



INSPIRE our children to succeed



CREATE excitement for learning



ACHIEVE EXCELLENCE

DATES TO REMEMBER

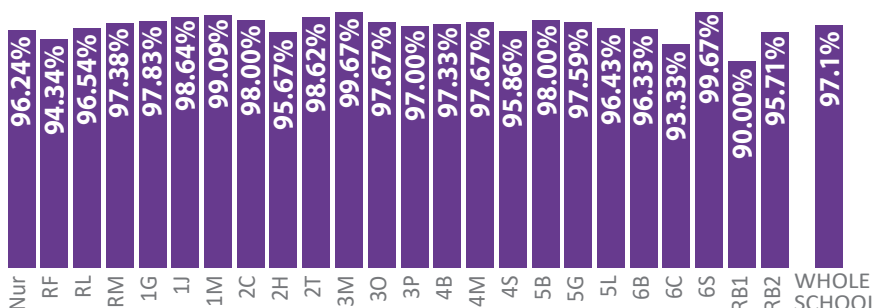
Date	Time	Year Group	Event
Friday 24 January	3.45 - 6.00	Whole school	Staff Talent Show
Tuesday 4 February	3.30 - 6.00	Whole school	Parents Evening
Wednesday 5 February	9.00am - 12.30om		Arts Ambassador Training
Thursday 6 February	3.30 - 6.30	Whole school	Parents Evening
Friday 7 February	9.00 - 10.00	Year 5	Year 5 assembly
Tuesday 11 February	All day	Whole school	Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 11 February	2.30 - 3.15	Whole school	Parent E-Safety Workshop
Wednesday 12 - Friday 14 February	Residential	Year 3	Pioneer Centre
Wednesday 12 - Friday 14 February	Residential	Year 4	Brighthouse
Wednesday 12 February	10.45-12.30 1.00-2.45	RB1 RB2	Visit Fort Shopping Centre
Thursday 13 February	9.00am-3.00pm	Year 5	Visit Birmingham City Centre
Friday 14th February	9.00 - 10.00	Whole school	Head Teacher's Award
Tuesday 25 February	9.00am-3.00pm	Year 3	Visit Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery

ATTENDANCE

A family has recently been fined £870 for their children's poor attendance and taking unauthorised leave in term time.

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. 13 JANUARY 2020



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COME ALONG TO FIND OUT WHAT TALENT YOUR TEACHER HAS!

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MUSICIANS
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TICKETS: £3.50 CHILDREN ONLY

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TERM DATES

BREAK UP	RETURN TO SCHOOL
2020	
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



STARS OF THE WEEK

Class	Name	Reason	Reader of the week
RF	Karson S	Karson has been consistently working hard during phonics, pushing himself to read CVC words and simple sentences. Keep up the amazing work!	Hibba-Noor K
RL	Eshaal Z	Eshaal has become focused and inquisitive about her learning and is now engaging during lesson times. Keep up the good work, Eshaal!	Aisha Q
RM	Bradley H	Bradley comes to school everyday with a big smile on his face and a positive attitude towards his learning. He is an excellent role model and this has had a positive effect on the rest of the class. Keep it up!	George S
1J	Sara-Delia G	Delia started at Billesley a few weeks ago. Although English is not her first language, she has settled into school life well. She comes to school each morning with a huge smile on her face and does not let new experiences faze her. Not only that, Delia tries really hard during lessons to learn new vocabulary.	Harvey B
1M	Harley-Jay W	Since coming back from the Christmas holidays, Harley has been working super hard in school. Not only in one subject, but in every single area of learning. This means that he has been making amazing progress, particularly in his writing and phonics. Keep it up, Harley, you are a star!	Hajrah K
1G	Betel A	Betty's writing has been absolutely incredible this week. She shared her ideas with everyone on the carpet and acted them out brilliantly. She remembered all of her success criteria and has written a fantastic story based on Big Cat. Well done, Betty!	Jenson L
2T	Huzaima A	Huzaima is a superstar! This week Huzaima has made huge leaps in progress in Writing, Reading and Maths! This is because he tries so hard and listens carefully to each of his teachers. Huzaima also created a great scene for his animation in computing using scratch! Well done, Huzaima, you are amazing !	Elisa Naomi B
2H	Charlie G	Charlie, what an absolute star you are! Charlie has had a fantastic start to this half term. He comes into school every day ready to learn and as a result of this has made excellent progress. His positive attitude, excellent behaviour and maturity has shone through every single day. Keep it up, Charlie! I am so proud of you!	Syed Muhammad Y
2C	Ashnib W	Ashnib has had a brilliant week and has worked very hard in all of her lessons. She always has a positive attitude and is full of enthusiasm. Ashnib has loved our history lessons where she did some amazing work on the moon landing. Keep it up, Ashbin!	Fatimah E
3P	Filip-Mario M	Wow! Phillip has made an amazing start to his time at Billesley. He is so eager to learn new things and has already absorbed "The Billesley Way": he is kind, he is calm and he is hungry for knowledge! Well done, Phillip. You are amazing!	Samuel C
3O	Charlie M-B	Charlie has worked extremely hard this term to make the right behaviour choices. I have seen a big improvement in his work and attitude. Keep it up!	Mehroon R
3M	Haider A N	Haider is a role model for behaviour in our class. He takes instructions seriously and makes a consistent effort to listen to instructions and be ready for learning. Keep it up, Haiden!	Charlie B
4S	Syed A	Hadi has impressed me so much in both Reading and Writing this week. He listened to feedback given before Christmas and is working really hard to implement this in his work: day in, day out. I have seen a massive improvement! He has also been a fab friend to those who have needed it this week!	Isla S
4B	Fayza J	WOW! Fayza has clearly been working super hard with her times tables. We are all trying hard in Year 4 with the new test in our sights, but Fayza has improved her score by 7 marks in one week! Well done!	Ali-Akbar N
4M	Mohammed K	Zayn is working so hard recently, he is really shining like a star! He is working hard to improve his spelling and times tables, and he is making progress with his reading. So proud of you, Zayn, keep it up!	Sama Rhiel A
5G	Calvin O	Calvin puts a smile on all of our faces every single day! He is a real go-getter, who always has a positive and can-do attitude. We are so lucky to have Calvin in 5G and Year 5 as a whole!	Huzaiyfah A
5L	Brandon Y	What an amazing turn around there has been in Brandon's behaviour. He is now totally focused in lessons and makes sensible choices when in the playground and moving around the school. Keep working hard, Brandon.	Sidra N
5B	Raluca-Alexia M	Wow, what a start to the term Alexia has had! She is trying extremely hard in all her new groups, and it is totally paying off. Keep up the hard work and determination because it is shining through!	Jenna M
6C	Amy K	I'm really proud of Amy this week for her determination in maths, particularly with her times tables. It's been great to see Amy become more confident when completing her maths work in class - and it's all because of a little bit of extra times table practise. Well done Amy! Keep this determination up!	Sherjeel H
6B	Adam H	Adam has super impressed Miss Cockayne this week in his Reading intervention. He has been working really hard and using all the skills he has been taught to answer questions. Well done, Adam - we are really proud of you!	Hassam B
6S	Rayan A	Rayan has been a superstar in English this week. He has listened well during lessons, contributed to class discussions and implemented the skills we have been working on in his own writing. Keep up this really positive attitude, Rayan.	Sibka A
RB	Kane H	Although Kane has found many of his lessons tricky this week, he's shown his ability to identify when he needs a break, calm himself down and to return to a task when he is ready. Amazing job, Kane!	Zoya A

YEAR 4

TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS

Year 4 have been powering through TT Rockstars in preparation for the MTC in the summer term. The children are enjoying battling against each other, and their scores are improving week on week. If you would like more information about the MTC or were unable to attend our workshop, please speak to Mrs Miller. It is very important that children practise their times tables every day.

"TT Rockstars really helps us with our times tables and encourages us to practise more at home"
Elif 4M

YEAR 5 P4C

P4C, or Philosophy for Children, is an exciting lesson which enhances children's thinking and communication skills, boosts their self-esteem, and improves academic achievement. In our lessons at Billesley, we begin with a stimulus, such as a story, video clip or image which sparks debate and discussion. The children work collaboratively to come up with big, engaging and philosophical questions about the stimulus we've seen. Since September, the children in Year 5 have discussed a wide variety of issues and themes and have created some really engaging questions.

- Does jealousy always lead to something bad?
- Why do people join gangs, even if they know it might be negative?
- Do parents have the right to listen to children's private conversations?
- Should countries interfere in other countries' business?

This approach allows our children to become critical, creative, caring and collaborative thinkers across the entire curriculum. And most importantly - it's really fun!



£30,000 raised between Summer 2017 and September 2019. Thank you for all your help

Our fundraising has gone from strength to strength and the children are benefitting from the money raised so far:

The playgrounds have been transformed and our children are making the most of opportunities to improve their physical health and emotional well being. Two new trim trails have been installed to provide physical challenges, alongside new gazebos and benches, to provide opportunities for reading, mindfulness activities and mentoring. Inside the school we have created safe spaces and further opportunities for mindfulness and mentoring. The children continue to be taught strategies to improve their well being and are supported to improve self-esteem and confidence as well as developing problem-solving skills and the ability to deal with change.

Our target for this year is £10,000 and already we have raised nearly £2,300 from a series of events including the Halloween disco, the Christmas Fayre and an Early Years open day for professionals.

Watch out for the staff talent show on Friday 24th January - make sure your child has bought their ticket.

Why the Red Tree Fund ?

The Red Tree Fund and the Importance of Positive Well Being.

Billesley Primary School is committed to achieving excellence in all aspects of school life. We have the highest expectations for teaching, learning and achievement across the school. Our aim is to make learning enjoyable, allowing every individual to achieve their best and to nurture their talents, as well as giving them safety, security and the skills they will need to be active, responsible citizens and happy, caring adults in the future.

We recognise that to achieve this and for children to succeed, children

need to be physically fit, resilient and mentally healthy; that is to say, they have good emotional well being. And so we are committed to:

- Ensuring children have the knowledge and skills to develop good physical health and healthy minds.
 - Developing in children a range of skills and strategies that will stay with them into adulthood and will help them to cope with the worry and stress of life's ups and downs.
- Children who are mentally healthy have the ability to:
- develop psychologically, emotionally, intellectually and spiritually
 - initiate, develop and sustain mutually satisfying personal relationships
 - use and enjoy solitude
 - become aware of others and empathise with them
 - play and learn
 - develop a sense of right and wrong
 - resolve problems and setbacks and learn from them

With all this in mind, we have raised over £30,000 and are aiming to raise another £10,000 to continue to support improving children's well being. All money raised has been and will be used to create inspiring places within our school and school playground to provide children with a range of physical challenges and activities, as well as providing quiet spaces for reading, mindfulness activities and mentoring.

Developments will improve children's physical and mental health, and help them to become more resilient, through improving self-esteem, confidence, a belief in self, problem-solving skills and an ability to deal with change. They will have opportunities to be more active, engage in mentoring, help others, engage in mindfulness activities and access quiet relaxing spaces, where they can simply relax or share a book with their friends.

Thank you for your ongoing support and continued generosity. It really is making a difference to the children of Billesley Primary school.

Please continue to join in events and give generously.

Donations can be made direct to school or through our Crowdfunding website. <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/billesleyprimaryschool>

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CLUBS

Day	Time	Clubs	Year Group
Monday	3.20 - 4.30pm	Drama	5 & 6
Tuesday	3.20 - 4.30pm	Karate	3,4,5 & 6
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	Girls Football	3,4,5 & 6
Friday	3.20 - 4.30pm	Badminton	3,4,5 & 6
Friday	3.20 - 4.30pm	Singing	3,4,5 & 6
Friday	10.00 - 3.00pm	Guitar	3,4,5 & 6

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

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.*



HAPPY NEW YEAR CALENDAR - JANUARY 2020



SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

"Happiness is not something ready made. It comes from your own actions" - Dalai Lama

5 Get moving. Do something physically active (ideally outdoors)

6 Say something positive to everyone you meet today

7 Take ten minutes to sit still and just breathe

1 Find three good things to look forward to this year

2 Make time today to do something kind for yourself

3 Spread a bit of happiness by doing kind things for others

4 Write a list of things you feel grateful for in life and why

8 Look for the good in others and notice their strengths

9 Learn something new and share it with others

10 Thank three people you're grateful to and tell them why

11 Have a friendly chat with a stranger

12 Switch off all your tech 2 hours before bedtime

13 Be gentle with yourself when you make mistakes

14 Take a different route today and see what you notice

15 Put a worry into perspective and try to just let it go

16 Get outside and notice five things that are beautiful

17 Eat healthy food which really nourishes you today

18 Make something happen for a good cause

19 Get back in contact with an old friend you miss

20 Go to bed in good time and give yourself time to recharge

21 Take a small step towards an important goal

22 Try out something new to get out of your comfort zone

23 Decide to lift people up rather than put them down

24 Today do something fun and invite others to join you

25 Put away your devices and focus fully on who you're with

26 Say hello to a neighbour and get to know them better

27 Challenge your negative thoughts and look for the upside

28 Count how many people you can smile at today

29 Use one of your personal strengths in a new way

30 Ask other people about things they've enjoyed recently

31 Write down your hopes and plans for the future

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS



www.actionforhappiness.org

Find out more about the Ten Keys to Happier Living, including books, guides, posters and more here: www.actionforhappiness.org/10-keys

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SEN PARENT/CARER SURVEY

Birmingham City Council is looking to improve the journey of applying for and receiving the Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) and/or travel assistance for families with children who have Special Educational Health and Care needs and, as part of this, would like to understand your experiences with the process at present.

Please complete the survey to report back on your experiences to aid Birmingham City Council to in improving this pivotal milestone in a young person's education lifecycle.

LINK: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CLYC9XX>



Christ Church BIKE HUB

FREE Go Ride
Kid's Cycling Sessions



Start back: Wednesday 4th March at 4pm
Giving children confidence in cycling

Bike Maintenance
11th Jan, 24th Jan, 8th Feb and 22nd Feb.
Saturdays 12 .00 – 2pm
Learn to do your own bike maintenance

Led Rides

Please register your interest
Building confidence in cycling for all

Location: Christ Church Centre Car Park, School Road, B14 4EP

Free of charge

(bikes can be provided for the session)

20 places per session, please sign up by contact

christchurchyardleywood@outlook.com

or find us on Facebook 'Christ Church Yardley Wood' or phone 0121 436 7726



Communication and Autism



A Parent Support Group run by the
Communication Autism Team in 2019/20

The sessions run on a Friday 9:15 – 11:15 am at
GBNFC at Chinnbrook Children's Centre

on the following dates:

13th September
11th October
8th November
13th December
10th January
7th February
6th March
3rd April
15th May
12th June
10th July

For more information please contact:

Katie Price

or

Communication and Autism Team
0121 303 1792

**GBNFC at
Chinnbrook Children's Centre**

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