



NEWSLETTER



7th March 2025
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Article 28 Every child has the right to an education

Messages from Mr Butler

Thank you to everyone who came to our Parent/Teacher consultations. We hope you found it informative and useful.

ROC You should all have received a letter from us about the Round Oak Collaboration. Although we are very disappointed, we will be meeting with all the schools involved to discuss ways forward. We will keep you informed of any developments.

Congratulations We are sure you will want to join us in sending your best wishes to Ms Baylis who will be leaving us on Friday 7th March to start her Adoption Leave. Her class will be welcoming Miss Edwards back as their teacher in her absence.

Ramadan Mubarak to our Muslim friends and families observing fasting this month. Please let School know if we can support you in anyway.

Parent and Child Workshop Come and join Dudley's Parent Carer Forum on Tuesday 11th March at 9.10am to learn more about neurodiversity.

INSET Friday 11th April is an INSET day so school will be closed to children.

Swimming Money Please ensure that swimming money is paid as we are having to subsidise heavily from school funds.

Social Media Please check you child's phone for appropriate usage on "What's App" and "Discord". We have been alerted to inappropriate use on these apps.

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

Keith Butler



Praise Assembly

Children who gained badges and certificates deserve our special congratulations:

05/03/2025

Key Stage One

RR Foxes -
RB Hedgehogs -
1/2B Squirrels Mary
1/2D Moles Leo
2W Badgers Roxy

Key Stage Two

3/4B Elder Jaxon
3/4R Oak Alfie-Jai
4D Chestnut Marnie
5P Beech Isabelle S
5/6B Holly Owen
6RB Rowan Emelia

British Science Week



7th–16th March 2025

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 11th March

Parent and Child Workshop 9.10 am

Friday 28th March

Easter PTA Events

Thursday 10th April

Break up for Easter Holidays 3.15pm

Wednesday 9th April

No Tree Top Toddlers

Friday 11th April

INSET Day

Monday 28th April

Return to School 8.45am

Friday 2nd May

INSET Day

Friday 23rd May

Break up for Half Term 3.15pm

Monday 2nd June

Return to School 8.45am

Health Week including Sports Days

Thursday 5th June

PTA Sponsored Event

Wednesday 18th June

Y6 Children go to Pioneer

Friday 20th June

Y6 Children return from Pioneer

Wednesday 2nd July

INSET Day

Friday 18th July

Break up for Summer Holidays 3.15pm

Monday 21st July

INSET Day

Attendance

Last week's top attenders:

KS1: 1/2D Moles 97.92%

KS2: 5P Beech 96.67%

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

Menu*

WC 10.03.25 (Week 3)



Monday

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

Big Breakfast (H and V options)
Fish Cake
Cornflake Cake

Thursday

Chicken in a Bun
Cheese & Onion Roll (V)
Diced Potato
Sweetcorn and Carrots
Shortbread

Friday

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



Early Years enjoyed making pancakes this week,

and had a super World Book Day.



Vision screening also took place for Reception children, so please check your child book bag for any necessary letter.

It was lovely to talk to parents this week at Parents' Evenings, Mrs Stokes' Nursery appointments have been rearranged for next week. Please see the School Office if you need to check the time. Thank you for your support.

Tree Tots Toddler Group

Wednesdays 9.00 -11.00am



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!



Our last Tree Tots Toddler session this term will be Wednesday 2nd April. This will be our Easter session and the Easter Bunny will hopefully be making an appearance!

RBDC News

We have had an exciting week in the RBDC!



We have celebrated World Book Day – this year our book was 'The Day the Banana Went Bad!'.

In Acorn class this week, we have been saving our 'Bad Bananas' as part of World Book Day! The children found some upset bananas and had to spare their unwanted feelings by transforming them into something delicious! The children walked to the shop for vital ingredients and returned to school to bake and create a book for World Book Day retelling their day.



In Conkers this week, we have been reading the story for the last two weeks. We have completed lots of activities and written a character description of our own banana characters. We have also been creating lots of artwork around our own characters. We have had lots of fun!



Our Star of the Week this week is Jeremy! For independently counting out loud up to 20 and ordering number cards up to 30. Well done for working so hard.



KS2 News

Thank you to all of our families who have shown their support at Parents' Evening this week. It is lovely to be able to catch up with you all.

Years 5 and 6 have been thinking about a story called "The Black Hat". They have written their own version of the story and have included some complex ideas, using parenthesis to convey a character's inner thoughts.

Years 3 and 4 have focused on including direct speech in their work, whilst also working on our World Book Day text - "The Day the Banana Went Bad".



We have had a range of lovely activity across the school to celebrate World Book Day, and the children enjoy coming to school in their pyjamas to talk about their favourite bedtime stories.

WORLD BOOK DAY



PE Lessons

Monday - 3/4H and 3/4R PE kit needed. 4D swimming kit needed.

Wednesday - Year 5 and 6 can come to School in their PE kit

Thursday - Year 3 and 4 can come to School in their PE kit

Friday - 5P / 5/6B / 6RB PE kit needed.

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

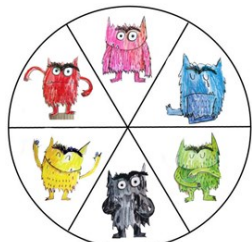
This week in Key Stage One we have been cutting the fabric for our textile puppets. We used a template to help us to cut the correct shape and will decorate them next week to make them look just like our characters.



We have also been finding out about the Wright brothers and their invention of the first small aircraft!

The children have enjoyed finding out more about the famous inventors and their lives.

Next week we will be continuing our book "The Colour Monster" and creating our own



Signed Video:

Our BSL Club's focus this week is 'World Book Day'. Please see the video below to see a signed version of the 'Colour Monsters'.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BzoiDkcFK1M>



Maths Problem

Three monkeys



Three monkeys ate a total of 25 nuts. Each of them ate a different odd number of nuts.

How many nuts did each of the monkeys eat? Find as many different ways to do it as you can.

TT Rockstars

This weeks Rockstars are;

1st Alfie F 3/4R
2nd Emily 3/4R
3rd Lydia 3/4R

Well done to everyone



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3rd March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you are all keeping well.

The Department For Education have been in contact with regards to our application to become an academy and create the Round Oak Collaborative Trust along with our 3 partner schools.

As you know our joint application was submitted to the Department For Education in December. We have now been informed that after careful consideration, it has been decided that our application has not been approved.

Whilst this means that we will not be able to formalise our partnerships through the creation of a collaborative academy trust, we remain committed to continuing to work together to ensure the very best for all our children.

We would like to thank you all for your support throughout the consultation period and beyond.

Best wishes,

Mr Keith Butler Mr Rob Perkes

Neurodiversity Parent and Child Workshop

Aiming for Brighter Futures



Dudley Parent Carer Forum

Dudley Parent Carer Forum is working with Ashwood to host a parent and child workshop. During the session you and your child will have the chance to create a picture which will help staff to better understand your child's needs. After the session there will be time for a coffee and a chat with school staff and PCF reps. We'd love to hear more about your experiences!

Tuesday
11th
March
9:10am

Help Ashwood
staff better
understand
your child's
needs



Work
together
with your
child

For more information contact us at
pinsdudleypcf@dudleyparentcarerforum.co.uk



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

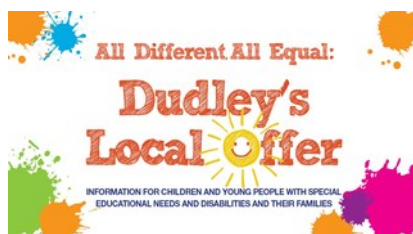
Dudley Public Health and Wellbeing is part of Dudley Council. We support and enable residents, families and communities to make positive lifestyle changes and improve your health and wellbeing. There is lots we can do as individuals to stay healthy and well in Dudley borough. This website is a one-stop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



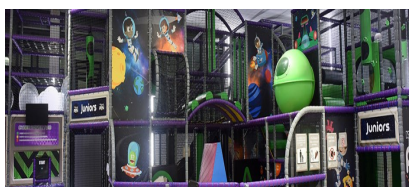
Dudley's Local Offer is a new one stop shop website for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and their parents and carers.

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/>

Spring 2025

Health & Wellbeing Update



for children and families in Dudley

 Funded by
UK Government

Household Support Fund

The Household Support Fund is available in Dudley borough

Who?

Anyone who is struggling to pay for food, fuel, or other household essentials (*subject to eligibility criteria*)

How?

Find out who can get help and how to apply at www.dudley.gov.uk/householdsupportfund



Starting Well

The Starting Well section of the Healthy Dudley website has lots of information to support healthy pregnancy, infancy, childhood and adolescent health, up to age 19. Scan the QR code to visit [Healthy Dudley](#).



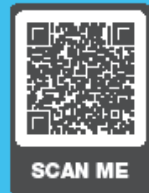
Park Active and Healthy Hubs – winter programmes

Scan the QR code to visit [Healthy Dudley](#) to find out about free local activities to help you move more and get active



Dudley's Community Toothbrush Scheme

Dudley's Community Toothbrush Scheme provides free toothbrush packs to children and families in need in Dudley borough. For more information about the scheme scan the QR code to visit [Healthy Dudley](#).



PHASES FREE gym-based physical activity programme*

"Once my Dad started doing exercise with me at Phases, Action Heart, I gained confidence in the gym and started to try my hardest to get back to the sports and activities I enjoyed before. The environment of the gym was very welcoming and pleasant, unlike other gyms. Phases has really boosted my confidence and allowed me to do activities I couldn't do before with my friends." – Phases participant, age 15. Find out more about the free gym-based physical activity programme for 11 – 16 year olds by scanning the QR code to visit [Healthy Dudley](#).



Managing winter illnesses and keeping up-to-date with vaccinations

Get advice on when to keep your child off school if they are unwell and information on immunisations which help to protect everyone, at every age.

To read the full update scan the QR code to visit [Healthy Dudley](#).



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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