

Messages from Mr Butler

Thank you The PJ Movie Night raised an amazing **£778.27** which will all go towards buying new resources for School. We hope the children enjoyed the night as much as we did!

Christmas Appeal On behalf of the Kids Clothes Project we are taking donations of new toys for children aged 2–10 years old. Please drop off your donations at the School Office by Friday 13th December. See page 4 for more details.

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

K Butler



Praise Awards

Children who gained badges and certificates in Praise assembly deserve our special congratulations:
04/12/2024

Key Stage One

RR Foxes	Joseph
RB Hedgehogs	Kady
1/2B Squirrels	Roman
1/2D Moles	Elsie
2W Badgers	Ava-Mae

Key Stage Two

3/4B Elder	Lexie
3/4R Oak	-
4D Chestnut	Freya
5P Beech	Lexi
5/6B Holly	Theo
6RB Rowan	Isabella



Football News

Well done to the Year 6 pupils who took part in the Dudley Schools' Football Association 7-a-side tournament last week. The team demonstrated excellent skill and sportsmanship throughout the competition. It was great to see some fantastic performances from the children including a superb victory over Ridge Primary School thanks to a winning goal from our captain Theo.

Good luck to the girls representing Ashwood Park Primary in the Dudley Schools' FA 7-a-side tournament on Thursday 5th December. The girls have shown great enthusiasm in training over the last few weeks and we hope they enjoy taking part in their first competition. We look forward to hearing about how they got on in our newsletter next week.



Attendance

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

KS1: 1/2D Moles 95.83%
KS2: 5/6B Holly 97.59%

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

Tuesday 10th December

KS1 Production 9.15am

Wednesday 11th December

KS1 Production 2pm

Wednesday 11th December

Carol Concert 6pm

Holy Trinity Church, Wordsley

Wednesday 18th December

Christmas Dinner–Please Book

Thursday 19th December

Christmas Parties (MUFTI)

Friday 20th December

Bring a Toy and Wear a Christmas Jumper (MUFTI)

Break up for Christmas holiday 3.15pm

Monday 6th January

INSET Day

Tuesday 7th January

Children Return to School

Wednesday 8th January

Tree Tots Toddlers 9–11 am

Menu*

WC [02.12.24](#) (Week 3)



Monday

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

Roast Beef
Roast Chicken (H)
Quorn Balls (V)
Fish Cake
Mashed Potato
Peas and Cauliflower
Cornflake Cake

Thursday

Chicken in a Bun
Cheese & Onion Roll (V)
Fish Fingers
Diced Potatoes
Sweetcorn and Carrots
Shortbread Selection

Friday

Pizza
Veggie Burrito (V)
Battered Fish
McCain Chips
Sweetcorn and Green Beans
Beetroot Brownie

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**

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 Week is ahead of us! The Early Years Play is next Thursday 12th at 2pm and Friday 13th at 9.15am. Tickets came home this week, please remember you can bring two people to each performance that your child is in. The children have worked so hard and we know you will love it!



Our Christmas trip to the Red House Glass Cone is the following Wednesday 18th Dec so please ensure you have sent payment (£7.25) by the end of next week.

Tree Tots Toddler Group

Wednesdays 9.00 -11.00am



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

Final session this year:

Wednesday 11th

We hear Santa will be visiting!

Toddlers will resume Weds 8th January 2025.

RBDC News



We have had another wonderful week in School. The children that attended the Movie and Pyjama evening had an excellent time. Thank you again to the RBDC staff that stayed to sign the films and support the children.

Our KS1 Base Group (Acorns) have been practising their basic skills such as reading, writing and number work.



Our KS2 RBDC Group (Conkers) have continued learning about the Stone Age. Alongside their learning this week the children have decorated their learning areas ready for Christmas!



Our audiology mould clinic was a success this week.



Star of the Week this week is Circero. Well done for an excellent piece of independent writing last week!

KS2 News

All of Key Stage 2 have been working really hard this week to practise our parts in the Christmas Carol Concert. We are really looking forward to sharing it with you next week on Wednesday 11th December, 6pm start (please arrive between 5:30pm and 5:40pm) at Wordsley Holy Trinity Church.



Our Year 5 and 6 children have started a unit of work on discussion texts. They have enjoyed sharing their ideas about different motions that are pertinent to them:

Should children be made to wear a school uniform?

Should there be a ban on mobile phones in school?

Should the school day be longer and the holidays be shorter?

Maybe you could ask them to share their views with you at home.

In years 3 and 4, the children have been continuing their work on the wish granting machine. They have designed their own and have had to write about how it works, using expanded noun phrases to describe it.

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**

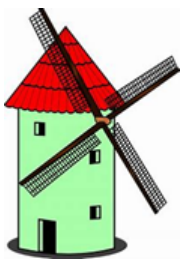
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REMINDER

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.

KS1 News

This week in Key Stage One we have been rehearsing our Christmas show. The children have been brilliant learning their dances and songs and can't wait to show you their skills next week. We will be doing a dress rehearsal for some of the other children in School so that we are not too nervous when we have an audience.



Next week we will be continuing our work on Windmills in Design Technology and completing another experiment about materials in Science!

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=2voIYJqXda>



Maths Problem

Ones and twos

Holly has six numbers, three 1s and three 2s. She also has lots of + signs, x signs and = signs.

1 2 1 2 1 2

She is trying to make the biggest number possible. Here are some she tried.

First try

$$1 \times 2 = 2$$

$$1 \times 2 = 2$$

$$1 \times 2 = 2$$

$$2 + 2 + 2 = 6$$

Second try

$$1 + 2 + 1 + 2 + 1 + 2 = 9$$

Can you beat Holly's score?

What if Holly had three 2s and three 3s?

Urgent Plea

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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.



TT Rockstars

This weeks Rockstars* are;

1st Alfie F

2nd Iylah G

3rd Isla B

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

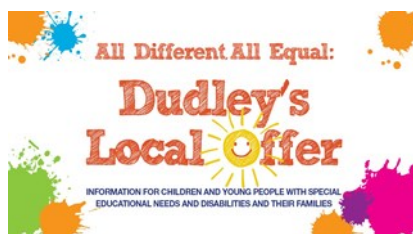
Dudley Public Health and Wellbeing is part of Dudley Council. We support and enable residents, families and communities to make positive lifestyle changes and improve your health and wellbeing. There is lots we can do as individuals to stay healthy and well in Dudley borough. This website is a one-stop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

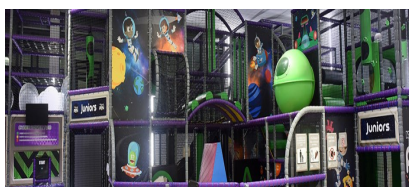
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with children aged 0-19 (25 if the child has special educational needs and/or disabilities). It includes an online offer and five local family hubs.

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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:



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

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/>

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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.



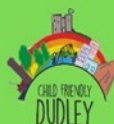
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<https://www.dudleyholidayactivities.org.uk/register>

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HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES



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Metropolitan Borough Council



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.





HAVE A VOICE



On December the 16th 4:30-6pm we are holding an open discussion with the National Team whose role is to inform the government regarding Mental Health provision in schools. One of the areas they are keen to hear is student voice. This is an opportunity for you to put your experiences and thoughts to the team.



To sign up, [click here](#) or scan the QR code!



Monday 16th December 2024

16:30pm - 18:00pm

Routes, The Boulevard, Merry Hill Shopping Centre, Dudley, DY5 1QX, which can be found by the bus station.

You can also join us via Microsoft Teams

CAMHS Parent/Carer Workshops

Come and join our Parent/Carer Workshops, run by Black Country CAMHS services (on Zoom for 1.5hours)! Groups held 12pm - 1.30pm.

We know that suffering from mental health difficulties does not only affect the person struggling, but also the family around them. Parenting a child/young person with mental health difficulties can create additional challenges for parents.

We are running workshops exploring a range of difficulties that children/young people may experience, that can impact their emotional wellbeing.

10.07.24- Trauma and Attachment

11.09.24 - Autistic Spectrum Conditions

23.10.24 – Speech and Language

20.11.24- Depression / Low Mood

18.12.24 – Anxiety / OCD

15.01.25 – Self-harm

12.02.25– Anger / Conduct difficulties

12.03.25 – Anxiety

To register your interest telephone **Andrea Ehgartner** on **01922 607400**



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@CAMHS_BCHFT



www.blackcountryminds.com

Dudley SENDIAS Service is hosting a series of SEND Workshops

Dudley SENDIAS Service offers information, advice and support on all matters relating to SEN and disabilities including health and social care to parents and carers of children with SEND and Young People with SEND up to 25 years old.

Are you

- A parent/carer of a child with SEND?
- A young person with SEND?
- Concerned about the support that is in place to help your child in school/college?

To book on to a workshop contact us at
dudley.sendiass@dudley.gov.uk

Dudley SENDIAS Service Website
<http://dudleysendiass.org.uk/>

Spring Term 2025 10am – 11.30am on MS Teams

Understanding how to access SEN support within settings

- Thursday 23rd January 2025
- Friday 21st March 2025

Understanding the EHCP request process

- Friday 31st January 2025
- Monday 31st March 2025

How to check a draft plan

- Monday 10th February 2025

Preparing and process for annual review

- Wednesday 5th March 2025

Preparation for key transitions

- Thursday 13th March 2025



How can we help?

- Individual casework
- Preparing, supporting and attending meetings
- Help with writing letters and completing forms
- Help to understand what support can be offered to a child or young person with SEN and/or a disability without an education health care plan in place. This could be in an early years, school or further education setting
- Support to parents and young people during an education health care assessment
- Access to an independent supporter if requested - this is subject to availability
- Advice and support in relation to appeals to the SEN and disability tribunal
- Help if things go wrong and advice on complaints relating to SEN and/or disabilities including those related to health and social care
- Help if your child is excluded
- Providing support to manage mediation
- Explaining the disagreement resolution process
- Access to training and workshops

For more information contact:

Dudley SEND information, advice and support service

An answering machine is in operation, please leave a message and we will return your call.

Tel: 07900 161363

Tel: 01384 817373

E-mail: dudley.sendiass@dudley.gov.uk

Web: www.dudley.gov.uk/dudleysendiass



Dudley special educational needs and disability information, advice and support service (SENDIASS)

(formerly Dudley Parent Partnership Service)

If you're a parent or carer of a child or young person with special educational needs (SEN) or a disability, or a child or young person up to the age of 25 with special educational needs or a disability, we can help you.

We provide legally based advice, information and support on all matters relating to SEN and disabilities including health and social care issues.

- Free
- Impartial
- Confidential

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





BRIERLEY HILL MUSICAL THEATRE
PRESENTS

Jack AND THE Beanstalk

18th - 25th
JAN 2025

THE GIANT PANTOMIME!
THATS FEE-FI-FO-FUN!

Box Office - 01384 573381
www.bhillcivic.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

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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PRESENTS

BRITISH WHEEL OF YOGA CERTIFIED

SUITABLE FOR ALL LEVELS OF ABILITY



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:

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