



Message from Mrs Fellows

Happy new year to you all! I hope you've had a fabulous holiday and enjoyed the festivities. I think we were all feeling tired in December, so I'm hoping that we all got the rest we needed to start the new year ready to work hard and make great progress.

This term is only a short one, but it also the one where we see the most progress and growth in confidence in our children. As always, we will be encouraging the children to read at least three times a week as we all know the benefits of reading so please support us with this by reading with your child at home.

By the end of next week, you will receive a year group newsletter- this tells you your child's PE days, staffing for the year group and what topics are being covered. I'm hoping that this will help you to talk to the children about what they have been studying. You might even visit the library or do some internet research to support them in their studies.

As always, if you have any worries, concerns or compliments please don't hesitate to get in touch with the school office either via email: info@brook.dudley.school.co.uk or via telephone: 01384 389888 to arrange an appointment.



PE days

Please ensure children come to school in their PE kit on the days listed below – Black or navy shorts/joggers, white t-shirt, navy/black hoody and black pumps. This is our PE uniform, where children are still smart. We should not be treating these days as mufti days. Thank you for your support.

Butterflies	Tuesday
Reception	Friday
Year 1	Tuesday & Wednesday
Year 2	Monday & Thursday
Year 3	Wednesday & Thursday
Year 4	Tuesday & Friday*
Year 5	Monday & Friday
Year 6	Tuesday & Thursday

*please ensure pupils bring costume/trunks, swimming cap and towel for when they are going swimming.

4LF will be swimming on Friday's for the first half of this term (up until February half term). 4D will be swimming for the second half of the term (after February half term - Easter).

Don't let your child catch it

– get them vaccinated with the MMR vaccine

Measles symptoms include: high fever; sore, red, watery eyes; coughing; aching and feeling generally unwell; a blotchy red brown rash, which usually appears after the initial symptoms.

The number of young people catching measles has risen. It's never too late to be vaccinated. You need two doses of MMR one month apart to be fully protected against measles, mumps and rubella.

It's time to make measles a disease of the past.

If you have symptoms of measles, stay at home and phone your GP or NHS 111 for advice. **STAY AWAY** from GP surgeries and A&E departments – you could spread the illness to others.

Supporting families in financial hardship that require emergency help

To ensure families in Dudley can access emergency support when needed, Dudley Council have set up additional out of hours provision. Practitioners working with families experiencing financial hardship can direct them to the following emergency support. **NB: The emergency financial support from Family Hubs and Emergency Duty Team will be available until the end March 2024.**

For further information contact cypteam@dudley.gov.uk

	Support available	Hours
Brierley Hill Baby Bank	Families can access essential items (e.g. clothing, bedding, toddler beds) to keep their infant (under 2 years old) warm during the winter.	Monday – Friday 09:00 – 17:00
Black Country Food Bank	Families can access food items (not including infant formula)	Monday – Friday 09:00 – 13:00
Family Hubs	Families can access financial support for food items and/or infant formula	Monday – Friday 09:00 – 17:00
Social Care Emergency Duty Team	Families can access financial support for food items and/or infant formula	Evenings 17:00 – 00:00, Weekends & Bank Holidays

CONTACTS

Baby Bank
07930 073077
brierleyhillbabybank@gmail.com
www.brierleyhillbabybank.co.uk

Black Country Food Bank (Monday—Friday 09:00—13:00)
www.blackcountryfoodbank.org.uk
admin@blackcountryfoodbank.org.uk
01384 671250

Family Hubs (Monday—Friday 09:00—17:00)
www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/early-years-and-childcare/dudley-family-hub-network
Lye - Lye By-Pass, Stourbridge, DY9 8HT, 01384 813954
Brierley Hill - 18 Parkes St, Brierley Hill, DY5 3DY, 01384 813322
Coseley - Bayer Street, Bilston, WV14 9DS, 01384 813096
Dudley - Selbourne Road, Dudley DY2 8LJ, 01384 812440
Stourbridge—Forge Rd, Stourbridge, DY8 1XF, 01384 818780

Social Care Emergency Duty Team (Evenings 17:00 – 00:00, Weekends & Bank Holidays)
0300 555 8574

Healthy Visiting Team
www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/start-for-life/health-visiting
01922 607000
bchft.communications@nhs.net

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Pupil achievements!



Huge well done to Luca for being awarded 'Player of the match' at his football game on Saturday! What a great achievement Luca - well done!



Would you like to help reshape the future of Brook?!

We currently have 2 exciting parent governor vacancies available here at Brook!

If you would like to apply to become a Parent Governor, please pop into the school office for an application form. More details will be sent out via email.



Hi,
 Here at Stourbridge RFC we are pleased to share with you an initiative we are trialling in association with our colleagues at Dudley Council.

We would like to offer all children in Dudley the opportunity to come and see a game of high quality rugby during this Rugby World cup year here at Stourton Park.

On the right you can see all available fixtures.

We are happy for accompanied children to come with parents and/or carers and there will be no charge for entry or carparking. Just print out and cut the ticket out found at the bottom of this letter. Don't worry if you don't have a printer just show us this letter on your phone or device.

We are inclusive and have a lift for wheelchair users to access the main clubhouse and bar. Please check up to date games info on our website.

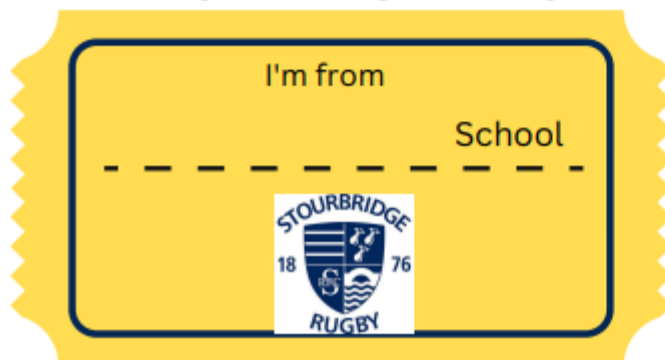
It would be perfect if you can notify us of which game you would like to attend just to help the day run smoothly. Please contact Louise on 01384 395000 or email: rugby@stourbridge rugby.com

As you would expect there will be a bar, with some hot food available for purchase.

We look forward to offering you a warm welcome!.

Dr Steve Mann
 SRFC Management
 Committee

Dr Mayada Abu Affan
 Director of Public
 Health and Wellbeing
 Dudley MBC



Mens 1st XV
Saturdays 3pm KO

2nd SEPT	BROADSTREET
16th SEPT	OLD HALESONIANS
23rd SEPT	OXFORD QUINS
14th OCT	BRIDGNORTH
4th NOV	KENILWORTH
18th NOV	SYSTON
9th DEC	BURTON
13th JAN	DERBY
3rd FEB	STOKE
2nd MAR	BANBURY
23rd MAR	BROMSGROVE

Please see our website
www.stourbridgerugby.com
 for our 1stXV Ladies Fixtures

Mens 2nd XV
"THE LIONS"
Saturdays *

9th SEPT	NEWPORT 2's
30th SEPT	TENBURY
21st OCT	BRIDGNORTH 2s
11th NOV	CLEE HILL
2nd DEC	MARKET DRAYTON
16th DEC	LUCTIONIANS 3's
6th JAN	WILLENHALL
27th JAN	OSWESTRY
17th FEB	BROMYARD
16th MAR	HANDSWORTH
6th APRIL	RUGELEY

*please check website or call 01384 395000 for kick off times.

Stourbridge Rugby Club
 Stourton Park
 Bridgnorth Road
 Stourton
 West Midlands
 DY7 6QZ

01384 395000
rugby@stourbridgerugby.com

You have until the 15 January 2024 to apply for a Reception class place.

You can visit our website via the link below which will explain how to apply and there is also a link to the Dudley MBC admissions page.



Diary dates 2024



Friday 9 th February 2024	End of Half Term
Monday 12 th - Friday 16 th February 2024	<u>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</u>
Monday 19 th February 2024	<u>Children return to school</u>
Monday 4 th March 2024	Butterflies / Early years & Key stage 1 Parent's evening - more details to follow
Wednesday 6 th March 2024	Key stage 2 parent's evening—more details to follow
Friday 22 nd March 2024	End of term
Monday 25 th March - Friday 5 th April 2024	Easter holidays
Monday 8 th April 2024	Inset day - school closed to children
Tuesday 9 th April 2024	Children return to school
Monday 6 th May 2024	May day - School closed to children
Monday 27 th May - Friday 31 st May 2024	<u>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</u>
Monday 3 rd June 2024	Children return to school
Friday 19 th July 2024	Children break up for Summer holidays at the end of the day
Monday 22 nd July 2024	Inset day - school closed to children

Some of the children from year 1 & 2 enjoyed taking part in a gymnastic festival yesterday held at Dudley Gymnastics Club. The children gained confidence and were able to use the bars, beams and vaults. A great time had by all!



Last terms attendance:
18/12/23—22/12/23

4D were the highest attendees in KS2 and 2C were the highest in KS1.

Well Done!

Rec D	91.25%
Rec B	96.09%
1R	87%
1W	89.67%
2C	97.33%
2T	96.90%
3B	90.71%
3MH	96.67%
4D	97.41%
4F	94.40%
5I	96.33%
5P	92.33%
6AH	89.31%
6HT	92.67%
School Total	93.13%
Target	97%

Brook Buddies

Brook Buddies runs every morning and evening. Why not join us for breakfast or some after school fun? Our session times & prices are below:

Breakfast club:

8:00am-8:45am - £3.50

Afterschool club:

Half session 3:20pm-4:45pm - £5.25

Full session 3:20pm-5:45pm - £8.00

All bookings must be made by Thursday of the week before you require childcare.

Please note: (Summary from Brook School policy)

Parents should collect their child promptly at the end of a session otherwise you will be charged a fee of **£10.00** to cover staff costs if they are **more than 10 minutes late**. If this situation arises more than three times in one term, their child's place at Brook Buddies may be forfeited!

Buddies parents please note:

If you need an emergency place—this needs to be paid on Parent Pay no later than 3pm.