

## Messages from Mr Butler

**Thank you** We raised an amazing **£251.54** for the Poppy Appeal. The money will help those who have served to cope with trauma and live the full and rewarding lives they deserve.



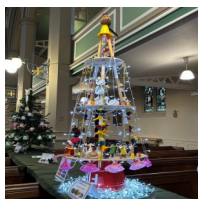
**Christmas Trees** We are proudly displaying trees at the Red House Glass Cone, starting 23 November, and Holy Trinity Church (Wordsley) starting 29 November. Please go along and have a look. More details on Page 4 below.

**Facebook** Do remember to take a look at the School's [Facebook](#) page.

**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](http://www.dudley.gov.uk/dpa)



## Congratulations

Well done to Sienna who attended a presentation at Russell's Hall Hospital for being one of the winners of the NHS Christmas Card Competition.

What an amazing card you have designed. We are very proud of you especially when your card will make lots of money for the NHS!



## Attendance

Last week's (18/11–22/11) top attenders:

**KS1: Badgers 2W 97.14%**  
**KS2: Rowan 6RB 95.33%**

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.

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

## Dates for the Diary

**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

**Wednesday 18th December**

Christmas Dinner

**Friday 20th December**

Bring a Toy and Wear a Christmas Jumper  
Break up for Christmas holiday 3.15pm

**Monday 6th January**

INSET Day

**Tuesday 7th January**

Children Return to School

## Menu\* WC 02.12.24 (Week 2)



### Monday

Chicken Goujons  
Chicken Nuggets (H)  
Vegetable Lasagne (V)  
Fish Stars  
Potato Crunchies  
Carrots and Sweetcorn  
Mini Doughnut

### Tuesday

Beef and Bean Chilli  
Beef Burger (H)  
Country Vegetable Bake (V)  
Fish Fingers  
Brown & White Rice  
Green Beans and Cauliflower  
Syrup Sponge and Custard

### Wednesday

Big Breakfast  
Vegetarian Breakfast (V)  
Fish Cake  
Carrots and Cauliflower  
Chocolate Shortbread

### Thursday

Chicken Tikka Masala  
Quorn Burger (V)  
Fish Fingers  
Brown & White Rice  
Diced Potatoes  
Peas and Carrots  
Fruit Jelly

### Friday

Pizza  
Cauliflower & Sweet Potato Curry (V)  
Battered Fish  
McCain Chips or Rice  
Sweetcorn and Baked Beans  
Apple 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:  
**27/11/2024**

### Key Stage One

RR Foxes	Molly
RB Hedgehogs	Evie
1/2B Squirrels	Noah
1/2D Moles	Daksha
2W Badgers	Layla H

### Key Stage Two

3/4B Elder	Ivy
3/4R Oak	Teddy
4D Chestnut	Annabelle
5P Beech	Erica
5/6B Holly	Charlie
6RB Rowan	Zac

## 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

Christmas Play preparations are under way! The children are doing brilliantly practising their songs and dances and are looking forward to performing it in a few weeks.

Please send costumes into school as soon as possible and definitely by next week as we are having dress rehearsals.



Nursery parents are invited into Nursery next week for a Craft Session. Morning children parents please come 10.45 -11.30 am on Tuesday (3rd Dec) and Afternoon and All Day children parents please come on Thursday (5th Dec) 2.30 - 3.15 pm.

### 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 we have started to learn our songs and dances for the Christmas Show. The children are very excited and can't wait to perform to parents later in the term.



We have also been working hard on our Materials topic in Science and investigating which materials are magnetic!

The children have also been designing their own working windmills in Design Technology.



Next week we will be rehearsing on the stage!



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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

What a fantastic week we have had in school. It has been amazing to see so many children be rewarded for their times tables achievements and their reading. Please do continue to practise these skills with your children at home – it really does make a difference!



Year 3 and 4 enjoyed their Foamhenge workshop last week – please take a look at the school's Facebook page for pictures.

Well done to Sienna who attended a presentation at Russell's Hall Hospital for being one of the winners of the NHS Christmas Card Competition. What an amazing card you have designed. We are very proud of you especially when your card will make lots of money for the NHS! Well done!

The audiology mould clinic is happening next week on Wednesday 4th December (am). If you have not yet returned the permission form, please do so on Monday. Thank you.



Well done to Lilly for really trying hard with her learning. We are proud of your determination to succeed, well done!

### Signed Videos:

As we approach December, we thought we would revisit some videos with Christmas signs on them... enjoy!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2voIyJAqXdA>



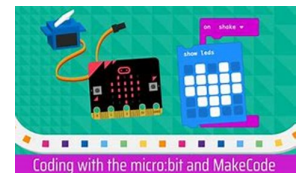
### KS2 News

It has been pretty hard to top the excitement of last week, but it is nice to hear that the children are keeping it going by talking about The Thinktank and Foamhenge!



The children in years 5 and 6 have been thinking about the work of Teis Albers, called Astronaut Moonwalk. They have also been thinking about how our world might be different in 50 years time. Next week, we will put these ideas together to create our finished piece, based on the work of Albers. Our year 6 children have also had a visit from our PCSOs this week to talk about antisocial behaviour in the community and how to behave online.

Our Year 3 and 4 children have been looking at wearable technology in their DT lessons. They have been using the makecode website to programme a micro:bit. The children were very excited to have the micro:bits to plug into their laptops and see their programmes working for themselves. Find out more <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/microbit/articles/zfig8p3>



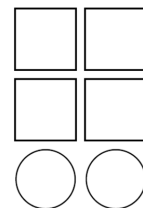
### PE Lessons

- \* 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**

### 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 Carter
- 2nd Felicity
- 3rd Alfie

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

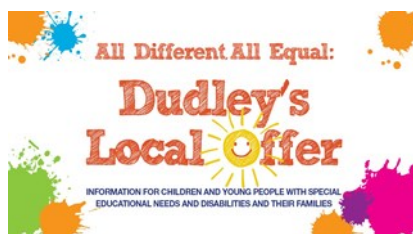
Dudley Public Health and Wellbeing is part of Dudley Council. We support and enable residents, families and communities to make positive lifestyle changes and improve your health and wellbeing. There is lots we can do as individuals to stay healthy and well in Dudley borough. This website is a one-stop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

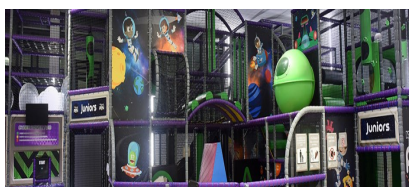
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<https://www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/early-years-and-childcare/dudley-family-hub-network/>



### 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](http://www.dudleyparents.co.uk/home)

## DudleyParents

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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/>



## Red House Glass Cone

### Christmas Tree Festival

Our Tree Tots Toddler Group Christmas Tree is on display at the Red House Glass Cone. Pop along to see it and all the other amazing trees on display.

Saturday 23 November 2024 – Sunday 5 January 2025

The Cone is open 10am-3pm weekdays and 11am-4pm at the weekend.  
The Cone will be closed 22 December until 2 January 2025.



## Holy Trinity Church, Wordsley

Come and see our Elf and Safety Christmas Tree at Holy Trinity this weekend. Mr Willans and Mrs Jones have created a very crafty Twelve Days of Christmas tree. There are also lots of other beautiful trees to see and a Christmas Fayre on Saturday from 10 am until 1 pm.





# *Poppy Appeal*

*Ashwood Park Primary School  
raised*

**£251.54**

*For the 2024 Poppy Appeal.  
Thank you for your continued support.*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R Townsend'.

*R Townsend  
Honorary Poppy Appeal Organiser  
Kingswinford*

*November 2024*



🎄🎄🎄 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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# 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.



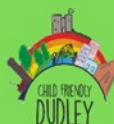
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<https://www.dudleyholidayactivities.org.uk/register>

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## Festive Fun at your Local Family Hubs



There's lots of festive fun planned at Dudley Borough's Local Family Hubs in December. All of the activities below are FREE and bookable.

Please [contact your local hub](#) to find out more and book your place.

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**The Source (DY8 5PY)** (part of the local Hub in Brierley Hill)

Join in the family fun at The Source with a Christmas treasure hunt, Christmas crafts, card making and much more on Monday 9 December, 3.30 – 5.30pm.

**Stay and Play at The Source**, Wednesdays 10am – 11.30am sessions will be festive themed during December.

Booking is essential for all activities by calling the Hub on 01384 813322 (please note children must be accompanied by an adult)

**Stourbridge (DY8 1XF)**

On Thursday 12 December there will be a **Brilliant Babies Christmas party**. There are two sessions from 10-11:30pm and 1-2:30pm.

On Thursday 19 December there will be a **Family Fun Christmas Crafts session** from 2pm-5pm.

There's more family fun at a **Christmas Movie Night** on Friday 20 December from 4-7pm. Come along and watch 'Arthur Christmas' you can even wear your festive PJs!

Booking is essential for all activities by calling the Hub on 01384 818780.





# 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](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**.

### 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](http://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](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



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