIGN UP:

1. Register on the Dudley HAF website.
Register as soon as possible as you must be registered to book activities.

2. Once Free School Meal (FSM) status has been verified by Dudley Council, you will get an email with login details.

3. Once winter bookings are open (usually a couple of weeks before the school holiday) you can login and book up to 4 sessions for each of your children.



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<https://www.dudleyholidayactivities.org.uk/register>

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HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES



Dudley
Metropolitan Borough Council



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BRITISH WHEEL OF YOGA CERTIFIED

SUITABLE FOR ALL LEVELS OF ABILITY



HATHA YOGA

EVERY THURSDAY | START AT 7.30PM

Ashwood Park Primary School, Bells Lane, Wordsley, Stourbridge, DY8 5DJ

£9 / CLASS OR 10% DISCOUNT FOR FULL TERM

FOR BOOKINGS AND ENQUIRIES PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL JAN:

07764 404975 | janetcooper@blueyonder.co.uk | www.facebook.com/yogawithjan