



# Newsletter 12

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## DATES TO REMEMBER NOVEMBER - DECEMBER

Date	Time	Event	Year Group
TUESDAY 26 NOV	All day	School Photographer	Whole school
WEDNESDAY 27-29 NOV	Residential	Brighthouse	Year 5
THURSDAY 28 NOV	All day	Aston Hall trip	Year 1
TUESDAY 3 DEC	AM	Pantomime	Whole school
FRIDAY 6 DEC	3.30pm - 5.30pm	Christmas Fayre	Whole school
MONDAY 9 DEC	12.45pm - 1.30pm	Christmas Dinners	Year 3, Year 4 & RB
MONDAY 9 DEC	9.00am - 6.00pm	Houses of parliament	Year 5
MONDAY 9 DEC	2.15pm - 3.00pm	Y3 Peter Pan Performance	Year 3
MONDAY 9 DEC	4.00pm - 4.30pm	Drama club performance	Drama Club
TUESDAY 10 DEC	12.45pm - 1.30pm	Christmas Dinners	Year 5 & Year 6
WEDNESDAY 11 DEC	12.45pm - 1.30pm	Christmas Dinners	Year 1 & Year 2
THURSDAY 12 DEC	ALL DAY	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR GENERAL ELECTIONS	
FRIDAY 13 DEC	12.45pm - 1.30pm	Christmas Dinners	EYFS
MONDAY 16 DEC	9.00am - 10.00am	Y1 Xmas carol performance	Year 1
MON 16 & TUE 17 DEC	2.00pm - 3.00pm	Reception Nativity	Reception
MONDAY 16 DEC	All day	Peter Pan Performance at The Rep	Year 3
TUESDAY 17 DEC	9.00am - 10.30am	HT awards	Whole school
TUESDAY 17 DEC	PM	Christmas Parties	Whole school
WEDNESDAY 18 DEC	AM	Cinema attendance trip	100% attendance N-Y6
THURSDAY 19 DEC	All day	Christmas Jumper day	Whole school
THURSDAY 19 DEC	9.00am- 10.30am	Star of the term	Reception - Year 6
FRIDAY 20 DEC	AM	Church visit	Whole school

## FESTIVE FRIDAY

Friday 29 November is 'Festive Friday' at Billesley! To support our Christmas Fayre we ask that you come to school with festive hair and a donation of chocolate, toys or toiletries.

Thank you.

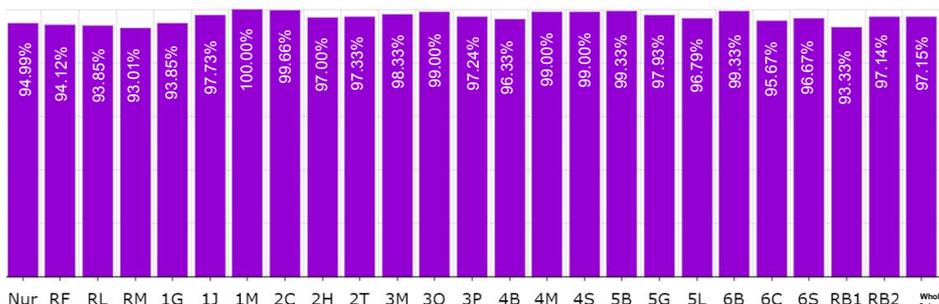
## Billesley Bug Club Class competition!

Which class will have read the most books? We are over half way through the competition and children are doing really well with reading lots of books each week! The class with the highest number of books read will win a prize and the winning class of KS1 and KS2 will win a huge hamper full of goodies for their classrooms to celebrate their efforts with reading! Keep logging in and make your class Bug Club winners!

## ATTENDANCE

CHILDREN NEED TO BE IN SCHOOL AT 8.45AM LESSONS START AT 8.50AM. LATE MARKS WILL BE GIVEN TO CHILDREN WHO ARRIVE AFTER 8.50AM GATES CLOSE AT 9.00AM, AFTER THIS CHILDREN MUST ENTER THROUGH THE MAIN OFFICE

### Attendance W.C 18 November 2019



## TERM DATES

BREAK UP	RETURN TO SCHOOL
2020	
FRIDAY 20 DECEMBER	TUESDAY 7 JANUARY
FRIDAY 14 FEBRUARY	MONDAY 24 FEBRUARY
FRIDAY 3 APRIL	MONDAY 20 APRIL
FRIDAY 22 MAY	MONDAY 1 JUNE
FRIDAY 17 JULY	TBC
PLEASE NOTE:	
THURSDAY 7 MAY 2020 SCHOOL CLOSED	LOCAL ELECTIONS
FRIDAY 8 MAY 2020 SCHOOL CLOSED	BANK HOLIDAY 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF VE DAY

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# STARS OF THE WEEK

Class	Name	Reason	Mathematician of the Week
RF	Asmarah A	Asmarah has been working hard all week fully immersing herself into the story 'We're going on a bear hunt', which has enabled her to write a number of amazing descriptive captions about the bear.	Manas S
RL	Muhammad H J	For making outstanding progress in phonics, which has helped his letter formation. We are also very impressed with his willingness and enthusiasm to practice his writing during independent learning time! Keep up the good work Hassam!	Francis A
RM	Safa R	Safa has been working hard this week. She always gives 100% in everything she does and is constantly working hard to improve her letter formation. Well done Safa!	Bradley H
1J	Ezekiel W	Ezekiel has written about various animals during our English lessons over the past few weeks. He has a wide range of knowledge of animals and tell his peers interesting facts.	Faria A
1M	Hussain B	Hussain is a true superstar. He is always showing his kind manners, and being a great friend to other children in the class. As well as this, he has been working really hard to improve his handwriting. Keep up this excellent attitude, well done Hussain!	Elijah A
1G	Anayah K	Wow! Anayah impressed me so much in writing this week. She listened and included everything in her writing. She is a total super star. Well done Anayah.	Hashim H
2T	Alisha L	Alisha has been trying really hard in writing this week to create some interesting sentences and perfect her handwriting. Well done for trying so hard Alisha !	Hadiyah A
2H	Millie-Rose T	Millie-Rose what a pleasure you are to have in my class! She has been an absolute star this week. She has worked extremely hard in maths lessons and has been fantastic when multiplying numbers. She really has a great attitude to learning. Millie tries hard in everything she does and this shines through her work. Keep it up!	Mohammed S N
2C	Skye C	Skye is a polite, hardworking and kind member of 2C. She puts in 100% effort to all she does and is a pleasure to have in the classroom. This week Skye has impressed me with her hard work in our guided reading sessions where she has made interesting and insightful predictions about what might happen next. Keep working hard Skye!	Fatimah E
3P	Momina I	Momina has really grown in confidence recently and continues to be a great friend to everyone. She is doing incredibly well in maths and continues to provide excellent responses in science. Last but not least, Momina has really been making her teacher laugh this week! Well done.	Harveer P
3O	Ramisha K	Ramisha has really come out of her shell since joining Billesley. She is trying her best in all areas of her learning and is building some lovely friendships. We are so glad that you decided to come here!	Zeina E
3M	Jamie C	Jamie has grown in confidence and been sharing his fantastic insights in both Maths and English. Keep it up - we love hearing from you!	Lexi R
4S	Umair M	Umair has become number one in the whole school on spelling shed in just a week! His positive attitude has sparked joy and competition in 4S this week! Thank you, for being such a good sport!	Tariq A
4B	Ayman A	Ayman has really impressed us all with his attitude towards his work this week. He has excelled in his assessments and has smiled all the way through. Well done Ayman!	Areesha K
4M	Daisy-Mae J	Daisy-Mae is such a polite, helpful girl and is an excellent role model to others. She is developing self confidence and resilience in areas she finds difficult. Keep going Daisy-Mae, you are brilliant.	Aleena B
5G	Kaine L	Well done Kaine for a brilliant week! We were all so impressed with your impeccable behaviour at the Brighthouse - it was an absolute pleasure to have you there!!	Faith D
5L	Ali A	Ali has such amazing perseverance and always tries his very hardest at everything that he is asked to do. He is such a friendly and caring young man and I am extremely lucky to have him in my class. You are a star Ali.	Dylan H
5B	Aleena H	What an excellent addition to 5B Aleena has been. She fits in well and is an amazing member of the class! She faces every single challenge, especially all the mud at Brighthouse, with a beaming smile. She has made me so so proud!! Keep it up Aleena!	Raluca-Alexia M
6C	Ashaz J	Ashaz is a scientist in the making. Not only is he extremely knowledgeable, but he is also eager to share his ideas and reasoning with the class. Well done Ashaz - Keep it up!	Maria P
6B	Kaseel Z	Wow! Kaseel has absolutely smashed all of her lessons in Year 6 recently. Her focus has been exemplary and she has totally blown Miss Cockayne away with her writing. Her work on fractions in maths has made me so proud. Well done Kaseel - keep up the excellent attitude to your learning!	Zaharah B
6S	Leonardo G	Leonardo has really grown in confidence recently. He contributed loads of ideas during our class discussion for our 'Inspire Day' and produced a brilliant diary entry as a result! Leo is trying really hard in all his lessons and demonstrating a positive attitude to his learning. Well done!	Amirah H
RB	Caden D	Caden has worked really hard this week and is managing incredibly well with all the challenges and changes! Great job Caden!	Zoya A

# HALLOWEEN DISCO!

Last Thursday, it grew spooky at Billesley as we had a Halloween disco. The hall was spookily decorated and everyone had a frightfully good time! Especially these Children!

Ethan 4M, "I liked the disco because it was fun to see everyone's spooky costumes."

Declan 4S, "I enjoyed it because Halloween is my birthday and I love the spookiness of it!"

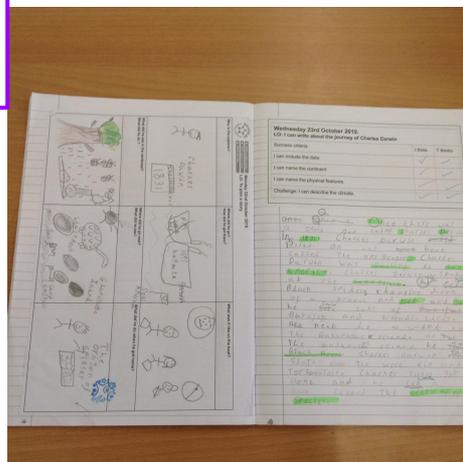
Tia 4B, "We got to play loads of games and everybody was nice."



# Year 2 History and Geography

This term, Year 2 have been exploring the world and all of its continents. We have focussed on the explorer 'Charles Darwin'. We have learnt all about his life and presented our knowledge through the mediums of drama and writing!

Charles Darwin saw lots of strange animals that he had never seen before! - Hannah (2T)



He was on the HMS Beagle and they were so squashed! It was really smelly too!



# Everyone Needs a Safe Space

Change Starts With Us week saw a change to our school environment with the launch of our first Billesley Safe Space. Children in Year 3 and 4 can choose to access the Safe Space over the lunchtime, where they can relax and take a break from a busy day. Staff are on hand to speak with children who are encouraged to identify and express their emotions and to choose strategies that help them to calm and return to their lessons.



## Billesley's Got SWAG

We are very pleased to introduce the members of our newly formed Student Wellness and Awareness Group (SWAG). These amazing children will be key to making our school a happier and healthier place. Stay tuned to find out about the great things they do around school.





# Year 3 Autumn 2 RE Visit Birmingham Central Mosque

The minaret is where the Muezzin calls Muslims to prayer from. They also show Muslims where the mosque is so that they can pray. We also noted the Church tower, from which bells can be rung so that Christians can go to pray.



Before praying, Muslims must make wudu, or ablution, where they wash their hands, arms, face, mouth, head and feet. This is so they they are clean before they touch the Quran.

There are different prayer rooms for men and women in the mosque.



# Billesley Sports on Social Media

**Billesley Primary**  
@BPrimary

Our Basketball team attended the league competition this evening and performed superbly, winning 2, drawing 1 and losing 1. Finishing a close 3rd after a last gasp equaliser in our last game meant we couldn't claim 2nd place.



**Billesley Primary**  
@BPrimary

What a brilliant Monday. Eight of our pupils had the opportunity to attend a football competition @AVFCOfficial. The children had a wonderful time, worked extremely hard and achieved some great results.



**Billesley Primary**  
@BPrimary

Friday evening our Year 5 and 6 boys football team travelled to edenbridge playing fields for a fixture against St Martins. In a great match Billesley were victorious. Well done boys.



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Friday was a wonderful day. Some of our year 5 and 6 students went along and took part in a Panathlon event. An event that is a series of small skill games where you gained points. Our children were fantastic and thoroughly enjoyed their day.



**Billesley Primary** @BPrimary

Thanks to Maypole FC for hosting the game.

**Billesley Primary** @BPrimary · Oct 22

Wow what an amazing performance from our year 5&6 girls football team. They beat Moor Green school 2-1 in a hard fought match. Well done girls.



**Billesley Primary** @BPrimary

Brilliant performance from the year 5&6 football team this evening beating Hollywood in a really competitive match.



## Play Leaders

**These are our Billesley Year 5 Play Leaders.**

**They engage our children in lunchtime physical activities by providing equipment and facilitating or officiating activities.**

**They also provide the opportunity for children to have a go at the Personal Best challenges.**

**They are doing a brilliant job.**



## Sports Ambassadors

**Our Sports Ambassadors started their training last week at the first of 3 sessions that they will attend throughout the year. Four children, two from Year 6 and two from Year 5, have been chosen to represent the school in this prestigious role. Mario, Safiya, Willow and Daniel are all very proud and excited about the responsibilities they will have over the school year and the personal skills they will develop.**

## CLUBS

Day	Time	Clubs	Year Group
Monday	3.20 - 4.30pm	Coding	6
Monday	3.20 - 4.30pm	Drama	5 & 6
Tuesday	3.20 - 4.30pm	Ballet	1 & 2
Tuesday	3.20 - 4.30pm	Change 4 Life	2,3,4 & 5
Tuesday	3.20 - 4.30pm	Billesley Radio	4,5 & 6
Wednesday	3.20 - 4.30pm	Tennis	2,3 & 4
Wednesday	3.20 - 4.30pm	Multi Sports	1 & 2
Wednesday	3.20 - 4.30pm	Football	5 & 6
Wednesday	3.20 - 4.00pm	Ukulele	4,5 & 6
Wednesday	1.30 - 3.00pm	Guitar	1 & 2
Thursday	3.20 - 4.30pm	Basketball	2,3 & 4
Thursday	3.20 - 4.30pm	Football	3 & 4
Thursday	3.20 - 4.30pm	Badminton	3,4,5 & 6
Thursday	3.20 - 4.30pm	Girls Football	3,4,5 & 6
Thursday	3.20 - 4.30pm	Lifestyle	3
Friday	3.20 - 4.30pm	Gymnastics	2,3 & 4
Friday	10.00 - 3.00pm	Guitar	3-6

## SCHOOL LIBRARY

AFTER SCHOOL OPENING TIMES

MON-THURS  
3.20 - 3.40PM  
FRIDAY  
3.20 - 3.50PM

## PLAYCARE, BREAKFAST CLUB & SCHOOL MEALS

Please ensure you make payment in ADVANCE. Please clear any balances outstanding using Parentpay.

*Thank you*



## Are you being a Billesley Bug Club reader?

Certificates are now being handed out to children in Billesley that are reading on a weekly basis and answering questions to earn coins!

Please encourage your children to access Bug Club online, to promote a love of reading. If you are unsure what Bug Club is please click here for more information

## RECEPTION CLASS SEPTEMBER 2020

Parents/Carers who have a child who was born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016 need to make an application for their child to start Reception Class in September 2020 by no later than 15 January 2020. The quickest and easiest way to make an application is online at [www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions) or by contacting 0121 303 1888. Please note applications should be sent directly to the Admissions Office and NOT to school.

## CHILDREN SHOULD HAVE THEIR PE KIT IN SCHOOL EVERY DAY:

Black shorts  
White t-shirt (with or without the school badge)  
Black plimsolls for inside games.  
Black trainers for outside games.  
Tracksuits or sweatshirts may be worn outside in cold weather.  
*ALL KIT SHOULD BE CLEARLY LABELLED*

## WE NEED YOUR WELLIES!

If you have any children's wellies you no longer need and you would like to donate them to Nursery they would be very much appreciated!  
**(We use them in the Nursery garden!)**

Can you please make sure school has up to date addresses, phone numbers and contact details for your child. If you are unsure please come into the Reception Office where we will be happy to check for you. It is essential the school has up to date information.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please remember the safety of all children when parking outside school. **DO NOT** park on the zig zags by the crossing. **DO NOT** park on yellow lines. Please also consider our neighbours and **DO NOT** block driveways. *Thank you.*

## REMINDER

Any children not collected by 3.30pm will be taken to After School Club. You will be charged £4 for child care. *Thank you.*

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## JAM Courses

mac makes music

An exciting opportunity for parents/ carers and their children to come together to make and enjoy music with others!

Play musical games designed to develop **coordination, communication, and social skills**

Experience **sensory stimulation** through listening, playing and identifying different instruments

Explore **music technology** with activities tailored to **individual needs and interests**



### Group JAM Courses

9 November – 14 December 2019  
Saturdays | 6 weeks | £30 (Adult & Child) – just £5 per week!

**Junior JAM**  
2pm - 3pm | 5 - 11 yrs + Adult

**Family JAM**  
3pm - 4pm | 6 months - 11 yrs + Adult

Sessions are aimed at children with additional needs and include 40-45 minutes of creative music-making activities led by a professional musician.

"He is making so much progress, music is definitely his thing and it's having an amazing impact on his development." Parent

### solo JAM

9, 16, 23 & 30 November | 7 & 14 December 2019  
Saturdays | one-off individual sessions  
just £5 per session (Adult & Child)

4.00pm – 4.20pm | 6 months - 11 yrs + Adult  
4.20pm – 4.40pm | 6 months - 11 yrs + Adult

Individual sessions are aimed at children with additional needs to **support your child's musical interests at their own pace**. Explore 20 minutes of creative music-making on a 1:1 basis with a professional musician.



"It's absolutely amazing, we really love coming, it's a family occasion for us!" Parent

To book onto JAM Courses click [here](#)

For all JAM Courses, children need to be accompanied by a parent or carer, and we encourage all adults in the room to join in and to actively support their child's involvement. All instruments and resources will be provided.

## SATURDAY JUNIOR GOLF LESSONS

### AT MOSELEY GOLF CLUB

On Every Saturday

FUN FRIENDS EXERCISE GAMES PRIZES

60 MINUTE SESSIONS (AGE 5 – 17) - £5.00

BOOK 10 WEEKS IN ADVANCE FOR £30!

60 MINUTE SESSIONS START AT 10:00AM

PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS FOR BEGINNERS AND THERE ARE LIMITED PLACES PER CLASS.

SO BOOK NOW TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!

PLEASE CONTACT DAN (LEVEL 2 PGA COACH) IN THE PRO-SHOP FOR

FURTHER INFORMATION: 0121 644 4957. [PRO@MOSELEYGOLFCLUB.CO.UK](mailto:PRO@MOSELEYGOLFCLUB.CO.UK)



Come and have some fun at Brownies!!

Brownies



Join today, and let the fun begin!!

Fun games, craft and much, much more!!



Monday's 6pm to 7:30pm  
Hall Green Baptist Church

Contact Brown Owl  
07847480809  
260brownies@gmail.com

Girls only 'cause we rule!!'

Boys and Girls do you want something interesting to do? Something fun?

Rainbows, Brownies and Guides for girls:  
<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/>  
Places available locally. See Mrs Miller for a leaflet!

Beavers and Scouts for boys:  
<https://www.billesleyscouts.org.uk/>  
Tuesdays at HolyCross Church. See Mrs Miller for more information.