

## Messages from Mr Butler

I am so proud of all the children for their performances in their Christmas productions. The singing, dancing and acting were all wonderful and certainly made the audiences feel very festive.

### Christmas Raffle



Next week we will be selling tickets for our Christmas Raffle in aid of our annual pantomime (to be performed in School in January). Tickets are just £1 and there will be two child friendly hampers and chocolate prizes for KS1 and KS2. Tickets will be sold in classes so please send your child in with a £1 coin if you would like them to buy a ticket. There will also be an adult hamper filled with Christmas treats, £1 tickets will be on sale after School in the playground.

**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.

**Punctuality** Please note that children should be in School at 8.45am, late arrivals cause disruption to the start of the School day.

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

K Butler

## Sports News



A huge well done to the girls who took part in the Dudley Schools' Football Tournament at Wombourne High School last week. The girls played with smiles on their faces despite the atrocious weather conditions thanks to Storm Darragh. Many of the girls were playing in their first ever game of competitive football and it was great to see them enjoying the event. All of the children were a credit to themselves and the school. We hope they have all dried out now and look forward to seeing how they develop as a team throughout the season.



Good luck to the Year 2 pupils taking part in the Year 2 Multi Skills Competition at Ellowes Hall School on Thursday (12.12.24).



We are sure our younger children will enjoy being active and participating in this fun event.

## Attendance

Last week's (02/12–06/12) top attenders:

**KS1: 2W Badgers 96.67%**

**KS2: 3/4R Oak 94.83%**

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

**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 [16.12.24](#) (Week 1)



### Monday

Hunters Chicken  
Pasta Neopolitan (V)  
Fish Cake  
Brown & White Rice  
Sweetcorn and Peas  
Waffle

### Tuesday

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

### Christmas Dinner Day

Roast Turkey  
Roast Turkey (H)  
Festive Quorn Fillet (V)  
Fish Star  
Roast Potatoes  
Stuffing and Gravy  
Peas and Carrots  
Christmas Tree Biscuit

### Thursday

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

### Friday

Chicken Chow Mein  
Pizza (V)  
Battered Fish  
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

## 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.



## Praise Awards

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

11/12/2024

### Key Stage One

RR Foxes	Enyd
RB Hedgehogs	Luca
1/2B Squirrels	Freddie C
1/2D Moles	Uzair
2W Badgers	Ryan

### Key Stage Two

3/4B Elder	Suma
3/4R Oak	Jacob
4D Chestnut	Josh
5P Beech	Darcie
5/6B Holly	Emillie
6RB Rowan	Frankie

## EYFS News

The Early Years Christmas play was amazing and we are very proud of all the children. Thanks to parents for your support with costumes and being a super audience!



Next week is the Reception trip to the Red House Glass Cone. The children will walk there and meet Mrs Claus, then come back to School in time for lunch.

Christmas Party Day is Thursday, children can wear their party clothes to School and then it's a mufti Christmas Jumper Day on Friday. It will be a very festive last week!

## Tree Tots Toddler Group

Wednesdays 9.00-11.00am



Tree Tots Toddlers has now finished for the year, we will return on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025. Mrs Manville, our nursery teacher, will be joining the Tree Tots Toddler Group team and will be running the group with Miss Reynolds.

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

Toddlers will resume Weds 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

## KS1 News

This week we have been performing our Christmas Show and the children were amazing! They sang and danced their



hearts out and were very impressive. Lots of the parents also enjoyed seeing the children perform a signed BSL song. They should be very proud of their performances.

Next week we will doing Christmas activities and making our cards and calendars ready to take home at the end of term. What a super week!



## 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.



## RBDC News

Thank you so much to parents for attending the Christmas performances this week. I am sure you will agree that the children were all amazing and have worked so hard to learn their words. We are very proud of them. I would like to say a huge thank you to all the RBDC staff who have supported the children throughout the rehearsals and performances.

I would like to welcome back Mrs Peters to the RBDC. It is wonderful to have her back as part of the team!

In January we will be welcoming a new Teacher of the Deaf, Miss Thompson, to the team.

As many of you will now be aware, Mrs Straw, is leaving the RBDC at the end of this term to join the outreach service. She thanks you all for your lovely words over the past week, and says it really has been a pleasure and a privilege to work with all children and their families. Plans will be sent out to parents next week to let them know of the staffing changes for the new year.

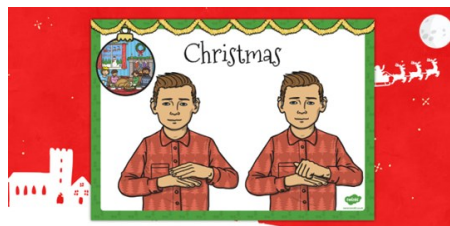


Well done to Jeremy for being our star of the week. We have been very impressed with how well you have learnt the signed songs for your Christmas performance.

## Signed Videos:

Our signed video this week is again about Christmas.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RSP64woJ71U>



## TT Rockstars

This weeks Rockstars\* are;

1st Felicity  
2nd Alfie W  
3rd Joshua S

Well done to everyone!

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

## KS2 News

Our Key Stage 2 children put on a wonderful show this week at Wordsley Holy Trinity Church. Their singing and acting was amazing! The children and staff have worked very hard to learn all of the songs and it was definitely all worth it. Thank you to all of our families for supporting our Christmas concert.



We have also been lucky enough to watch our Early Years and Key Stage 1 shows this week. It was lovely to see our younger children perform on the stage with such confidence and enthusiasm. All of these wonderful events have certainly made us all feel very festive.



## 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

### Birthdays

Mum and Paul are talking about birthdays.

They take Paul's age and double it. Then they add 5. The answer is 35. Mum says this is her age. How old is Paul?



Make up more problems like this. Try to use some of these words:

double    halve    add    subtract





### 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

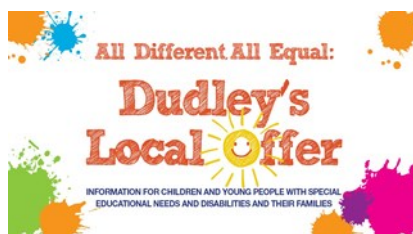
Dudley Public Health and Wellbeing is part of Dudley Council. We support and enable residents, families and communities to make positive lifestyle changes and improve your health and wellbeing. There is lots we can do as individuals to stay healthy and well in Dudley borough. This website is a one-stop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

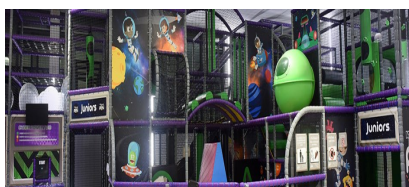
The website contain a wealth of up to date information on areas which include education, training and work, health, leisure and fun, care and moving into adulthood. The website aims to help young people and parents to make individual, informed, positive decisions and choices

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](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/>



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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  
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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.





# 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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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](mailto: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 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025

**Understanding the EHCP request process**

- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025
- Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

**How to check a draft plan**

- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025

**Preparing and process for annual review**

- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025

**Preparation for key transitions**

- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:dudley.sendiass@dudley.gov.uk)

Web: [www.dudley.gov.uk/dudleysendiass](http://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](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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