



SEND Newsletter



Summer 2026

Message from the SENCO

I would like to take this opportunity to celebrate the success of all our children and the progress they have made this year.

In this newsletter you can find key headlines for this term, a message about *fidgets* and some useful links to support your child with SEND during the Summer holidays. Helpful links to websites to support you and your family and as we approach the Summer holidays, some links to help you browse for SEND-friendly holiday outings.

We have had a positive Spring Term and first half of Summer Term. Our children with SEND continue to be supported through our different waves of provision.

Miss Rose



Important dates:

Extra optional SEND Parent Consultations:

Monday 13 July: 3:30pm - 4.00pm

Online booking form will be sent to you in Week 5.

Transition:

Moving to a new class with a new teacher can be scary for some of our children. However, we ensure any children who need additional visits to their new classroom have them.

Teachers meet for thorough transition meetings so you can be assured that your child's new class teacher understands them and any support that they may need. You can meet the new teacher on Tuesday 30 June.

Dudley offer a wide range of services and support for children and young people (aged 0 - 25 years) with SEND needs.

All of which can be found on the Dudley Local Offer website: <https://www.dudley.gov.uk/resident/localoffer>

**Dudley's
Local Offer**

Summer Holidays



We wish you a wonderful holiday



The Summer holidays can sometimes be tricky for our children with SEND, particularly when going to new places or being out of routine. Some strategies that can help you and your child at home are:

- ◆ Develop a plan for the day - lots of children with SEND struggle with changes in routine, so having a plan for the day can help (even if it is just sitting in the garden).
- ◆ Attend some local SEND-friendly sessions at leisure centres, soft play areas and the cinema. Details of which can be found on the reverse of this newsletter.
- ◆ Have a reward chart - a lot of children with SEND thrive from structure so a reward chart can help with behaviour choices.
- ◆ If you're going to a new place for a holiday, it may be good to show your child pictures of where you are going and where you are staying to help remove the "fear of the unknown."

To contact Miss Rose (SENCO), please email or call the school office:

admin@alder.dudley.sch.uk
School Office: 01384 816610

Support for parents:

We want to ensure you have access to information which can support you in supporting your child inside and outside of school.



BBC SEND in the Spotlight

This is a new podcast which is available through Spotify or Apple Podcasts. Each episode focuses on a different aspect of SEND with parents and staff who work in education. Very information and supportive. Worth a listen!

DUDLEY SENDIASS

Dudley SENDIASS offer free support and advice to parents and carers of children and young people with SEND.

<https://www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/learning-and->

DUDLEY HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Free Summer clubs

If you are entitled to Free School Meals, Dudley run some holiday clubs for 5 - 16 year olds, which you can use for free!

<https://www.dudleyholidayactivities.org.uk/>

SEND Summer 2026 Headlines

- ◆ In order to provide support to more children we have launched an invite-only Relax Kids club, run by our trained Relax Kids Coach, Mrs Johnson.



- ◆ For the first time, we have included a Learning Support Evaluation section on your child's end of year report, if they are on our SEND register. This is to celebrate their individual progress as well as what provisions have been successful for them this year.
- ◆ The use of fidgets in school has increased, while this can help some children it can also be a barrier as this is another stimulus to focus on. If it has been agreed that your child needs to use a fidget, we will provide one in school.

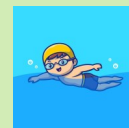
Local Leisure Centres

As summer approaches, you may be looking for swimming and soft play sessions, which are appropriate for your child. These environments can be fun but also very daunting for a child with SEND needs, but they should not miss out!

Below are links to websites which outline any soft play or leisure centres, which offer SEND sessions:

<https://dudleyci.co.uk/categories/sen-leisure-sessions>

<https://www.dbleisure.co.uk/school-holiday-activities>



Dudley Showcase Cinema also provide some autism-friendly screenings with lower volume and easier access.

Links to important documents:

Alder Coppice SEND Policy: www.alder.dudley.sch.uk/learning-support-special-educational-needs/

School SEN Information Report: www.alder.dudley.sch.uk/learning-support-special-educational-needs/

The SEND Code of Practice 2015: www.gov.uk/government/publications/send-code-of-practice-0-to-25