

17th January 2025
Newsletter No. 17
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Article 28 Every child has the right to an education

Messages from Mr Butler

The children were all treated to a pantomime on Wednesday morning. M and M Productions gave us "A Christmas Carol". The children were very well behaved and really enjoyed the show!



Please be patient with us regarding our school gates. We are rectifying the problem and they should be back to normal soon.

Round Oak Collaboration- the decision from the [Department for Education](#) has now been put back till early February due to changes in the application process. We will let you know the decision when we hear.

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



Sports News

Well done to the girls who took part in the first round of football league fixtures at Summerhill School on Monday evening. The girls were a credit to the school and worked incredibly hard in all of their matches. They will return to Summerhill to play the remaining fixtures on Monday 3rd February.



Good luck to the Year 6 Football for their upcoming fixture versus Bromley Hills Primary School on Monday 20th January. We look forward to hearing about the game next week.



Attendance

Last week's top attenders:

KS1: 1/2D 100%
KS2: 6RB 98.72%

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 \(blog.gov.uk\)](#)



School are hosting the charity 'We Love Carers' for a coffee morning at 9.15am on Tuesday 28th January.

We Love Carers is a charity run by carers for carers. They exist to give the thousands of unpaid carers the support, information and advice they need to take control of their lives and live it to the maximum, whether you are a carer of disabled children or carers of an adult.

<https://www.welovecarers.org/>

The charity focuses on the carer, filling in gaps and working hard to empower them so they can lead the happiest, most rewarding and fulfilling lives whilst reaching their full potential. This will help you to be an effective carer for the people you love and look after, be involved in decisions and making choices that affect their lives. Many carers are isolated and don't know where to turn for help. **We Love Carers** aims to change that for carers.

If you would like to attend, please let the office know.

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 12th February

School Disco

Friday 14th February

Break up for Half Term 3.15pm

Monday 24th February

Return to School 8.50am

Friday 11th April

Break up for Easter Holidays 3.15pm

Menu*

WC 20.01.25 (Week 3)



Monday

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday Day

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

Thursday

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

Friday

Pizza Selection
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

Thankyou you to the children this week, they have done brilliantly with a new routine, and enjoyed playing together, attending the pantomime and starting Balance bike PE.



Next week work continues on our heating problem. The work is going well and is on track to be completed soon.

From Monday 20th January 2025;

Nursery children are back in Nursery, please drop off and pick up as normal.

If your child is in Reception please drop them off and pick up at the other Nursery door, the one that is within the nursery play area. (If unsure please wait outside Nursery and a member of staff will show you).

We will continue to ensure the children are happy and settled, please do come and see any staff if you have any questions.

Tree Tots Toddler Group



Wednesdays 9.00 -11.00am

Toddlers is back every Wednesday term time. Mrs Manville and Miss Reynolds have lots of lovely activities planned.

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

KS1 News

This week in we have been creating 3D drawings in Art. We have used different pieces of paper and a variety of methods to make 3D sculptures and drawings.

We have also started out new text 'Meerkat Mail' by Emily Gravett -following the adventures of Sunny the meerkat in the Kalahari desert. We have written our own descriptions of the desert and enjoyed think about the characters and plot of the story.

Next week we will be using the story to help us create fact files about meerkats.



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.



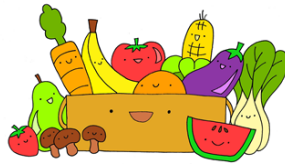
RBDC News

We have had a lovely week in the RBDC. The children have enjoyed watching a fantastic signed pantomime .



Our Star of the Week this week is Ruzena. She has been working hard and her most recent specialist assessments have shown her hard work is paying off. Well done Ruzena!

BSL lunch time clubs will be starting again this week. Mrs Gogna and Mr Hudson are excited to get started! They will be focusing on everyday vocabulary such as food.



Signed Videos:

Our sign of the Week this week is "food". Please see the video link for signs of different everyday food:

<https://youtu.be/lvtekbhdtQA?feature=shared>

KS2 News

This week, our KS2 children have thoroughly enjoyed our annual pantomime. This year it was based on A Christmas Carol. Everyone had a great laugh at the amazing actors and their fabulous singing.

In years 5 and 6, we have enjoyed our DT lessons this week. We are looking at automata toys and have been using our measuring and sawing skills to create a frame for our own automata toy, including a cam mechanism.



Years 3 and 4 have also started their new DT unit. This half term, they will be thinking about 'eating seasonally' and have spent some time considering where our food comes from and at what time in the year.

PE Lessons

- * 5P - Monday—Swimming
- * 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.

You can buy the Ashwood Park Primary School PE Kit from [Totally Uniform](#) in Kingswinford.

Maths Problem

Ben's numbers

Ben has written a list of different whole numbers. The digits of each number add up to 5. None of the digits is zero.

Here is one of Ben's numbers.

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Ben has written all the numbers he can think of. How many different numbers are there in his list?

Write all the numbers in order.

TT Rockstars

This weeks Rockstars are;

1st	Freya	3/4R
2nd	Muhammad	3/4R
3rd	Ruzena	3/4R

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

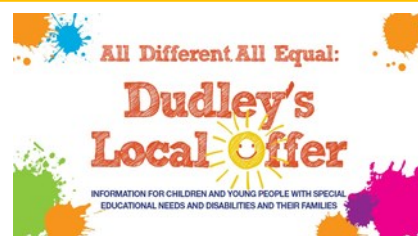
Dudley Public Health and Wellbeing is part of Dudley Council. We support and enable residents, families and communities to make positive lifestyle changes and improve your health and wellbeing. There is lots we can do as individuals to stay healthy and well in Dudley borough. This website is a one-stop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



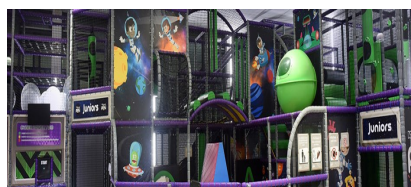
Dudley's Local Offer is a new one stop shop website for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and their parents and carers.

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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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

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

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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