

Foundation Stage Newsletter

Friday 10th July 2026



RECEPTION

This week has absolutely flown by and that leaves us with just one more week with your children. I can't believe their Reception year is nearly at an end.

The week started with the excitement of a win in the football which many of the children were excited to talk about. They have been getting ready for our 'Football Day' this week by designing their own football shirts, thinking about what good luck mascot they would have and making their own version of an England flag! We have finished off the week with the chance to join in with an early morning short football training session and a penalty shootout! The children looked great today in their football kits and their colourful clothes. And, with the return of the hot weather, we had plenty of 'hydration breaks'!

We have spent time outdoors first thing this week to avoid the strongest sunshine but much of our time indoors where the children have thought about all the activities and resources they have enjoyed over the year and so have spent time building, performing, creating, drawing, making, telling stories solving some very tricky jigsaws and much, much more. It has been lovely to watch how their play and friendships have developed over the year!

With the weather set to stay 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.

LENDING LIBRARY

Many thanks to those of you who have come in every week to change library books, or joined in at home. Although our last library day has been today, if you do find a book at home over the next week, please return it during the final week.

This is our final newsletter for the year. It has been a pleasure getting to know all our families over the year and to watch your children grow – meeting new challenges and working hard to learn new skills and knowledge which they now need to take to Year 1! We wish them all lots of luck as they move into Year 1, to new classes with new teachers and we hope they will be very happy. We would like to say thank you to you all for your on going support this year and hope you enjoy the summer. With very best wishes...

Mrs Burns, Mrs Lewis, Mrs Smallman, Mrs Payne, Mrs Priest, Miss Kazakova and Mrs Hill.

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

MONDAY 13th JULY @ 3pm Final Praise Assembly – all welcome

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

WEDNESDAY 15th JULY (after school) Summer Fayre

FRIDAY 17th JULY – End of Term

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Pre-School

And just like that...we are nearly in our last week, not just of the term, but of the school year... how has that happened! The children have been continuing their topic of Pirates/Princess/Castles/Knights. The tuff tray this week has been full of fairies, wands and ponies. Lovely to see girls and boys playing in there this week. We have also been measuring Rapunzel's hair by using maths cubes. We discussed different lengths and used mathematical language such as longer, shorter, longest, shortest. The children have made their own wands using glitter, paper punchers and pens. They had lots of fun turning everyone into frogs!! They were able to decorate a fairy too. Again using their scissors skills to cut out clothing they wanted for their special fairy. Due to the extremely hot weather, we have spent most of the time inside due to it being too dangerous in the sun. We still had lots of fun outside in the shaded parts where we were able to play in the water tray, climbing trees, making potions in the mud kitchen and designing a crown using scissors.

Finally the Animal Man was fantastic!! We are so proud of every single child in Pre-School. They sat and listened for the whole time, they were gentle with all the animals and very brave!

We will be sending out the last EvidenceMe photos today too but will still be looking at them next week if you do send us any over the weekend!

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This is our last newsletter for this academic year and we cannot believe this time has come. We wish the children moving into their new Reception class our best wishes! They will all do fantastically well, and we are going to miss them so much! They have grown so much since they first started with us, and we are extremely proud of them, and you should be too! We want to say a massive thank you for all the gifts we have received – they are greatly appreciated by us all!! Have a lovely summer break! We hope to see you all again soon!

From Pre-School – Mrs Randle, Miss Parkes, Mrs Davies, Miss Hawthorne, Miss Kazakova and Miss Webb. 😊

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 – Wednesday 15th July!
- 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 - SEASIDE PARTY** – Please see invitations that have gone out this week. (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
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