

Foundation Stage Newsletter

Friday 19th June 2026



RECEPTION

How is it Friday again! The term is whizzing by, just four more weeks left! This week has been busy with plenty of serious learning, serious play and serious fun! We have continued our learning about transport by being 'picture detectives' in History and finding out about transport in the past by looking at photos – we looked at bikes, prams, cars, trains and planes from the past. In Music we listened to music that reminded us of a boat journey – the horn, the waves crashing against the sides and the creaking wood and then noticed the change in 'tempo' – how fast or slow the music was. In DT we looked at lots of different types of boats from rowing boats to cruise liners; pirate ships and life boats. Mrs Smallman and Miss Rubery then helped the children to try out an origami boat. They had to carefully follow the instructions to fold the paper in the correct way to make a boat shape that would float! It was great fun testing the boats to see if they really would float. In RE we continued our learning about special things for people of different religions by thinking about the different symbols that represent different religions – I wonder if there are any around our community that the children might notice? In PSHE we talked about 'what makes a good friend'...and on Thursday, each class was invited for story time in one of the Year 1 classrooms. The children listened carefully and enjoyed their visit. We have more sessions planned to support their transition to Year 1 – the next will be in a couple of weeks where they will join in with an art/ craft activity.

TUESDAY 16th JUNE – SPORTS DAY

Thank you so much to everyone who was able to join us for our Sports Day – the children loved having you join in. Firm favourite activities were making their won medal, bubble blowing, space hoppers, egg and spoon race and hoops! We'd love to see any photos that you took – see our homework challenge!

THURSDAY 25th will be a FOREST SCHOOL DAY – this will be our final visit to Forest School

Children can wear their Forest School clothes. Even if it is warm, they still need legs and arms covered – leggings/ tracksuit bottoms and a long-sleeved T-shirt. Even if it is warm and sunny, under the cover of the trees it is often much cooler. This also makes sure they are not scratched by any branches or stung by nettles. We point these out to the children but do not remove them as they are a teaching point!

HOMEWORK CHALLENGE

If you have any photos taken during our Sports Day, please upload them to Evidence Me –we would love to see some of your memories!

In Maths this week, we have talked about the names for 3D shapes – cube, cylinder, pyramid, cone, cuboid and sphere – can the children find any of these shapes around the house or when they are out and about... a traffic cone, a tin or can, a box, a ball,, I wonder what they will find,

RECYCLING PLEA

In a few weeks we will be making boats – please could you send in any recycling that might help us with this – ideally plastic tubs/ trays. Any other recycling will be gratefully received too as the children have used nearly all of our current stock!

LENDING LIBRARY

Library will be open again on Friday 19th June. Please return this week's books (and any others you might find at home!) ready for a new book.

READING BOOKS

Phonics reading books have been swapped today if your child returned the book issued last week, and they will have received their certificate! Spending just a few minutes a day reading or practising segmenting and blending words makes a huge difference to the children's confidence during phonics and reading.

REMINDERS

Contact us If you have any questions, please ask or you can email us: kburns@bromhills.dudley.sch.uk rlewis@bromhills.dudley.sch.uk

elloyd@bromhills.dudley.sch.uk (Mrs Smallman's email) **Please see the last page for important information**

THURSDAY 25th JUNE (after school) Summer Fayre

FRIDAY 26th JUNE and 10th JULY @ 2.45pm Praise Assemblies – all welcome

MONDAY 29th JUNE – School reports will be set out to parents

WEDNESDAY 1st JULY (after school) Open Evening

WEDNESDAY 15th and THURSDAY 16th JULY – 'Moving Up Days' – Children will move to their new class for a two day taster!

FRIDAY 17th JULY – End of Term

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Pre-School

Sports day – What an amazing turn out. Thank you to everyone that came to Sports Day. We hope you has lots of fun and well done to the adults who got involved too! I think the children loved it! It was definitely a hot one! The children enjoyed having a tiptop ice lolly and a fruity drink. This week in Pre-School we have started our new topic of 'Under The Sea' We looked at different under the sea animals and talked about the features that they have. For example, tentacles on a jellyfish, fins on a shark, gills on a fish! We have been playing with the sea animals in the water and making coral reefs using playdough and different media and materials! They looked amazing. The children have again been continuing practising their cutting skills with cutting the mermaids hair. Following a line on paper makes it easier for children to cut. Please practice cutting at home, I cannot stress how important it is for your child to use a pair of scissors to cut around a shape. Especially if your child is going to Reception!

We have been doing lots of sea creature puzzles, inset puzzle and a large puzzle on floor. There was some great team work!!

We had lots of stories all about under the sea – Fidgety Fish, Smiley Shark, Winnie Under The Sea, Rainbow fish (Which is one of our favourites) and many more. Outside we decorated a large fish to match the fish in the Rainbow Fish story. Next week the children will be making their own individual ones. If you have got the storey rainbow fish, read it to your child this weekend ready for next week. If not there is a version on YouTube. (Which if you put it on silent, you could read to your child. [The Rainbow Fish \(Animated](#)

Read Aloud

Father's Day – Hope Dads have a lovely say on Sunday. We hope you enjoyed your cards the children made!

Maths – We have continued learning about what number comes before and after! Before is definitely trickier but lots of practice always helps.

Phonics – To link in with our topic of under the sea, we have continued initial sounds (so the sound at the beginning of the simple words) and segmenting and blending, chopping words up and blending them back together again! For example, Fish, Shark, Boat, Shell, Rock.

Thank you so much for all the junk modelling you have brought in! The children will be using these in the next few weeks so keep your eyes peeled!

The times are up now for you to put your name down for a report meeting with your child's teacher in the entrance hall!

EvidenceMe Challenge – A easy one this week! Can you send any photos of sports day? We would love to see them and look at them with the children on the whiteboard. Thank you 😊

SUNCREAM AND HATS – Next few weeks the weather is meant to be extremely warm so if your child stays for half a day, please apply suncream before they come into school. If they stay all day please apply before school and bring a bottle of suncream in (give it to a member of staff – not in their bag) so we can apply in the afternoon. Many thanks

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

REMINDERS –

- Thursday 25th June – Summer Fayre after school
- Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday 6/7/8th July – Parent report meetings.
- Friday 10th July – ANIMAL MAN - ([Afternoon children to come in on morning session](#))
- Wednesday/Thursday 15/16th July – Moving up days
- Friday 17th Party Day!! (More information to come) – ([Afternoon children to come in on morning session](#))
- Please make sure you read the school newsletter from Mr Stevens as there is important information on there too.
- **Please see the last few pages for important information** Any questions or if you need support please just ask or email me on epowis@bramhills.dudley.sch.uk

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Important Information

- From Public Health – Please click on the link for nutrition guidance for healthy lunchboxes <https://www.dudleyhealthylunchbox.org.uk/>
- 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 080 8800 3344

Meningitis Now www.meningitisnow.org

Helpline 0808 80 10 388 or helpline@meningitisnow.org

UKHSA blog post

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Triple P
Positive Parenting Program
for every parent

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

BEST START IN LIFE

Dudley family hub network

Types of MMRV vaccine

The MMRV vaccine contains weakened versions of living measles, mumps, rubella and chickenpox viruses. Because these viruses are weakened, they do not spread easily to other people.

There are 2 MMRV vaccines which work equally well: **ProQuad** and **Priorix Tetra**. ProQuad contains porcine gelatine (gelatine from pigs) and Priorix Tetra does not. If you want your child to have the vaccine without gelatine, talk to your practice nurse or GP.

Further information is available in the patient information leaflets.

ProQuad

www.medicines.org.uk/emc/product/101444/pil

Priorix Tetra

www.medicines.org.uk/emc/product/101321/pil

More information on vaccines and porcine gelatine is available on GOV.UK.



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DudleyParents  Dudley Family hub network

TOOLKITS FOR PARENTS & CARERS

TWO NEW SETS OF GUIDED SESSIONS COMING UP FOR DUDLEY PARENTS - NO COST!

FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN AGED 2-11

Find out why children behave the way they do. Practical tools for your tool kit as you navigate the early years!

Every wednesday for 5 sessions starting 20th May
9:45 to 11:45 am
Brierley Hill Family Hub- DY5 3DY
or via TEAMS

FOR PARENTS WHO ARE SEPERATED / DIVORCED - YOU DO NOT NEED TO ATTEND TOGETHER

Get help and information with parenting during or after Seperation/divorce. How to co parent or how to cope with doing it alone. Relaxation/anger techniques & more

Every Wednesday for 5 sessions starting 3rd June
5:45 to 7:45 pm
via TEAMS



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