

PLEASE KEEP AN EYE ON OUR SCHOOL WEB SITE, FACEBOOK OR TWITTER FOR ANY UPDATES REGARDING SCHOOL CLOSURE

 **INSPIRE** our children to succeed

 **CREATE** excitement for learning

 **ACHIEVE EXCELLENCE**

PLAYCARE, BREAKFAST CLUB & SCHOOL MEALS

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

Thank you

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.



HOME LEARNING SUPPORT

[Read more](#)

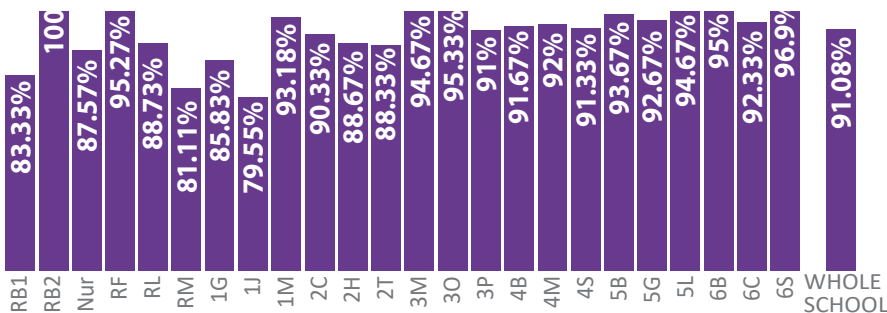
ATTENDANCE

NO DAYS LOST	10 DAYS LOST	19 DAYS LOST	29 DAYS LOST THE SAME AS HALF A TERM!	38 DAYS LOST	47 DAYS LOST
100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%
190 days of education	180 days of education	171 days of education	161 days of education	152 days of education	143 days of education
GOOD Best chance of success - get your child off to a flying start	WORRYING Less chance of success. Makes it harder for your child to progress.		SERIOUS CONCERN COURT ACTION AND FINES		

Two families have recently been given £120 fixed penalty notices for taking 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. 9 MARCH 2020



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TERM DATES	
BREAK UP	RETURN TO SCHOOL
2020	
FRIDAY 3 APRIL	MONDAY 20 APRIL
FRIDAY 22 MAY	TUESDAY 2 JUNE
FRIDAY 17 JULY	WEDNESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER
PLEASE NOTE:	
THURSDAY 7 MAY 2020 SCHOOL OPEN	LOCAL ELECTIONS CANCELLED
FRIDAY 8 MAY 2020 SCHOOL CLOSED	BANK HOLIDAY 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF VE DAY

ROALD DAHL'S MAGIC VENTURES INTO RECEPTION

Reception have fully immersed themselves in the wonderful world of Roald Dahl, we have been reading the amazing stories Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Matilda and George's Marvellous Medicine. Our children have been taken on a magical journey allowing their imaginations to run wild. To embed this wondrous magic we have participated in a number of extraordinary scientific experiments making and testing our predictions. Our children enjoyed watching the ingredients react and changed when mixed, they were able to use a plethora of vocabulary to describe what they had seen happen.



OUT & ABOUT WITH YEAR 1

Year 1 went to the Synagogue this half term. We learnt all about the Jewish faith. The children got to see the Torah and learnt about how Jewish people look after their special book. Year 1 even got a chance to read some Hebrew. When we got back to school the children wrote some amazing sentences based on their trip.

This term Year 1 also went on a local area walk as part of our new geography topic which is learning about Billesley. We walked around the local area and spotted human and physical features. When we got back to school we talked about the human and physical features.



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ACTION CALENDAR: MINDFUL MARCH 2020



SUNDAY

- 1 Set an intention to live with awareness and kindness
- 8 No plans day. Slow down and let spontaneity take over
- 15 Stop to just watch the sky or clouds for ten minutes today
- 22 Have a device-free day and enjoy the space it offers
- 29 Appreciate your hands and all the things they enable you to do

MONDAY

- 2 Get outside and notice five things that are beautiful
- 9 When someone is speaking, take a full breath before you reply
- 16 Do something creative that absorbs your attention
- 23 Take an unusual route and notice what looks different
- 30 Mentally scan down your body and notice what it is feeling

TUESDAY

- 3 Cultivate a feeling of loving-kindness towards others today
- 10 Stay fully present while drinking your cup of tea or coffee
- 17 Look around and spot 3 things you find unusual or pleasant
- 24 Notice when you're tired and take a break as soon as possible
- 31 Go nature spotting today. Even in a city, life is all around

WEDNESDAY

- 4 Start today by appreciating that you're alive and have a body
- 11 Notice how you speak to yourself. Try to use kind words
- 18 If you find yourself rushing, make an effort to slow down
- 25 Make a list of amazing things that you take for granted

THURSDAY

- 5 Every hour simply take three calm breaths in and out
- 12 Feel the cool of a breeze or warmth of the sun on your face
- 19 Listen deeply to someone and really hear what they are saying
- 26 Tune in to your feelings, without judging or trying to change

FRIDAY

- 6 Eat mindfully. Appreciate the taste, texture & smell of your food
- 13 Stop, breathe and just notice. Repeat regularly during the day
- 20 Happy International Day of Happiness! dayofhappiness.net
- 27 Stop work earlier and use the time to be still and relax

SATURDAY

- 7 Listen to a piece of music without doing anything else
- 14 Enjoy doing any chores or tasks more mindfully today
- 21 Notice the joy to be found in the simple things of life
- 28 Bring to mind all the people you love and care about

"Mindfulness means being awake. It means knowing what you are doing" - Jon Kabat-Zinn



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

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.*

5 steps to a healthy tasty packed lunch!

STEP 1: Choose your starchy food + a source of protein

- Starchy food:** Bread, Wrap, Pitta, Bagel, Pasta, Noodles, Chapatti, Rice, Potatoes
- Sources of protein:** Kidney beans, Chicken, Mackerel, Eggs, Beef, Tofu, Ham, Turkey, Tuna

STEP 2: Add some salad and/or a side portion of vegetables

- Grated carrot or carrot sticks
- Sugar snap peas
- Pepper sticks
- Lettuce
- Cucumber
- Tomato
- Sweetcorn
- Onion
- Roast
- Celery

STEP 3: Choose something sweet ... fruit!

- Tinned pineapple in juice
- Tinned peaches in juice
- Apple, Grapes, Raisins, Kiwi
- Banana, Mango, Melon
- Dried apricots

STEP 4: Add a nutritious snack and/or some dairy

- Crackers with houmous
- Small plain or fruit cake
- Bread sticks and dip
- Portion of cheese
- Fromage Frais
- Nuts or seeds
- Rice pudding
- Fruit loaf
- Yoghurt

STEP 5: WATER!

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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>

FAMILY FORUM MEETINGS

SPRING 2020



AREA	VENUE	DATE	TIME
West	Handsworth Fire Station Rookery Road B21 9QU 0121 380 7517	05/03/2020	13.30 – 14.30 pm
West	Ladywood Leisure Centre Ladywood Middleway, Birmingham B16 8TR 0330 109 9150	06/03/2020	13.30 – 14.30 pm
South	Northfield Fire Station South Road B31 2RB 0121 380 7536	11/03/2020	13.30 – 14.30 pm
West	Ladywood Leisure Centre Ladywood Middleway, Birmingham B16 8TR 0330 109 9150	09/03/2020	18.00 – 19.00 pm
East	Ward End Fire Station Washwood Heath Road B8 2HF 0121 380 7515	09/03/2020	10.30 – 11.30 am
North	Sutton Coldfield Fire Station Orphanage Road B24 9HR 0121 380 7539	09/03/2020	13.30 – 14.30 pm
North	Hollyfield Centre, Erdington Woodacre Rd B24 0JT 0121 373 1018	02/03/2020	13.30 – 14.30 pm

Are you a parent or carer with a child or young person who has additional needs, a disability or who needs extra help and support?

If so come along to one of our friendly Family Forum Meetings.

The purpose of these meetings is to provide a welcoming space for parents and carers to meet up in similar situations and share experiences over a cup of tea or coffee.

These meetings will also give you a chance to learn more about what's on, tips and advice and other information that families who have children with additional needs may need.

These meetings also give you the chance to let the Parent Link Officers know your thoughts on what you feel is needed to support families in Birmingham.

CONTACT DETAILS: 0121 303 8461 - parentlinkservice@birmingham.gov.uk



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
Communication and Autism Team
0121 303 1792

or

GBNFC at
Chinnbrook Children's Centre
213 Tritford Road
Billesley
Birmingham
B13 0ET
Tel: 0121 464 4772



PARENT LINK SERVICE CONTACT LINE



WHAT IS THE PARENT LINK SERVICE?

As a parent or carer of a child with special educational need or disability, it can be difficult to know who the best person is to get help and advice from.

A **Parent Link Officer** is a member of Birmingham Local Authority whose job it is to help parents to identify and make links with the right person, at the right time.

WHAT IS THE CONTACT LINE FOR?

The contact line is a central phone line that parents can call, ask questions, talk about things that are concerning them and then be given advice on what the best next steps could be.

NEXT STEPS COULD INCLUDE:

- A follow up phone call
- Attendance at one of our family forums in your local area
- A follow up email
- A home visit
- Some written information
- Support at a face-to-face meeting

PARENT LINK CONTACT TELEPHONE LINE:

0121 303 8461

Monday: 9.00am – 5.00pm
Tuesday: 9.00am – 5.00pm
Wednesday: 9.00am – 4.00pm
Thursday: 9.00am – 5.00pm
Friday: 9.00am – 5.00pm

OTHER WAYS TO CONTACT US:

Email: ParentLinkService@birmingham.gov.uk

