

24th January 2025

Newsletter No. 18

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Article 28 Every child has the right to an education

Messages from Mr Butler

Punctuality We are seeing an increasing number of pupils arriving late for School each morning, this is disruptive to the start of the day for the whole class. Please can I remind you that School starts at **8.45am** and ends at **3.15pm**.

PE Kits Please remember to send you child to School with their PE Kit, ask their teacher if you are not sure which days they need it.



National Lego Day Tuesday 28th January To celebrate the iconic bricks we are having a Lego Challenge. Mrs Williams and Mrs Raine will be launching this competition in assembly on Tuesday. There will also be a Lucky Sticker event in the dining hall, Lego figures are to be won if your child finds a sticker under their booked dinner tray.

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

Attendance

Last week's top attenders:

KS1: 1/2B 97.27%
KS2: 5P 99.26%

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](#)



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

<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.

Menu*

WC 27.01.25 (Week 1)



Monday

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

Tuesday National Lego Day

Pasta Neapolitan (V)
Fish Fingers
Garlic Bread
Broccoli
Cup Cake

Find the lucky sticker and win a Lego figure!

Wednesday Day

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

Thursday Chinese New Year

Chicken Chow Mein
Vegetable Chow Mein (V)
Fish Fingers
Green Beans
Mango Sorbet
Coconut Cookie

Friday

Pizza Selection
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

Sparks Safety

On Wednesday 22nd, Year 4 had a visit from the West Midlands Fire Service. They showed the children how quickly a fire can spread, how to plan an escape route out of your house if there is a fire and how to be safe on the road. At the end of the talk, the children were quizzed on what they had learnt. All Year 4 children paid close attention and were able to answer the questions correctly.



WMFS
West Midlands Fire Service

Sports News

League Match vs Bromley Hills Primary School
Well done to the children who represented the school in the league match vs Bromley Hills Primary School. The team scored some excellent goals and worked incredibly hard throughout the match. A special mention to Cory who was awarded player of the match for his outstanding performance.



Household Support Fund

Borough residents are able to apply for a one-off payment of £200 from Dudley Council through the Household Support Fund. Residents can apply if they live within Dudley borough, have less than £2,000 in household savings and have a household income of less than £40,000, or £30,000 for a single occupancy household. Applicants must also have not received a payment through HSF since April 1 last year.

Further information is available [online](#)

Dates for the Diary

Monday 3rd February

Children's Mental Health Week

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

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



We are hopefully all back to normal next week. The work on our heating is nearly complete and we are expecting Nursery and Reception to be back in their own rooms.

Please keep an eye on your texts and emails and we will update you on Friday.

Thanks for all your support the last few weeks and a big thank you to the children who have coped brilliantly with the new routines!

Nursery have sent home details about their trip to Sedgley Adventure Centre, please see the letter that has come home.



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 we have been writing our own fact files about meerkats. We have used a range of information online and in books to help us.

We have also been creating 3D paper pictures called The Tree of Life. These were inspired by nature and helped us to demonstrate all of the new folding techniques we have been learning in the last few weeks.



Next week we will starting to work on multiplication and division. So practicing our 2,5, and 10 times tables would be really helpful!

MULTIPLICATION TABLE			
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4x1=4	4x2=8	4x3=12	4x4=16
5x1=5	5x2=10	5x3=15	5x4=20
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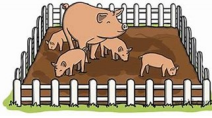
RBDC News

There has been lots of exciting learning in the RBDC this week!



Conkers went "camping" to help them understand what it is like living as a refugee.

Acorns have been exploring pigs as part of their traditional tales topic- they enjoyed creating their own muddy farms!



Well done, Uzair!

Our Star of the Week this week is Uzair. He has been joining Acorns for Phonics and English this term and he is already beginning to grow in confidence. He is very kind and caring and he likes to support others too.

BSL lunch time clubs started last week and Mrs Gogna and Mr Hudson have fed back that the children really enjoyed their first session.

Signed Video:

Helen Keller was a famous deaf and blind author and educator. Some of the RBDC children will be learning about her in their PUDs (Personal Understanding of Deafness Studies) sessions. Please see the video link below if you would like to learn more information about her life.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rZA7uyaxjwg>



Children's Mental Health Week is a mental health awareness week that launched by children's mental health charity, [Place2Be](#). The week exists to empower, equip and give a voice to all children and young people in the UK.

[Know Yourself, Grow Yourself](#) will put a spotlight on how we can build resilience, grow and develop by understanding who we are and what makes us tick.

On Monday 3rd February pupils will be allowed to wear clothes that reflect themselves. More details to follow...

TT Rockstars

This weeks Rockstars are;

- 1st Felicity 3/4H
- 2nd Rozhin 3/4H
- 3rd Benjamin 4D

Well done to everyone

KS2 News

This week our children in Year 4 have had their annual visit from the Sparks Safety Team from West Midlands Fire Service. They talked to children about fire safety. The children learnt some interesting facts about fire and were encouraged to think about how to stay safe whilst they are at home. The children were really engaged and had some interesting questions for the team.



Our children across the Key Stage have all been thinking about non-chronological report writing this week. In years 3 and 4, the children will be linking their work to their text, 'My Name is not Refugee', and in years 5 and 6, our work will link to our text, 'Kensuke's Kingdom'.



Check out next week's newsletter for an exciting Lego opportunity.

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

Rows of coins



- Take five coins: 1p, 2p, 5p, 10p, 20p. Put them in a row using these clues.
The total of the first three coins is 27p.
The total of the last three coins is 31p.
The last coin is double the value of the first coin.
 - Take six coins: two 1p, two 2p and two 5p. Put them in a row using these clues.
Between the two 1p coins there is one coin.
Between the two 2p coins there are two coins.
Between the two 5p coins there are three coins.
- What if you take two 10p coins as well, and between them are four coins?



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

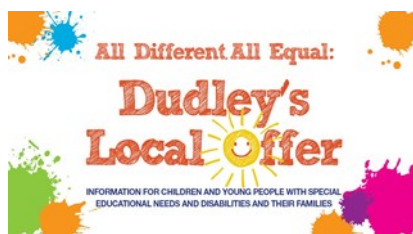
Dudley Public Health and Wellbeing is part of Dudley Council. We support and enable residents, families and communities to make positive lifestyle changes and improve your health and wellbeing. There is lots we can do as individuals to stay healthy and well in Dudley borough. This website is a one-stop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

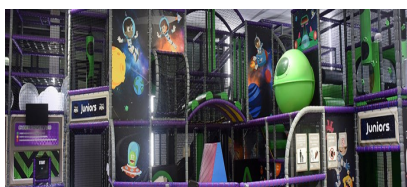
The website contain a wealth of up to date information on areas which include education, training and work, health, leisure and fun, care and moving into adulthood. The website aims to help young people and parents to make individual, informed, positive decisions and choices

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

DudleyParents

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.



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/>



"WEAR YOUR BRIGHTEST / GLITTERIEST CLOTHING!"

WEDNESDAY 12TH FEBRUARY

REC/KS1 4:30—5:30pm

KS2* 4:30—5:45pm

Places must be booked by
Monday 3rd February!

£3.50

Snack and drink
included



* KS2 ONLY—Sweet Shop/ Glow Sticks/ Tattoos/ Coloured and Glitter hairspray.





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

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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FOR BOOKINGS AND ENQUIRIES PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL JAN:

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