

### RECEPTION CLASS SEPTEMBER 2021

Parents/Carers who have a child who was born between **1 September 2016** and **31 August 2017** need to make an application for their child to start Reception Class in **September 2021** by no later than **15 January 2021**.

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.

If your child has:  
a runny nose, is sneezing or feeling unwell  
But they don't have:  
a high temperature  
a new, continuous cough, or  
a loss of, or change in,  
sense of smell or taste

These are  
not normally symptoms of  
coronavirus


Seek advice from a pharmacy, dial 111 or see your GP



If your child has:  
a high temperature  
a new, continuous cough, or  
a loss of, or change in, sense of  
smell or taste

This could be a sign of  
coronavirus

[Book a test](#)

 **INSPIRE** our children to succeed

 **CREATE** excitement for learning

 **ACHIEVE EXCELLENCE**

Please remember to complete your application for secondary school as soon as possible, no later than **31 October 2020**.

Please remember to choose more than one school.

See [https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school\\_admissions](https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school_admissions) for details

If you apply after the final closing date of 31 October 2020 your application will be considered as a late application and will not be processed until after the offer of places on 1 March 2021.

**Late applicants are less likely to be offered a place at one of their preferred schools.**

To download the parent handbook [click here](#)

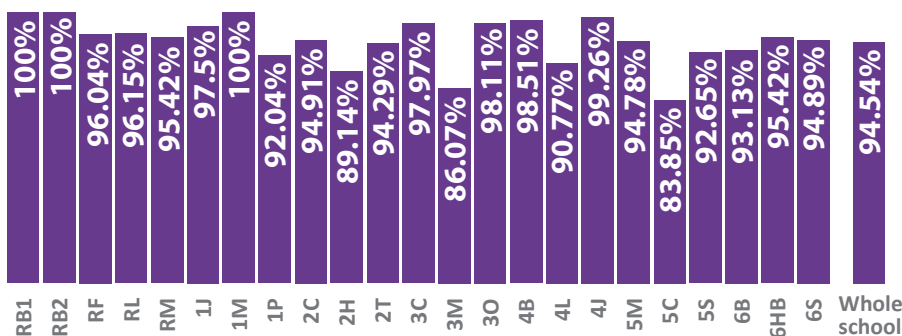
### Letter for parents about COVID-19 symptoms

Public Health England have produced a letter for schools to distribute to parents which explains when a person requires a coronavirus test and what the symptoms of coronavirus are.

[Click here to download the letter.](#)

### ATTENDANCE

Attendance W.C. 21 SEPTEMBER 2020



### TERM DATES

BREAK UP	RETURN TO SCHOOL
FRIDAY 23 OCT	MONDAY 2 NOV
FRIDAY 18 DEC	TUESDAY 5 JAN
FRIDAY 12 FEB	MONDAY 22 FEB
THURSDAY 1 APR	TUESDAY 20 APR
FRIDAY 28 MAY	MONDAY 7 JUNE
WEDNESDAY 21 JULY	

### PLEASE NOTE:

FRIDAY 6 NOV 2020 SCHOOL CLOSED	TEACHER TRAINING DAY
MONDAY 4 JAN 2021 SCHOOL CLOSED	TEACHER TRAINING DAY
MONDAY 19 APR 2021 SCHOOL CLOSED	TEACHER TRAINING DAY



# STARS OF THE WEEK

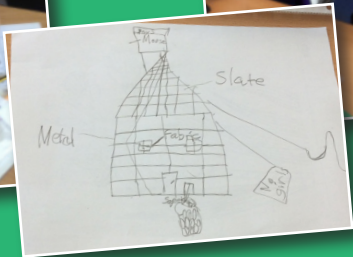
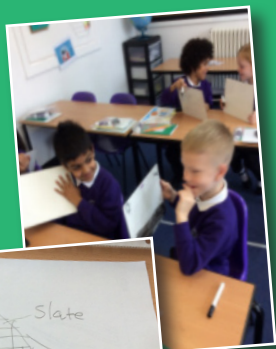
Class	Name	Reason	Reader of the week
1J	<b>Basil Y</b>	Basil works hard in all his lessons, but is amazing at Maths. He is able to complete his work with little support and is beginning to problem solve when he approaches something new. Keep it up Basil.	<b>Amelia M</b>
1M	<b>Omar A</b>	Omar is a superstar because he has been coming into school with a big smile on his face every morning. He is working really hard in every lesson, particularly when learning his phonics sounds. Keep up this brilliant effort Omar, well done!	<b>Asmarah A</b>
1P	<b>Essa N</b>	Essa has been fantastic in our continuous provision this week. He spent a long time creating his own map of Billesley from 100 years ago. Amazing work!	<b>Lexi-Lou G</b>
2T	<b>Destiny-Mai P</b>	Destiny has been working so hard ever since we have returned to school. She has such a positive attitude to learning and is always trying her best. She produced some amazing charcoal sketches this week because she listened carefully and applied the techniques she had learnt with care and confidence. Well done Destiny!	<b>Maariyah K</b>
2H	<b>Kabhan-Michael S</b>	Kabhan what an absolute star! He has been fantastic in Science this week and made a prediction and carried out an investigation about materials fit for a purpose. Kabhan has also been trying extremely hard in all of his phonics lessons. Well done Kabhan. We are so proud of you!	<b>Ella-May B</b>
2C	<b>Harvey B</b>	Harvey is our star of the week because he is a superb role model in Year 2. He always puts 100% into his learning and tries his best. Well done!	<b>Suhayl B</b>
3C	<b>Ibraheem M</b>	Ibraheem has been so wonderful this week. He has followed instructions and listened carefully whenever a teacher or his friends are speaking. He has played football at lunch time with friends - showing off his brilliant shooting skills. It's a pleasure to have Ibraheem in my class and I am very proud of the good choices that he is making every day.	<b>Malika H</b>
3O	<b>Sahej K C</b>	Sahej is an excellent role model to her peers and has tried particularly hard in Maths this week. Keep it up!	<b>Tahani B F</b>
3M	<b>Subhan A</b>	Subhan is consistently enthusiastic and keen to do well. He always asks when he doesn't understand and tries very hard in every subject. I am very impressed Subhan! Keep it up.	<b>Breanna R-D</b>
4J	<b>Samreen R</b>	Samreen never forgets to bring her sparkle to school! She tries exceptionally hard at everything that she does and does not shy away from a challenge!	<b>Zareen S</b>
4B	<b>Salomea B</b>	Salomea has been a great peer tutor this week and supported her class mate extremely well. I am so proud of the hard working attitude she shows every day!	<b>Zeina G</b>
4L	<b>Isra A R</b>	What a fantastic week Isra has had. I am so impressed with her attitude in the classroom and her positivity. She is a great friend and an extremely caring member of my class. Well done Isra, I am so very proud of you.	<b>Tyler G</b>
5C	<b>Umair M</b>	Umair has been a star this week and has been so engaged and enthusiastic in his learning. His hand is always up to answer questions and he is now asking for help if he is unsure. Well done Umair - please keep this up!	<b>Rafia A N</b>
5S	<b>Lulia A</b>	Lulia has shown much improvement in her lessons. This week she has been working hard on her character and setting in writing, negative numbers in Maths, carrying out an experiment in science and basketball in pe. Not only that but she is being a really good friend both in and outside the classroom. Go Lulia!	<b>Tia R</b>
5M	<b>Jayden T</b>	Jayden has come back to school determined to do well. He is working hard in every lesson, and has grown in confidence - sharing his ideas and answering questions. He is a pleasure to teach. Well done, Jayden.	<b>Ethan S</b>
6HB	<b>Hassan B</b>	What an excellent week Hassan has had! I am super impressed with the turnaround he has had in terms of his behaviour this week and he is now concentrating and trying hard during every part of his day. Keep it up Hassan as you are smashing Year 6.	<b>Aniah S</b>
6B	<b>Tenson Z</b>	Tenson has the most amazing imagination and has done some absolutely brilliant writing in our explanation text topic this week. He is working so hard and impressing us all! Well done Tenson.	<b>Aun N</b>
6S	<b>Muzammal A</b>	Muzammal has worked incredibly hard this week in both reading and writing. He is beginning to become more independent but also willing to ask for help when he needs it. He is also a great team player and helps everyone to enjoy football the right way at play!	<b>Rueben S</b>
RB	<b>Taha B</b>	Taha is always a superstar! We can always count on him to be doing the right thing at the right time, doing his absolute best, whatever the task. He is a fabulous role model and friend. Keep up the great work Taha	<b>Shai M</b>

# YEAR 2 GLOBAL CITIZENS

Year 2 have been working extremely hard this term and have begun to learn about all sorts of things. In Geography we have been learning about the world and how to become better Global Citizen. We have already taken Google Earth trips to North and South America and this week, we zoomed around the globe to Antarctica,

In our brand new art unit we have been experimenting with charcoal. We have practiced shading and layering and even used charcoal to draw to music. This helped us to create some amazing patterns and shapes.

In science we have been strengthening our understanding of materials and the properties they have. It has been really interesting talking about the environment around us and the materials we use to help create things.



# YEAR 3 PE

Year 3 have had an AWESOME start to their PE lessons this term! The children have been learning about different types of jumps, including side jumps and running jumps! They have also started learning about the skill of sprinting and what technique they should use to be a great runner! Finally, basketball skills have been introduced and the children are enjoying dribbling a ball whilst not looking down at it (although we might need to work a bit more on this!) Well done Team Year 3!



***“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go...”*** (Dr Seuss)

Reading continues to be one of the most important aspects of school life at Billesley. Not only is reading a thoroughly enjoyable experience, but it also helps us succeed throughout our education... and in life beyond the school gates. I would like to give you a short update on what reading looks like at our fabulous school!

## What do reading lessons look like at Billesley?

There have been some very exciting developments this year in regards to our reading lessons. Across the school, we are still teaching the crucial skills pupils need to understand what they are reading - prediction, clarification, questioning and summarising. Alongside this approach, we are dedicating some lessons to reading fluency. These lessons give our pupils the opportunity to read texts aloud and improve their expression and intonation! This helps bring the text to life! We are also

teaching the pupils how to check their understanding as they read - word by word, sentence by sentence. This helps children visualise what is happening in the text!

## What is the school doing for home reading?

Home reading continues to be an integral part of school life. During the lockdown, pupils from all year groups worked extremely hard on Bug Club - accessing a range of books and completing the questions set. Until further notice, we are now using Bug Club for home reading. Therefore, reading diaries will not be used. This is super exciting because there are so many fantastic books available with just a few clicks of a button! Each week, class teachers will set the children new books on Bug Club for them to complete at home. There will be lots and lots of rewards for pupils completing these books! If you have any trouble accessing Bug Club at home, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your support!  
Keep reading everyone!  
Mr Tyler

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# ACTION CALENDAR: OPTIMISTIC OCTOBER 2020



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

"Choose to be optimistic. It feels better" - Dalai Lama



5 Start your day with the most important thing on your list

6 Do something constructive to improve a difficult situation

7 Remember that things can change for the better

1 Write down your most important goals for this month

2 Look for reasons to be hopeful even in difficult times

3 Take the first step towards a goal that really matters to you

4 Be a realistic optimist. See life as it is, but focus on what's good

12 Look for the good intentions in people around you today

13 Put down your To-Do list and let yourself be spontaneous

14 Do something to overcome an obstacle you are facing

8 Make progress on a project or task you have been avoiding

9 Avoid blaming yourself or others. Just find the best way forward

10 Take time to reflect on what you have achieved this week

11 Focus on a positive change that you want to see in society

15 Look out for positive news and reasons to be cheerful today

16 Thank yourself for achieving the things you often take for granted

17 Share your most important goals with people you trust

18 Make a list of things that you are looking forward to

19 Set hopeful but realistic goals for the week ahead

20 Find the joy in completing a task you've put off for some time

21 Let go of the expectations of others and focus on what matters

22 Share an inspiring idea with a loved one or colleague

23 Write down 3 specific things that have gone well recently

24 Recognise that you have a choice about what to prioritise

25 Plan a fun or exciting activity to look forward to

26 Start the week by writing down your top priorities & plans

27 Be kind to yourself today. Remember, progress takes time

28 Ask yourself, will this still matter a year from now?

29 Find a new perspective on a problem you face

30 Set a goal that links to your sense of purpose in life

31 Think of 3 things that give you hope for the future



## ACTION FOR HAPPINESS



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

Learn more about this month's theme at [www.actionforhappiness.org/optimistic-october](http://www.actionforhappiness.org/optimistic-october)

Keep Calm · Stay Wise · Be Kind

## COMMUNITY FOOD BOX FRIDAY 8.30-10am @ The House For further details ask Sarah Butler



**5 steps to a healthy tasty packed lunch!**

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

- Starchy food:** Bread, Wrap, Pita, 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, Rocket, 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 humous, 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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## Strike9T Wildcats Girls Football Centres from the FA

To inspire girls aged between  
**5 - 11** to be involved in  
football.

**S9T Wildcats** Girls Football  
Centres provide girls with  
regular opportunities to play  
football and participate in  
organised sessions in a fun and  
engaging environment.

Sessions will be based at:  
**Moseley School Sports Centre**  
Returns from Saturday 12th  
September 2020



Just £10 per month

Saturdays @Moseley School  
Sports Centre  
10am- 11am  
Springfield Road B13 9NP

Reserve a place, email us at:  
[Info@strike9training.co.uk](mailto:Info@strike9training.co.uk)

# COVID 19

## What you must do

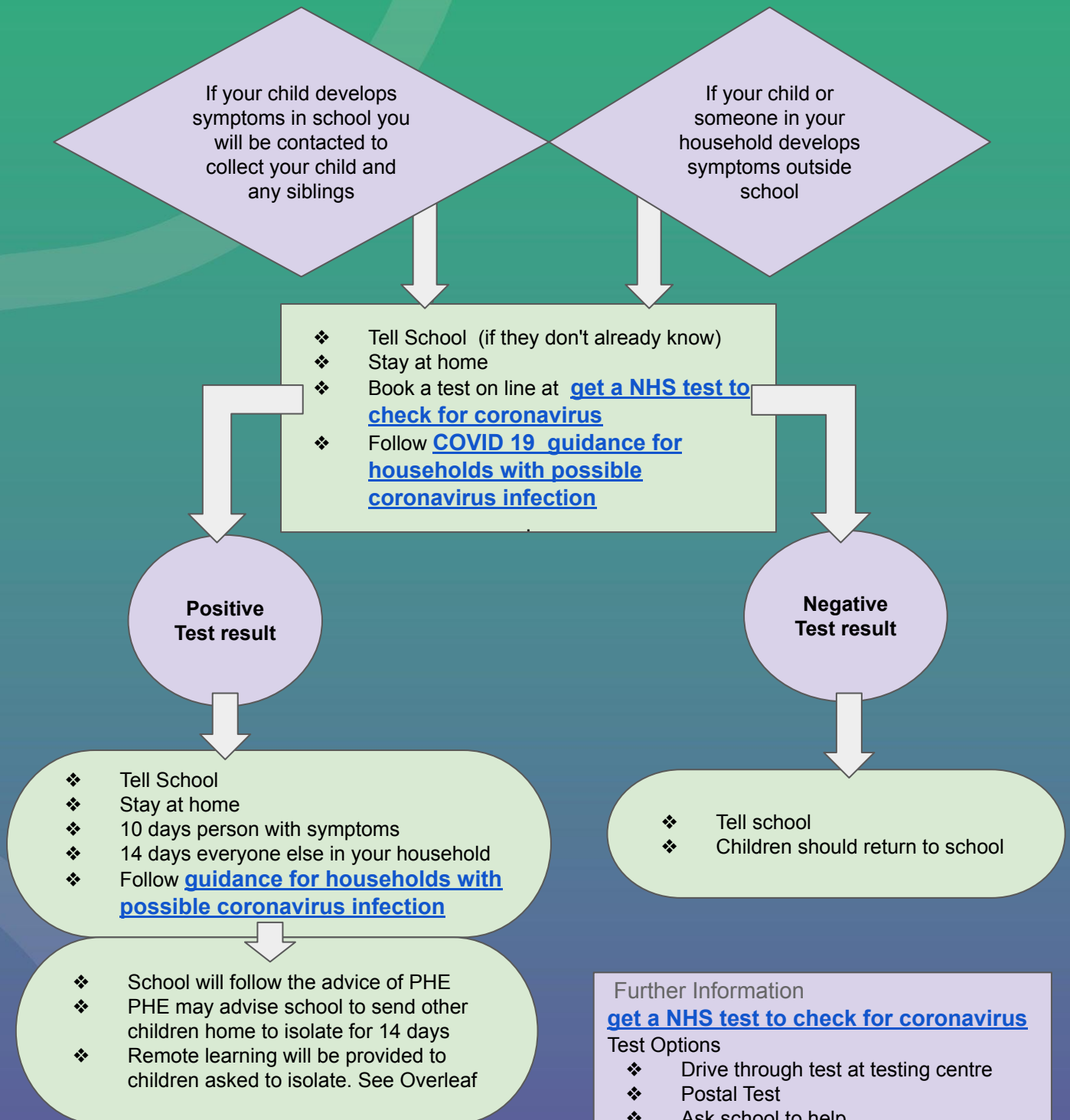
### Symptoms

- high temperature,
- repeated and persistent cough,
- loss of smell or taste.

For more information go to

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/coronavirus-in-children/>

**Do not send your child to school  
if they or anyone in your household have symptoms of COVID 19**



### Further Information

[get a NHS test to check for coronavirus](#)

#### Test Options

- ❖ Drive through test at testing centre
- ❖ Postal Test
- ❖ Ask school to help

See overleaf for more detailed information

# Getting a test

- Book a test as soon as possible <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>
- Order a home test kit if you can not get to a test site <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>
- If you are ordering a home test kit do it by 3pm
- **IF YOU NEED SUPPORT ORDERING A TEST, YOU MUST SPEAK TO THE SCHOOL**

## Test Centre

**You can get a test at a walk- in centre or by booking a test through the [NHS website](#)**

**You should avoid using public transport if you, or your child, are displaying symptoms of Coronavirus**

## Home Tests

- **YOU CAN ORDER A HOME TEST VIA** <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>
- **Guidance** on taking a home test is **included with the test**
- The test involves taking a swab of the inside of your nose and the back of your throat using a long cotton bud.
- Primary School children **must not** take the test themselves. It must be taken by a **parent, guardian or trusted adult.**
- **POST YOUR TEST IN A PRIORITY POSTBOX IF YOU CAN.** These have an NHS sticker on them: outside Pete's Pan/ Braceby Avenue/ outside Sweet Chillies restaurant/ Hullbrook Road.

must **NOT** return to school until

unless they have had a **negative** test

**REMOTE ACCESS LEARNING**