Hawbush Primary School

# HAWBUSH NEWS

drb Ignite Multi Academy Trust

## Diary Dates

### January

5th School Closed (Inset Day for Staff)
6th School re-opens for pupils
9th Year 4 SPARKS

### February

13th Year 6 transition Road safety training
16th Half term
23rd children return to school

### March

12th Year 3 Professor McGinty
16th Class Photos
30th Easter Holidays



The run-up to Christmas is always a very busy time for us in school. Our festive events allow us to celebrate and enrich our sense of family and community.

Our recent Christmas Fayre was a huge success and raised much appreciated funds to be spent on the children over the coming months. A big thank you to the PTA for you hard work in helping to ensure this event ran smoothly.

The final week of the Autumn term is always one of out favourite weeks in school.

KS1 have performed a fantastic Nativity Story, Early Years hosted a Christmas crafts events and KS2 performed a Christmas carols concert at Amblecote Church. A huge thank you to everyone that has helped with or attended these events. Your support, as always, is greatly appreciated by all of the staff.

Finally, we ended the term with a visit from Santa and class Christmas parties.

All the staff at Hawbush Primary School wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year. We look forward to welcoming you all back in 2026.

The children from several different year groups helped to put up the Christmas decorations. They did an amazing job!




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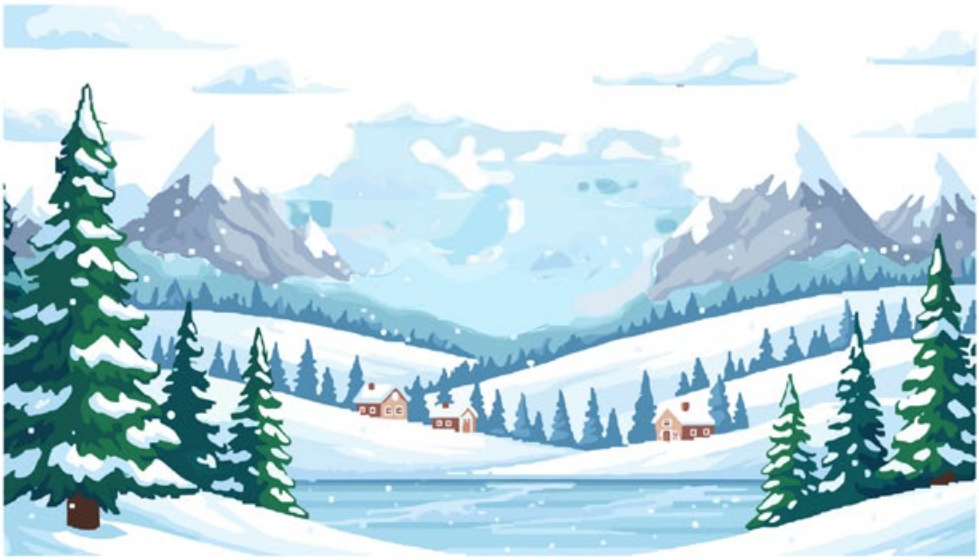






# HAPPY

From all the staff at Hawbush, we hope you have a fantastic holiday!



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# Winter Wednesdays!

*Slide into soft play at Duncan Edwards, Crystal and Halesowen leisure centres and pay only £2 per child on Wednesdays*

*Find out more by visiting the DBLeisure website https://www.dbleisure.co.uk/soft-play*

# Terms and conditions

- *soft play/Planet play rules and guidance apply at the centres. Please see rules stated below.*
- *The £2 fee applies to Wednesdays during December 2025 only. Exceptions apply to Wednesday 24th December at all three centres and Wednesday 31st December at Crystal Leisure Centre.*
- *The £2 fee is based on per child, per sessions.*
- *pre-booking a session is recommended as this guarantees a place. Sessions can be pre-booked up to four days in advance. Payment must be made at the time of booking. Alternatively, you can turn up on spec, however you may have to wait for an available space during busy times.*
- *Options+ Leisure Discount is not available during the offer period.*
- *Vouchers cannot be used during the offer period.*
- *Spaces are subject to availability.*








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# HAF Holiday Activities

*The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme is a government-funded initiative that provides low-income families with funded holiday activities and a meal in the school holidays. Over the Winter holidays, children are allocated 4 credits to book 4 funded sessions.*

***Who is eligible?***

*In line with the Department for Education's guidelines, HAF funding is primarily allocated to school-aged children (Reception to Year 11) who receive benefits-related free school meals. A small number of discretionary places are available for children who are not eligible for free school meals but are considered vulnerable. However, as these places are limited, they are offered at the discretion of the local authority and cannot be guaranteed.*

*Further information and the online form to register can be found on our website: Dudley Holiday Activities | Children's Activities | Dudley HAF*

*Many of our providers are also offering paid places alongside the HAF-funded places, for children not eligible for HAF. These providers can be contacted directly for further information – all details in the What's On Guide*

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*Children eligible for Benefits-related Free School Meals must first register with the Dudley Council FSM team to ensure eligibility. To apply for FSM please visit https://www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/benefits/free-school-meals/*

HAF activities are running from 20th December 2025 to 3rd January 2026 There is a huge range of fun activities and family events! Please also read the information below carefully for information on eligibility and the booking process.

## Cancelling Bookings / No Shows

If cancelling, this must be done at least 24 hours before the activity. If sick on the day, please still notify the provider directly as soon as possible. Other people miss out if you do not cancel with adequate warning or do not show up without notifying providers. If you change your mind about a booking, you must cancel to free up the place before rebooking another activity. If you persistently don't turn up for bookings, then your remaining bookings may be cancelled.

Great News- Paid Places are also Available Many of our providers will also be offering paid places in their activities for children who are not eligible for HAF. If you have friends or family who you think may want to join in there may be places available! Please contact these providers directly to check availability and book these places- all information is on the listings

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# DIGITAL SKILLS TRAINING

## GET PLACEMENTS & GET PAID!

**THIS WORKS FOR**

- Dudley Residents
- Unemployed
- Aged 19+

**Work from home or anywhere alongside employers/ companies with opportunities in:**

AI • TiKTok • Virtual Assistants
Content Creation • E-Commerce
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# DUDLEY

## FREE 1-2-1 COUNSELLING

- ✓ Aged 19+
- ✓ Living in Dudley
- ✓ Unemployed
- ✓ Ready to take the next step

## MANAGE YOUR MIND RIGHT FOR THE FUTURE YOU WANT!

We offer confidential and professional counselling support to guide you through your journey to **employment**, **training**, or **education**.

### We will help you to:

- Build confidence and self-esteem
- Overcome barriers to employment
- Explore training and education options
- Develop coping strategies
- Create actionable career plans
- Connect with local opportunities

**We support unemployed residents to overcome mental health barriers and build the sustainable future YOU deserve.**

**Scan the QR code to enrol:**

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# Dudley Christmas Support 2025.

**Dudley Council Christmas Opening Times and Emergency Contacts -**
https://www.dudley.gov.uk/media-centre/communications/christmas-opening-times-and-emergency-contacts/

**Life Central Church** are having a Christmas Day meal for people who may be alone or struggling financially. More information / bookings at this link







**Where kids can eat for cheap or free during Christmas holidays**

https://capuk.org/news-and-blog/where-can-kids-eat-free-or-cheap-this-christmas

https://www.moneymagpie.com/save-money/where-can-kids-eat-for-1-or-less-this-holiday

https://moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free

**Dudley Safe & Sound**

Even at Christmas it's important to stay safe. Dudley Safe and Sound's Christmas safety tips campaign encourages people to look out for illegal money lenders and online frauds. They also highlight the increased risk of domestic abuse and the fact that children and young people can

become the 'forgotten victims' of domestic abuse. You can access the website to find out more and share the advice with friends and family. https://www.dudleysafeandsound.org/christmassafety

**White House Cancer Support**

For anyone affected by cancerand particularly those who may receive a diagnosis over the Christmas period and need assistance with their mental health, we will be providing telephone support between 9am – 5pm on29th, 30th and 31st December and the 2nd of January. Details/contact numbers are available on our website www.support4cancer.org.uk

**Stop Loan Sharks**

At ~~this time of yea~~r people can be tempted by loan sharks as they struggle for cash to cover the expense of the season. This makes it easier for lenders to exploit people with a small loan to tide them over Christmas, but it ends up costing borrowers much more financially and having a huge impact on their lives.

Loan sharks will act like friends and make the offer seem hard to resist, but very quickly the situation can spiral out of control and borrowers can be subjected to threats, violence and intimidation.

Loan sharks can be reported confidentially by calling Illegal Money Lending England on 0300 555 2222 or by emailing reportaloanshark@stoploansharks.gov.uk

**Scams**

We are all vulnerable to scams. People young and old experience scams and anyone can be tricked by them. We can all benefit by learning more about scams.

Trading Standards works with scam victims in Dudley Borough, to raise awareness, improve reporting of scams and stop financial abuse.
https://www.dudley.gov.uk/business/trading-standards/rogue-traders-and-scams/scams/

**If domestic abuse means home isn't your safe place, we can help**

Some families are facing a tough Christmas, because of domestic abuse. Safe & sound Dudley's community safety partnership and Dudley Safeguarding People Partnership work hard to support victims. For help and support call Dudley Borough Single Point Of Contact (SPOC) on 01384 455411 (24 hours) or text/WhatsApp 07384 466181 (9am - 9pm weekdays).

You can also LIVE CHAT with the SPOC team by visiting their website – just look for the chat icon on the left hand side of the screen. Web chat is open Monday to Fridays, 10am to 2pm, except on bank holidays.

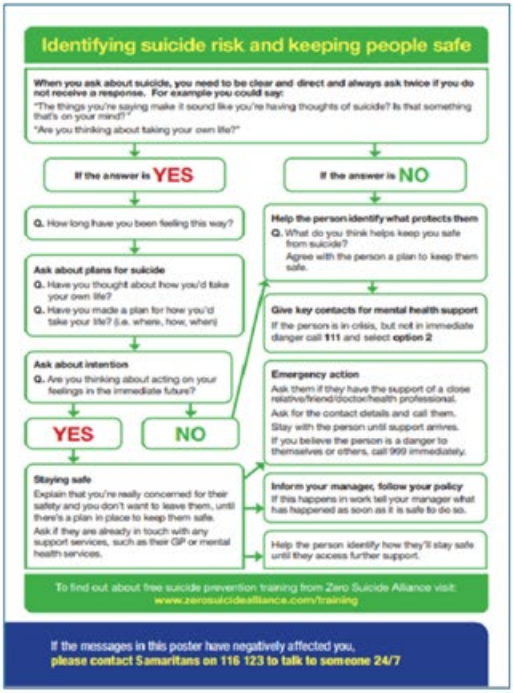
In an emergency dial 999, if it's too dangerous to speak press '55' when connected and the operator will know you need help

For more information on domestic abuse including the signs to look out for in family and friends visit our help hub.

**Mental Health Support**
https://www.dudley.gov.uk/council-community/cost-of-living/mental-health-wellbeing/

**Suicide Prevention Support**
https://www.dudley.gov.uk/council-community/cost-of-living/mental-health-wellbeing/managing-suicidal-thoughts/




**Stay Connected: Lonely or isolated**

The winter months can be long and lonely for many people. This is especially true for older people or those with a disability or long-term health condition. This is why it is important to check in on others and ensure they are warm and safe this winter.

It is helpful to keep ourselves busy. For information on thousands of activities, services and events across the Dudley borough, take a look at the Dudley Community Information Directory. Our Pleased to Meet You scheme offers short-term support to people feeling lonely. Our helpline offers a friendly chat, or the chance to find out about help in the local area, including lots of support options to help you to stay independent, healthy and well. Telephone 01384 812761 Monday to Friday, 9am to 4pm.

You can find more information on how you can stay connected on Healthy Dudley, Dudley Council's Public Health page.

**Dudley Carers Hub**

Caring for a family member, friend or neighbour this winter? It is important that carers look after themselves during the winter months, as well as the person they care for. Dudley Carers Hub offers practical help, advice and information to unpaid carers of all ages. Telephone 01384 818723.

**Winter Wellbeing**

Cold weather can bring many challenges to our health and wellbeing, especially if you need extra help during winter. There are lots of things you can do to get prepared for the season. Here you will find information and advice, help and support on keeping safe and well in winter.
https://www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/care-and-health/adult-health-and-social-care/support-to-live-independently/winter-wellbeing/

**Christmas and New Year Pharmacy Opening Times**

https://blackcountry.communitypharmacy.org.uk/our-news/christmas-and-new-year-pharmacy-opening-times/

**NHS: Find the right service for you**

As temperatures drop and nights draw in, it's important to remember that winter conditions can seriously affect your health. The NHS is here for you, and our local health and care professionals are ready and available to help you this winter. Think which service is right for you:
https://blackcountry.icb.nhs.uk/your-health/find-right-service-you

**Cost of living support (not emergency service)**

Please visit the cost-of-living website for lots of information regarding cost savings
https://www.dudley.gov.uk/council-community/cost-of-living/

If you are struggling financially, search through the **HouseholdSupportFundPage**
https://www.dudley.gov.uk/council-community/cost-of-living/household-support/

**Please also check your local Social Media pages for further community events**.

https://www.dudleysafeandsound.org/post/staying-safe-this-christmas

| Issue | Helpline/ Contact |
|---|---|
| Loan sharks | 0300 555 2222 or 0800 555 111 |
| Online fraud | Report Fraud: 0300 123 2040 |
| Domestic abuse | SPOC: 01384 455411<br>Text/WhatsApp: 07384 466181 |
| Emergency domestic abuse | 999 (press 55 if silent) |
| Child abuse concerns | Children's Service: 0300 555 0050 |
| Living Well, Feeling Safe | 01384 817743 |

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# January Amnesty

Join our January amnesty by donating left over gift sets, bottles, chocolates and boxes of biscuits that will be used to raise funds throughout 2026.

Thank you in advance.

THE MARY STEVENS HOSPICE PRESENTS

# IT'S PANTO TIME!



X FACTOR LEGEND
**CHICO**
AS THE KING



COMEDY FAVOURITE
**SILLY, WILL**
AS JACK



CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINER
**WALLY WOMBAT**
AS DAME TROTT

# JACK AND THE BEANSTALK

FEATURING
**BREATHTAKING SPECIAL EFFECTS**



STUNNING SENSATION
**ELLA-LOUISE**
AS JILL

FEBRUARY HALF TERM

**11TH - 18TH FEBRUARY 2026**

**STOURBRIDGE TOWN HALL THEATRE**

01384 377 778
www.marystevenshospice.co.uk

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# Christmas Treecycle

## 7th – 10th January 2026

**Let us collect and recycle your real Christmas tree early January, and support the specialist care given at The Mary Stevens Hospice**

★ We will collect from **outside your home or business**...giving you more time to concentrate on those new year resolutions!

★ Call the fundraising office on 01384 377 778 to enquire about us coming out to collect your Christmas tree!

Follow us on:

Scan here to register your tree or visit
**www.marystevenshospice.co.uk/event/treecycle-2026/**

Headline sponsor:

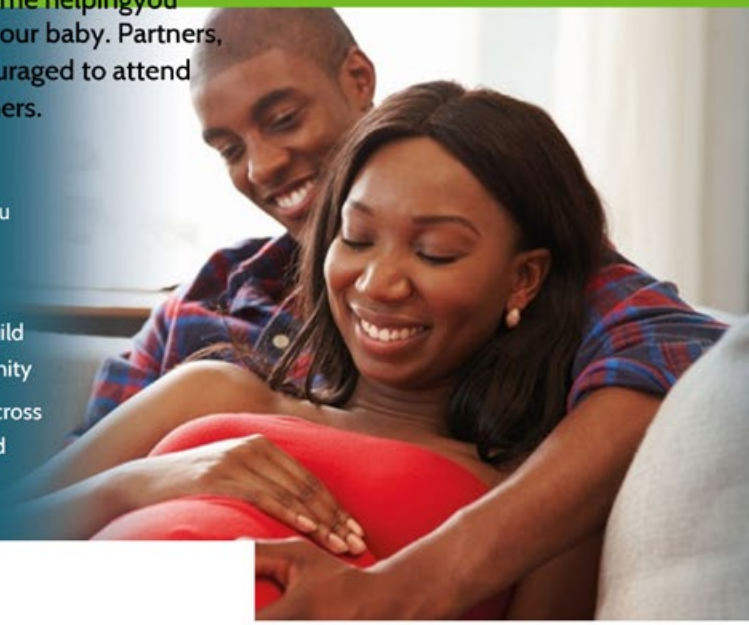
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# Preparation for Parenthood

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## Are you pregnant?

AFREE 6-session programme helpingyou prepare for the arrival of your baby. Partners, friends or family are encouraged to attend alongside expectant mothers.



- Practical, evidence-based information to support you as you prepare to become a parent
- A great opportunity to meet other expectant parents and build friendships within your community
- Join the thousands of families across the country who have benefitted from a HENRY programme

Becoming a parent

A healthy pregnancy

Bonding

Caring

Giving birth

Life after birth

*"Exceeded my expectations!"*
Expectant parent




Day/time: Mondays, 12.30pm - 2.30pm First session: 9 February 2026 Last session: 23 March 2026 Length: 6 weeks Optional session on 2 February to learn more about the course and meet the facilitators. Venue: The Source Youth Centre, Barnett Lane, DY8 5PY

Visit wwww.dudleyparents.co.uk or scan the QR Code and click on the HENRY tile to book your place.

# Healthy Families: Growing Up




## Healthy, thriving children and families

HENRY's free Healthy FamiliesGrowingUp programme isfor parents and carers of primary-school age children – it will help you develop a hea lthier, happier lifestyle that the whole family can enjoy.

The programme covers these 5 themes across 8 sessions and provides everything you need to help your children flourish.

- Feeling more confident as a parent
- Physical activity for the whole family
- What children and the whole family eats
- Family lifestyle habits
- Enjoying life as a family

Get in touch to signup now!

"This was the best thing I could possibly have done to help me be a better mum"

## Programme details

For parents or carerswith children aged 5 - 12 years
Day/time: Wednesday, 09.30 - 11.30
First session: 28 January 2026
Last session: 25 March 2026
Length: 8 sessions
Optional session on 14 January to learn more about the course and meet the facilitators.
Venue: Brierley Hill Family Hub, 18 Parkes Street, DY5 3DY

## How to book a place

Visit www.dudleyparents.co.uk or scan the QR Code and click on the HENRY tile to book your place

# Starting Solids

## Free local workshops

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Healthy Start, Brighter Future



Introducing solid foods is the start of a whole new chapter for you and your baby

Come along!

### Introducing solid foods at 6 months

Cometo a Starting Solids workshopto help you get your baby off to a great start. The workshop will help you decide:

- When your baby is ready to try solid food
- What foods to start with
- When your baby is hungry and when they've had enough
- How to make mealtimes an enjoyable experience for both of you

Workshops are taking place throughout January, February, March 2026

Visit www.dudleyparents.co.uk or scan the QR code and click on the HENRY tile to book your place