

Foundation Stage Newsletter

Friday 3rd July 2026



RECEPTION

It has been another busy week, these last few weeks are really racing by! It was lovely welcome you to our Open Evening on Wednesday, thank you for coming along.

We have reached the end of our topic all about transport and boats this week. The children have completed their DT project by firstly designing their boat, thinking about the materials and containers they would use. On Thursday they made their boats with some help from Mrs Lewis. They were so excited to explain what type of boat they had made and how they had fixed different parts together. On Friday they tested their boat in the water to see if it floated – they assured me they all would! We also thought about what they might like to do differently next time to improve their design. The children have used the big blocks in their play to build a boat and have lots of adventures!

In PSHE the children thought about what it means to be a good friend and what qualities they would look for in a friend – they had some lovely ideas – sharing, kind, being fun, laughing. We have seen some really super examples of children being good friends over the year – lots of kind and thoughtful acts – well done everyone!

The children have also reflected on all that they have done this year and made some really thoughtful comments – many of their comments have been written down and are on display near the door ready for you to read next week after our final Praise assembly.

With the weather set to be hot again next week, please remember to send the children in with a water bottle and a hat each day. Sun cream should be applied before they come into school. They can top up again at lunch time with their own sun cream. The bottle should be labelled and handed to a member of staff. This is to ensure that the children do not share their suncream with others in case of allergies.

HOMEWORK CHALLENGE

As it is supposed to be a warm and sunny weekend, I wonder what the children will be doing to enjoy the sunshine – let's have one last collection of photos to share on the big screen – maybe the adults in school will share a 'fun in the sun' picture too!

LENDING LIBRARY

FRIDAY 10th JULY will be our final library session. Please return any books that you have borrowed over the year, including any phonics reading books – no questions asked!

READING BOOKS

Please return any of these you may still have at home next Friday please.

REMINDERS

PLEASE READ THE MAIN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER FROM MR STEVENS TOO – there may be additional information on there about upcoming events!

Please see the last page for important information

THURSDAY 9th JULY (after school) Summer Fayre

FRIDAY 10th JULY – World Cup Day – children are invited to wear a football kit OR to dress in colours of their favourite competing country

FRIDAY 10th JULY @ 2.45pm Final Praise Assembly – all welcome

WEDNESDAY 15th Transition Day – Children will move to their new class for their taster sessions.

FRIDAY 17th JULY – End of Term

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Pre-School

This week in Pre-School we have been looking at our new topic of Pirates/Princess/Castles/Knights.

The children have absolutely loved it. Especially our tuff tray where they have been dressing up as pirates with their ships and treasure! We have enjoyed creating our own treasure maps and of course telescopes! Children decorated their piece of paper and with the help of an adult, rolled it up to make a telescope. We used these in our role play around Pre-School. They used paper punchers to create shapes in their telescopes. Which has been brilliant for their fine motor skills (finger muscles).

Outside we have used plastic spray bottles to squirt water onto stencils to create pictures! This again is a lovely idea to keep the children busy and brilliant for their fine motor skills.

Thank you to all those who brought junk modelling in this week. We have had some lovely looking boats, cars, castles and buses! They have also used construction blocks to create their own castles and then used the dolls/figures to create their own imaginative stories, which has been lovely to watch.

We have had a variety of large puzzles inside and outside where children have worked hard together to make the puzzle complete. Lots of team work!

PLEASE NOTE – Parents report meetings are next week so please don't forget your date and time for your child's report meeting. Please go to the usual door (pick up and drop off) and wait until you are let in by a member of staff!

😊 **Reports are then photocopied and will be sent out Thursday 10th July.**

Maths – In Maths this week we have recapped more and fewer. Talking about using the correct mathematical language – more, less, few. And also recapped a 2-part pattern for example blue, red, blue, red – what comes next. You can do with food – apple, orange, apple, orange – what comes next?

Phonics – The last few weeks will be recapping initial sounds and segmenting and blending!

EvidenceMe Challenge – As its meant to be a lovely weekend, send in pictures of anything you get up too outside! This might be in the paddling pool, trips out, going for a walk outside etc. Try and stay cool and safe and have a lovely weekend.

Donations are now available for the Animal Man Visit – if you are having any trouble please go the main office.

REMINDERS – Please make sure you read the school newsletter from Mr Stevens as there is important information on there too.

- **Summer Fayre after school – NEW DATE – Thursday 9th July**
- Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday 6/7/8th July – Parent report meetings.
- Friday 10th July – ANIMAL MAN - **(Afternoon children to come in on morning session)**
- Wednesday 15th July – Moving up days – Please come to Pre-School for 10.00am ready to go next door with your child. (For those who are going into Reception)
- Friday 17th July – END OF TERM (More information to come) – **(Afternoon children to come in on morning session)**
- **Please see the last few pages for important information** Any questions or if you need support please just ask or email me on epowis@bromhills.dudley.sch.uk

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Important Information

From Public Health – Anyone can become unwell in extreme heat, with older, younger and vulnerable people most at risk.

The summer wellbeing resources can be found at www.dudley.gov.uk/summerwellbeing

The advice is divided into sections on:

- Stay cool and hydrated - Stay sun safe - Heat exhaustion and heatstroke - Swimming outdoors
- Fire safety - Food safety - Looking after yourself and others - Top tips and resources

You can also view and download a full [summer wellbeing booklet](#) at the bottom of the top tips page.

- **From Public Health** – MMR / MMRV vaccination is vital because measles is highly infectious and can lead to serious complications, including pneumonia, meningitis and, in rare cases, long-term disability. Both vaccines are safe and the MMR provides effective protection against measles, mumps and rubella, and the MMRV vaccine also includes protection against chickenpox (varicella), helping to keep children, staff and the wider community safe.

From Lead For Childcare – It is always important for parents and carers to make sure that children stay up to date with all their routine vaccinations, as these offer important protection against infectious disease outbreaks. Parents and carers should also be aware and alert to the signs and symptoms of invasive meningococcal disease. For more information, visit the NHS

website <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/meningitis/> or see the information available from two charities who offer free support via their websites and helplines [Meningitis B outbreak: what you need to know](#) – UK Health Security Agency

The Meningitis Research Foundation www.meningitis.org

Helpline UK 0800 8800 3344

Meningitis Now www.meningitisnow.org

Helpline 0808 80 10 388 or helpline@meningitisnow.org

UKHSA blog post

Are you pregnant or the parent of a baby under 12 months old?

TRIPLE P FOR BABIES CAN BE DONE ONLINE OR IN A SUPPORTIVE SETTING- IT DOESN'T MATTER IF YOU'RE SINGLE, A COUPLE, YOUNG, OLD, IF THIS IS YOUR FIRST BABY OR YOUR SIXTH

Feel confident & supported **Survival skills for Moms, Dads & Carers**

Every Wednesday 1:30 - 3:30pm
at Stourbridge Family hub Dy8
1XF Starting 22nd July 2026

Want to take part?
Visit: www.dudleyparents.co.uk
to book onto a group or complete online
Alternatively email: parenting@dudley.gov.uk
for more information

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