

NEWSLETTER



21st March 2025 Newsletter No. 25

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Article 28 Every child has the right to an education

Messages from Mr Butler

Comic Relief Friday (21st) is Red Nose Day, please help us to support this worthwhile charity by making a small donation for wearing Mufti.

Science Competition Please encourage your child to enter our Change and Adapt Poster Competition. Deadline 28th March.

Book Fair Thank you for supporting our recent Scholastic Book Fair, we have earnt an amazing amount of commission that we can spend on lots of lovely new books.

Easter Our PTA are organising Easter hampers and competitions, they need your help! See pages 4 and 5 for more information.

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

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

Attendance

Last week's top attenders:

KS1: 2W Badgers 98.98% KS2: 4D Chestnut 97.92%

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

Praise Assembly

Children who gained badges and certificates deserve our special congratulations:

19/03/2025

Key Stage One

RR Foxes Alfie **RB** Hedgehogs Hazel 1/2B Squirrels Amelia 1/2D Moles Seb 2W Badgers Jude

Key Stage Two

3/4B Elder George 3/4R Oak Muhammad 4D Chestnut Millie 5P Beech Megan 5/6B Holly Connor 6RB Rowan Leah

Last we celebrated British Science Week and this year's theme. 'change and adapt'.



Mrs Bunn has set a competition for all children across School; Create a poster based on the theme of change and adapt. For example, children could create a poster about how plants and animals adapt to their environment or about how climate change impacts the world. We look forward to seeing the children's entries.

Deadline- Friday 28th March

Match Report

A huge well done to the Year 6 football team on their performance against Glynne Primary School last week. Although the final result didn't fully reflect their skill and effort, the children played incredibly well and showed a great attitude towards the game. A special thank you to Miss Hartle and Mr. Dimmock, who saved the day by stepping in to manage the team at the last minute. A great show of the Ashwood Park spirit.

Final score: Ashwood Park 1 - Glynne 3

Dates for the Diary

<u>Friday 21th March</u> Comic Relief Donation Mufti Day

Friday 28th March

PTA Easter Donation Mufti Day

Wednesday 2nd April

Last Tree Top Toddlers Session

Thursday 10th April

PTA Easter Events

Break Up for Easter Holidays 3.15pm

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

Menu*

WC 24.03.25 (Week 1)



Monday

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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

Red Nose Thursday

Red Nose Breakfast (H and V options available) Fish Fingers Diced Potato Cauliflower and Carrots Marble Sponge and Custard

<u>Friday</u>

Chicken Chow Mein Pizza (V) Battered Fish McCain Chips Peas and Baked Beans Blueberry Muffin

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 **<u>nut free</u>** 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 have enjoyed learning about the season of Spring! Reception children have planted their own sunflowers and will bring them home in a few weeks for you to continue growing in your gardens.

Reception have received a letter about a special visit from some animals in the Summer term! Please sign the form and return with the payment as soon as possible. Thank you!

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



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!

KS1 News

This week we have been learning all about Amelia Earhart and how significant she was to the world of flight!





The children enjoyed finding out about her from a range of sources and compared her life to that of Bessie Coleman.

We have also been working hard on our assessment booklets this week and the children have been trying really hard to show their teachers all they have learnt.

The children have also been working hard to achieve Class Dojo points.



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Next week we will be starting a new exciting story called The Disgusting sandwich!

TT Rockstars

This weeks Rockstars are:

1st **Thomas** 2nd Muhammad 3/4R 3rd William

Well done to everyone ****

RBDC News

We have had a brilliant week in the RBDC!



In Acorns this week, we have tried hard to learn how to estimate 📤 🚕 accurately. We enjoyed using butterflies, cars and buttons to complete our work.

In Conkers this week, we have been focusing on neurodiversity! We have been discussing how we are all different and our brains work in lots of different ways.



We have also been working hard on practicing our times tables. Please support your child to learn their times tables by playing at home on

Times Table Rock Stars.

All children should have their log-in details.



Our Stars of the Week this week are all the RBDC children in Year 3 and 4. During PUDS this week, they have been planning and writing a letter to the Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton about accessibility issues

faced by deaf children. They found a show they would really like to go and see but discovered there was no show with a BSL interpreter or a subtitled show. They wrote to the Grand and they have now reviewed the show accessibility and are organising for an accessible show to be arranged. Well done for all your efforts!

Signed Video:

Our BSL Club's focus this week is 'Spring'. Please see the video below to learn about





Spring

lullaby trust

Safer Sleep Information

The Lullaby Trust exists to keep babies safe and to keep grieving families supported. They do this by funding life-saving research, empowering families with expert baby safety advice and supporting grieving families through their darkest days.

Safer sleep information | The Lullaby Trust

KS2 News



Neurodiversity Celebration

has been **Neurodiversity** This week Celebration Week and all of our classes have been learning about this. We have talked about our differences and similarities, how we can support others who may be neurodiverse, and have also learnt about famous people who live with condition: Simone Biles, Billie Eilish and Lewis Capaldi. Find out more:

https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/articles/cwyjdz3pnz3o

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YEARS 3 and 4: Please support your child to learn their times tables by playing at home on

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YEAR 4: There will be an information meeting for parents on Monday 31st March at 3:20pm in the KS2 hall to discuss the Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check. We would like a representative from each family to attend.

YEARS 5 and 6: Please send in any further donations for our Henry VIII visit to school. Thank you

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

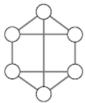
When the children come to school in their PE kit they must wear their yellow PE top, green shorts / black joggers and their green Ashwood Park jumper or cardigan. Hoodies and gilets are **not** permitted. Please support us to ensure that all of our children are in the correct uniform and feel part of our Ashwood

You can buy the Ashwood Park Primary School PE Kit from Totally Uniform in Kingswinford.

Math's Problem

Neighbours

Use each of the numbers 1 to 6 once. Write one in each circle.



Numbers next to each other must not be joined. For example, 3 must not be joined to 2 or 4.



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-languagetherapy-service-dudley

<u>Dudley's Special Educational</u> 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) 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.

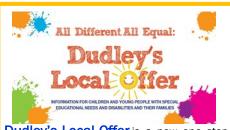
There is lots we can do as individuals to stay healthy and well in Dudley borough. This website is a one-stop place for up-to-date public health information and news, from pregnancy and early life to healthy ageing.

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/



<u>Dudley's Local Offer</u> 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

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 _{bu} 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

SEN Help

Kids are a charity who create life-changing opportunities by providing a wide range of support to families. They run playscheme days at their centre alongside community days for signed up families. Parent/carers wishing to refer or register with Kids for care planned services can do so by requesting a referral form via the enquiries email: enquiries.orchard@kids.org.uk or via telephone: 01384 897489.

Sassy Sensory surprises are launching 'Wellbeing Walks', they will take place in a different location each month.

Contact toni@sassysensorysurprises.co.uk for further details. Information can be found on their website regarding their recently launched sensory lending library.

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/





Mufti Day

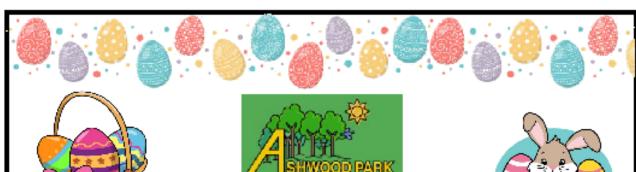
Friday 28th March

In exchange for an Easter Egg, Easter Sweets or any other 'Easter' treat.

These will be used as competition prizes (details to follow) & in our Easter Raffle*

> *Tickets on sale Wednesday 3rd April Thankyou for your support.









Easter Events

Thursday 10th April

Nursery/Rec/Ks1
Easter Bonnet Parade

Ks2—Decorate a <u>hard boiled</u> egg competition.

Prizes for winners.

We will also be drawing the Easter Raffle



JOIN DUDLEY'S BIGGEST SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME!

Eligible children and young people can attend holiday activities for free*, including lunch, as part of the HAF Programme.







Learn more by visiting our website: https://www.dudleyholidayactivities.org.uk/

*Funded by the Department for Education











About Dudley Hollday Activities

Dudley Holiday Activities is a government funded programme called the Holiday Activity and Food Programme that offers free activities during the school holidays for children from Reception –Year 11 who receive benefits related free school meals



HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

easter 2025



You are eligible to register for the holiday activities programme (HAF) if the following applies:

- · You live in Dudley, or your child goes to school in Dudley Borough,
- Your child is in school from Reception –Year 11
- Your child is eligible for benefits related free school meals (FSM).
- Vulnerable children not eligible for free school meals may still be able to register for HAF activities but please make sure you read <u>this</u> <u>section</u> on the website before you apply.
- Many families in Dudley could get benefit related free school meals but don't claim for them. Your child may be entitled to free school meals if your annual income is less than £16,190; and you claim Child Tax Credit (*Not Including Working Tax Credit) only





NEXT STEPS

Register on the <u>Dudley HAF</u>
<u>Website</u> - - you only need to do
this once! Or scan the QR Code
You must be registered to be able
to book activities













Follow us on Facebook for updates

Once FSM status has been verified by Dudley Council, you will receive an email with login details and password for your account.











Register on the <u>Dudley HAF Website</u> - You must be registered to be able to book activities











MIGHT MIGHT

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO DUDLEY DEAF CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

FRIDAY 16TH MAY AT 7pm
£5 PER PERSON

MAXIMUM 6 PER TEAM AGE 11+

ENTRY FEE INCLUDES A COB

CHEESE, HAM OR CORNED BEEF

BAR AVAILABLE

AMBLECOTE BRITISH LEGION, DY8 4DQ

FOR TICKETS PLEASE EMAIL dudleydeafchildrenssociety@yahoo.com



A BSL interpreter will be attending



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/

<u>Spring Term 2025 10am – 11.30am on MS Teams</u> 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

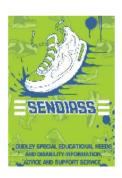
Monday 10th February 2025

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

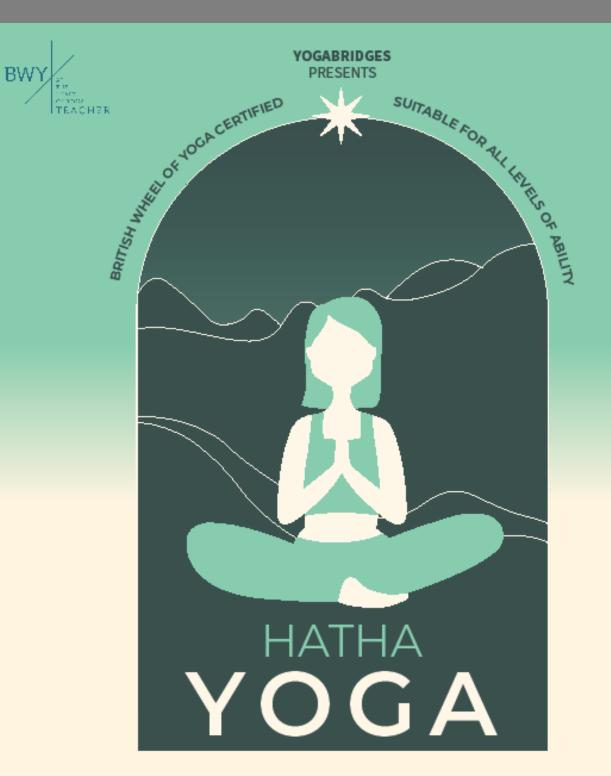


Email - freeschoolmeals.benefits@dudley.gov.uk



Visiting – Dudley Council Plus, Castle Street, Dudley between 8.30am and 5pm Monday to Friday, 9am and 12 noon Saturday





EVERYTHURSDAY | 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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