



# Newsletter 13

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**INSPIRE** our children to succeed



**CREATE** excitement for learning



**ACHIEVE EXCELLENCE**

## DATES TO REMEMBER NOVEMBER - DECEMBER

Date	Time	Event	Year Group
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

## School Games Award

Friday 6th December we are celebrating our achievements! We achieved the GOLD School Games Award and PLATINUM Arts Award. The children will be doing arts and PE activities during the day and we would like you to join us for Wake Up Shake Up in the playground at 8.30. Get your day off to a great start and come and join in.

## 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!

On Friday 6th December Gymnastics Club will be cancelled due to the Christmas fayre.

## 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 25 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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# Reading at Billesley

The buzz for reading at Billesley has never been stronger! In every lesson, in every classroom, reading is at the heart of what we do! Our children are starting to think more and more about their own personal response to the books they read - we are encouraging children to question what they are reading, make predictions and create a picture in their minds as they read! This approach to reading is really helping children deepen their understanding of what is being read by stepping into the character's shoes!

Not only is reading continue to flourish in classrooms, children have been working exceptionally hard to record in their reading diaries! As a result, Home Reading is greater than it's ever been... and that's down to YOU too! Keep encouraging your children to read more and more home: if a child reads for 20 minutes a night, they will encounter over a million words per year! Please ensure that your child is bringing their reading diary to school every day! If your child has lost their diary, they are 50p from the front office!

We also have a new challenge for the pupils in preparation for Book Week: children have been asked to bring in a book they no longer read for the 'Big Billesley Book Swap!' The children will be looking at books from other classes so they can choose one to take home to read! We can't wait!

We look forward to updating you again on all things reading! Again, thank you for inspiring your children to read more at home!

-Mr Tyler





## KINDNESS CALENDAR: DECEMBER 2019



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> Encourage kindness. Share the Kindness Calendar with others	<b>2</b> Support a charity, cause or campaign you really care about	<b>3</b> Give kind comments to as many people as possible today	<b>4</b> Listen wholeheartedly to others without judging them	<b>5</b> Leave a positive message for someone else to find	<b>6</b> Notice when you're hard on yourself or others and be kind instead	<b>7</b> Make gifts to give to people who are homeless or feeling lonely
<b>8</b> Do something helpful for a friend or family member	<b>9</b> Be generous. Feed someone with food, love or kindness today	<b>10</b> Count your blessings: list the kind things others have done for you	<b>11</b> Give someone your place in a queue (in traffic or in a shop)	<b>12</b> See how many different people you can smile at today	<b>13</b> Buy some extra items and donate them to a local food bank	<b>14</b> Share a happy memory or inspiring thought with a loved one
<b>15</b> Visit an elderly neighbour and brighten up their day	<b>16</b> Look for something positive to say to everyone you meet today	<b>17</b> Thank people who do things for you but you may take for granted	<b>18</b> Offer to help someone who is facing difficulties at the moment	<b>19</b> Give away something that you have been holding on to	<b>20</b> Congratulate someone for an achievement that may go unnoticed	<b>21</b> Shop locally and support independent producers
<b>22</b> Invite over someone who would otherwise be alone	<b>23</b> Choose to give or receive the gift of forgiveness	<b>24</b> Offer spontaneous hugs to your loved ones and friends	<b>25</b> Treat everyone with kindness today, including yourself!	<b>26</b> Encourage others to join you outside and enjoy time in nature	<b>27</b> Call a relative who is far away to say hello and have a chat	<b>28</b> Be kind to the planet. Eat less meat and use less energy
<b>29</b> Turn off digital devices and really listen to people	<b>30</b> Let someone know how much you appreciated their gift	<b>31</b> Plan what extra acts of kindness you will do in 2020...	<p><b>"Do your little bit of good where you are; those little bits together overwhelm the world" ~ Desmond Tutu</b></p> 			

**ACTION FOR HAPPINESS**

#DoGoodDecember

[www.actionforhappiness.org](http://www.actionforhappiness.org)

Your happiness is part of something bigger  Join the movement for a happier and kinder world

# Sports Ambassadors

We are Safiya, Mario, Daniel and Willow, and we applied for the role of Sports Ambassadors. We were successful and went to Bishop Challoner's for our first training session, and learnt different games to do back at school. The games were really fun, and we have already introduced Personal Best challenges at lunchtime to get children more active. We are looking forward to getting everyone involved in Wake Up Shake Up next Friday morning in the playground.

Hope to see you there!

**Billesley Sports Ambassadors.**

## 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.



## Free, Fun, Fitness

Register contact us at:  
Email: [info@strike9training.co.uk](mailto:info@strike9training.co.uk)  
Mobile: 07437 870408



### GIRLS FOOTBALL

Join our growing team led by FA qualified coaches.

Have fun, make friends, play games & grow confidence whilst keeping fit.

All ages and ability levels welcome.

Team Fixtures Saturdays 10.30am kick off CWGFL

#### Age 5 - 11 Recreation

SSE Wildcats provide girls with regular opportunities to play football in a fun and engaging environment

Contact us for times & dates

#### Age 8 to 11

team training U9s & U11s

Building teams this season for U8s

Tuesdays 5pm-6pm

#### Age 11 to 15

Team training U15s

Building teams for next season U13s

Tuesdays 5pm-7pm

All sessions held at: Moseley School, Springfield Road, B13 9NP



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](mailto: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 and Girls:  
<https://www.billesleyscouts.org.uk/>  
Tuesdays at HolyCross Church. See Mrs Miller for more information.